



CAIRO TO CAPE TOWN WITH **moto-africa**

Do you have a biking bucket list? Have you ever dreamt of an epic motorcycle journey from Cairo to Cape Town?. Well, give it some serious thought. A truly unique African experience, all the way from Egypt, the centre of ancient civilization, down the Nile to Khartoum and on towards central and southern Africa with its once teeming wildlife herds, until we reach the Southernmost tip of the continent.

Feel it, smell it, taste it, ride it,.... Africal



WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?

Egypt : The tour starts in Cairo with a visit to the great pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx. Soon enough we leave the chaotic, bustling Cairo street life behind and head for the tranquil Red Sea at Suez. We wind our way down the Red Sea coastline past oilfields, wind farms and holiday resorts to Hurgada and then through the desert to Luxor, where we meet up with Nile again. We visit the Temple of Luxor and experience the grandeur of the Valley of the Kings. Once we reach Aswan, we enjoy a boat cruise on the Nile and finalise our arrangements for a ferry passage across Lake Nasser to Wadi Halfa.



Sudan : An overnight trip on an overcrowded ferry will take us to the dusty town of Wadi Halfa. The real adventure starts here. An unforgettable and challenging trip through the sandy Nubian Desert will take us



to Meroe, the historic centre of the kingdom of Kush.

In Khartoum, the modern day capital, we take a well-deserved 2 day break to relax and explore the confluence of the Blue & White Nile and experience Sudanese hospitality.

Our route takes us south to Wad Medani, where we say goodbye to the Blue Nile until much later, and onto Gedaref and the Mtema border post with Ethiopia.



Ethiopia : Ethiopia is a country full of contrasts. As we cross the border you immediately sense that you are in a different country with a different alphabet, calendar, culture, people and scenery. Very quickly we ascend from the desert plains of Sudan to the colder and very high mountains of Ethiopia.

Ethiopia is beautiful country, but difficult to navigate with the constant flow of people and livestock onto the roads, not budging for any vehicles. First we visit the historic town of Gondar, which is home to Africa's own "Sistine Chapel", before venturing south to Bahir Dar on Lake Tana and the source of the Blue Nile. The ride to Addis Ababa, through the Blue Nile Gorge is simply awesome. The ride south of Addis will take us through numerous small towns, Rastafarian heartland Shashemene and the banana plantations of Dila to the border with Kenya.



Kenya : Believe it when you read this : the road from Moyale to Marsabit will test you and your relationship with your motorcycle. Aaah, but what a riding experience through deep rural Samburu heartland. In the frontier town of Marsabit we will experience rural Kenyan hospitality before we carry on towards Isiolo with an awesome ride through the Kenyan bush. The Great North road now becomes tarred and easier. In Nanyuki we cross the equator and enter the commercial farming areas of Kenya as we ride into Nairobi. We take a break in the Capital before a short ride into Tanzania





Tanzania: We enter Tanzania with stunning views of Mount Meru. With Arusha as our base, there is the opportunity to undertake an optional, short Safari into the Ngorogoro crater or Lake Manyara before we continue south. We opt for the quieter gravel roads to Dodoma and Iringawhich is simply brilliant adventure riding countryside. We ride south, with a magnificent detour through Malawi on our longer tours, until we reach the testing Tunduma border post.



Zambia : After the madness of Tunduma border post, we enjoy a relaxing ride south to the amazing Victoria Falls. Depending on the tour schedule, we may either slip into Botswana and make our way south to South Africa or detour through the Namibian Caprivi strip into Ovamboland.



Namibia : Our Namibian leg of the tour will take a full 10 days of adventure riding on dirt roads to incredible scenic destinations and is well worth the effort. After some spectacular riding through northern Ovamboland we relax at Epupa waterfall before venturing south via Palmwag, Messum Crater, Swakopmund, Sesriem and Sossusvlei in the Namib Desert. The ride through the semi-desert, undulating countryside will remain memory to cherish forever.





South Africa : Too soon we enter South Africa and we travel through the picturesque West Coast region to Cape Town and iconic Table Mountain where our tour ends 45 days later. A daytrip to Cape L Agulhas will take us to the southernmost point on the African continent

Cairo to Cape Town Moto Tour Key Information

Total Riding Distance	:	13 000 – 14 000 km (route dependant)
Tour duration	:	45 days (average)
Tour Route Alternatives	:	Option 1 : From Tanzania, down Lake Malawi to Mozambique and South Africa Option 2 : From Tanzania through Zambia and Botswana to South Africa
Departure point	:	Heliopolis, Cairo
Arrival point	:	Cape Town
Departure date	:	30 March 2012
Tour budget price	:	R80 000 per rider sharing excluding motorcycle
Pillion budget	:	R65 000
Back-up Vehicle	:	Not included in tour price
Accommodation	:	Included, combination of hotels, guesthouses, lodges and camping. Some of the accommodation will be very basic "Africa" style i.e. four walls and a roof
Meals & Drink	:	Some – included. Details to follow
Required riding skills	:	Off-road riding skills is essential for a safe journey. You need to be comfortable riding in loose sand and have above average fitness levels.
Mental & Physical health	:	You need to be physically fit and mentally strong to enjoy this tour. You need to be a true adventurer at heart that is not fazed by any set-backs, breakdowns, hardship, adverse weather, taxing roads and local food that that challenges your pallet and hygiene standards.. More than anything, you have to have a burning desire to participate and complete the tour
Motorcycles	:	We strongly recommend that you utilise your own adventure touring motorcycle for a tour of this nature. Your motorcycle has to be able to withstand the rigours of a rough and sandy roads we will travel.



Excluded :

- Motorcycle rental
- Transport and clearing charges to get your motorcycle to Egypt
- Flight ticket to Cairo
- Certain meals as per our detailed published tour programme
- Carnet de Passage, visa and passport fees
- Border fees and taxes
- Fuel
- Drinks
- Safari's
- Motorcycle recovery cost, in case of accident or breakdown

Included

- Experienced guide on a motorcycle
- All accommodation ranging from camping to Hotels.
- Meals as per the published itinerary
- Lake Nasser ferry and barge fees
- Entry Fees to Pyramids at Giza, National Museum of Antiquities, Temple of Luxor , Valley of the Kings.
- Entry at Pyramids at Meroe – Sudan
- Entry and transport to Sossusvlei
- Unique overnight destinations
- Life changing experiences

Safety

- Moto-africa, constantly monitors the political and safety situation in the African countries we travel through. However, Africa is full of surprises and turmoil and we may be forced to change our route or cancel the tour entirely on short notice if we deem it unsafe for participants.
- However, we knowingly take the risk to travel through areas in Ethiopia where stone throwing is prevalent and the northern parts of Kenya where gun wielding "shifita" gangs sometimes prey on unsuspecting tourists. Our planned route navigates through these troubled areas and although we take all the necessary precautions, your total safety can never be guaranteed.
- Experience has taught us that the biggest risk, on tours like these, to man and machine is uncontrolled and excessive speed. We take it slow and get home safely.

