



MTB India – Kerala State Sunday 26th February – Monday 5th March 2012 3 or 7 Day Ride Tours

Who's this Trip for?

Intermediate level Mountainbikers with a keen sense of adventure.

These trips are about improving your skills and fitness enroute each day. You'll enjoy exploring South India's best technical single tracks, trails, remote mountainous villages and some of India's highest Tea Estates trails.

We guarantee you'll return home a better rider and hungry for more adventures.

Trip Cost:

3Days riding - 3 nights accommodation

Twin Share =AUD \$550 – Single Room =AUD \$595

7Days riding - 8 nights accommodation.

Twin Share =AUD \$1250 - Single Room =AUD \$1375

Itinerary at a Glance:

Sun26th Feb: Arrival Day. Transfer from Cochin airport to Hotel

Mon27th Feb: Transfer to Kutti K – Afternoon Single Track Ride.

Tue28th Feb: Kutti K's Tea Estate Single Tracks.

Wed29th Feb: Worlds End – Wembley. Single tracks & massive descent to finish.

Thur1st Mar: Kutti K – Vandiperiyar. Traverse the Western Ghat Mtns.

Fri2nd Mar: Wildlife Safari by boat – Afternoon Singletrack descent to Munnar.

Sat3rd Mar: Top Station Descent, the biggest in South India.

Sun4th Mar: "Rumble in the Jungle" the Mother of all Epic trail rides. Transfer Cochin.

Mon5th Mar: End of tour Transfer to Airport.



Why India?

Since 2005 India's North and South has been a favourite ride location for our Mountain Bike and Road tours. The allure of riding in India, its incredibly friendly people, the food, the adventure at every turn and the brilliance of all things Indian, keep's us excitedly coming back.

Ride International teams up in India with UK expat Michael Mclean from MTB Kerala. We collaborate with MTB Kerala to produce affordable, bi annual trips to show case all the latest trails.

Ride International trips select more comfortable hotels and include more meals than a standard MTB Kerala trip. Ride International takes care of improving your: ergonomic and performance bike set up, Enduro / Cross Country riding skills and efficiency on the bike.

We use mostly local support staff, this enhances each trip with local knowledge, cultural and customs expertise. Michael from MTB Kerala is our expat local and aficionado on all things Indian: linguistics expert in English and Indian, biking – Mountain Biking, logistics genius and has an acute nose for where to find a beer bar after a long day.

Your Host: PAT FITZPATRICK

Your Host for MTB India, Pat Fitzpatrick spends 6 months of the year in Europe hosting and guiding tours to the major road cycling races and 6 months of the year hosting Australian domestic and international MTB Tours, Skills sessions and Corporate ride days. "Recently heralded as the Worlds Best Skills Coach, by Petra Wiltshire 3 x World Champion,x Female Masters DownHill."

He's a regular contributor to Cycling Tips Blog, Action Asia, Australian Mountain Bike, Enduro Mountain Bike, & Outer Edge magazines.

Pat's your internationally accomplished guide and qualified MTB & Cycling coach. He descends from an esteemed lineage of competitive cyclists, with over 100 years of racing in his family.

Coaching since 1999, Pat draws on over 30 years of race craft in BMX, MotoX, MTB and Road cycling. Pat now imparts his wealth of knowledge to others, fostering talent from beginners to Olympians.



Itinerary for 3 & 7 Day Tours

Sun 26th Feb. Arrive Cochin International Airport

Short transfer to Cochin. Hotel check in. Relax and explore Cochin's wealth of historical buildings, spice bazaars, restaurants and bars.

Meals: Evening guided walk & welcome dinner.

Overnight: Fort Cochin.

Mon 27th Feb. Ride Day 1. Cochin - Kuttikanam.

Transfer up into the Western Ghat Mountains approx 4hrs. Check into our lodge in Kuttikanam. Bike assembly & set up. From the Lodge, afternoon ride and first taste of Keralan Tea Estate singletracks. Start of skills sessions enroute. Magic finish to the day on Chippy Trail.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Kuttikanam.

Tue 28th Feb. Ride Day 2. Kuttikanam.

Ride out from the Lodge and into 30km of the best Tea Estate singletrack in Kuttikanam. Stunning scenery and amazing viewpoints. Takes in Secret valley, Sunny's fall, great trails great riding and Tea stops guaranteed.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Kuttikanam.

Wed 29th Feb. Ride day 3. Kuttikanam - World's end to Wembley

Ride out from the Lodge, Loads of Tea Estate singletrack takes us to the incredible valley views from World's end. Finish with a mammoth 1000m vertical downhill through cardamom, rubber and pineapple plantations.

3 Day Tour. End of Tour. Transfer to Cochin Airport, approx 4 hours.

7 Day Tour. 1 hour Vehicle Transfer back up to Kuttik.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Kuttikanam.



Thur 1st March. Ride day 4. Kuttikanam to Vandiperiyar.

Ride out from the lodge through Ladram Secret Valley and follow the river down and down through incredible scenery to the river Periyar and on to Vandiperiyar. Short vehicle transfer to our 4/5 star luxury hotel in Kumily. Relax round the pool or take in a massage.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Kumily.

Fri 2nd March. Ride Day 5. Periyar National Park - Munnar

Sunrise boat trip through Periyar National Park in search of Elephants and Tigers. Return to our luxury hotel for breakfast then check out. 4 hour transfer to Munnar in time for evening singletrack descent amongst the highest tea estates in the world. Kick back and take in the sunset and a beer in the garden of our delightful riverside lodge.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Munnar.

Sat 3rd March. Ride Day 6. Munnar – Top Station Downhill.

We ride out from our Lodge and climb steadily toward Top Station, the start of the biggest descent in Kerala, and one of the best in all of India. The trails follows the old pioneer path first used in the 1870's by the British tea planters in their search for new lands for cultivation. A technical downhill trail drops near 2000 meters vertical from the hamlet of Top Station to Body. Afternoon Transfer back up to Munnar approx 1 hour.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Munnar

Sun 4th March. Ride Day 7. Munnar - Rumble In the Jungle.

We've saved the best til last. We ride out of our lodge very early in the morning and commence one of the best single day Epic rides you'll do anywhere in the world. We ride through Tea Estates, remote jungles and tropical forests in the heart of Kerala's forgotten tribal lands. Afternoon vehicle transfer to Cochin, approx 4 hours. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Farewell Dinner.

Overnight: Fort Cochin.

Mon 5th March. End of Tour Transfer to Airport.