

IFMR International Ride

November 2017

IFMR Australia is presenting the **Australian International Ride 2017** for our International IFMR members to experience some of Australia's great scenery and culture.

This is proposed approximately 2 years in advance to ensure all members can program this time away.

The 1st of November has been selected due to the warmer weather in the spring time. It should be mild to warm, but with the possibility of a little rain.

The 14 day ride will be from Sydney to Adelaide through Central Australia and back to Sydney via Melbourne and along the East Coast. The ride starts and ends on a Wednesday to allow flights to and from your countries of origin. This allows 1 or 2 days in Sydney at the beginning of and at the end of the trip to recover from jetlag and collect/return the motorcycles. The recommended minimum time in Australia will be 20 days.

There is the option for people to ride other routes from Sydney if they wish. Trips north to Brisbane, or south to Tasmania are also options, but these are not planned as a part of this ride.

The organising committee are currently in discussions with a company which will provide a package for the accommodation and the motorcycle hire. This will be available approximately 1 year from the ride. Most accommodation providers in Australia only book 1 year in advance. We would hope to be able to give an approximate cost before 30 September 2016.

The times indicated in the itinerary below are actual riding time, and does not include lunch breaks or petrol stops. Consider that 30 or 40 motorcycles stopping to fill with petrol will take some time, and that some of the smaller towns may only have 1 or 2 petrol stations. Some may only have 1 or 2 food shops or hotels for meals. We found on our Australian Big Ride that the average lunch break was 2.5 hours, allowing plenty of time for food, stretching and fellowship.

Please read the newsletter story about the 2015 Big Ride on the web-site.

<http://ifmraustralia.org/images/Newsletters/ifmrdec2015.pdf>

When you look at the planned route with the distance and time, remember that the National speed limit in Australia is 100 kph. The minimum distance to be ridden will be 4700 kilometres.

There are two day trips, one to Adelaide and one to Melbourne. These are free days, you can go on an organised ride, have a rest day or maybe wash some clothes.

We have organised a van and trailer so that we can transport some luggage and, if required, a motorcycle which may have broken down.

Please send an email to Claus Weber at engineeringclaus@bigpond.com.au to indicate your expression of interest in the Australian International Ride 2017.

Expressions of interest are requested by 30 June 2016.

Day	Route	Distance	Riding Time	Extras
1	Sydney-Bathurst-Orange	300km	4.0hr	Mt Panorama
2	Orange-West Wyalong-Hay	400km	5.0hr	Outback
3	Hay-Mildura-Broken Hill	580km	6.2hr	Outback
4	Broken Hill-Peterborough-Quorn	400km	4.5hr	Outback
5	Quorn-Blinman-Quorn	400km	4.0hr	Wilpena Pound
6	Quorn-Clare-Adelaide	340km	4.0hr	Clare Valley Wineries
7	<i>Adelaide</i>			Day trip or free day
8	Adelaide-Robe-Mount Gambier	450km	5.0hr	Seafood, Kingston/Robe
9	Mount Gambier-Warrnambool	200km	2.5hr	Maritime museum
10	Warrnambool-Great Ocean Road-Geelong	300km	5.0hr	Great Ocean Road
11	<i>Geelong (Melbourne)</i>			Day trip or free day
12	Geelong-Portsea-Sale	300km	5.0hr	Phillip Island
13	Sale-Bega	400km	5.0hr	Coast ride
14	Bega-Sydney	400km	5.5hr	Coast ride

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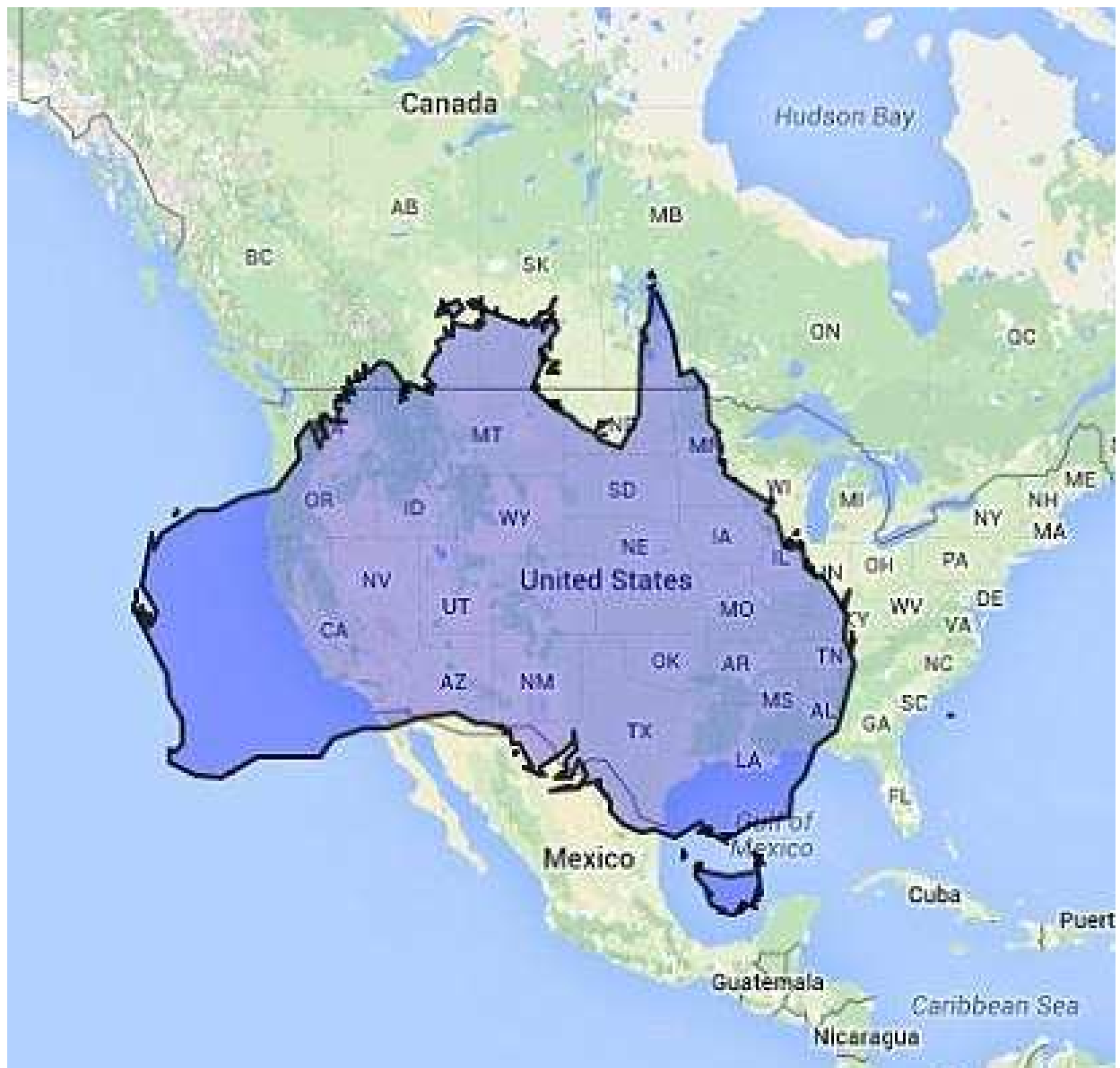
Website address

<http://ifmraustralia.org/>



Wilpena Pound, we will not ride on the dirt road

Comparison of Australia to USA:



Comparison of Australia to Europe:





This is a rough guide to the route that the Australian International Ride will follow. Please spend a little time and research the planned route. Google Street view may give you an idea of the scenery along the way.