



49er California rally May 25 - 29

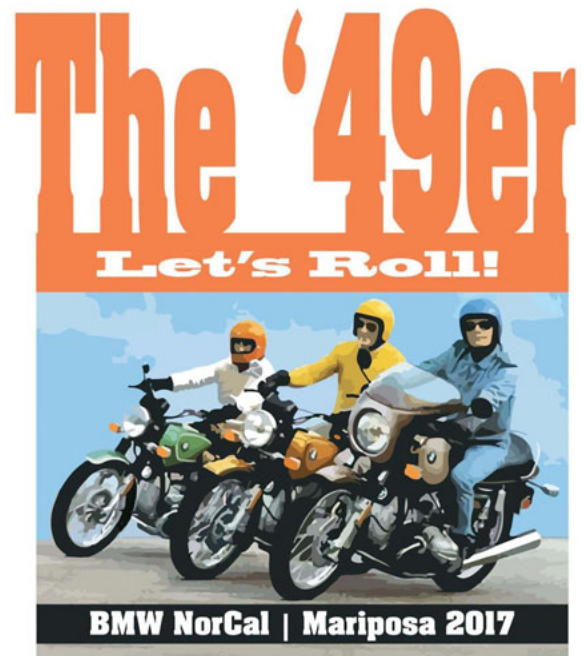
The '49er is the BMW Club of Northern California's annual rally with 40 plus years of tradition that predates the BMW Motorcycle Owners of America's (MOA) National Rally. In 2017 the 49'er Rally is located at the beautiful Mariposa County Fairgrounds, just south of Mariposa, California, off Hwy 49, gateway to Yosemite and the Sierra Nevada Foothills!

Admission includes four nights of flat grassy camping, super-hot showers, fantastic rides, tons of events, speakers,

seminars, live music, cold drinks, great food and a lot of very nice people!

Free shuttle to/from downtown Mariposa (Friday & Saturday), guided rides, Poker Run, GS Rides, Field Trials, Skills Seminars, Vintage Motorcycle Show, Vendors, including BMS building custom seats onsite, Beer Garden, Free wifi, Charging Stations and lots of Prizes!

Registration is \$55 for "early birds" until May 11, 2017, increasing to \$65 for general admission on May 12, 2017.



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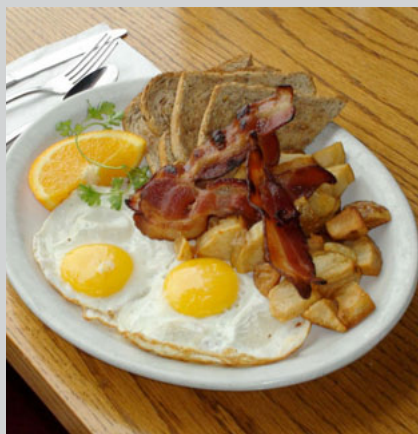
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Next Breakfast/Brunch

Sunday, April 2



WHERE:

The Surly Mermaid
1A 9851 Seaport Place
Sidney

WHEN:

9:30 am



49er rally information



Registration for children ages 6 to 12 is \$25, under 6 years of age, free. Saturday dinner with vegetarian option is \$20 and pre-registration is required to guarantee a meal.

RV parking for the general public is available for \$30 per night and limited to the area just inside the main gate, to the left, in designated spaces along the fence.

Visit the 49'er Rally page on the BMW Club of Northern California's website for all the details including a list of speakers, vendors and events!

For more information, email the 49'er Rally Chair, Tom Connolly, 49erchair@bmwnorcal.org.

2017 RA Rally Petoskey, Michigan

Riding the Tunnel of Trees



2017 BMWRA Rally July 6 – 9 Petoskey, Michigan

We've got a great location for the 2017 RA Rally in Petoskey, Michigan. Petoskey is located in Northwest corner of Michigan's Lower Peninsula, about 50 miles below the "Big Mac" bridge.

The Emmet County fairground sits on a beautiful location above Lake Michigan's Little Traverse Bay on the outskirts of Petoskey and will be our rally home base. Downtown Petoskey is about a mile and a half away and is full of small specialty shops, restaurants, and "watering holes". <http://www.petoskeydowntown.com/>

The fairground's has a number of large updated buildings for our activities along with grandstands and "dirt area" where we are

looking into "GS" activities. Yes, there is plenty of nice grass for our "Green Eureka Timberlines" and a number of full service hook-ups for the "Cushy" RVs.

More information is available on the BMWRA website; <http://bmwra.org/news/national-rally> and pre-registration is now open. <http://bmwra.org/ra-national-rally-registration>

With Pre-registration you will save \$15.00. You can also order Friday & Saturday meals and T-shirts. You will save \$4.00 per shirt by pre-order. Ladies shirts and long sleeves will only be available on pre-order.

It will be a great rally at a great location.

- Bob Alexander; Rally Chair



2017 International Tour Directory



by Rider Magazine Staff

Every two years, the Rider staff compiles an up-to-date listing of tour companies that operate internationally. We only include reputable companies that offer multi-day, fully guided street and/or adventure bike tours on their own rental fleet.

Have you ever dreamed of seeing another country from the saddle of a motorcycle, but were intimidated by the language barrier, figuring out what roads to take or picking good places to eat and sleep? We've got you covered! Motorcycle touring is more popular than ever, and there are dozens of reputable motorcycle

tour companies that offer fully-guided trips on just about every continent. They take the risk, planning and logistics out of the equation, leaving you free to enjoy the ride and have a great time.

For our 2017 International Tour Companies guide, we've compiled an up-to-date list of tour operators that will help you find your perfect two-wheeled trip abroad. All of the operators listed here offer multi-day, fully guided street and/or adventure bike tours on their own rental motorcycles, employ English-speaking guides and include accommodations while on tour. What's not included in this

Planning a Trip This Summer?

If you are planning a trip this summer, why not take advantage of the Sharing Library? We have guides and maps that give information on good motorcycle roads.

We have Destination Highway guides for BC, Washington State, and Northern California. Each guide rates select roads for twistiness, pavement, remoteness, scenery & character. They contain comprehensive road descriptions, full colour maps & a host of service information for everything a rider needs. Along with each guide we have the waterproof 100% synthetic fold-up companion map saves wear & tear on your book, speeds route planning & eases on-the-road navigation by giving you the "big picture" which neither the book nor GPS can

We also have a set of Butler Motorcycle Maps, which are developed for real motorcycle travel and are printed on highly durable and waterproof paper. The easy-to-read rating system indicates the most dramatic and scenic stretches of road and it is accompanied by detailed inset boxes, written descriptions, elevation profiles and more. The set includes maps for: Alaska, Rocky Mountain States, Utah, New Mexico, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, Northern California, Southern California, Oregon, and Arizona.

If you would like to borrow one of the guides or maps to plan and later take with you on your trip, please give Bob Leitch a call at **(250) 656-6694**.



Asia Bike Tours feature Bhutan and Tibet

list? Single-day tours, self-guided tours, chartered group tours and tours that require you to use your own bike.

Keep in mind that prices may not be directly comparable. Some companies include things like the motorcycle rental, meals, tolls, fuel, excursions and even drinks with dinner, others don't. There may be a surcharge for a single rider in his or her own hotel room (as opposed to sharing a room), and the charge for a passenger can vary from company to company. Also pay attention to the currency in which a tour is priced. Exchange rates can fluctuate, so your final cost can depend on when you pay for the tour.

Before you book, make sure you know how much insurance coverage you're required to have or pay for. Some operators will put a multi-thousand dollar charge on your credit card to cover possible damage, which is refunded after the tour. Make sure your personal medical insurance covers motorcycle riding, and it's a good idea to have supplemental insurance that covers repatriation, medical costs, trip cancellation and personal liability.

Finally, make sure your passport has at least six months left on it—from the date of travel, not when you book! Check with the tour operator to see if you need a visa or an international driver's license

(available at your local BCAA). Oh, one more thing—have fun!

Adriatic Moto Tours

Base: Slovenia

Tours Include: Romania to Istanbul Adventure, Greece Tour, Alps Adriatic Adventure, Sicily Tour, Czech Hungary Tour, Grand European Tour (and more)

Accommodations: Comfortable hotels, usually 4-star

Length of Tours: 9-18 days

Rental Options: BMW, Ducati Multistrada, Suzuki V-Strom, Honda Africa Twin, Harley-Davidson Road King and SuperLow

Equipment: Support vehicle

Dates: May-October

Typical Cost: 9-day Adriatic Riviera Tour, approx. \$3,000US

Age/Experience Limits: Motorcycle license, touring experience required

Web: adriaticmototours.com

Adriatic Moto Tours has been in business for 13 years in the heart of southeastern Europe, and from its base in Slovenia has tours that fan out over Europe and into Turkey, offering new experiences for even the most jaded moto-traveler.

Asia Bike Tours

Base: New Delhi, India, and Vienna, Austria

Tours Include: Bhutan, Myanmar, China, India, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Thailand, Tibet, Vietnam

Accommodations: Comfortable middle-class hotels, guesthouses, houseboats, tent camps

Length of Tours: 9-24 days

Rental Options: Royal Enfield Bullet, Yamaha YBR250 & XT600E, Honda CRF250

Equipment: Support vehicle

Dates: Year-round

Typical Cost: 13-day Tibet: Lhasa to Mt. Everest on Yamaha YBR250, \$3,900US

Age/Experience Limits: Varies by tour

Web: asiabiketours.com

Asia Bike Tours started in 1997, and has a team of locally based guides that provide plenty of local knowledge for its tours. Motorcycles available for rent vary based on location, and riding difficulty also varies with the tour.

Ayres Adventures

Base: Plano, Texas

Tours Include: Heart of Africa, Southern Cross, Japan, Russia, Iceland Adventure, Dramatic Dolomites, Australia, Empire of the Incas (and more)

Accommodations: Comfortable middle-class hotels on Club Class tours, 4- and 5-star hotels on Premium Class tours

Length of Tours: 7-69 days

Rental Options: BMW motorcycles

Equipment: Support vehicle and



Tour South Africa with Beach's

trailer

Dates: Year-round

Typical Cost: 14-day Empire of the Incas, \$8,500US

Age/Experience Limits: Motorcycle license and touring experience required; for off-road adventures, off-road training or experience required

Web: ayresadventures.com

Ayres Adventures offers tours on every continent. It will even take you to Antarctica and the North Pole (although not on a bike). For 2017, Ayres has teamed up with RawHyde Adventures to offer new Off-Road Discovery Tours, in addition to Premium and Club Class tours.

Beach's Motorcycle Adventures

Base: Grand Island, New York

Tours Include: Maori Meander, South African Saunter, Sicilian Sojourn, Alpine Sampler, Adriatic Ambler, Transylvania Trek (and more)

Accommodations: 3-5 star quality hotels

Length of Tours: 8-15 days

Rental Options: BMW motorcycles

Equipment: Support vehicle

Dates: April-October

Typical Cost: 15-day Italian Idyll, approx. \$7,905US

Age/Experience Limits: Motorcycle license required, minimum age on

Alps tours is 18

Web: bmca.com

The Beach team offers European, New Zealand and South African motorcycle and sports car tours. Beach's slogan: We don't go everywhere, but everywhere we go we travel in style.

Clutch Moto Tours

Base: Ljubljana-Slovenia, Split-Croatia

Tours Include: The 7 Countries of Yugoslavia, Black Sea Coast, Royal Capitals of Central Europe, Iran Tour

Tuscany Sardenia Corsica, Adriatic to Alps Tour (and more)

Accommodations: 4 and 5 stars hotels, Chateau Luxury Hotels, best in the area

Length of tours: 8 – 26 days

Rental Options: BMW and Harley Davidson Motorcycles

Equipment: Support vehicle and trailer

Dates: March – October

Typical Cost: 8-days Venice to Dubrovnik Tour, \$5300US

Age/Experience Limits: Motorcycle license, 5,000 miles touring experience and 21+ age required

Web: clutchmototours.com

Luxury fully supported BMW motorcycle tours in Europe, the Black Sea Coast and Iran. We offer first class service with attention

to detail, knowledge and style; all-inclusive tour packages, a la carte gourmet meals in best local restaurants, guaranteed departures, maximum 8 bikes in the group, 2 guides on a motorcycle when 7 or 8 bikes booked. We go all the way!

Compass Expeditions

Base: Victoria, Australia

Tours Include: Kyrgyzstan Explorer, Patagonia Explorer, Sydney to the Outback, Complete Cambodia, Atacama to Machu Picchu, Explore Peru With Charley Boorman (and more)

Accommodations: Hotels when possible, some yurts and in-home stays in remote regions

Length of Tours: 5-108 days

Rental Options: BMW motorcycles, Suzuki DR650 (Australia)

Equipment: Support vehicle

Dates: Year-round

Typical Cost: 13-day Complete Cambodia, \$4,300US

Age/Experience Limits: Motorcycle license required, 2 years riding experience recommended, some off-road experience helpful

Web: compassexpeditions.com

The secret of enjoying yourself on tour, according to Compass Expeditions, is this: "A flexible attitude is required, as service may not be what you are accustomed to." Stay flexible and have fun! Each tour is graded for degree of



Edelweiss has a long tradition of touring

difficulty, from 1 to 5.

EagleRider

Base: Los Angeles, California

Tours Include: Australia's Far North, Canada and Yellowstone, Baja California

Accommodations: Motorcycle-friendly hotels

Length of Tours: 6-16 days

Rental Options: BMW, Harley-Davidson, Indian, Honda, Triumph, Can-Am

Equipment: Support vehicle

Dates: Year-round

Typical Cost: 16-day Baja California Tour, \$6,978US

Age/Experience Limits: Motorcycle license required, minimum age of 21

Web: eaglerider.com

EagleRider is one of the biggest names in the bike rental business, and the company expanded into tours years ago. Now it offers a select list of international tours in Australia, Canada and Mexico.

Edelweiss Bike Travel

Base: Meiming, Austria

Tours Include: St. James Way, Adventure Sikkam and Bhutan, Southern Spain Extreme, Eastern European Delights, South Africa Tour (and more)

Accommodations: Varies by tour; usually carefully selected middle-

class hotels

Length of Tours: 7-80 days

Rental Options: Varies with tour; may include BMW, Ducati, Harley-Davidson, Triumph, scooter or electric motorcycle

Equipment: Support vehicle

Dates: Year-round

Typical Cost: 15-day Morocco Tour, \$5,540US

Age/Experience Limits: Minimum of 5,000 miles of riding experience, minimum passenger age 12

Web: edelweissbike.com

Thirty-seven years in business, more than 34,000 motorcyclists—no questioning those numbers. The most experienced motorcycle tour company on the planet offers tours all over the planet.

Ecuador Freedom

Base: Quito, Ecuador

Tours Include: Off-Road Ecuador; Cloudforests, Coast & Craters; Andes, Amazon & Pacific Coast; Tierra Inca (and more)

Accommodations: 3-4 star hotels, B&Bs, bungalows and cabins

Length of Tours: 4-12 days

Rental Options: KTM 1050 Adventure, Suzuki V-Strom 650 and 1000, BMW G 650 GS, F 700 GS and F 800 GS, Triumph Tiger 800, Kawasaki KLR650

Equipment: Support vehicle

Dates: Year-round

Typical Cost: 9-day Andes, Amazon and Pacific Coast on BMW F 800 GS, \$5,280US

Age/Experience Limits: Riding experience required, varies with tour

Web: freedombikerental.com

Ecuador Freedom would love to show you why some of the best riding is in Ecuador. From its base in Quito, at any time of year, Ecuador Freedom can show you newly paved roads, beautiful scenery and the diverse cultures and altitudes that make Ecuador a motorcyclist's paradise.

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**PLEASE EMAIL kkcastingassistant@gmail.com with a current
picture / relevant experience to schedule a time !**



BMW Riders Vancouver Island Club 2017 Event Schedule

Date	Event	Location
Sunday, April 2, 2017	Monthly Gathering	The Surly Mermaid
Saturday, April 22, 2017	Cow Bay Run	Cow Café in Cow Bay
TBD May 2017	Annual BCCOM MLA Ride	Victoria
Saturday, May 6, 2017	Monthly Gathering	Olympic View Golf Course
Wednesday May 17, 2017	BMW Demo Ride	Island BMW
Sunday, May 21, 2017	Monthly Gathering	Saltair Pub / Ladysmith
Thursday - Monday, May 25 - 29 May 2017	49er Rally	Mariposa, California
Sunday, May 28, 2017	Vancouver Ride to Live	Trev Deeley Vancouver
Sunday, June 4, 2017	Monthly Gathering	Shady Rest Pub, Qualicum Beach
Saturday, June 17, 2017	Up Island Event	TBD
Friday - Sunday, June 23 - 25, 2017	Chief Joseph Rally	John Day, Oregon
Saturday, July 1, 2017	Monthly Gathering	Saltspring Island
Thursday - Saturday, July 6 - 8, 2017	BMW RA National Rally	Petoskey, Michigan
Sunday, July 16, 2017	Ride to Brunch	BW Prestige Oceanfront, Sooke
Thursday - Sunday, July 13 - 16, 2017	BMWMOA National Rally	Salt Lake City, Utah
Thursday - Sunday, July 20 - 23, 2017	Cascade Country Rendezvous	Republic, Washington
Saturday, August 5, 2017	Monthly Gathering	Pioneer House Duncan
TBD August 2017	Victoria Classic Motorcycle Show	Western Speedway
Thursday - Sunday, August 10 - 13, 2017	43rd Stanley Stomp Rally	Grandjean, Idaho
Thursday - Sunday, August 17 - 20, 2017	Hotsprings Rally	Nakusp, BC
Sunday, August 27, 2017	Club BBQ	Chez Conrad