

RIDE NEW ZEALAND ON YOUR OWN BIKE

3rd – 25th FEBRUARY 2019

After the great success of this year's trip to New Zealand, we are doing it again in 2019, primarily to enable riders to attend the **Burt Munro Challenge** around Invercargill. This will be held from the 7th-10th of February. **Vince Burrell on his Guzzi race bike, which is sponsored by TLM Australia and Le Parqueteur will be one of the competitors.** For those who may be interested, a round of the 'BEARS' will be held close to Christchurch at the Ruapuna Motor Racing Circuit on the 23rd and 24th of February. This should be an excellent way to end your tour on a high.

The biggest change for the 2019 tour is that the bikes will be shipped in and out of Christchurch and we'll fly in and out of **Christchurch**, leaving Melbourne on the 3/2/19 and returning on the 25/2/19.

One container of 24 individually crated bikes will be shipped just as we did on previous trips (Mandello 95th ANNI Tour and New Zealand). You can leave your riding gear on the bike in a plastic bag or panniers, clearly labelled with your personal and bike details.

NOTE: IF YOU INTEND CAMPING PLEASE BE AWARE THAT DUE TO NEW ZEALAND QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS NO CAMPING GEAR IS ALLOWED IN THE CONTAINER. YOU MUST CARRY THIS ON THE PLANE!

When: It takes at least one week to ship the bikes from Melbourne to Christchurch. You'll have to drop off your crated bike on a date yet to be established. You can expect the bikes to be available for collection back in Melbourne several weeks after crating up in Christchurch as they may not ship out immediately.

Quarantine: The NZ authorities are far more stringent and unforgiving than in Australia or Europe. All bikes must be cleaned **thoroughly** before crating as failure to do so, will almost certainly result in greater expense, delays and inconvenience to individuals and the group. Bio Security are particularly looking for soil, seeds, insects, fruit or vegetation. Be thorough!

Importation Details: Overall, it's almost the same set up as Europe. New Zealand usually requires a 'Carnet de Passage' to allow the temporary importation and use of foreign registered vehicles. However, this year we were able to avoid the expense of a Carnet De Passage (approx. \$1000) by paying a security bond equivalent to the 15% GST levied on the declared value of your bike, which will also require a 'Warrant of Fitness' (roughly equivalent to our Roadworthy Certificate) and temporary NZ tourist registration. This will be done by a local NZ Roads office in Christchurch. The 15% bond will be refunded after confirmation the bike has left NZ and arrived back in Australia. And yes, as we have discovered this year they will certainly take their time to transfer the money back into our account!

NOTE: Your bike must be COMPLETELY roadworthy. Several of the bikes that went to Europe would not have passed the inspection for a Warrant of Fitness (WOF) and one bike that went to NZ this year failed the WOF due to unroadworthy tyres which resulted in delays,

compromises and expense for the owner. Be warned! The roads are more abrasive than Tasmania. You WILL require new or as new tyres fitted before shipping or be prepared for the inevitable delay or expense involved if you fail to meet this requirement.

Approximate costs involved: NZ \$35.00 for the WOF & NZ \$47.00 for 6 months tourist registration. (This year we believe they may have made a mistake and only charged us \$15.30 for the tourist registration!)

NOTE: NZ has a universal accident insurance scheme that covers citizens and tourists. Therefore no 'Green Card' Insurance or Compulsory Third-Party Insurance is required.

Travel Insurance: You will need to arrange and pay for this to suit your individual requirements.

Motorcycle Insurance: Several riders this year were able to arrange good, reasonably affordable comprehensive insurance from NZ companies on their bikes while in NZ. We will ask them to forward their recommendations and experiences for all to view. Stay tuned.

Bookings: The sooner you book the better your chance to get a spot in the container. The full amount needs to be paid within five working days of your place being confirmed. This year we were notified of three cancellations too late for any backup candidates to be found and accredited.

Therefore, **NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED!**

Should you be unable to go for any reason, it is **100% your responsibility** to find another suitable candidate not later than eight weeks before loading of the container to fill your place and arrange payment to you for that. **We will not get involved.** There will also be an administration charge of **\$100** for Teo to alter and resubmit the mountain of paperwork required to alter the shipping manifesto, Customs forms and other Government requirements, temporary import and export documentation etc., to enable this to happen.

Prices: So, what will it cost? The round trip for your bike will cost you **\$1050**, crate and customs clearance included. Currency fluctuations and other variables may alter this. The 15% GST refundable bond on the declared value of your bike will also need to be paid by you.

Please Note:

- This year we lost nearly 4.5% of the GST bond refunded to us due to exchange rate variations and foreign currency transaction fees levied by the financial institutions. Keep your declared valuations as realistically (but NOT stupidly) low as possible.
- **Warrant of Fitness** and **Temporary Registration** costs are extra and will need to be paid on the day. Currently approximately **NZ\$82**.

*****Payment can be direct deposited into my account after you have received confirmation of your place.**

Airfares: A 'Group Excursion Fare' with generous baggage, cancellation and alteration clauses is available through Flight Centre. Price yet to be established and confirmed.

Please advise when booking if you wish to take up this offer. You are of course completely free to make your own flight arrangements. Just remember we will all need to meet in Christchurch and at the same time and place to un-crate & then recreate the bikes.

Accommodation around Invercargill: Accommodation is always very heavily booked for the event. We strongly advise you to start looking now, the sooner the better! Several options are available, like the big camp site with music, food etc. on the festival premises. This year, accommodation (along the West Coast in particular) following the event was expensive and in short supply. Chinese New Year brings tens of thousands of Chinese to NZ for weddings and honeymoons. Plan your itinerary and book as soon as you're able.

Itinerary: Once we have filled all available places in the container, we'll sit down together and discuss the possibilities and suggestions to make the most of our time in NZ, taking in as many scenic and motorcycling attractions as possible along the way to and from Invercargill.

Don't hesitate, contact Teo now on

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We look forward to you joining us on this exciting tour.

Regards

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