

# Motorcycle Touring Tips

A scenic photograph of a winding asphalt road on a mountain. Two motorcycles are in the foreground, riding away from the viewer. The road curves through a valley with green hills and distant mountains under a clear blue sky. A metal guardrail runs along the edge of the road.





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# Where to Tour

- Cuba
- Morocco
- Spain/Portugal (Brittany Ferry – Jul/Aug £630)
- France, Sardinia & Corsica
- Greece
- Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia, Montenegro & Albania
- Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary, Slovakia Poland & Czechia
- Romania (including the Transfagarasan Highway)
- Italy & The Alps
- Norway & Sweden
- Alaska, Canada, USA, New Zealand
- UK



# Days on Tour





# Documentation

- Bike insurance – are you covered for the countries you intend to visit?
- Most insurers cover majority of Europe, but you may need to get extra e.g. Albania. Do you need a 'Green Card'?
- Do you need an International driving Permit?
- Take original V5 (Registration Doc) and a colour copy; also take copies of all other docs, including passport and Driving Licence.
- Accident Report Forms!
- Breakdown coverage – take a hi viz jacket.
- France – Crit Air sticker.
- Travel insurance including repatriation – is your bike covered?

# Navigation

- What system are you using? Garmin, TomTom; apps.
- Ensure you are fully familiar with the system before you leave!
- Ensure you load any routes you've been given or created beforehand.
- Glitches – e.g. motorways on/off.
- Different devices may take different routes.
- Hard copy map as backup?!!

# Fitness to Ride

- Are you (and pillion) fit enough?
- Build up stamina.
- Daily exercises.
- Consider multi-night stops or using somewhere as a base.
- Rest days?
- Medical conditions – inform others.
- Water & skin protection.
- Sunglasses.
- Your motorcycle, consider length of tour – service, tyres, etc.

# Luggage & Packing





# What to Pack?

- Rule 1 & 20 – don't overpack!!
- Minimum amount of clothing – light t-shirts/long sleeved shirts/long johns that can be easily washed/dried overnight.
- Consider rolling up clothes for better use of space; socks, underwear and anything else inside of any footwear. What footwear do you need?
- Light trousers with zip off legs are useful.
- Chargers, cables, etc.
- Tools.





# Riding Gear

- What type to wear?
- Waterproofs.
- Gloves & boots.
- Thigh pouch.
- Communication systems.

# Security

- Secure parking?
- Locks/trackers.
- Everything is a compromise!
- Booking accommodation.
- Be organised!



Thank you!

Any Questions?