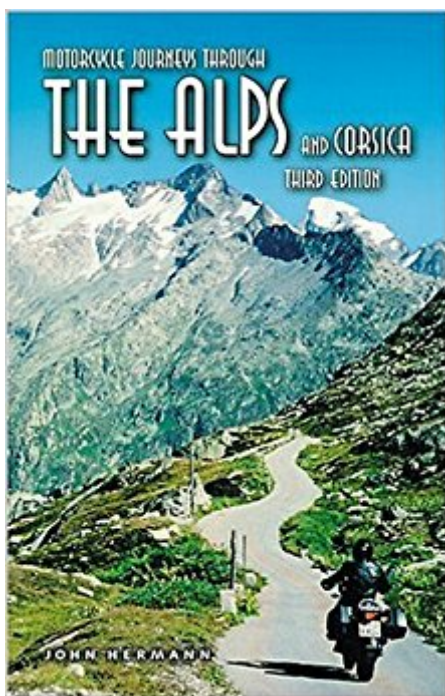


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Motorcycle Journeys Through The Alps And Corsica



Synopsis

This third edition of *Motorcycle Journeys Through the Alps and Corsica* is the *creme de la creme* of Alpine touring—now in full color. Maps, images, graphics, and witty and insightful text leave you no excuse at all not to buy this and go! Covering more area than any previous edition, author John Hermann, "King of the Alps," outlines 79 trips, including more great roads in southern France right down to the Mediterranean, and more great roads on the southern slopes of the Dolomites. This is the essential resource for anyone planning—or even considering—a European trip on two wheels. All of the important roads and passes are described and critiqued. Every region of the Alps is covered: Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Italy, France, and even special Alpine lookalike places such as Corsica and Slovenia. Each trip has a detailed route description, easy-to-follow maps, and unique photographs, all brought to life by Hermann's informed, witty narration. Local customs, history, and amusing travel anecdotes dot every page to enrich your journey.

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"A book for motorcycle riders that car enthusiasts can use. We found that what Hermann said was true--about the roads and about the towns and interesting places along the way. So here's a guide who can be trusted, and a guidebook for the enthusiast who has done his 155-mph sprint down the autobahn and now wants to follow the switchback stairways to the mountaintops . . . And for the drivers and riders alike, there's the "Alps Pass Bagging List" that includes 214 mountain passes--rated with stars--and where to find their routes in the book. Sure it might take a lifetime to

bag them all, but what a lifetime it would be." Autoweek -- Autoweek"For Anyone Planning, or just dreaming, of a first or nth ride in the Alps . . . Hermann's [2nd] edition is simply indispensable. And, if you're among the 2,500 who made the now sold out first edition one of Whitehorse Press's best sellers, you'll want [this 2nd edition] too." -- BMW Owners News"It's pretty simple, really. If you even dream of riding your motorcycle in the Alps, you need John Hermann's book. The first edition has become the bible for Alp pass-baggers, and this newest, expanded edition includes more roads and new destinations, like Slovenia and Corsica. "Hermann covers most of the known, and little-known, passes with a pleasant writing style and simple scoring system (two stars means a "must" ride). He includes invaluable information about local hotels, customs and motorcycle-specific information. He describes 68 individual day-trips (19 more than the first edition) that will make your mouth water and throttle hand twitch. It's a great guide and a good read." American Motorcyclist -- American Motorcyclist"We are writing to tell you how useful we found Motorcycle Journeys Through the Alps and Corsica when we were touring this summer. . . . At the beginning of last April we flew our two BMW R1100GS's to Heath Row, London for what was to be a four month adventure throughout Britain, Scandinavia and the continent. . . . "Beyond a doubt, the highlight of the trip was our month long tour of the Alps (July). In retrospect, I think we spent the first three months of the trip just waiting to get there! We entered through the 'east gate' from Vienna, gave the 'give your guardian angel a chance' sign a cursory glance, and never looked back. The first coffee of the day was at Kalte Kuchl where we began to realize just how extensive the motorcycle culture is in the Alps. "We used your book as an invaluable guide to choosing our route for the next month. We have to admit that at first we were hesitant to follow someone else's advice so closely. We both have extensive European travel experience (without motorcycles) and are used to figuring things out for ourselves. It soon became obvious that your tips and advice were right on the mark. We rode seventy 'over a thousand metres' passes. From Austria to the Dolomites, up to Switzerland and then down into Southern French Alps, it was one thrill after another! "Needless to say, we are plotting another trip. We're even entertaining the idea of keeping a couple of bikes over there. . . . Once again, thanks for putting out such a useful book." Bronwen and Eric Young -- Bronwen and Eric Young --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Known in BMW circles as the "King of the Alps," John Hermann bought his first bike in 1960.Â Since then he has clocked over 1,000,000 miles, many of them on his biannual trips to Europe to explore every nook and cranny that might possibly have a twisty road.

I took John's first edition of this book and a map and rode the Alps and the Dolomites for ten days. We reviewed the routes and stops each morning and evening. This is a great resource if you are traveling in the area. I brought three other books on this topic and left them behind at hotels as the trip progressed, as I realized I did not need any other resources. Use this and an internet translator site (like Babelfish) and you can make your reservations in some of the same hotels that Edelweiss and other formal tour groups use. This new edition expands on the first by adding Corsica and updating the Alps/Dolomite section. It is a great read. John is the recognized authority on this area for those of us that don't speak other languages well, and don't live there. He is also correct in stating that the riding in this region is addictive.

Hermann has distilled the Alpine motorcycle experience perfectly. Being do-it-yourself types we were reluctant just to follow somebody's advice. In no time we realized that Hermann was providing incredible insight into how to approach an Alpine motorcycle tour. His itineraries outline the best order and ways to see the multitude of passes that exist. His suggestions for base camp towns always seemed to lead to the most picturesque, quaint spots. Hermann's directions, with their accompanying, simple to use maps, never led us astray. From his wealth of experience, he shares little gems that one would more than likely miss on one's own. We highly recommend this book for anyone planning a tour in the Alps, with a tour company or on their own.

Don't leave home without it! No one should go to the Alps or Corsica without this 2nd revision in hand. It contains a wealth of additional information and is virtually a complete rewrite of the first edition. It should rightly be called "Journeys Through the Alps & Corsica" because it is indispensable for all travelers regardless of mode of transportation. Traveling the recommended routes by motorcycle may be more fun but every piece of information is invaluable whether you're traveling by car, van, truck or bus. Following the recommended routes will put you in touch with the real Alps & real Corsica as well as provide an enormous amount of cultural and historical background. Highly recommended for all travelers.

I have taken this book on 4 Alps/Italy trips and it has saved me so much time in looking for things. I do not use it as a bible because I like to do my own thing and have ridden most of the routes that the author mentions. But I like the way he combines different routes and gives ideas of how long the trip should take. There is lots of advice that can be used by experienced Alps riders and the novice Alps rider. This is the only guide I take and it does not let me down.

I took a packaged tour of the Alps in 2002. Thank goodness I took this book with me. This book had so much more quality information than the touring company, it was unbelievable! Each night, we would return from some awesome ride (not on the base or recommended route). It became a nightly ritual to review where we went. People, including the tour guide, wanted to know how I knew of these roads, I showed them the book. Next time, I will just take this book and go, no tour company! I am a heavy rider, 30K miles per year, close to 400K miles ridden.

We took a copy of this book along on a week-long tour of Switzerland & northern Italy, doing several of the trips in the book and staying at the hotels recommended by the author. We were driving a small Ford car, not a motorcycle. Even though the book was written for bike riding, it's as useful for old-fashioned car trips. The author clearly knows all the back roads and interesting places. Wonderful book to take along touring the Alps. I highly recommend it!

I use to go on travel with my motorcycle just one or two times a year. I'm really busy and I haven't too much time to plan these travels so I bought this book thinking it could help me to plan a travel by the Alps. But it was a surprise!!! All the travel was perfectly planned in this book! Hotels, Restaurants, special places, roads, etc. Just a little deception: the pictures are black and white!

This is an outstanding guide to the best riding roads in the world. I recently took an organized motorcycle tour of the Alps. Good thing I took this book with me, as it quickly became my guide. Others on the tour were wondering how I found all the great roads!! If you are going to tour the Alps, buy this book now! Rates all the passes, with a short recap on each one.

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