

Motorcycle Journeys Through Europe

by Toby Ballentine

Europe is high on everyone's travel list. It has great roads, beautiful scenery, centuries of history, and is relatively safe. A potential stumbling block for some motorcyclists is the false perception that it costs too much and they don't know exactly where to go.

Toby Ballentine maintains in his *Motorcycle Journeys Through Europe* that you can rent a bike in Europe, put together your own itinerary, and stay relatively inexpensively the European way. From the Renaissance hilltop towns of Tuscany and the Italian Riviera to the Basque country of Spain, to the châteaux on the Loire in France, or to the Black Forest of Germany, you'll discover the real Europe that has existed for centuries.

While most travel guides focus on what to do and where to go in the cities, *Motorcycle Journeys Through Europe* leads you to the small towns and villages connected by interesting backroads through remote, scenic countryside. Each of the rides is based on a cultural or historical theme such as the running of the bulls in Spain, a D-Day tour in France, castles in the Loire River valley, and a Band of Brothers tour from France to Austria. All are illustrated with stunning full-color photographs. Detailed maps and full route descriptions are included as well as practical information on where to rent motorcycles, driving customs, money, camping, inexpensive accommodations, and where to sample regional cuisine.

Motorcycle Journeys Through Europe is a must-have book for anyone considering touring Europe by motorcycle. It is the perfect companion volume to John Hermann's popular *Motorcycle Journeys Through the Alps and Beyond, 4th Edition*.

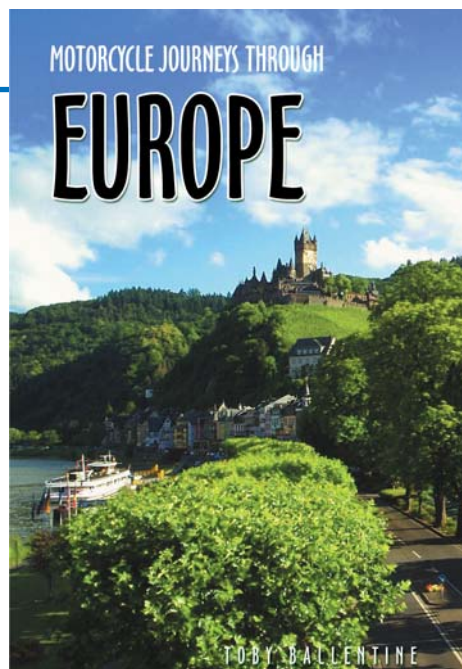
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The Author

Toby Ballentine has been touring Europe since he was a kid, first on summer trips with his schoolteacher dad and his history-buff mom, then on his own in college, where he met his Dutch wife. Subsequent trips to visit Dutch relatives often included excursions throughout Europe.

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Key Selling Points

- A detailed guide on how to tour Europe by motorcycle on a tight budget.
- Routes utilize interesting backroads through remote scenic countryside
- Each ride is centered on a particular cultural or historical theme

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