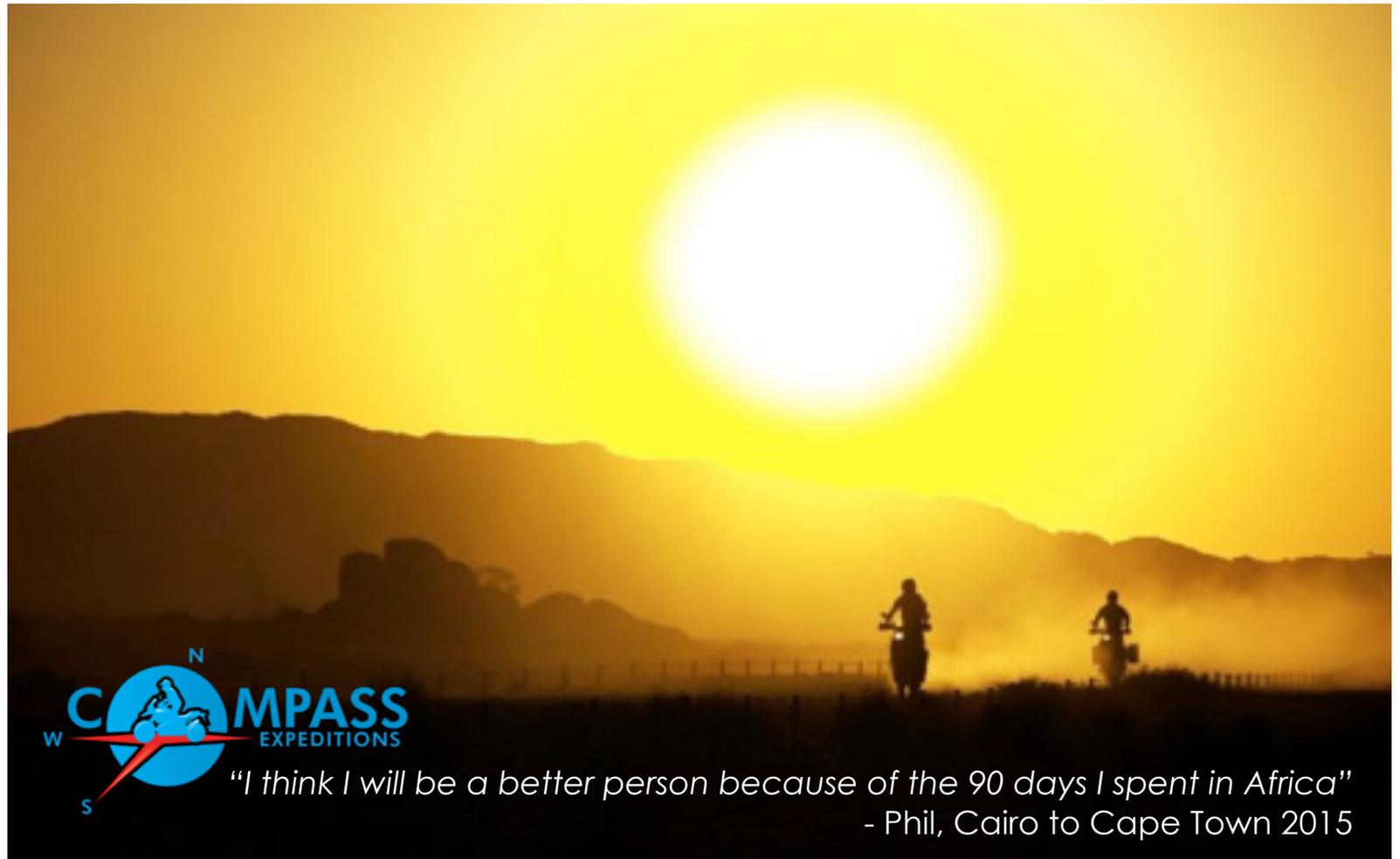


Cape Town to Cairo: 80 days

2021 Client Information Kit

A journey of epic proportions that travels the length and breadth of this riveting continent. Riding Africa is a bikers experience like nowhere else on earth



"I think I will be a better person because of the 90 days I spent in Africa"
- Phil, Cairo to Cape Town 2015

Welcome to Compass Expedition's "Cape Town to Cairo" info Kit. Within these pages you will be introduced to one of the world's most captivating and historical continents. This kit will detail everything you need to know to participate in this epic ride. Read on and dare to dream.

Africa is a continent of dreams, the stuff legends are made from and riding this incredibly diverse, sometimes challenging continent is what life changing experiences are all about. If incredible wildlife encounters, world beating antiquities, ever changing landscapes and an utterly fascinating diversity of peoples all experienced from a motorbike is your thing then Africa is your continent.

From the start, we depart Cape Town riding south for the southernmost point in Africa at Cape Agulhas before riding north through verdant vine covered hills into Namibia. Namibia is home to some fine gravel roads amongst majestic desert scenery, the worlds 2nd largest canyon and epic sand dunes that glow red at sunset. We visit the biggest inland delta on earth, the Okavango Delta, and visit renowned Chobe National Park in Botswana, home to 70,000 elephants where we can get up close and personal to some of them on a Chobe River cruise. Continuing north we cross into Zimbabwe and visit one of the seven natural wonders of the world, Victoria Falls, then travel onto Gweru home to a truly amazing lion experience. Still in Zimbabwe we stay overnight at the Great Zimbabwe Ruins then ride north to the capital of Harare. Crossing into the "Jewel in the African crown" Malawi, we spend nights at Ngala Bay & Chitimba on the shores of the stunning Lake Malawi renown for its epic sunsets. We enter Tanzania, a landscape of majestic baobab & acacia trees as we cross the Great Rift Valley, the cradle of civilization. We are soon in Northern Tanzania to begin our quintessential African safari experience into the Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti National Park, catching glimpses along the way of Masai tribesmen. These parks are a wildlife overload and home to the "big 5". Camping in permanent tents out on the plains of the Serengeti, listening to the

lions roar at night is an experience that will stay with you forever. Riding north we have the chance to see Giraffe and Zebra on the roadside before arriving at Kenya's capital, Nairobi where we spend a few days enjoying this African capital, servicing bikes and relaxing. Continuing on we spend time at the residence of Joy Adamson, (born free fame) where we can enjoy a "high tea" on Lake Naivasha before continuing on to the utterly amazing Solio Rhino Conservancy. Into the "Roof of Africa", Ethiopia, home to some of the most spectacular mountains on the planet, the roads twist ever higher up into the Simien Mountains and then onto the amazing UNESCO listed rock-hewn churches of Lalibela. Departing Ethiopia we enter the empty Nubian Desert of Sudan and onto Khartoum spectacularly located on the confluence of the Blue & White Nile. Into the desert proper we reach the amazing, remote and otherworldly Meroe Pyramids where we spend a wonderful night in permanent safari tents that overlook the ruins. We visit remote pyramids that pre-date the Pyramids of Giza, Jebel Barkal. Crossing Lake Nasser we enter Egypt and visit stunning antiquities at Abu Simbel and cruise the Nile at Aswan. We visit ageless tombs of the pharaohs in Luxor before spending two nights on the Red Sea before reaching the legendary Cairo, home to the Sphinx, Pyramids and the epic Egyptian Museum. Our final days will see us at Alexandria

When you reach Egypt you will barely be able to comprehend the diversity of scenery and experiences that make up this breathtaking adventure and join a very elite group of riders who have ever ridden the iconic Cape Town to Cairo route. Welcome to the club.



A little about the expedition

Expedition Route

Week One

We start the expedition at the spectacularly located Cape Town then ride south via a stunning coast road, to stand on the very edge of this magnificent continent at Cape Agulhas where you cannot help but contemplate the upcoming 11 weeks of amazing riding across this ancient and wild land. Riding north we visit one of South Africa's premier wine growing towns of Stellenbosch for an overnight stay at this university town. We enter the spectacular Namaqualand area in the Northern Cape province before crossing the Orange River in Namibia. We hit the dirt arriving at the renowned Fish River Canyon to explore the rim and watch a spectacular sunset at what is claimed to be the second largest canyon on earth. We visit the amazing Luderitz, a town being slowly consumed by the desert sands before riding into the Namib Desert seeing the week out at the absolutely wonderful Burgsdorf Goat Farm

Week Two

Leaving Burgsdorf it's a short ride to the remote Namib-Naukluff National Park where we take the trip in to visit the famous Dune 45 and the staggeringly beautiful Deadvlei in this remarkably scenic desert region. Our next stop is Swakopmund for a rest day and the chance to try any of the numerous adrenalin activities from sand boarding to Parachuting or dune buggies in the many nearby sand dunes. Riding the Skeleton Coast we turn inland and stay overnight at the private game reserve at Omaruru where you can get up close and personal to a rhino and numerous other animals. We visit the Iconic 'Etosha National park' for an evening and morning of game viewing drives. We reach the Caprivi Strip and stay at a lodge scenically located on the Kayova River.

Week Three

From Kayova we continue onto the town of Maun, the gateway to the Okavango Delta. We take, Mokoro's, "modeled on traditional dug out canoes" into the wilderness of the Okavango Delta

for a half-day excursion and a flight over the delta (optional). Leaving Maun we visit Planet Baobab where we spend two nights amongst the Baobabs, our free day at Planet Baobab we shall embark on a wonderful Meerkat safari. A short trip will take us across to Botswana and the Chobe National Park where we will take an evening game cruise on the Chobe River, hoping to catch a glimpse of some of the 70,000 plus elephants in the park. We close the week out at the incomparable Victoria Falls; a sight you will not forget in a hurry, you will have a chance to visit the park and enjoy these amazing falls, and you will see why it is listed as one of the Seven Wonders of the World. You will also have the chance to partake in some of the many adrenalin activities in this great town.

Week Four

From Vic Falls we ride good paved roads amongst the forests through to the "Antelope Park" on the outskirts of Gweru. This beautiful establishment has a conservation focus on the protection and breeding of Lions with the plan to release them back into the wild to help reduce the decline of the Lion population. Riding east we visit the Great Zimbabwe Ruins, the palace for the Royal Monarch from the 12th to the 15th centuries. We eventually reach Zimbabwe's capital of Harare where we spend two nights. We cross into Mozambique for a change of language and culture to stay at the town of Tete located on the mighty Zambezi River.

Week Five

Crossing into the beautiful verdant Malawi we reach the capital of Lilongwe for our two-night stay. We reach the shores of the spectacular Malawi staying two nights at the wonderful Ngala Bay Resort on the shores of Lake Malawi. Skirting the freshwater Lake Malawi we ride north and spend a night on the beach in rustic cabins at Chitimba Beach Camp before reaching the Malawi / Tanzania border. Riding through tea plantations we descend to Mbeya before arriving at our luxury accommodation at the Old Iringa farmhouse, a century old cattle station located in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania.



Week Six

We ride due north to Dodoma before reaching Arusha, a township spectacularly located in the shadow of snowcapped Mt Meru. Arusha is also our jumping off point for our 3-day, 2 nights, all-inclusive Safari to the Ngorongoro Crater and epic Serengeti National park, an absolute must for any visit to Africa. The Serengeti is your best chance to see "The big five" game from the back of specially constructed safari vehicles led by experienced guides, this simply is the quintessential African experience and nothing compares to listening to the roar of lions from your permanent safari tent at night. From Arusha we ride into Kenya's capital of Nairobi where we will stay four nights to refresh, repair and unwind.

Week Seven

We start the week off leaving Nairobi for a short ride north to Naivasha, on the shores of beautiful Lake Naivasha and site of the old home of Joy Adamson, of Born Free fame. We have a rest day to visit some of the local wildlife and enjoy the sounds of the hippos grazing at night only a short distance from our lodge. From Naivasha we continue onto the superb Solio Rhino Conservancy staying overnight at the wonderful Rhino Watch Lodge, a real highlight of the expedition. We spend our last night in Kenya at the remote Henrys Camp in Samburu territory then cross into the "Rooftop of Africa", Ethiopia.

Week Eight

Via a series of Mountainous roads we reach the bustling capital of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, where we spend two nights allowing us time to explore Africa's largest open air market and the renowned fossilized Skeleton of "Lucy" and of course Africa's finest coffee!! Leaving Addis we visit Ethiopia's largest lake, Lake Tana, before we arrive at Lalibela, which is home to the Ethiopian Orthodox Christian churches that were built around the 12th and 13th century. These churches are unique in that they were carved from single monolithic rocks that only have the top surface on ground level, so the churches have been carved from the roof down. You have to see them to believe them.

Week Nine

From Lalibela we head north into the Simien Mountains National Park, this world heritage site is home to the Gelaba Baboon, Walia Ibex and the Ethiopian Fox, all extremely rare species. Aside from the wildlife, the scenery is jaw droppingly magnificent and the endless twisties are often the highlight or the entire route. We leave Ethiopia via Gondar and enter the mysterious, remote Sudan. Our personal cook team will meet us at the border and prepare an evening meal in our only wild camp during the entire expedition. It's a great introduction into the culture of the super friendly Sudanese. We continue due north to Khartoum, a surprisingly modern city and the chance to visit the confluence of the White and Blue Niles

Highlights

- Spectacular Cape Town
- The southern tip of Africa at Cape Agulhas
- Fish River Canyon, 2nd largest in the world
- Dune 45 and the incredible Deadvlei at Sesriem
- Adrenalin capital of Namibia, Swakopmund
 - Superb Namibian farm stay at Burgsdorf
 - Private game reserve at Omaruru
 - The superb Ethosha National Park
 - Great dirt tracks of Namibia
 - Makoro trip into the Okavango Delta
 - Boat cruise on the Chobe River
 - Meerkat Safari in Botswana
 - The mighty Victoria Falls
- The 12th century Ruins of Great Zimbabwe
 - Great ridign through Mozambique
 - Lake Malawi and Ngala Beach
- Quintessential safari experience with 3 days visiting the Ngorongoro crater and Serengeti National parks
- High Tea at the house of Joy Adamson (Born Free fame)
 - Massai culture
 - Samburu tribes people overnight camp
- Solio Rhino conservancy & amazing Rhino Watch Lodge
 - Simien Mountains, Ethiopia
- Khartoum & the confluence or the White & Blue Nile
- Rarely visited temples of Jebel Barkal & Meroe
 - The Nubian Deserts of Sudan
 - Felucca cruise on the Nile at Aswan
 - Karnak Temple and Valley of the Kings
 - Wonderful Alexandria
 - Pyramids of Giza & the Sphinx
 - Egyptian Museum

Week Ten

Leaving the Sudanese capital we ride due north into the Nubian Desert before stopping off at the superb Meroe Pyramids, staying at a wonderful permanent tented camp that overlooks the pyramids. Riding into the northern region of Sudan that is made up mostly of the Nubian Desert and is full of spectacular desert-scapes, star laden nights and glorious sunrises we visit the little known & remote Pyramids of Jebel Barkal, a deserted and empty landscape dotted with ancient pyramids that pre date the pyramids of Giza. Crossing the Nubian Desert we reach the remote dusty border town of Wadi Halfa before crossing the mighty Lake Nasser the following day and into legendary Egypt home to pharaohs & kings. We overnight at the outstanding antiquity of Abu Simbel before riding onto Aswan located on the Nile, to see our penultimate week out.

Week Eleven

We start our last week in Aswan where we take a leisurely Felucca ride on the majestic Nile River observing a Middle Eastern lifestyle and soaking up the culture from Pyramids to modern day Mosques. Leaving Aswan we follow the Nile to Luxor where we will visit the 3500-year-old Temple of Karnak and the awesome Valley of the Kings & Queens before riding the Red Sea resort town of Hurghada where we spend two nights in a 5 star resort. Reaching Cairo we have plenty of time to visit the legendary Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza & the unbelievable Egyptian Museum. Our last ride will be to Alexandria founded by Alexandria the Great where we spend our last two nights, allowing us time to clear our bikes from Customs and visit the WW2 cemeteries nearby at El Alamein and celebrate the end to this most epic trans African ride.

The Schedule

The schedule above is a guide only and we will endeavor to remain faithful to the itinerary. However, during an expedition of this magnitude, things sometimes go wrong, events that are completely beyond our control; border strikes, landslides, road closures, surly border guards, local conflict, even being forbidden to ride a motorcycle into a city (it has happened) all may have an effect on our expedition. We will endeavor to get back as per itinerary as quickly as possible. The final decision as to what course of action to take lies with the Compass Expeditions crew.



A Day in the Life

No two days are the same, nothing can be assumed but we do follow a certain routine. Each morning we arise at a reasonable hour and have a filling breakfast before going over the days ride. You will be fully briefed the night before of our next destination, route to be taken, road condition, sights to see, and things to do. Depending on location, availability and need we will first fill the bikes before riding out toward our next destination. At a pre-determined point we shall meet for lunch or riders can do their own thing, as each rider will be given complete waypoints for the entire journey. Arriving at our overnight destination we perform minor safety checks of the bikes as well as any routine maintenance that may be needed before having a shower and a cold beer or wine. Breakfast is included on every day of the expedition.

Weather

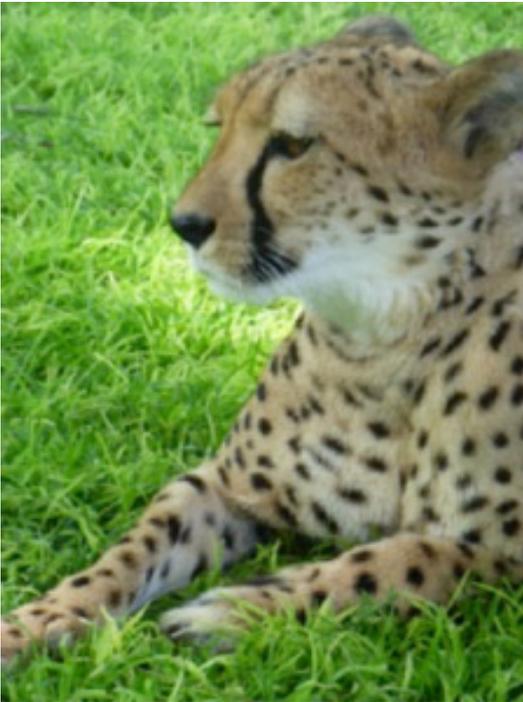
The challenge with Africa is that it is such a long continent from South to North that it covers a lot of weather zones, our itinerary has attempted to get the best of the seasons in as many countries as possible but will hit some less than optimal weather conditions at some point. We shall be leaving Cape Town mid August and will be anticipating warm, clear & dry weather. August and September is the optimum time to travel through Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Kenya with cold mornings but clear blue skies and little to no rain. Some rains should be expected in Ethiopia with colder temperatures at altitude. The weather warms up in the Sudan and will be low 30 Celsius / high 80 Fahrenheit once into Egypt but with virtually no chance of rain.

Road Conditions

Occasional stock & wildlife and LOTS of pedestrians are a constant hazard on African roads, some countries are worse than others. The road conditions vary wildly on this expedition. The South African roads are in great condition, however as we cross into Namibia the roads quickly become dirt and depending on recent rains and grader operations these tracks can vary from superb 100kph to chassis breaking corrugations with the occasional bull dust holes & sand sections. Botswana and Zimbabwe have OK paved roads, but wildlife can be encountered, particularly in Botswana. Malawi has good roads with some great twisties around the lake, very scarce traffic however the local populace uses the road system as their footpath, and this can be a real hazard. Tanzania has reasonable tarmac in most places, the biggest hazard being the speed of local bus drivers, who have only two speeds; flat out and stop, mix that with hopelessly overloaded trucks that crawl along at 20kph and you are guaranteed to see some "interesting" overtaking maneuvers. Ethiopian roads can be good tarmac, as well as some reasonable gravel roads. Kenyan tarmac varies greatly, from potholed, rutted and potholed tarmac to quite well constructed rural roads. In Ethiopia we hit the dirt again that is generally in good condition but with MANY twisties. In the Simien Mountains we will come across some rough, bumpy smaller dirt roads. Sudan has excellent paved roads that will be BUSY with trucks north from Khartoum. There is 5kms of sand into our accommodation at Meroe. The roads in Egypt are generally reasonable tarmac, but the traffic in major centers is busy and at times hectic, especially Cairo. Out in rural areas there are obstacles such as Donkeys pulling carts, dogs, pedestrians, suicidal chickens etc. to watch out for.

This ride is completely achievable by anyone with motorcycling experience. At no times do we include extreme moto-cross style riding, we always chose the least difficult option and the majority of riding is very easy, however this is Africa and we all know that if there were not some challenges along the way it wouldn't be worth doing.

We strongly advise riders to undertake an off road riding course well before the expedition and practice the skills you would have learnt, not compulsory but advisable



Accommodation

We use hotels/lodges/ pre established safari camps for this expedition, usually 3 to 4 star in standard, however on a very few nights we must use very basic accommodations as that is all that is available. We have chosen our hotels for the location, friendly staff and uniqueness. The accommodations are as varied as the landscapes we ride through, from safari style huts and lodges to fancy hotels.

Camping

This is an all hotel expedition except for a couple of nights in pre established camps & ONE night free camp; however it may be required to camp 1 or 2 nights more than anticipated during this expedition if we experience unforeseen holdups. We intend to have only 3 nights camping but we do have emergency tents and camping equipment and expedition participants must be prepared for this eventuality.

ARE YOU UP TO IT?

The Rider

The rider should have at least two years experience on riding large motorbikes; this however is not a "set in concrete" requirement as we realize that riding skills differ from person to person. The rider does, however, need to be confident with a larger bike and confident in his/her abilities to ride safely in foreign countries that have a slightly different view of road rules than what we may be accustomed to. If taking a co- rider, this expedition is not the time to find out you are not comfortable with it. All participants must have had some off road experience prior to the start of the expedition; even it is a once off weekend course.

The Co-rider

The Co-Rider needs to have experience in riding as a pillion and have confidence that they can handle some long days on the saddle on some very ordinary roads in sometimes-inclement weather. On the more difficult sections co-riders have the option of riding in the support vehicle, (space permitting).

In Closing

It is in the nature of this expedition that you will at times be tested. There will be times that people will feel exhausted, dirty or simply frustrated. A flexible attitude is paramount as is a good sense of humor and above all a tolerance for things that can and do go wrong, as well as an acceptance of other peoples and cultures that are completely removed from ours. A willingness to work as a team for the general day-to-day running of the expedition and to "muck in" is essential. The more you put in the greater the sense of achievement at the end. If you are intolerant to riding dirt roads, sometimes lack of choice for lunch supplies/fruit and vegies and the inevitable breakdowns then for your own sake please consider if this journey is for you. It is paramount that all clients are aware that this expedition is 81 days in length and as such you will be away from family and friends for this time.

The points below are critical and you need to possess these qualities for your own enjoyment

ARE YOU?

- ✓ Good humored
- ✓ Tolerant
- ✓ Accepting of things that may be different
- ✓ Willing to help out for the success of the expedition
- ✓ Have the drive to keep going when everyone else has long since given up

GREAT THEN READ ON!!

CHOOSING YOUR BIKE

Choosing to ride a Compass bike

If you choose to ride one of Compass Expeditions bikes you will be riding the new BMW F 750 / 850 GS or R 1250 GS. These bikes come from a stable of the worlds finest touring bikes and as such we have chosen them for our exciting "Cape to Cairo" ride. Unencumbered by luggage these powerful bikes are ideally suited for the demands of riding this challenging expedition from the North to the South of Africa.

Additional Accessories for Compass Expeditions bikes

- » Crash bars
- » Aluminum Bash Plate
- » Top box
- » Radiator protector
- » Bark busters (hand guards)

Bringing your own bike

There is no doubt that just about any bike could feasibly attempt such a journey, but for the sake of the expeditions success we must insist you leave your step through 50cc at home. Bikers will insist that they and they alone have the most suitable bike for doing the "Cape to Cairo", they could be right, but we have compiled a "by no means complete" list of the bikes we have owned over the years and that would be more than capable of completing this expedition. Please be aware below is not a definitive list

Suitable bikes

- » BMW R 1250 GS, 850 05 750
- » AFRICA TWIN
- » YAMAHA TENERE
- » KAWASAKI KLR 650
- » KTM 990 ADV or 690
- » TRIUMPH TIGER
- » Suzuki DR 650 / V-Strom

Modifications that need to be considered

- ✓ At least 650cc, Range of at least 300ks/ 200miles
- ✓ Have protective equipment such as crash bars, aluminum bash plate, headlight protector, Radiator guard, Barkbusters
- ✓ Top box for personal day use items
- ✓ Bike alarm and/or disc lock
- ✓ GPS unit (compulsory)

All bikes must be in a roadworthy condition be fully serviced with new chain sprockets (were necessary) & new tyres immediately prior to shipping. We reserve the right to refuse participation for any bike we believe simply won't make it; the timely success of the expedition is our priority. Contact us on info@compassexpeditions.com for any questions concerning your bike.

Bike shipping

We include all shipping of your bike to and from the African continent; this means we ship your bike to Cape Town and out of Alexandria. It is the rider's responsibility to get their bike to the port of disembarkation of our choice, for example for our Australian clients all bikes are shipped out Melbourne, it is your responsibility to get you bike to Melbourne, (we can assist with this)

Important note: *If you are unable to finish the expedition on your bike due to any reason and the bike has to be shipped out BEFORE the group reaches Alexandria then the shipping cost to repatriate your bike will be your responsibility. Compass Expeditions provides all shipping FROM Alexandria to your homeport*, if you decide in Nairobi that you don't wish to ride any further or you crash out or for any reason whatsoever the cost of either getting your bike home or to Alexandria from your "end of tour" point is your responsibility.*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What do I do if my bike breaks down?

If your bike breaks down we will endeavor to fix it ourselves or get it to a point where it can be fixed, all repair costs are borne by the client (only if client owns bike). We have never been "stuck" unable to proceed.

Is it safe to travel in Africa?

Understandably, this is the most commonly asked question, Africa doesn't have a great reputation but given the millions of tourists that travel there each year it is as safe as any other destination. We have NEVER had a client attacked in Africa or for that matter had very few issues of theft in the many years that we operated tours in this continent.

Do I need to bring my own spares?

Yes you do need to bring a basic list of spares with you suitable for your bike. These spares need to include, front fork seals, head stem bearings, wheel bearings, front and rear sprocket and drive chain clutch and brake lever, mirror brackets, brake pads, this is for new bikes, and if riding an older bike you will be familiar with what you need however please contact us at mick@compassexpeditions.com for more info. Our support vehicle will carry all you spares. A more complete list of spares is provided in due course.

What about tyres/tires?

Tyres are very difficult to get everywhere except South Africa. Your tyres MUST be new at the beginning of the expedition and be dual purpose such as Mitas or Heindenau. We will carry limited spare tyres and have a stock of pre ordered tyres waiting for us in Nairobi. Contact us with any questions you may have regarding your tyre choice.

What about servicing?

The only authorized BMW dealership we will come across other than in Cape Town, South Africa, will be in Nairobi, Kenya. Any issues with your bike MUST be notified to your crew ASAP so that we can arrange repair, sourcing of parts as far in advance as possible.

Will it get stolen?

Hopefully not, it's a long way to walk. Seriously though, theft is an important consideration. We park our bikes at secure bike/car parks when available or pay a local security guard or park them inside the hotel property whenever in a city. A disc lock and/or immobilizer is required. Theft is not something to stress ourselves about; with a little care your beloved bike will be safe.

How do I get to start/finish point?

Easy, we can assist you with your overland to port requirements in your home country, if needed, (don't forget all shipping to / from Africa is included)

Suggested airlines home

Some airlines operating from Cairo with international connections are listed below:

- » British Airways: www.britishairways.com
- » Emirates: www.emirates.com
- » Etihad: www.etihad.com
- » Turkish Airlines: www.turkishairlines.com
- » Lufthansa Airlines: www.lufthansa.com
- » Qantas: www.qantas.com.au

Can I get my bike insured?

Good luck, we have never met an insurance company that will go near you once you mention that you are taking your bike overseas, but at least give your insurer a call, miracles may occur. It is however compulsory to purchase 3rd party insurance for each African country we visit; we endeavor to purchase a COMESA policy that will cover you for "most" African countries. Our first opportunity to get this policy is in Tanzania.

Do I need a Carnet de Passage en Douane if bringing my own bike?

Yes, some African countries do require a carnet, when riding your own bike, you will be required to obtain a carnet, (Compass Expeditions will assist with this), when riding a Compass bike, the carnet is included.

What about visa's?

- » South Africa; obtained on arrival
- » Namibia; obtained at border
- » Botswana; obtained at border
- » Zimbabwe; obtained at the border
- » Mozambique: at border
- » Malawi: obtained at border
- » Tanzania: obtained at the border
- » Kenya: Obtained via E-Visa
- » Ethiopia: Visa MUST be applied for in your home country.
- » Sudan; currently a letter of introduction (LOI) is needed for Sudan; we will supply you with the LOI (at our cost). We shall apply for our Sudanese visa en-route in Nairobi or if we can get a 90 day validly visa, we shall apply from your home country
- » Egypt; Obtained at the Egyptian Embassy in your home country

These are current, at time of writing (2019), visa regulations vary depending on your nationality, visa regulations can and will change. We use a visa agency to obtain the required visas on our behalf and will provide all required data when needed. We strongly recommend clients use our nominated visa agency to obtain all required visas however visas are the clients responsibility and Compass cannot be held liable if clients do not get their visas!!

What about vaccinations?

We highly recommend that you speak with your doctor and/or check out the World Health Organization website at www.who.int/country and have a look at their excellent International Travel and Health book, available online. In Australia visit the Australian Medical Centre website at www.traveldoctor.com.au or phone 1300 65 88 44. For our U.S clients visit www.cdc.gov/travel/ and for our U.K clients go to www.doh.gov.uk/traveladvice/ for travel health recommendations in general go to www.mdtravelhealth.com

WHATS INCLUDED WHEN RIDING A COMPASS EXPEDITIONS BIKE?

Equipment

- ✓ BMW F 750 / 850 GS or BMW R 1250 GS
- ✓ All mechanical spares, servicing, repairs and tyres/tires
- ✓ Top box for personal day use items
- ✓ Crash protection

Expedition support

- ✓ Services of ride leader, & support vehicle driver with mechanical and / or medic experience
- ✓ Support vehicle to carry all luggage, (two Compass Supplied waterproof duffle bags per person)
- ✓ Carnet de Passage
- ✓ All shipping
- ✓ Satellite phone
- ✓ DeLorme Satellite communicator x 2

Daily on road costs

- ✓ Airport transfers
- ✓ All accommodation of a generally 3 to 4 star standard
- ✓ All camping equipment excepting personal sleeping bag
- ✓ One bonus night accommodation in Cape Town
- ✓ Mentioned dinners
- ✓ All breakfasts on every day of expedition
- ✓ Mentioned picnic lunches
- ✓ All tolls, ferries and security park costs

Excursions and entrances

- ✓ Entrances to all national parks as mentioned on itinerary
- ✓ All entrances to historical sights as mentioned on itinerary
- ✓ City guide, (this is for city guide only, if extra guiding is asked for by client, such as take me to a good bar or a BMW dealership, this is at clients costs)

Other stuff

- ✓ A medical kit on support vehicle
- ✓ Comprehensive pre-departure booklet
- ✓ Access to Compass App
- ✓ Track4Africa maps with complete set of GPS waypoints and routing
- ✓ Daily briefings on route and destination

WHATS NOT INCLUDED WHEN RIDING A COMPASS BIKE?

- × Visa's
- × Fuel
- × Sleeping bag
- × Traffic fines
- × Repair and/or recovery costs to Compass Expeditions bike for loss or damage caused by negligence or failing to heed ride leaders directive
- × Medical costs, it is a pre-requisite that all clients have comprehensive medical insurance that covers for riding a motorcycle over 650cc in foreign countries.
- × Activities not mentioned on the itinerary
- × International flights

WHATS INCLUDED WHEN RIDING YOUR OWN BIKE?

Expedition support

- ✓ Services of ride leader & support vehicle driver with mechanical and/ or medic experience
- ✓ Support vehicle to carry all luggage, (two waterproof bags per person)
- ✓ Satellite phone (charge per minute)
- ✓ Mechanical support if needed
- ✓ DeLorme satellite Communicator x 2

Daily on road costs

- ✓ Airport transfers
- ✓ All accommodation of a generally 3 to 4 star standard
- ✓ All camping equipment, excepting personal sleeping bags
- ✓ One bonus night accommodation in Cape Town
- ✓ All breakfasts on every day of expedition
- ✓ Mentioned dinners

- ✓ Mentioned picnic lunches

Excursions and entrances

- ✓ Entrances to all national parks as mentioned on itinerary
- ✓ All entrances to historical sights as mentioned on itinerary
- ✓ City guide, (this is for city guide only, if extra guiding is asked for by client, such as take me to a good bar or a BMW dealership, this is at clients costs)

Shipping

- ✓ Shipping of your bike to Cape Town and from Alexandria

Other stuff

- ✓ A medical kit on support vehicle
- ✓ Comprehensive pre-departure booklet
- ✓ Access to Compass App
- ✓ Tracks4Africa maps with complete of GPS waypoints and routing
- ✓ Daily briefings on route and destination

WHATS NOT INCLUDED WHEN RIDING YOUR BIKE?

- × Visa's
- × Fuel
- × Carnet de Passage & associated charges
- × Third party insurance
- × Servicing of your bike, repairs and transport costs to repair point (if needed)
- × Traffic fines
- × Repair and/or recovery costs to your bike for loss or damage caused by negligence or failing to heed ride leaders directive
- × Medical costs, it is a pre-requisite that all clients have comprehensive medical insurance that covers for riding a motorcycle over 650cc in foreign countries.
- × Activities not mentioned on the itinerary
- × International flights
- × Personal spending money

An important note: the word "medic" does not imply that our medic is a doctor or paramedic, but our medic will have successfully completed advanced first aid training at the very least.

The word "mechanic" does not imply that our mechanic is a fully qualified BMW technician, but our mechanic will be very experienced with motorcycles in general.

WHAT YOU NEED BEFORE GETTING ON THE PLANE!

Personal documents

All documents must be the original and will be checked before departure so to ensure no nasty surprises while sitting at a far-flung border.

- ✓ Carnet de Passage and 1 copy of information page
- ✓ Passport, must be valid for at least 18 months from the beginning of this expedition, passport must also have at least 20 blank pages
- ✓ Eight colour passport photos
- ✓ US\$ cash
- ✓ Your original local driver's license
- ✓ For riders bringing their own bikes, the original bike registration document known as the V5 logbook in the U.K
- ✓ International drivers license I.D.P available at your motoring organization e.g.: AAA in the U.S, R.A.C in the U.K, R.A.C.V, R.A.A etc in Australia.
- ✓ Credit card, either Visa or Master Card
- ✓ ATM card
- ✓ Original travel insurance documents
- ✓ Visa's
- ✓ Please supply to us one photocopy of all documents and keep two copies for yourself
- ✓ A current vaccination certificate showing all inoculations

Things of a personal nature

- ✓ Camera, SLR or a small digital one to carry in the jacket
- ✓ Sleeping bag
- ✓ Mp3, I-pod or something similar
- ✓ Swiss army knife

A COMPLETE LIST OF THINGS TO TAKE WILL BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR PRE-DEPARTURE BOOKLET

Recommended Riding Gear

As bikers you will undoubtedly already have your own personal riding gear. The list below is simply a guide to what you need to be comfortable for the duration of the expedition

✓ **Helmet**

A full-face helmet is essential; riding with a motocross style and goggles will be extremely uncomfortable for such a long expedition especially in dusty conditions. A silk or thermal balaclava worn under the helmet is also a lifesaver on those cold mornings.

✓ **Clothing**

Waterproof gear is absolutely essential as is removable liners in both the pants and riding jacket. You will be riding through virtually every weather condition

so a good jacket and pants that can be adapted to the riding conditions will only enhance your experience. A thermal fleece such as Paddy Palin, Himalaya or Patagonia is excellent for wearing under your jacket especially for the cold Desert mornings. A set of light coveralls is indispensable.

✓ **Boots**

We HIGHLY recommend motocross style boots or boots that give the maximum amount of ankle & shin protection as possible

✓ **Sunglasses**

Don't forget your sunglasses. A good pair of strong sunglasses is essential; the light is intense out under the blazing African skies.

EXCURSIONS / ENTRANCES INCLUDED ON THIS EXPEDITION

- ✓ Entrances to all mentioned national parks
- ✓ Day excursion to El Alamein
- ✓ Pyramids of Giza tour
- ✓ Tour of Karnak Temple and Valley of the Kings
- ✓ Day / evening Felucca cruise and Nubian Island experience in Aswan
- ✓ Ferry across Lake Nassar
- ✓ Simien Mountains Guide
- ✓ Entrance and guide to Churches of Lalibela
- ✓ Boat Trip on Lake Tana
- ✓ Village visit at Samburu camp
- ✓ Solio Rhino Conservancy safari
- ✓ High tea visit to Elsemere, Lake Niavasha
- ✓ 3 Day Safari to The Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti National Park
- ✓ Entrance and guide to the Great Zimbabwe Monument
- ✓ Entrance to Victoria Falls
- ✓ Sunset Cruise on Chobe River
- ✓ Meerkat excursion, Makgadikgadi Pan
- ✓ Makoro boat trip out onto the Okavango Delta
- ✓ Excursion to Dune 45 & the Deadvlei
- ✓ Safari into Etosha National Park



We are sure you will have a thousand more questions; we hope so. Below are our full contact details. Thanks for spending your time reading this info kit. We hope it has inspired you to challenge yourself, if not riding with us then just riding and enjoying this remarkable world that we live in.

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