



Off road adventure – Portugal – May 13 – 22 2007

Book now – limited spaces

Itinerary –

Fancy something new with your GS? Then read on.

This is a tour with a difference. It is aimed at solo riders wishing to experience some of the superb trails in the mountainous regions of Portugal. A good level of Off Road skills are required, riders must also be competent road riders.

A 10 day trip, with ferry crossing from Plymouth to Santander, with 7 days in Portugal. 3.5 off road, others on some of the best motorcycling roads in Europe, undiscovered by most. Visit Porto, Estrela mountains at 6650 feet, the Douro valley, Coimbra, stay at a magnificent 17th century manor house, and the great off trails all around Gois and Lousa. Accommodation is a mixture of 3 and 4 star with private facilities, and all have secure parking, great food and are a real treat after a days riding.



Day 1 Plymouth to Santander

We will use the excellent Brittany Ferries service from Plymouth to Santander. These sailing offers the fastest way to get to Spain and the facilities on board are second to none. The sailing is at 16.00 allowing time to travel down to Devon during the day. Twin-berth, en suite cabins have been booked for both crossings in which solo riders will be asked to share, as there are no single cabins. Any solo rider who wants exclusive use of a twin berth cabin should contact us and we will try and arrange it subject to availability and a surcharge. There is a wide range of services on

board during the voyage with shops, bars, lounges, restaurants, cinemas and sun decks for your enjoyment.



Day 2 Santander to Guarda

Once safely off the ferry we will be met by Motocadia and our tour leader, we will then leave Santander and begin the ride to Portugal. In order to eat up the miles we will take the direct route through Palencia, Valladolid and Salamanca before crossing the Portuguese border and continuing to the first overnight stop at Guarda. Here accommodation has been reserved at the 4 star Hotel Lusitania Park in Guarda, where all the rooms are en suite. Tonight there will be a group welcome dinner in the hotel. Distance 320 miles

Day 3 Estrela mountain range

After breakfast we will load up and ride south of Guarda via some great roads, arriving at the hotel in time for lunch, the route will take you on one of the finest roads in Portugal, along the edge of the Serra de Estrela Mountains. We will begin off road riding after lunch, on the trail rides the group will be led by an experienced local guide and personnel from Motocadia to ensure you get the most from your rides, in the hills around Gois, and Arganil. Tonight we will stay overnight in the mountains where accommodation is at an excellent mountain retreat. Dinner and lunch included, again will be a group affair. Mileage 120 miles – with the off road

Day 4 Exploring off road the - Serra Hills around Gois,

Today we will remain in these regions, seeking out some scenic trails and enjoying some magnificent views whilst riding some of the best tracks to be found anywhere in Portugal. Lunch will be taken at a mountain retreat. Again tonight we will stay at the same hotel on the fringe of the Serra da Estrela mountains, where dinner again is included. Mileage 60 miles

Day 5 Mountains to Coimbra, exploring the Serra da Lousa range

After breakfast we will again mount up and enjoy more trails, luggage will be dropped at Gois, and collected by riders late afternoon. more scenery, more photo opportunities and again, lunch on the trail. For the overnight stay tonight we will head for the city of Coimbra. This city holds a special place in the hearts of all Portuguese, and is said to be the oldest seat of learning in the country. For your overnight stay here we have arranged accommodation at a great 4 star manor

house, with leisure facilities, in Coimbra, this is an historic house, and by far the best in the whole region, you are free to make your dinner selection from the range of local restaurants. Mileage 120 miles



Day 6 - Coimbra to Coimbra

After breakfast we will head out of the city and back up into the mountains of the Serra da Lousa range which reach heights of 3400 feet in places. Lunch will again be on the trail. After more exertions during the afternoon we will return to Coimbra for the evening. Again you are free to hit the town for your dinner selection. Mileage 100 miles

Day 7 - Coimbra to Porto

After loading up we will leave Coimbra and head north seeking out the great roads of the Serra da Gralheira. There are some brilliant twisty roads all the way to Porto where we will arrive in time for a late lunch. For the afternoon we have arranged a more relaxing time with the chance to taste some Port wine and to do some sightseeing in Porto. For tonight accommodation has been arranged for the group at a 3 star hotel over looking the ocean with a roof top pool, in Porto. For your stay in Porto you are again free to seek out the local restaurant of your choice. Mileage; 175 miles

Day 8 - Porto to Salamanca via Estrela mountains

Today we leave Porto with a picturesque ride leading to the edge of the Douro valley, and then we head to the highest point in Portugal - the Torre at 6650 feet. Then we head off the mountains towards Covilha and the ride North on the highway to Spain, and Salamanca.

Accommodation is at a 3 star hotel, in the centre of Salamanca, but with a quiet location and secure parking, where there will be a farewell dinner for the group and the tour leaders, at a local restaurant. Mileage 320 miles. This ride is a long day and will finish at 7PM.



Day 9 – Salamanca to Santander

Breakfast will be from 8AM with a departure time no later than 9.30AM, we will again take a direct route back to Santander for the late afternoon sailing back to the UK. The check in time is at 15.00 for the 16.30 sailing. Cabins again have been reserved for the crossing on the same basis as the outward journey. Once on board and changed you are free to relax and choose your dining experience for the evening from the selection on board. Mileages; 200 miles

Day 10 – Plymouth

Arrival back in Plymouth is at about 10.30 in time for the ride home.



Fancy a go? Are you up to a great adventure!

Tour includes;

- Return shared ferry fare with cabin accommodation both ways
- 1nights half board accommodation in Guarda, 4 star hotel
Welcome dinner in Guarda
- Two nights half board in the mountains
- Two nights B&B accommodation in the 4 star manor house in Coimbra
- One night B&B accommodation in Porto
- One night B&B in Salamanca
- 4 lunches, off road
- Visit to the Port wine lodge
- Maps and route details, hotel directions, travel pack
- Off road trail Guide – multi lingual
- Tour Leader to accompany the group from Santander return
- VAT is included.

Not included: petrol, lunches and meals other than those mentioned, drinks, any admission charges, Autoroute tolls, local entertainments not included in the programme or travel insurance.

Prices -

- Price per solo rider, Based on two sharing - £895, per person, a supplement of £250 applies for a single room.
- Ferry crossing is based on a shared cabin basis, 1 bike per person, £295 per person, .
- Total price, £1190 based on a shared room basis, or £1440 for a single room for 7 nights. Still sharing on the ferry.

General Points -

Riding Distances – Please note some of these rides are on very twisty roads, the distance may look small on certain days, but you will be riding.

Riders should be able to cope with all levels of riding, including mountain riding, and roads with numerous curves of difficulty.

Bike spec –

- All bikes must have enduro tyres fitted,
- Tyres must be filled with tyre seal to avoid punctures.
- All riders should bring some tyre weld etc
- Riders must be prepared that their bike may get dropped.

Clothes –

- Suitable off road boots, jackets and protective clothes should be taken by each rider.
- Consider also that you will be riding on the road as well, some days quite some distance.

Booking –

- Limited to 12 spaces, on a first come basis.
- Deposit - £250 – none refundable.
- Payment – a further £250 is due 2 months before departure, and the remainder of the balance is due 7 weeks before departure. If you cancel up to 7 weeks in advance the ferry company have the discretion to offer you a token for use on the ferry at another time, valid for 2 years, less than 7 weeks notice they do not have to offer you anything, you will lose the ferry amount of the price.
- Contact for booking direct with Motocadia at – www.motocadia.com or info@motocadia.com or phone Julian direct – UK 07771 904525 or 01761 414988

