

San Francisco

The adventure
begins in **2014** with
2 DR650s, **1** Wolf, **1** Zebra
12 months to spare and
a big appetite for adventure...

Tierra del Fuego



Our Rides

Our ideal motorcycle for this trip had to be light enough to tackle the muddy trails surrounding the Lake Arenal in Costa Rica, easy to maintain and repair with basic tools and finally sold widely to ensure parts availability. Those requirements disqualified the multi-cylinder adventure bikes as well as the true enduro models leaving us with only a few options.

We chose two Suzuki DR 650 SE seduced by a 165kgs weight fully loaded and by the reliability their simple air/oil cooled engines.



270 days
20,000 kilometers
3450m elevation
(We'll attempt an elevation of 5836m in Bolivia)

The two-wheeled adventure will start in the dunes of Baja, giving the zebra a chance to learn and hone critical offroad skills she will need further down the road.

In Costa Rica we plan on taking our DRs through the famous "Cerro de la muerte" (mountain of death) a segment of the Trans America highway culminating at 3451m.

Bolivia is home to one of the highest documented road in the world at 5836m on Cerro Uturuncu. We are both curious to see if our DRs will take us there.

A multitude of similar adventures will punctuate our way down to Argentina and finally Tierra del Fuego. Videos, pictures and articles will help bring our friends, family and fellow riders along, for what will be the trip of a lifetime.

The famous Darien Gap will challenge our entry into South America. The sails of the Stahratte, an old Norwegian fishing vessel reincarnated into a ferry, will take our bikes seaward and deliver us in Catagena, Colombia.



The Zebra

Raised in South Africa, Emma was obsessed with horses as a child & harassed her parents into buying her a pony.

She accumulated boxes full of showjumping ribbons and helped her provincial team win the national championships. That was the first step in giving her mother more gray hair than she deserved, and she didn't stop there. She drove her car too fast, jumped out of airplanes and swam in rivers inhabited by crocodiles. After finishing her bachelor's degree, she left home to seek her fortune with a backpack. After 6 months on the road her grand travel plans were cut short by an acceptance letter from Carnegie Mellon University, so she packed two suitcases and moved to Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. Motorcycles had always fascinated her, so when she learned about the MSF course offered in the U.S. – where they teach you to ride AND give you a motorcycle licence she signed up immediately. A week later she owned an R6. The metal horse turned out to be a fantastic replacement for the hairy horses of her youth and riding continued to be a deep passion. In between a design career in San Francisco and co-founding a start up, she's scraped her knee pucks at most at most tracks within driving distance of the Bay Area, harassed the city streets of San Francisco on a DRZ supermoto, and most recently ridden solo to the Grand Canyon on a Triumph Tiger 800.



The Wolf

A few stone throws north of Emma's hometown, a young Regis perched on a Harley had visions of racing victories.

Persistent as a rabid wolf, he begun by chasing chickens around his grand parents farm on an Italian 50cc pure-bred. Noticed by his mum, he was promptly offered a factory seat on a very French Solex. Despite a methanol diet the stubborn beast refused to exceed 35km/h, a clear sign that it was now time for Regis to get back to school and find another way to make a living. A few sport bikes later and an almost Ph.D in his pocket, it was towards the United States that he turned for new challenges. A Radian helped him make a few bucks as a courier in San Francisco until he got caught in the Silicon Valley start-up frenzy. After a brief detour through Thailand on a 250 TTR, Regis finally found his way to the racetrack thanks to the American Federation of Motorcyclists. For over 2 years, Thunderhill Raceway, Sears Point and Buttonwillow became his unique week-end getaways. Places where money, rubber and speed blended to deliver a blissful fix of friendship and adrenaline. A one-on-one with his banker tolled the bell of his Road Racing addiction. Undeterred, Regis headed to the AMA District 36 for dirtier pleasures. Armed with his 450 KTM he conquered several podiums and got promoted to the B class mid-season.





Zebra Achievements

- South African showjumping Champion
- First motorcycle: Yamaha R6 acquired in 2003
- Scraped knee-pucks at Sonoma Raceway, Thunderhill, Buttonwillow and Reno-Fernley Raceway
- Solo motorcycle trip from San Francisco to the Grand Canyon on a Triumph Tiger 800
- Co-founder of urbantag.com, acquired by Tagged.com
- Pedaled ~500 miles from Telluride to Moab on a mountainbike, September 2013

Articles:

- [How good designers can create evil](#)
- [Designing time to think](#)
- [NYC as an interface](#)

Wolf Achievements

- Can't ride horses but is best friends with Zebra
- Survived over 25 races with the American Federation of Motorcyclists
- B ranked Enduro racer with the AMA District 36, 6 podiums
- Kited France, Cuba, Mexico, Peru and the Caribbeans
- Boxed in Thailand, earned a black belt in Okinawa, had to fight his way out of cages in the UK
- Pedaled the Roc d'Azur and the Downieville Classic... 20 years apart
- Wore down quality wrenches fixing and rebuilding 4 strokes
- Designed better User Experiences in the Silicon Valley for 15 years.



What you can expect from us



wolfandzebra.com

- We favor quality over quantity, so we'll deliver 2-3 blog posts per month full of useful, interesting information, and not useless daily details. We will mention your gear!
- Our blog entries will be cross-posted to ADVrider and Horizon's Unlimited HUBB



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- We'll post to facebook 4 or more times per week. We will mention your gear!



instagram.com/wolfandzebra

- 3-4 photos will be uploaded to instagram each week



vimeo.com/wolfandzebra

- A ReplayXD camera will be coming with us and we'll compile and upload videos a few times during the trip, depending on connectivity.



Additional materials

- You'll get high resolution photographs and video footage of your gear in action

Follow us on this wonderful adventure as we search for the best roads and trails between northern California and the tip of Argentina



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