

If Carlsberg did Assen MotoGP weekends...

See the racing, dine with top riders – what more could you want?

Pole Position Club Travel & Hospitality Package, £1055 per person with extras

Tester: Alison Silcox

Time tested: Dutch TT weekend at Assen

What's good? We were part of a group of international race nuts who'd travelled to Assen, under our own steam, for what turned out to be some great racing. Our package included basic but comfortable accommodation with breakfast and evening meal about 25 miles from the track (€495 per person for three nights). Arriving on the Thursday before the Saturday race we enjoyed a welcome dinner with guest speakers including Cal Crutchlow's dad Dek, who gave us an insight into life as a MotoGP dad and pitboard wizard. It was also a chance to meet others in our group and be introduced to our hosts from Pole Position, who were on hand all weekend. The price included a shuttle bus to and from the circuit. Once at the track the paddock passes gave us access to the full MotoGP paddock, an experience every race fan would enjoy. We also had free rein of a comfortable hospitality suite in the Moto3 paddock, with unlimited refreshments throughout the day and an ample lunch. We opted to include an evening with the Gresini Honda team (€295 per person) which gave us a three-course meal in their hospitality suite – alongside riders Scott Redding and Alvaro Bautista.

What's not? There is no getting away from the fact that this package is not cheap and the money doesn't include travel, but it was a unique experience. MCN readers can get a five per cent discount until the end of 2014 by quoting MCN14X as a discount code.

Contact: www.polepositiontravel.com

Quality rating: ★★★★★ **Value rating:** ★★★★★

Access all areas... you've seen MotoGP on TV but nothing beats being in the paddock for real



Any minute now Alison is going to try to get herself on the telly



In the Gresini garage. Reckon Alison can make Redding's bike go faster?



It's a good job Pole Position lay on transport back to the hotel after the racing

QUICK BUYING ADVICE GP TRIPS

1 City break
Take a city break and add on a race nearby. Do this at the Brno round on August 15, combining it with a weekend in Prague. It's a two-and-a-half hour train ride to Brno, costing £10 each way. There's a bus to the circuit. Approx cost: £500

2 Guided tours
If you fancy riding to a foreign round but don't like the idea of doing the journey on your own, consider a guided tour. MCI Tours (www.mcitours.com) offer a £499 package for next year's Assen MotoGP including crossings and hotels.

3 DIY adventure
Ride to the Misano GP on Italy's Adriatic on September 14 and camp. Your costs on the way will be petrol, channel crossings, tolls, and accommodation. Expect to pay £80 for tickets including camping. Approx cost: £1000

4 Full-on hospitality
Fly to Malaysia for the Sepang MotoGP round on October 24 with a full hospitality package. A hospitality package (www.polepositiontravel.com) costs £1750 and flights are £650 with BA. Total cost: £2400

5 Sunshine with a twist Book a cheapie week in Benidorm (£275 per person) hire a car for £50, leg it an hour and a half to Valencia for November 7's season finale then enjoy a week in the sunshine. Raceday tickets from £33. Total cost: £360



AutoGlym Super Resin 500ml £10.99



Tester Emma Franklin

Time tested Six months

What's good? This polish is brilliant at keeping the deep gloss curves of my black Hayabusa gleaming. I also love the way it makes rainwater bead up and run off, and how it keeps the bike that little bit cleaner for longer. But what's different about AutoGlym Super Resin is just how easy it is to use; a little bit of light buffing (and I do mean light) removes the polish to leave a lustrous finish.

What's not? Once you've seen the cracking results, you end up getting addicted and polish everything.

Contact: www.autoglym.com

Quality rating: ★★★★★ **Value rating:** ★★★★★



Forma Santos boots, £154.99



Tester: Steve Hunt

Time tested: Four months/2000 miles

What's good? I mainly use my bike for shorter trips where I've got plans at the other end, so I'm always on the lookout for footwear that is functional but not too outlandish. These boots from Forma are perfect. I've worn them almost daily for four months and ridden in extreme rain storms and through the torrid heat of southern France in June. The Drytex membrane has kept me dry throughout.

What's not? On longer rides I would substitute these for the added protection a full-on boot would provide.

Contact: www.formaboos.com

Quality rating: ★★★★★ **Value rating:** ★★★★★



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Kriega tank harness, £19



Tester: Tim Thompson

Time tested: Four years

What's good? I have strapped this tankbag base to the petrol tanks of a KTM Super Duke (990 and 1290), a Triumph Speed Triple R, a BMW HP2 Sport, a Suzuki GSX-R750 and 600 and a Kawasaki ZX-6R. It is truly versatile. Fitting is good too; a 15-minute job at most. The tankbag itself, either a Kriega US-10 or the larger US-20, clips in. The base is a soft and non-slip and hasn't left a mark or scratch yet.

What's not? While you can achieve decent tension in the harness itself, there's a degree of sideways movement.

Contact: www.kriega.com

Quality rating: ★★★★★ **Value rating:** ★★★★★