



**Day 1;**

We meet in Dullstoom, Mphumalanga.

Dullstoom is a small town known for its excellent restaurants, friendly vibe and the fact that it is a fly fishing hot spot.

With hundreds of little streams flowing through the hills and trout farms in abundance, it might be a good idea for the fly fishermen to stay here for a few days after we return from this tour.



Here you will be introduced to the team and your sidecars. Free items (T-shirts, caps, cups and a Dry Mac jacket) will be handed out, as well as refreshments, before we start our adventure.

We expect of you, that if you are to ride one of our URAL sidecars that you do the training a day before we leave on the tour unless otherwise instructed by the tour leader.

A back-up vehicle will safely transport all your luggage so none of your creature comforts stay behind. This vehicle will also have a spare URAL sidecar available in case of technical difficulties.

We will be traveling in a group behind the tour leader at a leisurely pace to familiarise yourself with the sidecar and also take in the beautiful country side. Scenic and important landmarks will be pointed out to you by the tour leader.

With beautiful green, rolling hills surrounding us we start our tour and ride past the Dullstroom Nature Reserve, keeping an eye out for some great antelope grazing next to the road.

Traveling on a secondary road, we pass Veloren Valley. This is a great wetland, and rare great bird species like the endangered cranes are found here breeding in the wetlands. We follow the road over the Santa Pass towards Lydenburg.

Only 60 km from Dullstroom we travel through the town of Lydenburg. A stop at a roadside biltong (beef jerky) stall is a tradition, and you can stock up on something to nibble on.

From Lydenburg we head east, towards and over, the breathtaking Long Tom Pass. Riding over this spectacular pass with the rolling forest and green grasslands is simply picture perfect. We stop often to take-in this panoramic view and pictures with our sidecars against this backdrop, is something special.

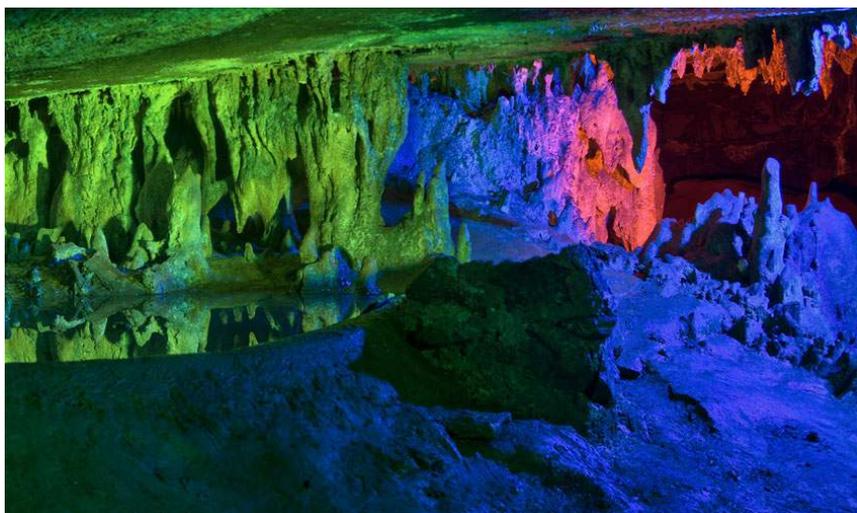


Leaving the Long Tom Pass behind, we travel through endless tree forests. This is the home of SAPPI, South Africa's paper supplier and these trees are to be processed into paper.

In the one-horse-town of Hendriksdal, we stop at an Artist cafe to enjoy some refreshments.

Only the occasional SAPPI truck passes us on the road and you will feel absolutely free traveling through the forests and over the hills on your sidecar. We often pass over streams and you are able to spot small waterfalls against the sharp cliffs.

Before long we take the turn off towards the Sudwala Caves. Formed around 240 million years ago, this is a highlight to our visit to Mpumalanga.



Just outside the caves, we stop at the Dinosaur Park. This is an attraction build more for the children, but adults seem to have just as much fun walking among these giant dinosaur sculptures and taking pictures.

After this stop, we keep following the looping road that takes us between row upon row of tree plantation.

Just before we enter Nelspruit, the capital of the province, we head towards our destination for the night, Kaapsehoop. Riding through big citrus plantations you will see the locals selling oranges and other fruits next to the road.

Kaapsehoop is a small town on top of the mountain with spectacular views all round. There are the occasional herd of wild horses that can be spotted running through the town. A 10 minute walk from town you can find the beautiful 30 meter high Battery Creek Falls.



We stay in a beautiful quaint little bed and breakfast. After check-in, guests are free to wander the streets of this little town and/or to have some refreshments in the local artistic pub before dinner at your leisure.

After dinner we will join our host for a Ghost and Historical fun tour of the town in the night. Expect anything!

## **Day 2:**

After a hearty breakfast we get on our URAL Sidecars and hit the road. Our destination for the day is Graskop.

Some 20 kilometres from Kaapsehoop, we pass through the city of Nelspruit. We travel past the impressive Mbombela Stadium, built for the 2010 Soccer World Cup.

Stopping to fill our sidecars with gas, it is also the perfect time to grab some snacks for the day, if you need any.

We travel east towards Barberton past the Barberton Nature Reserve until we reach the Jane Goodall Chimpanzee Eden Sanctuary.

To walk with these big Apes is truly an amazing experience and will leave you with an intense feeling of joy and happiness. After the visit we enjoy refreshment at the cafe in the sanctuary before we hit the road again.

Traveling past Nelspruit on the **R37** we ride through citrus plantations, and time permitting, stop at the Hippo Lodge for a drink on the wooden deck while watching the Hippos play in the water below.

Frequently stopping to see waterfalls next to the road, like Nora Falls, the country side around us is green rolling hills with tree plantations everywhere.

We are traveling on service roads maintained by the forest plantation owners and you will see giant pine trees on both sides towering over the road, while the smell of pine fill your senses.

You truly will feel like the forest belongs to you, with very little to no traffic or people. On the occasional stop you can only hear the wind through the trees and birds.



Before long we enter the quiet little town of Sabie. If you think you have seen some tree plantations until now, you will be mistaken! Sabie and this region, are known to have the biggest tree plantations in South Africa!

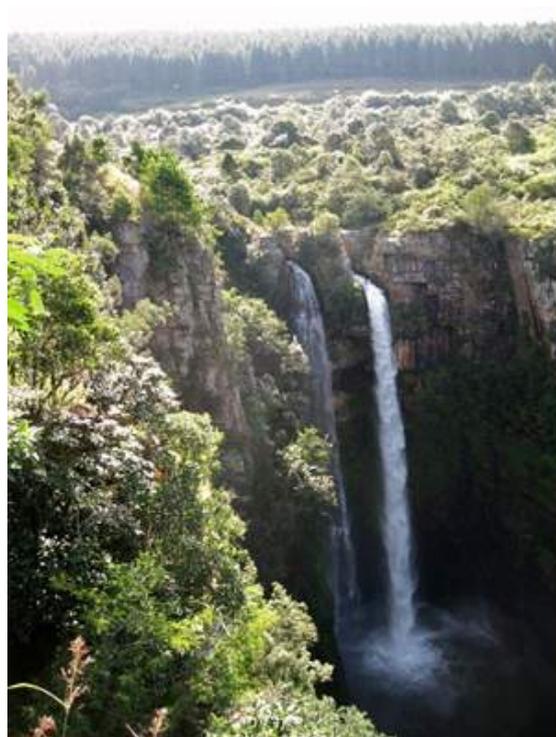
Traveling on the **R352**, we follow the road towards Graskop. The road winds through the mountains with the smell of pine and forests on both sides of the road.

Soon we stop at the Mac Mac pools.

The Mac Mac pools are a welcome stop and we enjoy some snacks, relax and swim in the crystal clear water.



A short distance away are the Mac Mac Falls. These 70 meter high waterfalls are something to behold. With a perfect view deck, the locals sell arts and crafts and you will enjoy every moment of this stop.



From the falls we travel on to Graskop. The road seems to be made for motorcycles as it twists and turns over green hills and through forests.

Graskop is a great little town with many restaurants. From small kitchens that sell pancakes filled with any type of filling under the sun, to restaurants that make the best steaks! Small arts and crafts shops, high end art galleries and the best local cuisine can all be found in the main street.

Finding a place to suit everyone's taste will not be difficult and dinner can be enjoyed at your leisure. We overnight at a boutique bed and breakfast in the town.

### **Day 3:**

After breakfast we are all ready to enjoy a day full of sights to see and explore. During this day we will ride the Panoramic Route of Mpumalanga. The ride will not be as long as the other days, but we have a full day planned with frequent stopping at scenic spots and some surprises along the way.

First we travel down the plato on witch Graskop is situated via the **R533**. We ride east to the Injaka Dam some 20 km below Graskop.

Our first adventure for the day is a one hour ride/cruise with an Airboat on the dam. The dam is one of the main water suppliers to the province and with birdlife in abundance, this experience will be exhilarating.



Back on our Soviet Steeds we head back up the plato towards Gods Window. This viewpoint has made it into many movies and will blow your mind. Looking towards the horizon, you will see endless tree plantations with the Injaka Dam in the distance.

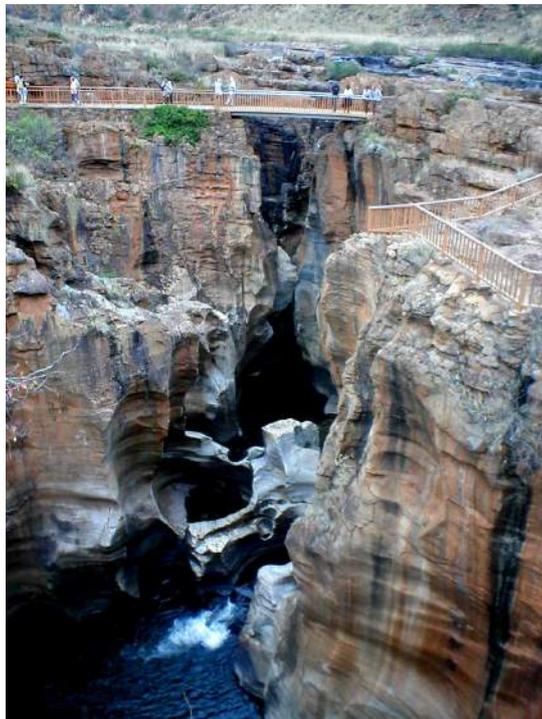
Sitting on the edge of the cliff and staring down onto the beautiful landscape below makes you want to enjoy this moment in silence as there is no words to describe it.



Heading on after this humbling experience, our next stop will be the Lisbon Waterfalls, then the Berlin Falls, with a refreshment stop shortly thereafter at the Berlin Peacock Tavern. This is a real roadside tavern for the weary traveler and the view from the deck is amazing.

Hitting the **R532** again, the surrounding hills and forests call out to be explored. We are in the area of the Blyde River Canyon, so the valleys are deep and the hills are high. Next stop is Bourke's Luck Potholes.

These carved- out sandstone holes are beautiful and took place over thousands of years, and visitors are often seen flipping a coin into the deep ravine and making a wish.



From here we travel on the edge of the canyon, which runs deep on our right side. Not long after we are back on the road we get to the Three Rondawels viewpoint. From this point there are various walking trails that go all the way to the streams at the bottom of the canyon. Depending on the time we reach the spot, you may go on a hike in the canyon.



Shortly after this stop, we pass the Echo Caves. Time permitting, and if you are interested, we will stop and visit the caves.

From here the road follows twists and turns over green hills and pass plantations. We are heading south towards the final destination to visit for the day, Pilgrims Rest.

This Gold mining town dates back to 1870 and have preserved beautifully. The images of this place is picture perfect and we shall have refreshments at one of the old little establishments.



From this back-in-time little town it is only 8 kilometres to our stop for the night. The road is beautiful and continuous on top of the hills with stunning vistas on both sides. Towards the west the sun starts to set.

On entering Crystal Springs Resort you know you have arrived. The setting is simply stunning. Built on the edge of a ravine the row of houses is something to behold. With swimming pools, tennis courts and walking trails and a spa, this place is built to cater for every need.



We rise the next morning, totally refreshed, and after breakfast, we head for the last stage of our tour.

Starting from Crystal Springs, we drive through an adjacent nature reserve. Keep your eyes open and your cameras ready, as wild animals are in abundance.

The road back to Dullstroom takes us past various game farms and nature reserves. Wild animals grazing next to the road are easy to spot. We stop a few times at scenic places and for refreshments.

Far too quick, we reach Dullstroom, the start and end of our tour.

We trust you had an unforgettable tour with us and that your travels onwards will be blessed and safe.

### **General information on this tour ( 3 - day tour, Mpumalanga)**

When touring with us, you can choose to be driven by a chauffeur for the entire tour or ride your own sidecar supplied by us.

If you are renting one of our sidecars to ride, you will receive training on the sidecar and we require you to do this a day before the tour starts.

In South Africa you need a valid motorcycle license to ride a sidecar.

A trained tour guide will take you on the tour and will lead you on all the most scenic routes and supply you with valuable information on the landmarks and places you visit.

You follow the tour leader, and we tour in a group, unless otherwise described or arranged.

Absolutely no drinking and driving is permitted. It is a criminal offence in South Africa to drink and drive and your safety is our foremost concern.

Two of our tour leaders are professional photographers. They will help you make the most of your camera equipment.

After each day's ride, the sidecars will be mechanically checked by the organisers so you will have a carefree and enjoyable tour.

**Price:**

The price of this tour depends on the season/time of the year; the size of the group; single guests vs. couples etc. and whether you chose a chauffeured tour or self drive tour.

Full payment is due before the start of the tour. Deposit secures your booking.

You will receive complete information about your tour before embarking on this adventure. Please note that we stay in boutique Bed & Breakfasts places through-out the tour.

The service, food and activities will be of the highest standard.

That said, we aim to offer the most affordable price while ensuring the best quality of service, and holiday experience. Your welfare and safety is our first concern.

We are always open to accommodate your needs.

Please contact us for more information.

**Included in the price;**

Bed, Dinner and Breakfast

Snack pack per day including Biltong (our delicious local version of beef jerky), nuts, sweets and a protein bar

Bottled water every day

Sidecar with driver (if needed) and fuel

All activities daily as stated in the description of the tour

Safety gear to ride with (helmet, goggles, gloves etc.)

Back-up vehicle and back up sidecar for luggage, snacks, fuel, water, extra sidecar, etc.

**Excluded from the price:**

All alcoholic drinks

Tips and gratuities

Travel insurance

Lunch every day (we find most guests enjoy enough sustenance from the snack packs)

Refreshments at stops, such as cafes/bars during each day's travel. We stop at scenic places and wherever you request

Your stay on the evening at the end of the tour

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