

“Van Diemen’s Expedition” VIC ,Tasmania Motorcycle Tour 2023

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“Van Diemen’s Expedition ”

Join us on our “Bucket List” Motorcycle Tour, starting from the Alpine region of VIC and taking in Tasmania including the spectacular Great Ocean Road in Victoria. Encompassing some of Australia’s most iconic motorcycling roads.

Ride the endless winding and scenic roadways Tasmania and Victoria has to offer.

This 10 Day/9 Night tour will let you experience Tasmania and Victoria, bursting with beautiful landscapes, fascinating history, intriguing wildlife, award winning food and wine and friendly people, as well as some of the most twisty and scenic roads these two states have to offer.

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12 Apostles – Great Ocean Road

Itinerary for 2023

- Day 1: 20th March 2023-** Arrival in Bright
- Day 2: 21st March 2023–** Bright to Torquay
- Day 3: 22nd March 2023–** Torquay to Port Campbell
- Day 4: 23rd March 2023–** Port Campbell to Geelong
- Day 5: 24th March 2023–** Davenport to Strahan
- Day 6: 25th March 2023–** Strahan to Hobart
- Day 7: 26th March 2023–** Hobart to Port Arthur
- Day 8: 27th March 2023–** Port Arthur to St Helens
- Day 9: 28th March 2023–** St Helens to Davenport
- Day 10: 29th March 2023-** Geelong to Bright

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Tour Highlights

- Victorian high-country roads
- Spirit of Tasmania cruise ship
- Motorcycle transport across the Tasman
- 12 Apostles
- Tasmania's best tarmac roads
- Victoria's best tarmac roads
- Port Arthur
- Hobart
- Great Ocean Road
- Glen Rowan
- Bonnie Doon
- Guided by Motorcycle World Champion Alex Cudlin

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Spirit of Tasmania

How much will it cost?

Price for Riders is AUD:	\$3550.00
Price for pillion passenger is AUD:	\$2950.00
Single Room Supplement is AUD:	\$950.00

Tour Inclusions

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- 9 Nights in Hotel, Motels.
- Welcome dinner on night 1
- Aussie Bike or Hike T-shirt
- Spirit of Tasmania crossing fees, bike transport and accommodation
- Guide on a motorcycle
- Entry to Port Arthur tour and boat tour
- Back up vehicle with trailer
- Day to Day Luggage transport
- Mechanic
- First aid support



Port Arthur - Tasmania

Tour Exclusions

- Motorcycle
- All not mentioned entrance-fees for museums, parks, etc.
- All not mentioned meals
- Travel Insurance
- Motorcycle gear
- Fuel
- Personal expenses (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner-Soft drinks- Alcohol etc)
- Tolls



Detailed **Daily** Itinerary

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What are we doing **today**?

DAY 1: Arrival in Bright

We will gather in the country town of Bright for an evening Meet and Greet dinner. This will be a chance for you to get to know your tour guides and your fellow tour participants. We will also run through tour guidelines in a rider's briefing and talk about the tour itself.

Hotel / Welcome Dinner / T shirt included



What are we doing **today**?

DAY 2: Bright to Torquay

Distance: 450 km

We will start our journey from the beautiful country town of Bright, where we will ride some glorious byways via Glen Rowan a small Victorian town made famous from the bush ranger Ned Kelly. The site of the final siege and capture of Ned Kelly and his gang in 1880. Ned Kelly was an Australian bushranger, outlaw, police murderer and gang leader of the Kelly Gang. One of the last bushrangers, he is known for wearing his suit of bulletproof armour during his final shootout with police. we take some scenic motorcycling routes from Glenrowan to the lakeside town of Bonnie Doon, made famous in the classic Australian movie "The Castle". Before we get too serene in Bonnie Doon though, we will ride the fabulous "Black Spur". And end of at the surfing mecca town close the Bells beach , Torquay. What a great day of motorcycle riding!

Hotel Included



What are we doing **today**?

DAY 3: Torquay to Port Campbell

Distance: 400 km

Today we jump back onto our motorcycles and head west towards the infamous Great Ocean Road in Victoria. This is a “must ride” coastal road and would be on anyone’s motorcycling bucket list. The Great Ocean Road is an Australian National Heritage listed 243-kilometre stretch of road along the south-eastern coast of Australia between the Victorian cities of Torquay and Allansford. It winds through varying terrain along the coast and provides access to several prominent landmarks, including the Twelve Apostles, a group of limestone stack formations, and a photo opportunity not to be missed. Today we will finish up at the town of Port Campbell, which has a seafaring history.



What are we doing **today**?

DAY 4: Port Campbell to Geelong

Distance: 270 km

Today will see us make our way from Torquey to Geelong riding the Great Ocean road once again!

At Geelong we will get spirited and load our precious two wheeled cargo and ourselves on board the Spirit of Tasmania, our overnight ferry and transport to Tasmania. The trip across the Bass Strait is an adventure in itself. Great food and accommodation, as well as a relatively calm crossing (we hope) to the Isle of Tasmania.

Room accommodation on Spirit of Tasmania Included



What are we doing **today**?

DAY 5: Devonport to Strahan

Distance: 270 km

We will disembark the Spirit of Tasmania and begin our journey from Devonport, one of Tasmania's busiest coastal cities, where the Mersey River meets the Bass Strait. You might need to practice a bit of the Gerry and The Pacemaker's hit- "Ferry Cross the Mersey", just to get you in the right mood for our start! Today we will not only ride some beautifully winding roads from Devonport to Strahan, but we will also get to visit the famous Cradle Mountain on Lake St Clair. Cradle Mountain is part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage areas. The park is one of the state's most special places, where ancient pines fringe glacial lakes and icy streams cascade down rugged mountains. We simply can't miss seeing this iconic place. Our overnight destination is Strahan – a small coastal town located on the west coast of Tasmania, where you will feel like you are on the edge of the world. Strahan is an historical town, where the first colonial settlement in Tasmania was located. There was a penal colony on Sarah island, which housed the worst offenders in Tasmania and was known for its harsh conditions.

Hotel Included



What are we doing **today**?

DAY 6: Strahan to Hobart

Distance: 340 km

Today sees us riding some sweeping roads from Strahan to Hobart, the capital of Tasmania, which sits on the Derwent River. Today many of Tasmania's landscapes will truly come alive for you. From the mining moonscapes near Strahan, you will get to experience 99 bends (you can count them if you like), which should satisfy anyone's need for Twisties. Along the way it doesn't get more geographically central than the Derwent Bridge, right in the middle of Tasmania. Hobart, our final destination for today, is unpredictable, quirky and cool, and a great place to rest our heads overnight.

Hotel Included



What are we doing **today**?

DAY 7: Hobart to Port Arthur

Distance: 94 km

We will ride from Hobart to the famous world heritage listed town of Port Arthur, the best preserved convict site in Australia, and among the most significant convict era sites in the world. It was once a 19th century penal settlement and more recently became infamous for Australia's worst massacre. Port Arthur is such a big place to explore, with some brilliant things to see. You can take a boat ride to the Isle of the Dead or just wander around exploring the history.

Hotel Included

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What are we doing **today**?

DAY 8: - Port Arthur to St Helens

Distance 283km

Today is another small day of riding. We will head north along the coast finally arriving at St Helens. St Helens is the gate way to the famous "Bay of Fires" The Bay of Fires is known all over the world for its extraordinary clear blue seas, brilliant white beaches and striking orange lichen-cloaked boulders. It inspires a string of superlatives from every person lucky enough to go there, and it's one of the most idyllic holiday destinations imaginable.

Today you can hang at the motel or go and explore. You have a free afternoon to do what you want.

Hotel Included



What are we doing **today**?

DAY 9: St Helens to Devonport

Distance: 405 km

Today we will start making our way from St Helens, back to Devonport and our ferry crossing back to the mainland on the Spirit of Tasmania. We will take some great coastal roads, riding through towns rich in agricultural and forestry history, with many diverse areas, comprising steep ridges and low-lying wetlands. We will ride through areas that produce orchards, dairy and beef cattle, fruit produce and sheep. Once in Devonport we will once again board the Spirit of Tasmania for our return journey to Port Melbourne.

Room accommodation on Spirit of Tasmania Included



What are we doing **today**?

DAY 10: Geelong to Bright

Distance: 450 km

It's time to ride home. We will do similar roads to day 2 but in the opposite direction. Riding the same road but in a different direction makes for a completely different adventure. What you thought you knew is now different!

When we arrive back to Bright, We will celebrate with a cold beer at the Alpine Inn and then its time for everyone to head home.

Some of you will be keen to ride straight home while others might make a day or 2 longer and travel the fabulous roads to mount beauty and then into NSW Kosciusko National Park.

We can help with directions for this. Just ask.

We will leave the ride home up to you!

No Hotel Included- it's home time unfortunately!

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The Bikes

This Tour is designed that you bring your own bike.

This means you can ride what you feel comfortable on.

One thing to remember on this tour is that the complete route is tarmac. No dirt at all (unless we get roadworks)

So, its suitable for Road bikes, Sports Bikes, Adventure Bikes and Cruisers.

Seeing that you'll be riding your own bike. It must be registered and in a good working conditions. If the bike breaks down, We will put it in the trailer, and you'll continue in the car or get yourself to the local bike shop and catch back up on the tour along the way. The choice is yours!



Travel Insurance Policy



Domestic travel insurance is cover designed for any trip taken around Australia. You might think you don't need insurance because you have Medicare, but travel insurance for Australia can cover you for things that your medical healthcare doesn't. Even if you're not going too far, things can still go wrong on trips close to home.

This trip cost does not include personal travel or medical insurance.

All the things that can go wrong overseas can still happen at home.

If you've booked the tour and must head back home because a family member suddenly becomes ill, for example, Travel insurance cover may be available depending on who you use.

We insist that you take out a personal travel insurance policy and may request proof.

It is your responsibility to ensure suitable insurance cover is taken out prior to commencement of the trip.

Aussie Bike or Hike can assist with such cover if requested.



Other **Important** Information

- Twin Share Accommodation

Accommodation 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.



If you want to be in a single room, there is an extra charge for that.

Contact us to find out cost.

Motorcycle licence.

All riders must hold a Motorcycle licence to be able to take part in the tour and we will request a copy of it.



Frequently Asked Questions



What about this **or** that?

Q: Do I need a motorcycle license for riding in Victoria and Tasmania?

A: Yes you do. To be legally riding in Australia you are required to carry your local driving licence, which must cover the size of bike you will be riding

Q: What about Insurance?

A: YES! Domestic travel insurance is cover designed for any trip taken around Australia and we can advise you on Travel Insurance that covers you for cancellations due to Covid 19. You might think you don't need insurance because you have Medicare, but travel insurance for Australia can cover you for things that your medical healthcare doesn't. Even if you're not going too far, things can still go wrong on trips close to home. Remember to get travel insurance that covers motorcycle riding. **This is important.**

Q: How do I carry my main luggage?

A: We will have a backup vehicle and trailer following the entire tour. This allows your luggage to go in the vehicle and not on the back of your bike!

What about this **or** that?

Q: How big is the group?

A: We range groups from 10 to 20 people. That keeps it controllable and more personal on each tour.

Q: Will we be guided?

A: Yes Alex Cudlin (2x Motorcycle Endurance World Champion) and Shane Cudlin (licenced riding instructor and coach) will take care of you, via guiding and pointing you in the right direction. Both Alex and Shane are highly experienced motorcycle riders, trainers and tour guides.

What about this **or** that?

Q: Will a mechanic be riding or driving with us?

A: We will have a qualified mechanic on this tour, but we do not have many spares. Remember you are bringing your own bike on this tour, so, it's important you have it checked before departing. We can help tighten a bolt and plug a tyre, but crash damage or major mechanical problems will be something that you will need to deal with. You can pack some spare parts in our back-up vehicle during the tour. Make sure your bike is all ready to go before tour departure, and that you have a full tank of fuel when you arrive at our tour start.

Q: Is there any medical support?

A: Yes. Both Shane and Alex are First Aid qualified. The backup vehicle will carry a first aid kit to help with cuts or bruises. If major incidents occur we will call for ambulance.

What about this **or** that?

Q: What riding kit should I wear?

A: We are crossing 2 states, plenty of mountains and some countryside. You'll want gear that is comfortable to wear for long periods of time, gear that is warm if it gets cold in the mountainous areas, and gear that can be vented on the hot days. We all know how changeable the weather can be in Australia. **Wet Weather Gear is a MUST!**

Q: How much spending money will I need to bring with me?

A: This is completely up to you. We supply the route, hotels, guides, backup vehicle and entry into the attractions listed, but you'll be up for your own food, drinks, fuel and souvenirs. It's always good to have some cash in your pocket in case card machines don't work.

Q: What is the accommodation like?

A: We have arranged a variety of clean and comfortable accommodation that is motorcycle friendly.

What about this **or** that?

Q: Can you cater for vegetarians / food allergies?

A: We will stop at restaurants and cafes for breakfast, lunch and dinner. This allows you to choose what you want and eat what suits your diet. Remember food and drinks is at your own cost, so choose what you please in this regard.

Q: Who operates this tour?

A: This tour is operated by Aussie Bike or Hike

What about this **or** that?

Q: How do I book?

A: To secure your place we simply click this link and follow the directions to secure your spot!

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/AussieBikeOrHike/vandiemensmotorcycleexpeditionvictoriatasmania>

Who is your **Guide**

Alex Cudlin, the owner and head guide of "Aussie Bike or Hike".

Alex Cudlin's love for the great outdoors was built from a very young age, having grown up on a small farm in Australia with his parents and an older brother and sister. After completing his apprenticeship as a motorcycle mechanic in his parent's country motorcycle dealership, at just 17 years of age, Alex moved to Europe to follow his dream and become a professional motorcycle racer.

Alex competed in the World Endurance Championships all over Europe, Asia and Middle East, becoming World Champion in 2010 and 2013.

Alex lived and raced in Europe, Asia and the Middle East, for a total of 12 years winning a total of 2 World championships, top 3 finish in the World championship 5 times, 7 national championships and a lot of race wins.

Throughout this journey of traveling the world racing motorcycles, Alex's love for mountain biking and hiking grew.

Using it as part of his training regime for his motorcycle racing career, Alex cycled roads in Qatar (Middle east), pedaled the hills of the French Alps, Mountain biked in England and Scotland, trekked the mountain region of Lebanon, hiked the hills of Switzerland, walked the roads of India, and visited monuments in Indonesia and many other countries throughout his travels.

Alex then returned to Australia and decided to start an adventure company that brought together those 3 loves - Motorcycles, Mountain Biking and Hiking.

Alex has a wealth of experience and expertise and wants to share his love of these 3

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What the **customers** are saying:

ROOF OF THE WORLD - INDIA 2019

I have had an unbelievably great time in India. Never in a million years would I have attempted to do this trip on my own, let alone attempt the highest motorable pass in THE WORLD!!!!

Alex and Shane Cudlin have been an absolute wealth of knowledge and experience and managed to get this road rider, through some of the toughest roads and trickiest conditions in India.

Many, many thanks for the insane, magical and crazy experience, Ill never forget. Highly, highly recommend!!

Ashley Debakker (First female customer)

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What the customers are saying:

EVERY TOUR AUSSIE BIKE OR HIKE HAVE RUN

These guys know exactly how to run a tour.

I first started with India motorcycle Tour and loved it so much I went to Nepal on their trek.

They are so good I've actually been on every tour they have run since.

"Aussie Bike or Hike" are a real family business with a big heart to make it the most enjoyable trip of your life.

If you ever want to choose a bucket list trip.

Contact these guys.

Who knows, ill probably see you

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What the **customers** are saying:

GREEN GULLY TREK

Just wanted to give a huge rap to Alex Cudlin AND Aussie Bike or Hike.

We set out on the Green Gully track which is a 4/5 day hike in the Wild Rivers National Park.

From beginning to end Alex gave the mentoring and encouragement that was required to get 2 very novice hikers through the challenging walk.

We highly recommend anyone that has an interest in doing something out of there comfort zone yet doesn't have the confidence to do on there own. Thanks again Alex

Rob Chapman - Ray White Taree

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What other tours do you run?

Aussie Bike or Hike runs a huge ranges of tours in Australia and overseas.

They run Motorcycle tours in India and Peru,

Hiking tours in Australia and Nepal

Mountain bike tours in Australia and Indonesia.

If you are interested in joining another type of tour.

Check out our website www.aussiebikeorhike.com


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Thank you.
See you in Bright!



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