

Dalmatian Delights



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Dalmatian Delights Motorcycle Safari



Destinations and Places of Interest:

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| 1. Ljubljana | 6. Shkoder | 11. Skocjan Caves |
| 2. Plitvice Nat Park | 7. Petrovac | 12. Corvara |
| 3. Sarajevo | 8. Dubrovnik | 13. Bovec |
| 4. Mostar | 9. Hvar Island | 14. Lake Bled |
| 5. Durmitor Nat Park | 10. Pag | 1. Ljubljana |



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Itinerary for May/June 2024

Day	Date	Details	Distance
1	May 26 S	Arrange your flights to arrive by this afternoon in the beautiful Slovenian capital of Ljubljana	
2	27M *	A day exploring the old town centre; paperwork and commissioning of motorbikes	---
3	28 T	From Ljubljana we cross into Croatia to Plitvice National Park; afternoon to explore	250k
4	29W	A long day crossing into Bosnia-Herzegovina, and on to the capital Sarajevo	410k
5	30 T *	½ day guided tour exploring war-torn Sarajevo, ½ day in the old central Turkish quarter	---
6	31 F	To Mostar the scenic (ie longer) way; afternoon exploring old town centre	250k
7	Jun 01 S	Into Montenegro and on to Zabljak in Durmitor National Park	300k
8	02 S	Winding roads through Montenegro then to Shkodër in Albania in the afternoon	220k
9	03M	Back into Montenegro, to Petrovac on the coast in time for an afternoon swim	100k
10	04 T	Into Croatia and on to the postcard-perfect historic resort of Dubrovnik	150k
11	05W *	Charter a boat and explore the coastline and the Dubrovnik fortress	---
12	06 T	We proceed further up the Dalmatian coastline, onto Hvar island	230k
13	07 F *	A rest day in picturesque Hvar; swimming pool, shops, restaurants, pubs	---
14	08 S	Late morning ferry to Split, lunch in Primosten, up the coast via Zadar and onto the island of Pag	260k
15	09 S	From Pag to Slovenia's magnificent caverns of Skocjan Caves, then to nearby Sezana	220k
16	10M	Into the mighty Italian Dolomites and on to Arabba	280k
17	11 T *	Rest day in Arabba, or optional loop ride through the beautiful Dolomites	160k
18	12W	From Arabba we return to Slovenia, and proceed to Bovec in the Julian Alps	240k
19	13 T	Bovec returns us to Ljubljana via the picturesque Lake Bled; evening farewell dinner	190k
20	14 F	Our tour ends with breakfast. Fly home from Ljubljana, or choose to extend your stay	----- 3,260k

* indicates consecutive night in same hotel, allowing for laundry, etc.

Departure Date:

For the Dalmatian Delights Motorcycle Safari, you'll need to arrive in Ljubljana by **Sunday 26th May 2024** as shown above. Many people often choose to arrange a European capital city stopover on the way in. Please see our discussion on flights herein.

Tour Operator:

This Motorcycle Safari is one of several itineraries offered by **World On Wheels**, Australia's original professional tour operator specializing solely in international motorcycle adventures. Operating for 20+ years as **Ferris Wheels**, Mike Ferris pioneered the Himalayan Motorcycle Safari concept in 1994 with his first crossing of the world's greatest mountain range by an Australian group of riders. In 1995, by now a qualified travel agent, he took his first commercial safari to the Khardung La in Ladakh (India), at 5,602 metres the highest road in the world. Mike now operates and personally leads annual **World On Wheels** motorcycle safaris to such diverse destinations as the Indian Himalaya, Nepal, Bhutan, Rajasthan, Turkey, Morocco, the Andes, South Africa, Iceland, Mexico-Guatemala-Belize, the Baltic States, as well as this one along the Dalmatian coastline, all of approximately three weeks in duration.

Mike Ferris is the only professional motorcycle tour guide in Australia who is also a fully qualified and government-accredited motorcycle riding instructor.

Be aware that this itinerary is a guide only and may need to change due to weather, road conditions or other factors. Please be flexible, but rest assured your Tour Leader will make final day-to-day decisions only after consultation with our agent in Ljubljana, local authorities and group members.



Package Price

The **Dalmatian Delights motorcycle safari**, excluding airfares and joining in Ljubljana, is US\$8,500-00. Riders must have a valid and unrestricted rider licence. Pillions are welcome and we also have a limited number of passenger seats available in our support vehicle, a minivan which accompanies the riders for the length of the Safari – price for pillion or passenger is US\$7,500-00. Please note that our prices are subject to exchange rates and we reserve the right to alter any pricing, pursuant to Clause 9 of our Terms and Conditions, up to the date of final payment.

In this itinerary our tour prices are shown in US\$ for greatest stability but we ask for the equivalent in AU\$ at the prevailing daily exchange rate. The international website (unaffiliated with any bank) to be used for daily foreign exchange calculations is: www.XE.com/currencyconverter We request a US\$1,000 deposit and will invoice you in US\$ thereafter for the remaining balance, but you have some flexibility as to when to pay. Final payment will be due 60 days before the tour date, but if you choose to pay us say 90 or 120 days beforehand because you feel the forex rate is favourable, this works well for everyone all round.

Price includes

- Full 'standard' motorbike rental for the duration of the Safari [See **Our Motorbikes**, herein]
- Clean, friendly, mid-range accommodation throughout the Safari, nights 1 to 19 inclusive
- Twin-share basis; (single room supplement, additional US\$1,200-00) ¹
- All meals except non-riding days where we allow you freedom to find your own lunch and dinner
- Experienced guide, local multi-lingual agent and mechanical assistance
- Minibus support vehicle and driver, for luggage transport and assistance
- Spare parts, tools, medicines, first aid equipment
- All fuel costs, maintenance and bike prep, third party insurance for the bikes
- Vehicular ferry tickets to/from Hvar island and Pag
- Entry to Plitvice NP; guided tour Sarajevo; half day Adriatic boat cruise around Dubrovnik
- A complimentary *World On Wheels* long-sleeved Safari shirt, luggage tags and Dalmatian map

¹Accommodation is provided on a twin-share basis and if you're on your own we'll do our best to bunk you in with an acceptable roommate. But if you're the last person to book, there's obviously a 50-50 chance you'll have to take a room on your own and will therefore be liable for the single room supplement. So the moral of the story is, book early or bring your own roommate with you. Or preferably both!

Price excludes

- International airfares to/from Ljubljana (approx. Au\$2500-00)
- Comprehensive travel insurance policy, which must cover use of large-capacity motorbike ²
- Tourist visa for any of these countries (currently not required, but things can change!)
- Medical examination and vaccinations before departure (recommended)
- Expenses of a personal nature such as postage, laundry, souvenirs and all drinks
- Skojcan Caves entrance fees (optional sightseeing)
- Tips for support staff at completion; optional but always appreciated, US\$100-00 suggested ³

² Please note that a motorcycle safari overseas must be considered one of life's more adventurous pursuits and therefore personal travel insurance is mandatory. If you already have existing travel insurance, we may insist on sighting a copy of the policy before you will be permitted to participate in this tour. One Australian company which offers a package covering motorcycling, is www.AussieTravelCover.com.au and you can easily purchase online. **Be aware**, however, that any travel insurance ceases immediately on return to your own country, even if on-going medical treatment or surgery is required. Private health cover or government Medicare automatically resumes at that point.

³ A note on tips. We recognize tipping is not generally part of the antipodean psyche, but it is pretty much expected in most other parts of the world. Hotel porters will expect a small reward for carrying your bags to your room and our local partner pays this daily on your behalf, and would appreciate compensation. We suggest something like US\$100-00 each is affordable for your three weeks (only about US\$5.00 per day). If you've had a good time, we would encourage you to contribute generously!

International Flights

It's a pretty simple procedure to book airline tickets online these days. There are several internet sites such as FlightCentre, Expedia, SkyScanner, etc which will give you comparisons on all available carriers to/from your required destination. There are many carriers to get you to/from Ljubljana from our part of the world, and we don't have a 'preferred' group flight as such. The airport is about 25k to the city and you can travel to the centre for approximately €50-00 by taxi, or €10-00 each by shared shuttle bus.

Food & Health

Quality of food can sometimes be a concern when visiting exotic foreign lands. We take care in selecting clean and reputable establishments for our meals and the local fare is typically of European standard. Even so, an occasional upset stomach cannot always be avoided in remote areas, so we advise initial caution and we carry various medicines to ensure as much comfort as possible. Participants in any of our adventure activities are obviously expected to have a reasonably high level of health, fitness and capability, but **in all cases a consultation with your doctor is recommended** in order to identify necessary vaccinations and precautions, particularly if traveling overseas for the first time.



Climate & Clothing

Our itinerary is designed to take advantage of the pleasant weather of the shoulder season. Temperatures can range from cool in the hills to very warm (high 20's) on the beaches; with some chance of rain. At times there will be little shade available, so sunscreen, sunglasses, hats and long sleeves will also be required. Jeans and our long-sleeved *World On Wheels* shirts tend to be the norm, with strong boots and riding gloves. Helmets, full or open-faced as you prefer, should be brought with you from home.

Professional quality riding gear including jackets, overpants and other protective clothing are an excellent investment and will go a long way to ensuring your comfort and protection in what may sometimes be adverse conditions. Jackets with a zip-in / zip-out padded liner for extra warmth and water proofing are versatile and useful. A couple of products we've used for several years and are happy to endorse are the Kevlar-reinforced riding jeans and other items of clothing from Draggin Jeans in Melbourne and those Velcro alternatives to hooked 'occy' straps from Andy Strapz.

And while we're giving plugs, we'd like to suggest you consider a Rider Improvement course, regardless of your experience or perceived ability on a motorcycle, to brush up on your skills prior to joining an



international riding safari. Our recommendation here is the renowned operation Stay Upright, who offer a varied range of courses designed to progressively increase your riding ability. Mike Ferris completed his Instructor's course with Stay Upright and works with them on a part time basis. In his spare time.

Our motorbikes

Our local business partner has an extensive range of top-end bikes available, including several models and sizes from BMW, Triumph, Honda and Suzuki. All bikes are new models and in excellent condition. For the more vertically challenged we are able to make some adjustments to certain bikes to assist in your riding comfort. Fuel, insurance and maintenance are included. Our 'standard' package price includes any bike listed in Category 1 and there are upgrade options to a 1200cc or larger -- we offer bikes in four different pricing categories; please see our complete list of bikes for details, at the end of this itinerary.

We will attempt to provide you with the bike of your choice, but they may be allocated on a first-booked first-choice basis and we retain the right of assignment. Our bike provider is a commercial operation and their fleet changes frequently, so your preferred model might not always be available.

Please note you will be required to sign a rental contract with our bike supplier in Ljubljana, and leave a photocopy of your passport and a credit card imprint as a security deposit. Our package price includes comprehensive insurance but the policy carries an Excess (or 'Deductible'), depending on the size of the bike; typically €1,600 for a 600/700/800cc and €1,800 for a 1200cc. The rider is liable for this first amount of any damage; be aware that if you drop the bike, any visible damage will be payable by you, they will even charge for a scratch because it diminishes the re-sale value of the bike. Our bike supplier will give you options to further reduce your liability, through payment of an additional premium.

Our riding policy

We will occasionally require riders to 'bunch up', particularly when navigating through large towns, but out on the open road we know that you will want a lot of freedom and time on your own (isn't that what riding is all about?) We allow plenty of time for people to set their own pace, and it's unlikely that you'll ever be pressed to keep up. We know of some motorbike tour operators who insist that everybody ride in formation every day and play 'follow the leader', but that's not our style at all. You'll be given maps and daily directions on how far we're going, the destination for the night (including hotel name and phone number), and where we are likely to stop for lunch, drink breaks, sightseeing and refueling along the way, etc. There is always plenty of time to take photos, chat to the locals, or just sit and soak it all in. Our support van with our luggage will always be the last vehicle in the convoy, with our mechanic, spare parts and tools, etc. in case of bike problems.

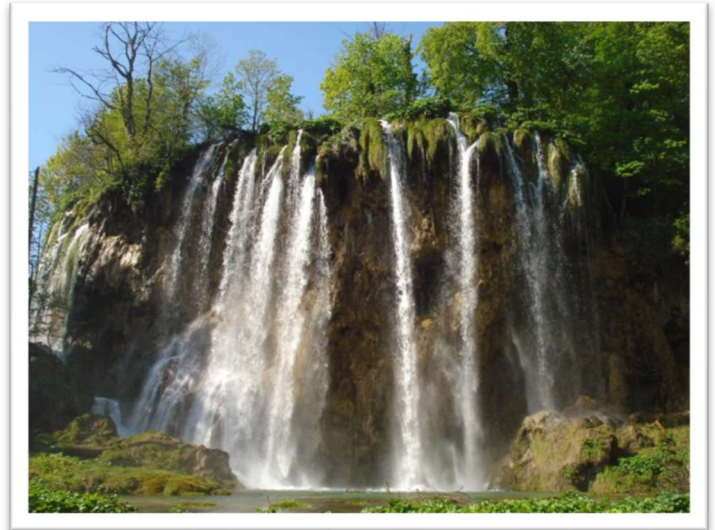
But let's not pull any punches here. A tour such as this is potentially a dangerous undertaking; it's inherent in the very nature of the trip. You'll be on an unfamiliar bike, on unfamiliar roads in unfamiliar traffic conditions. It is important for you to recognize this and accept ultimate responsibility, firstly for joining and secondly for riding in a circumspect manner for the duration of the tour. Please read and acknowledge Paragraph 16 of our Terms and Conditions! (End of sermon)

Detailed Daily Itinerary

Day 1 of your trip involves the logistics of having all of you fly from different starting points at different times and somehow all meet up in Ljubljana. There are no 'organised' activities scheduled for today, as people will be arriving at various times and in varying degrees of jet lag! Our nominal Meet 'n' Greet time is 5:00pm in our hotel bar, before our first dinner together in a restaurant somewhere near the hotel.

Day 2 We'll take a stroll through the picturesque old part of town with its narrow streets and laneways and perhaps ride the funicular up to the castle. The day also involves the beginning of the logistics of bike allocation and familiarisation, with some inevitable paperwork.

Day 3 sees us heading immediately out of town through beautiful green Slovenian countryside to the border with Croatia. Border crossings are a simple formality in this part of the world; no fingerprinting or iris-photography required. We continue on wonderful country roads to Plitvice National Park in time to check into our hotel, dump our bike gear, and head out to explore nature at its best in this amazing and extensive network of streams, waterfalls and ponds.



Day 4 is a longer ride than yesterday and involves another border crossing (three countries in three days) as we enter Bosnia-Herzegovina. There are some wide open spaces without much human activity, and some pleasant little towns along the way as we make our way to the capital city, Sarajevo.

Day 5 is our first 'rest day' in the program, which basically means a rest day for the motorcycles rather than us, as we spend the day exploring what was a magnificent olde-world capital before it was ravaged by the recent wars. Sarajevo has had an interesting role to play in more than one major conflict; the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand (heir to the Austria-Hungarian throne) on a street corner here in June of 1914 is generally accepted by historians as the immediate start of the First World War. Discuss.

Day 6 will be spent on an amazing series of winding roads to take us the long way round to get to Mostar. If you enjoy twisties, we've plenty in store for you today. We should still get to Mostar in time to enjoy the old centre of town. It also suffered from war damages after Bosnia-Herzegovina gained independence from the former Yugoslavia in 1992, but has quickly been rebuilt to its former glory.



Day 7 From Mostar we head further east and cross another border into Montenegro, probably the least-known country of the former Yugoslavia, and whose name of course translates as Black Mountain. Indeed, we head into the Black Mountains of Durmitor National Park and the regional capital Zabljak, which has the distinction of being the highest town in the Balkans at 1456 metres. Today we ride some incredible natural landscape.

Day 8 Heading out of the Park on a (different) winding road through gorges and canyons and along steep mountainsides, we make our way down towards the Adriatic but before reaching the coast we detour to take another border crossing, bringing us into Albania. We weave our way along some wonderful little country roads into the regional capital of Shkoder.

Day 9 sees us heading out of Albania and returning to Montenegro, where we discover a surprisingly idyllic little coastal resort called Petrovac. We shall be there early in the afternoon and of course it's obligatory to have your first swim in the Adriatic's pristine waters. Or sit and enjoy a cold beer with plates of seafood.



Day 10 From Petrovac we follow the Adriatic coast back into Croatia and north-westerly to Dubrovnik. Along the way we take in some spectacular mountain roads and switchbacks and we pass a little gem called Sveti Stefan, or St. Stephen, which was once a simple fishing village on a tidal island. It is now **the** most exclusive 5-star luxury resort on the coast of Montenegro, in fact probably the entire Dalmatian coastline, and permanently connected to the mainland by a man-made causeway. But no, we don't stay here . . .

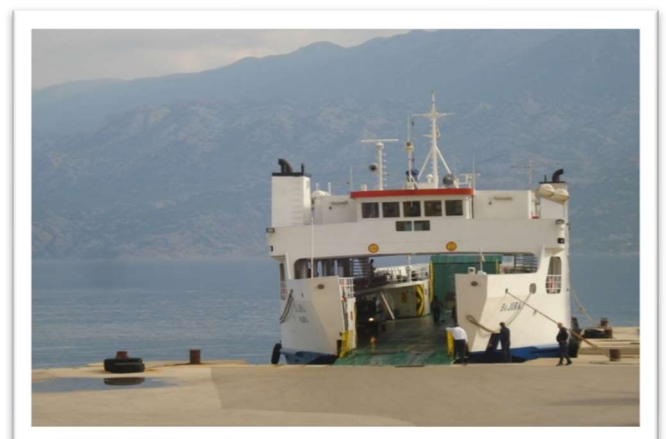
Day 11 What can we tell you about Dubrovnik that you haven't already read? Our second rest day sees us chartering a boat for a half-day sailing on the Adriatic, exploring the famous Dubrovnik harbour and shoreline. We'll have lunch on board and probably force-feed you some fresh seafood, washed down with a local chardonnay or whatever one quaffs on such occasions.

Day 12 We continue our north-westerly direction up the coast, and take a ferry to Hvar Island. We traverse the length of the island to the furthestmost tip, to the township of the same name where well-to-do nautical types from around the world sit in alfresco cafes sipping lattes and wondering who let all these bikers in.

Day 13 will be another rest day with lots of opportunity to relax by the hotel pool, or go shopping, or visit the bars and cafes and restaurants for which Hvar is famous. It is a lovely, relaxed, picturesque town, even if you don't know your halyard from your mainsheet.

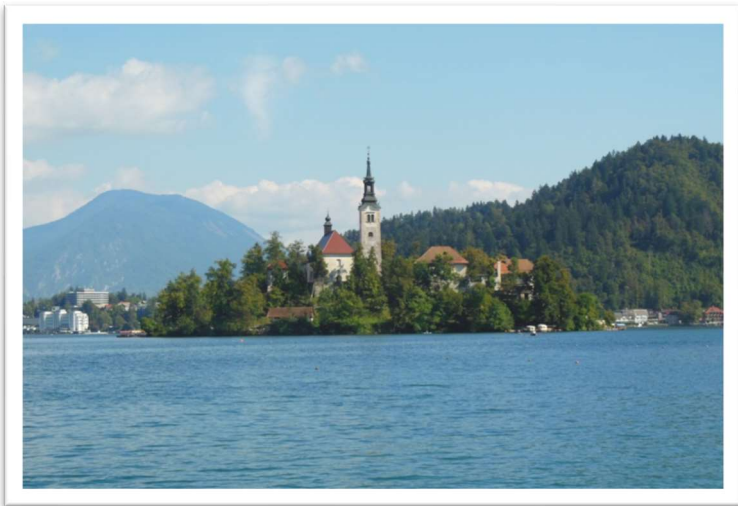
Day 14 sees us on a late-morning ferry to Split back on the mainland, and we head north past the pretty little medieval town of Primosten, another coastal gem like St. Stephen or a miniature Dubrovnik, by lunchtime. We then continue to Pag, usually referred to as Pag Island even though it's actually a long thin peninsular now connected to the mainland via a bridge.

Day 15 From Pag another short ferry hop across to the shore saves us a circuitous 200k or so, and we continue north to visit the vast, cavernous underground systems known as the Skocjan Caves, close to the Italian border.



Day 16 brings us to our sixth country, as we head into northern Italy to have fun in the mountains. Don't forget to speak with your hands and lots of facial expressions as we explore Rossi's homeland. You'll probably see more Ducatis and Guzzis here than anywhere else on earth, as we head to Corvara in the Dolomites.

Day 17 is a rest day for those who want, or if you've not earned enough saddle sores yet you can go explore some of the exhilarating Dolomite passes (motorcyclists heaven) or do a quick 400km loop up to Passo de Stelvio and back. We'll be waiting with a chilled beer for when you get back.



Day 18 It's time to start heading back to base camp, so we cross into Slovenia but the good riding isn't over yet; we spend some time taking to the smaller roads in the Julian Alps and overnight in Bovec, which prides itself as the Adventure Capital of Slovenia. We can go zip-lining across some stunning river canyons.

Day 19 Julian keeps us busy for some of the day but after swinging by the scenic Lake Bled we eventually find ourselves being drawn back by centrifugal force to Ljubljana, where we have to convince you to hand back the keys and the motorcycle to the rightful owners!




Day 20 The tour officially ends with breakfast, then depending on your flight you may have time for a final stroll around the beautiful town centre before heading to the airport. You're outa here, homeward bound; please go tell 100 friends...

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Further trip notes including a list of essential clothing and equipment to take, health considerations, visa formalities, etc, will be sent upon receipt of a completed Booking Form and deposit. Please contact our office any time for further information via email: **Adventure@WorldOnWheels.Tours**

Continue to further pages below describing our full fleet of motorcycles available (as of July 2023).





The three bikes shown here are **Category 1**, less than 800cc and are available for our standard package price.

	<p><u>Suzuki V-Strom DL650</u></p> <p>Seat height: 835mm (32.9 inches) Weight: 213kg dry Power: 69HP (50kW)</p>
	<p><u>Yamaha MT-07 (Standard or Low suspension)</u></p> <p>Seat height: 805mm (31.7") / 755mm (29.7") Weight: 183kg dry Power: 74HP (56kW)</p>
	<p><u>BMW F750GS (Standard or Low suspension)</u></p> <p>Seat height: 815mm (32.1") / 769mm (30.3") Weight: 224kg dry Power: 77HP (57kW)</p>



These three bikes are **Category 2**, 800cc-1000cc, and are available for an additional premium of US\$500.


	<p><u>BMW F850GS</u></p> <p>Seat height: adjustable 835-860mm (32.8-33.9") Weight: 229kg dry Power: 95HP (70kW)</p>
	<p><u>BMW F900XR</u></p> <p>Seat height: adjustable 775-825 (31.3-32.5") Weight: 219kg dry Power: 105HP (77kW)</p>
	<p><u>Yamaha Tracer 9 GT</u></p> <p>Seat height: adjustable 810-825 (31.9-32.5") Weight: 220kg dry Power: 119HP (87kW)</p>

The four bikes shown here are **Category 3**, 1000-1250cc, available for an additional premium of US\$800.

	<p><u>Honda Africa Twin 1100</u></p> <p>Seat height: adjustable 850-870 (33.4-34.2") Weight: 230kg dry Power: 101HP (75kW)</p>
	<p><u>BMW R1250R</u></p> <p>Seat height: adjustable 760-820 (29.9-32.3") Weight: 239kg dry Power: 136HP (100kW)</p>
	<p><u>BMW R1250RS</u></p> <p>Seat height: adjustable 760-820 (29.9-32.3") Weight: 243kg dry Power: 136HP (100kW)</p>
	<p><u>BMW R1250GS (Standard or Low suspension)</u></p> <p>Seat height: 851-871(33.5-34.3") /800-820(31.5-32.3) Weight: 249kg dry Power: 136HP (100kW)</p>


The three bikes in this group are **Category 4**, top-end bikes attracting an additional premium of US\$1,200.

	<p><u>BMW R1250GS Adventure</u></p> <p>Seat height: adjustable 890-910 (35.0-35.8") Weight: 268kg dry Power: 136HP (100kW)</p>
	<p><u>BMW R1250RT</u></p> <p>Seat height: adjustable 805-825 (31.7-32.5") Weight: 279kg dry Power: 136HP (100kW)</p>

	<p><u>BMW S1000XR</u></p> <p>Seat height: 840mm (33.1") Weight: 226kg dry Power: 165HP (121kW)</p>
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(The recently released BMW R1300GS might be available for our tour, and will also be Category 4.)

These three bikes are **Category 5**, luxury bikes attracting an additional premium of US\$2,000.

	<p><u>Ducati Multistrada 1200 V4</u></p> <p>Seat height: adjustable 840-860 (33.1-33.9") Weight: 242kg dry Power: 170HP (125kW)</p>
	<p><u>BMW K1600 GT</u></p> <p>Seat height: adjustable 780-830 (30.7-32.7") Weight: 332kg dry Power: 160HP (118kW)</p>
	<p><u>Harley Davidson Street Glide</u></p> <p>Seat height: 695mm (27.4") Weight: 376kg dry Power: not known</p>

And that's all we have, folks. Nothing more to see here; move along...