

# Motorbiking & Poker Holiday



## Highlights

Inspired by Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman's epic motorbiking adventures, but fancy turning the heat up a notch? Mix riding during the day with a poker contest at night and things get pretty exciting. Throw in the fact it all takes place in South Africa and there's only one thing missing. You.

This 10-day biking and poker holiday around South Africa sounds good enough as it is – but that's only half of it. During the day, you'll wend your way through epic mountain passes, along country roads, the Atlantic coastline and into forests. The evening, meanwhile, sees you compete against your team mates in poker contests, so the fun really cranks up. It all culminates on the penultimate evening, when the play-offs determine who the ultimate winner will be. But whether you win or lose, one thing's for sure, it's not all about poker chips - you'll be leaving with lifelong memories of a great trip.

Forget the card games for a moment, and concentrate on the real winner of this tour – the location. On the back of a Harley Davidson, you'll be freewheeling through countryside much more dramatic than sussing out whether you're opponent's got a good poker face. You'll explore the Cape Peninsula, ride across the famous Chapman's Peak Drive and into the Cape Peninsula National Park in one day alone. Plus, there's an evening of African culture and music at the Gold of Africa Museum, too. You'll also feel like you've stepped back in time as you ride into Matjiesfontein – a historic village that looks more like a place from a Wild West film set.

## Is it for me?

If you're a big Harley Davidson fan and you love poker, then this one will have you drooling at the mere thought of it. It's an intense ten days in which you'll get to know the rest of the two groups pretty well as you'll be spending all day riding, and all evening dining and playing cards, so you'll need to be happy mingling. You'll also need to be confident on a motorbike, and as some fair distances are covered, it's really not one for novice riders.

## Accommodation

You'll be staying in various hotels and lodges along the way. They've all been vetted by the Samba Tours team, so you needn't worry about standards. As for food, everything's included, so you'll start each day with a good breakfast at your hotel, during the day there'll be refreshments and lunch, and in the evening, you'll enjoy a meal with the rest of the group. It's a very sociable affair, so you'll never have to dine alone.

## Itinerary

There will be two groups and cards will be dealt at various stops along the way. On the final evening the winner of each group will play for the Super prize. The minimum number of riders for this tour is eight and the maximum is 16 riders.

**Day 1:** On arrival at Cape Town International Airport you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. Relax and freshen up before you meet in the late afternoon for drinks on the terrace followed by a transfer to the famous Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. You'll enjoy dinner and the first exciting evening where the rules will be explained and the fun begins with the dealing of the first card. ?Overnight: Cape Town Hotel, dinner, bed & breakfast.

**Day 2:** After breakfast, you'll be taken to the Harley Depot where you'll complete the motorcycle hire formalities

Prices from

**3,815** GBP (10 days) per per person

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and then head out to explore the Cape Peninsula. Your journey takes you along the Atlantic Coastline, across the famous Chapman's Peak Drive, into the Cape Peninsula National Park and back through the leafy suburb of Constantia. You return to the hotel in the late afternoon and have time to freshen up before heading to the Gold of Africa Museum for some interactive drumming and an evening of African culture and cuisine. Overnight: Cape Town Hotel, dinner, bed & breakfast.

**Day 3:** Today, you'll ride along the spectacular coastline of False Bay and head into the country. Following the cliffs you'll travel to Hermanus for lunch and arrive in Caledon in the afternoon. Enjoy some time at leisure to explore the spa or the casino before meeting for dinner and the second round of cards. Overnight: Caledon, dinner, bed & breakfast.

**Day 4:** Today your scenic ride takes you through the Cape wine region. You'll enjoy a country lunch en route and arrive in Matjiesfontein in the afternoon. This historic little town takes you back to the days of gun slinging and saloon poker. Why not dress the part for dinner this evening and join the piano player in a song or two. Overnight: Matjiesfontein, dinner, bed & breakfast.

**Day 5:** You continue into the Little Karoo and enjoy the scenic Merringsport. Soaring cliff walls with spectacular rock formations line the 25 km tarred road which winds along the floor of the gorge, crossing the Groot River 25 times. Each crossing, or drift, has its own name and story. You'll stop at the Waterfall to learn more about this unique pass and its road and enjoy lunch and a tour at the Cango Wildlife Ranch before checking in at the game lodge in the later afternoon. We enjoy a sunset game drive followed by dinner and another round of cards as the competition begins to heat up. Overnight: Oudtshoorn, dinner, bed & breakfast.

**Day 6:** Today's ride takes you through the mountains along the Langkloof and into the indigenous Tsitsikamma forest. You'll have a country lunch en route and spend time in the surfer's paradise, Jeffery's Bay, before making your way to the lodge in the forest. Explore the local area and enjoy a refreshing dip in the Striptease River. We enjoy dinner at the lodge. Overnight: Tsitsikamma, dinner, bed & breakfast.

**Day 7:** Today you'll explore the famous Garden Route with its scenic roads and seaside towns and enjoy lunch and some oysters in Knysna before continuing to Mosselbay and checking in at your hotel in the late afternoon. There's time to explore the casino and try your luck at the slots before meeting for dinner and another card as the suspense begins to build. Overnight: Mosselbay, dinner, bed & breakfast.

**Day 8:** Your journey back towards Cape Town takes you across the mountains back into the Little Karoo and along the Route 62. You'll stop for refreshments and the final card at Ronnie's Sex Shop and after lunch will make your way to Worcester. This evening after dinner, tensions rise as you meet to allow each player to exchange one card. Overnight: Worcester, dinner, bed & breakfast.

**Day 9:** Today you enjoy scenic curves and breathtaking views as you travel across the Du Toits Kloof and Bains Kloof passes making your way to Cape Town in the late afternoon to return the bikes to the Harley Depot. Then it's on to the hotel, after freshening up, you'll meet for "The Play Offs" to see who the lucky winner will be. Celebrate your victory or look back on an adventurous journey through the Western Cape at dinner this evening and perhaps try your luck at the tables tonight. Overnight: Cape Town Hotel, dinner, bed & breakfast.

**Day 10:** You will be transferred to Cape Town International Airport in time for your flight home.

## Details

### Getting there

Fly into Cape Town and on arrival you'll be met by one of the team and taken to your hotel.

### Price includes

Tour guide, motorcycle, food, accommodation.

However it's best to bring your own helmet and safety wear.

Price is based on 2 people sharing.

Pillion: ZAR 29 800.00 per person sharing

Single Supplement: ZAR 4 125.00

### When is best

Below are the fixed departure dates.

Private departures can be arranged for groups of eight or more.

### Typical Duration

10 days

### Comfort level

Reasonably comfortable (Inns, B&Bs, luxury camping etc.)

### Experience required

Some previous experience is needed