



Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Holidays: Information Package

In order to help you prepare for your holiday we have provided you with some information you may find useful, which we encourage you to read before your holiday begins. The enclosed information is intended to be used as a rough guideline to help you better prepare for a fantastic Rocky Mountain luxury adventure. By no means should you feel limited or confined to the amount of personal items you chose to pack. If you're in any doubt, bring it along.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to let us know. We are always available to help make your holiday a success. We look forward to seeing you and helping you enjoy your motorcycle adventure.

Thank you very much for choosing to ride with us,

Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Holidays Ltd.

HOW TO GET READY

Getting into Canada:

All guests except Canadian residents are required to have a current passport. Visas are not required for UK and US residents to enter Canada. If you are a resident of another country please contact your local Embassy.

Getting into the USA:

By air: All Canadian, U.S. and British/E.E.C. citizens require a valid passport and must not have a criminal record.

By Land: All Canadian, U.S. and British/E.E.C. citizens require a valid passport and no criminal record. All British/E.E.C. passport holders will be required to obtain a I-94W Land Entry Visa from U.S. Immigration at the point of entry. There will be a \$6.00 US cash-only processing fee at the U.S. border.

Driving Licence:

In Canada and the USA an International Driving Permit is not required. Your current motorcycle licence from your home country is sufficient – please make sure you keep it with you when riding.

Insurance:

Our motorcycles are fully insured for Third Party Liability up to \$5 million and collision (with a \$3000.00 deductible). You are responsible for the bike you are riding at any given time.

Medical Requirements:

We are rarely more than a couple of hours away from excellent medical facilities. If you are from outside Canada, please be sure to obtain travel insurance for your time in Canada or the U.S. (we suggest this includes medical coverage for adventure holidays and trip cancellation insurance). For information on obtaining suitable insurance contact Shelley Patrick of Personal Travel Management at shelley@ptm.cc

Your guides have received First-Aid training, and the chase vehicle is equipped with a satellite phone, OnStar and an emergency First-Aid kit. **Please let the guides know if you have a medical condition that would require special procedures in case of emergency**, (for example certain allergies to medications or diabetes). If you are taking medication, we suggest you have your prescription filled for the duration of your holiday at the very least; as foreign prescriptions may not be honoured in North American pharmacies.

Drugs and Alcohol:

The use of drugs or alcohol before or during the days ride is strictly forbidden! Once your bike is parked, there are plenty of opportunities to 'tip a few'. Alcohol is not included in your holiday price. All the places we stay can serve you most types of beverages. Prices vary, but a good beer, glass of wine or a mixed drink is about \$6.00.

Currency:

We operate on the Canadian Dollar (*\$CAD*). US dollars (*\$USD*) are also accepted in many places but the exchange rates offered are not as good as the bank will offer. Prices quoted on just about every product and service is before tax.

Where to get Canadian Dollars:

- There are exchange centres at Vancouver Airport, in Whistler and at most of the hotels (rates at these places will not be the best). Most banks are open from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. during the week, slightly later on Friday
- Canadian Bank Machines will accept American and British bank cards if they carry the Cirrus, Plus or Interac symbol
- Credit cards (Visa, MasterCard and American Express) can be used almost anywhere in Canada & the U.S. and the credit card companies offer some of the best exchange rates.

Voltage:

Canada and USA operate on 110-V, 60-cycle electric power. Plugs are 2-pin or 3-pin (for added ground) and most sockets accept both. You should bring a convertor/adaptor if you wish to use your own small appliances.

Telephone:

Rates are free for local use but rather high for long distance; from public phones the basic rate of a call is generally 25 cents for a local connection. Hotel rates are expensive and you can get stuck with a rather nasty bill. If you want to call home throughout your stay, we suggest buying a pre-paid calling card, available in \$10 - \$100 denominations, allowing you to make long-distance and international calls for a cheaper rate. There are a number of different carriers and they are available from pharmacies, supermarkets and petrol stations. Check whether it can be used for Canada only, across North America or internationally as well. Both GSM and US cell phones will work here, but roaming charges are high. Cell service in rural areas can be patchy if available at all.

Gasoline:

Our motorcycles require premium fuel. Fuel is not included in your holiday price – budget around \$20.00 Canadian per day. Gas stations are available quite readily along the various routes. We will let you know in advance if there's a particular stop you should make, and we always carry spare fuel in the chase vehicle in the event of someone running dry.

Meals on 'Off Days':

All meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) are included in your holiday price, except meals on 'off days' (the second day that we stay in one location). Although you are responsible for paying for your own meals on these days, eating together as a group is welcome and encouraged by the guides. If you would like to spend some time on your own, the guides are happy to make recommendations and reservations for you.

Tipping:

Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Holidays takes care of tipping our meal servers for food, but we do not tip on our guests' alcohol bill – that's up to your discretion. Tipping in Canada is around 15% and 20% for excellent service.

Wildlife:

There is an abundance of wildlife to be viewed while on your holiday. Please respect and be mindful of any wildlife you encounter and just remember they are WILD!

SAFETY FIRST – RIDE AT YOUR OWN PACE!

The following is a list of several safety tips that you have probably heard before but are always useful to be reminded of. Also, below are several things to remember when riding with a group and the guide.

- 1. Wildlife:** In the case of deer, elk, moose, etc..., if you see one, chances are very good that others are nearby waiting to jump out in front of you! Slow right down and keep an eye out on the ditch.
 - If you are going to stop to view wildlife, move to the shoulder of the road. Watch for other drivers who are probably looking at the wildlife and not you. Do not follow or chase wildlife off the roadway
 - Bears – they seem cute and friendly but DO NOT APPROACH OR FEED THEM. If a bear is on the road while you are riding keep your distance and beep your horn if the bear moves towards you
- 2. Fallen Rock, Road Debris:** Due to the fact that we are often traveling on less frequently used mountain roads, debris such as rocks and branches are common. Keep your eyes open for such hazards and notify others riding in the group using hand signals. Never assume the road ahead is clear.
- 3. Weather Changes:** The weather can change quickly, especially on mountain passes. If you sense a change for the worse, pull over and prepare yourself for the rain, both physically (rain gear) and mentally (slow down). Be extra careful with traction just after the start of a rainfall. It's always good to keep an extra layer for warmth in the bike's luggage, just in case.
- 4. Speed:** Keep an eye on posted speed limits and road signs. Our roads are well marked and these signs will give you an idea of what's ahead. We do not encourage speeding, so take it easy and enjoy the view, you will live longer!
- 5. Your Guide:** Our guides have ridden these roads many times. We will often use hand signals to point out hazards, and points of interest. While at a stop we will also try to let you know what is ahead. If you have a question or need help, don't be shy, let us know.
- 6. Group Riding:** Although we ask on the first day for everyone to ride as a group, after that it's up to you whether you want to stick with the pack or explore on your own – which you are very welcome to do. While riding in a group is good fun and helps motorists see you, riding too close together is dangerous. We recommend that you observe a five second space between you and the rider in front of you. It is also a good idea to relay information using hand signals to those riding behind you. When riding in a group, do not simply follow the leader. Conditions change quickly and what was safe for the person in front of you may not be safe for you. Be sure to think for yourself!
- 7. Showing-off and Hooliganism:** This type of behavior will not be tolerated. Showing-off means you are not only risking your own safety, but the safety of those around you. An accident resulting from showing-off or hooliganism will result in your expulsion from the holiday. This is not a place to practice stunts or impress others with your skills.

Requirements and Procedures:

Mountain riding can present many different riding conditions. **This is not a holiday for novice riders or a venue to learn how to properly operate a motorcycle!**

It is important that guests considering one of our motorcycle holidays are in reasonable physical condition and are accustomed to spending several hours in the seat of a motorcycle. **We take the safety of our guests very seriously.** Be prepared for temperatures between 10°C and 35°C. We recommend that both riders and passengers bring good warm clothing and rain gear. Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Holidays has some riding equipment available, let us know in advance and we will try to make the necessary arrangements.

Due to the nature of the sport of motorcycling, Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Holidays takes the following requirements very seriously:

- All riders must have a valid motorcycle drivers license
- A minimum of two years & 10,000km riding experience is required.
- Both riders and passengers must wear a DOT approved helmet and protective eyewear at all times on the motorcycle.
- Riding gloves and proper footwear are required.
- All riders must be at least 21 years old.
- The use of drugs and/or alcohol is strictly forbidden while riding.
- All riders must be comfortable riding in a variety of weather & road conditions including rain, twisty mountain roads, switchbacks and the possibility of gravel or debris on the road.
- All riders must be comfortable operating a large displacement modern motorcycle
- Riders with passengers must have prior experience riding in the above mentioned conditions with a passenger aboard.
- All riders must consistently ride within their own skill and comfort levels

All guests must sign a Liability Waiver before taking the holiday

Cancellations & Refunds

All cancellations must be followed up in writing either by fax, mail or email (at info@rockymtnmoto.com). Cancellations received more than 60 days before departure will be refunded less a \$200.00 per person cancellation fee.

Between 30 and 60 days before departure, holiday cost will be refunded less the deposit. Holidays canceled less than 30 days before departure are not refundable. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

We are enthusiasts, who like you, believe there is no better way to immerse yourself in the local scenery and culture than from seat of a motorcycle.

We know Western Canada extremely well and are therefore well qualified to answer your questions. Please do not hesitate to ask us anything on your mind. It is one of the keys to making your holiday a profound success.

Included in the price of your holiday:

- All upscale accommodation, including first & last nights stay.
- All meals (except off-days), NEVER a set menu, order what you want!
- Motorcycle rental and insurance, bikes are washed & maintained routinely.
- Chase vehicle for luggage, spare bikes and weary passengers.
- Top notch and experienced guided service.
- Transfers from hotel or airport and return.
- Holiday handbooks complete with maps and activity information.
- Entrance fees to National Parks.
- Fares for ferries and scheduled activities.
- Snacks & refreshments at scheduled stops.
- Rain-suits (just to keep the sun shining)

NOT included in the price of your holiday:

- Fuel not included for your motorcycle (approx. \$20/day CAD).
- Alcoholic beverages not included with meals.
- Meals not included on off days.
- Airfare is not included in the tour price.
- Non-scheduled activities on off-days
- Personal travel/medical insurance

The RMMH Philosophy:

More than a luxurious motorcycle adventure, *Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Holidays* is an immersive touring experience featuring the most scenic routes of Western Canada & the U.S. We believe the beauty of the Rockies and its spectacular roadways are best absorbed from the saddle of a motorbike while riding at your own pace.

We supply a wide range of performance touring bikes to choose from, offer luxurious accommodations & fine dining establishments, include a well-appointed chase vehicle which carries your luggage, and provide experienced guides who cater to your every need. We also encourage our guests to enjoy the freedom of swapping bikes with each other and guides; a truly inclusive motorcycle vacation package.

Our philosophy is "our roads done your way - just lean back and enjoy the ride; we'll take care of everything else".

If you have any questions or concerns, just ask us at info@rockymtnmoto.com

CHECKLIST – ESSENTIALS TO PACK

For the Ride:

- Helmet with clear visor
- Extra tinted helmet visor for sunny days (optional)
- Riding gloves - cold weather / waterproof
- Riding gloves – spring / summer glove
- Riding boots
- Riding jacket
- Riding pants
- Rainsuit (Triumph one-piece rainsuits are available if you prefer)
- Warm layers (e.g. fleece vest, fleece long-sleeve, thermal underwear, etc.)
- Warm socks (cotton not recommended)
- Neckwarmer
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Chapstick
- Camera (extra batteries and film or memory card)

After the Ride:

- Casual evening clothes (jeans are OK for most dinners)
- Shorts / T Shirts (many of the hotels we stay at offer fitness facilities)
- Swimsuit
- Hiking boots and / or sport shoes
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sandals / Flip Flops
- Light evening jacket
- Sweaters for cooler evenings

Don't Leave Home Without:

- Passport
- Motorcycle Driver's Licence
- Credit Card(s) / Debit Card
- Cash or Travellers' Cheques
- Airline Tickets
- Itinerary from Rocky Mountain
- Appropriate travel medical insurance (make sure your policy covers 'adventure holidays')
- Toiletries / Pharmaceuticals / Medications

Miscellaneous / Optional:

- Bug Repellant
- Allergy Medication
- Books / Magazines
- Cell Phone / Charger (with adapter)
- MP3 Player
- Hair Dryer (most hotel rooms come equipped however we cannot guarantee for every night's stay)

This is just a guideline – there are many other items not on this list. Please don't feel restricted in your luggage, as we have lots of room in the chase vehicle and big strong lads to do the heavy lifting!