



ROUTE ONE · SELF-GUIDED · 7 DAYS

Cape2Karoo. Wilderness to forest.

Seven days, seven completely different landscapes — from the Baviaanskloof wilderness and the deep Karoo interior, over the Swartberg Pass — with the option of the descent into Gamkaskloof, “Die Hel” — to the ancient forests of the Garden Route and the Tsitsikamma coastline. On a fully prepared KTM 790 Adventure.

7 DAYS	~1,300 km TOTAL DISTANCE	~70% GRAVEL	5–7 hrs DAILY RIDING	4 MAX RIDERS
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INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- KTM 790 Adventure — fully prepared, 7 days
- Garmin zūmo XT2 GPS — full route, waypoints & fuel stops pre-loaded
- 60-litre soft pannier system — three 20-litre compartments
- 6 nights handpicked accommodation — farms & lodges, breakfast included
- Pre-departure route briefing & bike familiarisation
- Standby KTM 790 and recovery vehicle on call 24/7 — dispatched to you on breakdown
- 24/7 phone & WhatsApp support
- Secure luggage storage at base
- Tyre repair kit on every bike

RIDER'S OWN ACCOUNT

- Dinners, lunches and drinks
- Fuel for the full route
- Riding gear and helmet
- Travel & medical insurance (incl. motorcycle cover — required)

PRICING — PER RIDER, 7 DAYS

4 riders	€2,950
3 riders	€3,100
2 riders	€3,250
Solo rider	€3,450

30% deposit secures your dates. Balance due 60 days before departure.
Tours run year round on a fortnightly schedule — best riding window October to April.

THE MACHINE

KTM 790 Adventure — 799cc parallel twin, 95 hp, 203 kg, ~400 km tank range, WP Apex suspension, 21/18" wheels. The benchmark mid-weight adventure bike: light enough for technical gravel, powerful enough for the Karoo.

WHO THIS IS FOR

Experienced riders comfortable on unpaved roads — around 70% of the route is gravel. Valid motorcycle licence required; IDP strongly recommended for non-South African riders. Full protective gear is mandatory.

01 St Francis Bay → East Baviaanskloof

North via Humansdorp and the Gamtoos Valley to Patensie. Gravel farm roads climb through Hankey Pass, Grootrivier Poort and Combrink's Mountain Pass into the Kouga mountains. Enter the Baviaanskloof at its eastern gate — the wilderness closes in immediately.

~163 KM · ~4-5 HRS · 70% GRAVEL · OVERNIGHT: EAST BAVIAANSKLOOF

02 The Full Baviaanskloof

The complete R332 traverse — one of Africa's great wilderness corridors. Holgat, Langkop, Grasnek and Nuwekloof passes in succession. Forty-plus river crossings, towering cliff walls and total isolation across 178 km of 100% gravel. Fuel at Kleinpoort (shop hours only).

~178 KM · ~6-8 HRS · 100% GRAVEL · OVERNIGHT: WILLOWMORE AREA

03 Deep Karoo — Willowmore to Prince Albert

North through Steytlerville into the remote Karoo interior, threading through Rietbron and across the high plateau to Prince Albert. Few riders take this line. Almost nobody lives here. This is the real Karoo.

~225 KM · ~6-7 HRS · 75% GRAVEL · OVERNIGHT: PRINCE ALBERT

04 Prince Albert → Calitzdorp

South from Prince Albert over the Swartberg Pass — Thomas Bain's 1888 masterpiece, one of the great gravel passes of the world. Near the summit, riders who are up for it can take the optional turn-off into Gamkaskloof, "Die Hel": a 37 km dead-end track of steep gradients, tight hairpins and rocky sections, 2-3 hours each way into one of South Africa's most isolated valleys. Take it on, and this becomes the biggest riding day of the tour. Dropping out of the mountains, Coetzee's Poort delivers you into the valley at Calitzdorp — South Africa's port wine capital.

~170 KM · ~3-4 HRS · 60% GRAVEL · OPTIONAL DIE HEL: ADDS 4-6 HRS · 80% GRAVEL · OVERNIGHT: CALITZDORP AREA

05 Calitzdorp → Garden Route Forests

South over Leopoot Pass to George, then east along the legendary Seven Passes Road through ancient indigenous forest — towering Outeniqua yellowwoods, the Karatara waterfall and dappled canopy light. After four days of semi-arid Karoo, this green world is a revelation.

~175 KM · ~5-6 HRS · 55% GRAVEL · OVERNIGHT: GARDEN ROUTE FOREST AREA

06 Prince Alfred's Pass to the Tsitsikamma

Gouna River Pass and Phantom Pass from the forest floor, then 87 km of gravel on Prince Alfred's Pass — the longest mountain pass in South Africa. Through the Langkloof at Avontuur and De Vlucht, over Brakkloof Pass to the coast, past the Paul Sauer Bridge at Storms River and east through the Tsitsikamma. The biggest day of the tour.

~250 KM · ~7-8 HRS · 65% GRAVEL · OVERNIGHT: KOUGA / TSITSIKAMMA

07 Tsitsikamma → St Francis Bay

The final morning. Gravel roads through the Kouga mountains and valley back toward the coast. A shorter day to absorb the last of it — bike handover at St Francis Bay and the quiet satisfaction of a route ridden properly.

~143 KM · HALF DAY · 55% GRAVEL · FINISH: ST FRANCIS BAY

Gravel passes and remote sections are affected by weather and road works — where a section is closed or unsafe, we substitute equivalent riding of the same character and brief you fully on the confirmed route before departure.