

## ON TOP OF THE ANDES

Passionate adventurers and traditional old-school expeditions lovers, we enjoy hitting the road to unearth atypical motorcycle itineraries and share with our riders, spots and places that have enchanted us.

We provide you with our organisational and logistics expertise in motorcycle travels. Our main goal is to make you discover outstanding road-trips with unrivaled itineraries. The motorcycle expeditions that we offer are the results of a thorough work. We have personally picked out all the regions and scrupulously selected every steps.

### THE ROADTRIP

We offer you to ride the classic **Royal Enfield EFI 500** to go on a unique riding experience and explore the immensity of Argentina. From the fertile valleys, and the luxurious wilderness to the highlands and the rocky mountain range, this rich and diversified country has everything to offer you for an unforgettable trip. We have meticulously chosen the best roads to ride on, with the most diversified landscapes.

We will cross the most typical areas of the region. From the famous «Ruta 40», the «**Quebrada de Huamahuaca**» to the «**Laguna de los Pozuelos**», without forgetting «Salar de las **Salinas Grandes**» and the **Calchaqui Valley**. You will be stunned by the wonders this region is sheltering. We have personally picked out all the regions and scrupulously selected every steps of your journey.

### TRIP ITINERARY

#### Day 1 - Salta

We will take care of your transfer from Salta Airport to your Hotel. Depending on your flight schedule, you will have time to explore the city on your own before gathering with the Mono500 at diner. You will enjoy a relaxing evening in Salta, and will delight yourselves with local specialities. We accommodate you with a spacious colonial-style bedroom, in a quiet and central place downtown.

#### Day 2 – Salta - Iruya

We are starting this great riding adventure heading north by «La Cornisa», a real playground for every riders, tight corners and beautiful curves as we go through a luxurious forest. From the city of Jujuy will begin the famous «quebrada de Humahuaca, and its mountain range, classified by the UNESCO World Heritage. We will cross the typical villages of Tilcara and Humahuaca, and a 4000m high pass before reaching the beautiful Iruya. Rooms with spectacular plunging view on the canyon will nourish your dreams.

**Km:** 300 kms with 60 kms off-road

#### Day 3 – Iruya – La Quiaca

We will ride back via a different track to exit the canyon. Once we will reach the asphalted road, we will head to «Abra Pampa», a small town named the «Argentinian Siberia». Up there on the Altiplano highlands, we will encounter herds of vicunas, llamas and guanacos. A long off-road ride on a technical but gorgeous track brings us to Yavi, a village where time has stopped. Finally, we will carry on the asphalt to arrive at La Quiaca, the last Argentinean town at the Bolivian border. Night in a nice hostel, warm welcome of the landlords and local cuisine we'll be greatly appreciated.

**Km:** 220 kms with 110 kms off-road

#### Day 4 – La Quiaca - Tilcara

This stage invites us to ride the edge of the north-west Argentinean territory through beautiful hard-sandy tracks and reach Angosto's canyon. We will cross over the northern pampa to



discover the legendary «Laguna de Pozuelos» where 40 birds species come to breed, including the famous flamingos. The National road 9 will lead us down to the Quebrada de Huamahuaca and the town of Tilcara. Night in a beautiful hotel, spacious room with terrace and view on the Quebrada.

**Km:** 280 kms with 130 kms off-road

#### **Day 5 –Tilcara – San Antonio**

On this day, we will head west towards the exciting «Cuesta de Lipan» and its 99 curves perfectly asphalted. Arriving at the Top, you will witness a sensational panorama, with its snow cap summit in a far distance. On the other side, a unique experience is waiting for you: riding «Las Salinas Grandes», this great salt lake desert hitting the horizon line. We will continue in the highlands, on a Dakar Rally tracks with its dusty and sandy trails along the Chilean border. We will spend the night in San Antonio de los Cobres, a mining town 3800m high that reminds us we are in one of the outmost reach area on the planet. Warm welcome and comfortable hostel in this isolated town.

**Km:** 310 kms with 140 kms off-road

#### **Day 6 – San Antonio - Cachi**

Your mission, should you decide to accept it: Abra del Acay ! The highest road in North/South America, culminating at 4900m, will surely defy us and the iron beast. Once at the top, the scenery is magical as we look up to El Nevado del Acay summit and its 5750m. On the way down, the road narrows and requires our full attention as we arrive in the small Andean village of Cachi. The night will be spent in a charming boutique-hotel, at the heart of the adorable town of Cachi.

**Km:** 150 km con 140 km off-road

#### **Day 7 – Cachi - Cafayate**

This is probably one of the finest stretch of the famous national road 40 (Ruta 40). After 50km, on which we come across a few isolated villages, the path narrows before our arrival at «Quebrada de Las Flechas», with its impressive rocky layers and sharp vertical peaks! The road weaves through the villages of Angastaco and Molinos, before arriving in Cafayate and its world-known vineyards. In Cafayate, you will be rewarded with a stunning estancia, and a lovely view on the vineyards.

**Km:** 160 kms with 140kms off-road

#### **Day 8 – Cafayate**

Built against buttresses of the Andes mountain range, Cafayate is known as «a paradise where the sun and good wine prevail». This charming village with its colonial allure, situated at the heart of 12000 hectares of vineyards, is ideal for those interested in discovering the best grape varieties in the region. We can organise you a bodega visit or a horse riding excursion at your convenience.

#### **Day 9 –Cafayate - Salta**

For our final ride, we are heading North towards Salta. The rocky mountain range is getting even more colorful as we ride through «Las Conchas» canyon and its inspiring rocky sculptures. As we master our final curves on this astonishing road, we take a final break at the «Devil's Throat» and its amphitheater to enjoy one last scenery point. We will reach Salta through the tobacco fields and recall the great adventure around one last traditional Argentinian BBQ. We

will accommodate you with a spacious colonial-style bedroom, in a quiet and central place downtown. You will leave the next day according to your flight schedule.

**Km:** 200 kms asphalted road

**PERIOD**

February to November

**LENGTH**

9 Days / 9 Nights

**PACE**

6 a 7 hs por día

**BUDGET**

From 3400 US

**ASSISTANCE**

English Speaking Guide

**ACCOMODATIONS**

Premium Hoteles

**RIDERS**

From 3 a 10 Pilots