

MotoRideDry

Motorcycle GPS + live weather — Ride dry, the app watches your road.

User manual · full version

Welcome! MotoRideDry is your motorcycle copilot. You tell it where you want to go, it works out the route, guides you by voice ("turn left", "turn right"), keeps an eye on the weather and traffic, and warns you about hazards (rain, storms, wind, ice...). No need to be a GPS expert: just follow the step-by-step below, it's really simple.

Your first ride (1 minute)

The fastest way to get going, with zero prior knowledge.

1. At the bottom of the screen, tap the  Route tab.
2. In the orange "🏠 Destination" box, tap the field: the keyboard opens, type your destination (e.g. "Annecy"). Tap it when it shows up in the list. (The  button closes the keyboard.)
3. Tap the orange " Calculate route" button. A little animated road appears: the app is thinking.
4. **You land on the  Route tab:** there you see the distance, the time and the weather.
5. Tap the big green "▶ Go with route" button. The map opens and the voice guides you. Off you go! 🏍️

The 5 bottom tabs (your remote control)

Everything is controlled with these 5 buttons at the bottom of the screen.

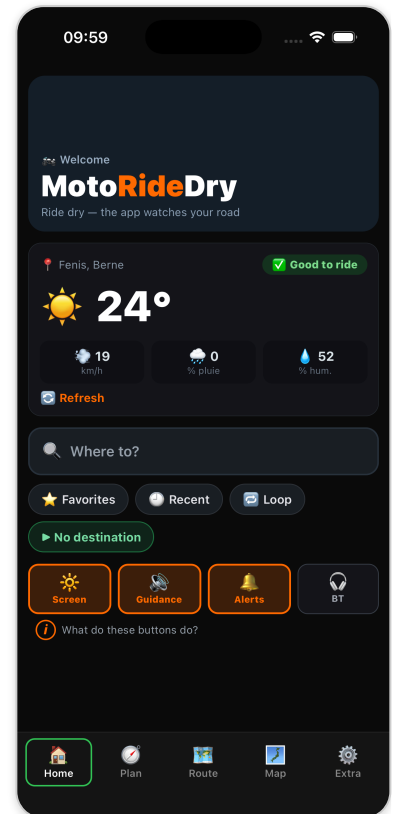
-  **Home** — the weather right where you are, right now.
-  **Route** — this is WHERE you say where you want to go.
-  **Route** — the summary of your trip and the button to GO.
-  **Map** — the map you look at WHILE RIDING.
-  **Extra** — your settings, your ride log, and this manual.



Home — the weather here and now

The home screen shows you the weather at your location.

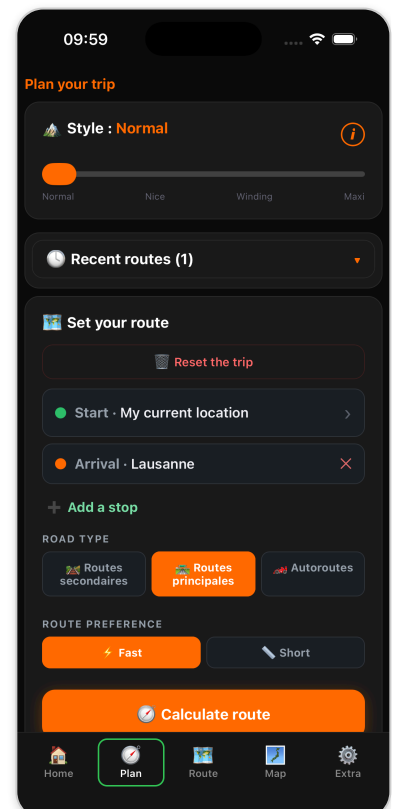
- There you see the temperature and the weather alerts around you.
- **At the top, 3 switches:** ☀️ keep the screen on (handy on the handlebar mount)
 - 🗺️ hear the directions by voice
 - 📢 hear the weather alerts.
- 🎧 / 📢 **button:** choose whether the sound comes out of your Bluetooth headset (intercom) or the phone's speaker.



Route — telling it where you want to go

Three boxes: where you start from (green), where you're going (orange), and the towns to pass through (blue).

- **Start:** by default "My current location" (where you are). You can choose 🏠 your home or a point on the map.
- **Destination:** your final destination.
- The keyboard does NOT open on its own (it hides the screen). Tap the ⌨️ button only when you want to type. When the keyboard is open, ⌨️ turns into ✕ to close it.
- **Don't feel like typing? Tap the field:** the "🕒 Recent destinations" list appears, pick a town with a single tap.
- **Waypoints:** towns to pass through along the way (optional).
- **For each waypoint, you choose:** 🛑 Stop (the app MUST go through there, with a break) or ➡️ Transit (just along the way, without stopping).
- When everything is ready, tap "🗺️ Calculate route".



★ Favorites & 🕒 Recents — save time

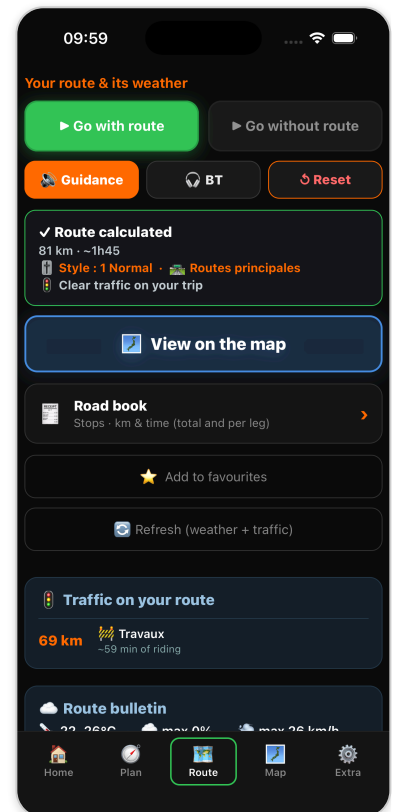
Your usual trips, ready in one tap.

- After calculating a route, you can keep it: Route tab → "★ Save this route as a favorite".
- **To bring them back:** 🕒 Route tab → at the top, expand "★ Favorite routes" or "🕒 Recent routes".
- **Tap a favorite/recent:** it recalculates on its own and takes you to Route, ready to go.
- "👁️ **View**" button: just a preview of the track on the map, without leaving.

🗺️ Route — check and GO

The summary of your trip, before you ride.

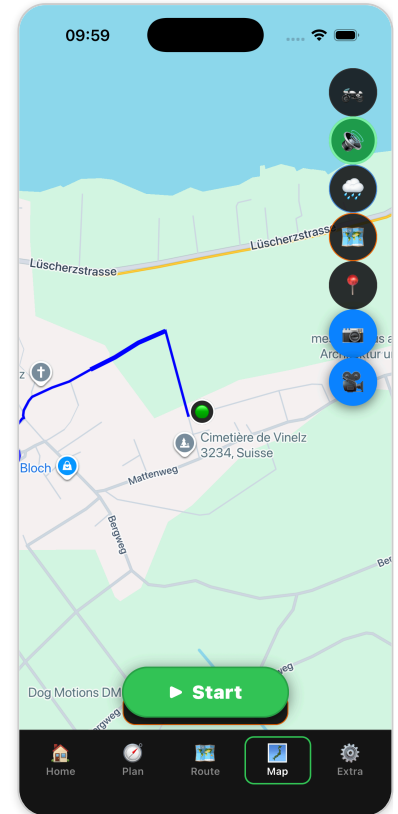
- You see the distance, the estimated duration, a weather report and the traffic status (🚦 "+X min" if there are jams).
- "🗺️ **View on the map**": a full-screen preview of the whole route (with your waypoints numbered).
- ▶ **Go WITH route (green):** starts guided navigation along your route. This is the normal button to set off.
- ▶ **Go WITHOUT route:** to ride on instinct, with no destination — the app still logs your ride in the journal.
- Only one of the two green buttons is active: "with route" if a route is calculated, "without route" otherwise.
- ☁️ **Rain radar:** opens the animated radar full-screen (rain around your route).
- 🗺️ **Offline map:** BEFORE setting off and ON WIFI, download your trip's area. Then you see the map, your position and your route even WITHOUT a network. (Only one area kept; the tighter you zoom, the faster it is.)
- ⚠️ **IMPORTANT** — off the network, the downloaded map only serves to DISPLAY (see the map, your position, an ALREADY calculated route). CALCULATING a route and RECALCULATING in case of a detour are NOT possible offline: they need internet. So calculate your routes while you have a network.



Map — while you ride

What you look at (or listen to) once you're on the road.

- A blue dot = YOU. An arrow shows your direction of travel.
-  **button**: switches to a tilted "motorcycle view", as if you were looking at the road ahead. In motorcycle view, the  /  buttons adjust the zoom.
- As you ride, you see useful places (   ...) on the map, in 2D as well as in motorcycle view. Tap one then "Go there": the app adds it to your route and recalculates the itinerary up to it.
-  **Suggested detour**: if a jam (≥ 5 min delay) or a shower shows up ahead of you, a badge appears for ~30 s (with the voice) to offer you a way around. Tap it to accept, ignore it to keep going straight.
-  **360° View (Street View)**: PRESS AND HOLD on a spot on the map → a 360° view of the street opens full-screen. Ideal for recognizing a bend, an entrance or a parking spot before you get there. (Needs internet; close with X.)
- The voice simply tells you "turn left" / "turn right" at the right moment (no complicated street names).
- If you leave the route, the app recalculates a new path on its own.
-  A round sign shows the speed limit; its edge turns bright red if you go over.
-  recenter the map on you ·  show useful places (stations, restaurants, hotels...) ·  see the rain radar ·  take a ride photo.
-  When crossing a border, a sign shows for 5 seconds with the country's speed limits + a reminder if the color of the motorway signs changes.



Adaptive recalculation

If you change route mid-trip, it adapts.

- The chosen style (small roads, scenic...) applies to the STARTING itinerary.
- If you take another road along the way (main road, motorway, ferry...), the recalculation gets you to your destination by the NATURAL path from your position — without fighting you or recalculating in a loop.
- **It heads forward (no U-turn)**: on a roadworks diversion, it doesn't send you back onto the closed road.
- Your  areas to avoid and the ban on unpaved roads are always still respected.

Roadbook

A clear summary of your route, on screen and printable.

-  Start,  stops and  destination, with the forecast weather  and the breaks  at the stops.
-  The road number changes ("Take the A1", "the N5"...) — not the "turn right" detail.
-  The "Worth seeing" points of interest along the route (castles, mountain passes, waterfalls, museums...), with a  Wikipedia link when one exists.

Active safety

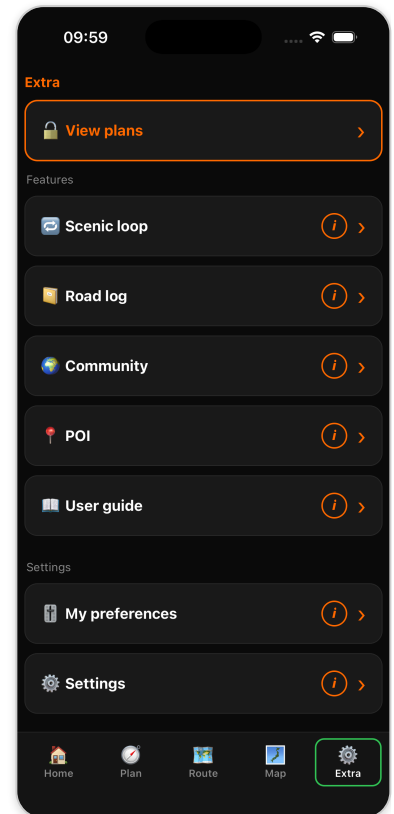
The app also looks out for you.

- **Fall detection**: in case of an impact, the app can alert your emergency contact with your GPS position (to be set in Settings).
-  **Share my position**: sends your position to a loved one (Maps link).
-  **Safety mode**: reduces the fiddling while riding (padlock indicator on the map).

The Extra tab — the table of contents

Everything that isn't riding: your tools, your memories, your settings.

-  **Loop**: create a ride that comes back to the starting point.
-  **Ride log**: the history of your outings (km, time, track, photos).
-  **My POIs**: your own addresses (restaurant, friend, viewpoint...).
-  **Community**: places and rides shared between riders.
-  **Preferences**: how the app calculates your routes and when it alerts you.
-  **Settings**: home, safety, appearance, language, backup.
-  **Manual**: this guide.



Creating a scenic loop

A ride that leaves AND returns to the same point, with no destination to choose. (Extra →  Loop.)

- **Starting point**:  your position ·  your home ·  a point chosen on the map.
- **Length**: choose either a target DISTANCE (slider, from ~50 to 300 km), or a target DURATION (slider in hours) — the app converts it into kilometers based on your average speeds.
-  **General direction**: turn the dial to say which way to head ·  at random · or point a direction on the map.
-  **Must-pass (optional)**: force the loop to go through a point you set.
-  **Road type**: 4-notch slider — Normal · Nice · Winding · Great. The higher you go, the more the loop seeks out small twisty roads (a few extra km in exchange).
-  **Generate the loop**: the app suggests a circuit (estimated distance and duration). Run it again for another proposal, then set off like a normal trip.

The ride log

Every outing (with or without a route) gets recorded here. (Extra →  Log.)

- **Period**: Day · Yesterday · Week · Month · All buttons, or  a calendar to freely choose a start and end date.
- **Period totals**: km covered · total time · number of outings · average speed · cumulative elevation gain (↗).
- **Tap an outing for its detail**: date, departure/arrival time, distance, duration, average speed, elevation.
- **Weather encountered**: min–max temperature, whether it rained, maximum gusts.
-  Track on the map, with your  photos and  videos placed at the exact spot where you took them (tap = full screen).
-  **Animated slideshow**: the motorcycle re-rides your track and stops on each photo.
- **Actions on an outing**:  export the photos to the gallery ·  share the ride with the community ·  save ·  delete.

★ My POIs (your own places)

Your own addresses: a restaurant, a hotel, a viewpoint, a friend's house... (Extra → ★ My POIs.)

- **+** **Add:** choose the type (🚉 station · 🍽️ restaurant · 🏨 hotel · 🗨️ viewpoint · 🏛️ worth seeing · 🏠 friend), give it a name, then place it (address by keyboard or 📍 on the map).
- **Extra fields (optional):** street, postal code, phone, website — they appear in the place's card.
- **A saved POI:** tap it for its card → 📍 "Go there" (adds it to your itinerary), ✎️ Edit, or ✕ Delete.
- Your POIs show on the map if their type is ticked in the places display (Home / Map screen).

🌐 The community — shared places & rides

Good tips between riders, fully anonymous. (Extra → 🌐 Community, tabs 📍 Places and 🚴 Rides.)

- 📍 **Add a place:** type (restaurant, hotel, station, garage, break, meeting, view, other), name, town/address, phone, website, a comment, up to 5 photos, and handy tags 🅑 safe parking · 💧 water · 🕒 24/7 · 🏠 lodging. Place it by address, on the map, or at your position.
- 📍 **Explore places:** 🔍 search, filters by type and by tag, setting the radius around you (up to 3000 km) or by country, and sorting by 📍 nearest · ★ best rated · 🕒 recent.
- **On a place card:** ★ rate from 1 to 5, clickable phone and website, photos, and 🚩 report if the content is inappropriate (automatically hidden after a few reports).
- 🚴 **Share a ride:** only a ride CALCULATED in the app (route or loop), never an external file. Give it a name, scenery tags (🏔️ passes · 🌊 lake/sea · 🌲 forest · 🍷 gourmet · ⚠️ closed in winter) and up to 3 photos of the outing.
- 🚴 **Find a ride:** filters by length, radius/country, style (Normal→Great) and scenery, then ⬇️ Import in one move to ride it in turn.
- 🆔 **Anonymous:** no account, no name. A simple technical identifier lets you manage and delete YOUR content.
- 🛡️ **Privacy:** when sharing a ride, the portion near your 🏠 Home is hidden (start/end shifted) → your address is never revealed. So remember to set your Home.

🔧 Preferences — routing, speeds & alerts

How the app calculates your routes and when it warns you. (Extra → 🔧 Preferences.)

- 🚴 **Average speeds:** secondary roads (default 60), main roads (70), motorways (100 km/h). They're used to estimate the trip time.
- ⏸️ **Break duration:** time counted at each stop on your itinerary (default 15 min).
- 🚧 **Roads to avoid:** motorways, tolls, unpaved roads (avoided by default) and ferries. Plus the direction of traffic (left / right) to draw the roundabouts correctly.
- 🚫 **Areas to avoid:** a tunnel, a pass, a specific toll the app will route around (added by address or on the map, with a radius).
- 🚦 **Speed alerts:** over-limit alert (on) · speed-camera reminder (off by default) · tolerance before the alert (default +7 km/h, adjustable in km/h or in %).
- 🌤️ **Weather thresholds** (from what point it alerts, all adjustable and ↔️ resettable): 🌪️ gusts (default 50 km/h) · 🌬️ crosswind (40) · 🌧️ wall of rain (55 % probability) · ❄️ ice (≤ 3 °C with high humidity).
- 🌿 **Eco mode:** less demanding GPS + flat map (2D) → less heat and battery use (off by default).

Settings — app, safety & backup

Your home, your safety, the appearance and your backups. (Extra →  Settings.)

-  **Home:** your default starting point — and the place hidden when you share a ride.
-  **Safety:**  safety mode (blocks fiddling while riding) ·  emergency contact (name + number) ·  share my position (Maps link) ·  fall detection (off by default) with 3 sensitivities and a test button.
-  **Photo & video:** enable the shutter, video quality 720p or 1080p, and what the shutter controls (photo, video, or both).
-  **Appearance:** map provider Google or Apple (on iPhone), your motorcycle icon (8 emojis or your photo), and home screen image.
-  **Language:** 7 languages, the change applies to the whole app immediately.
-  **Backup:** save/restore your data (POIs, favorites, settings, areas to avoid...) locally, or export/import it as a file. (Log photos aren't included, too heavy.)
-  **Diagnostics:** a technical recording of the navigation, to send me if a recalculation ever goes off the rails.

Your privacy (important)

What the community sees — and what it does NOT see.

-  When you SHARE a ride, the app compares your start and your end to your  Home: the part that matches your home is HIDDEN (the public track starts/ends at the village center, or +5 km further out in open country) → your home is never revealed. A start or end that is NOT your home (a pass, a town, a restaurant...) is shared as is, because it's useful to others.  So remember to set your Home (Extra → Settings).
-  **You publish ANONYMOUSLY:** no account, no name. A simple technical identifier only serves to let you delete YOUR own content.
-  A PLACE you add is public at the exact spot you indicate (that's the point). So avoid sharing a private address (e.g.  a friend's) without their consent.
-  You can report any out-of-place content; after a few reports it is hidden automatically.

Weather alerts (and what to do)

The app warns you by voice and drops an icon on the map at the spot concerned.

-  **Rain** /  **Hail:** slow down, increase your distances, plan a stop.
-  **Storm:** look for shelter, especially if the storm is on your route.
-  **Lightning:** the app detects lightning strikes in real time around you and alerts you (voice + icon) as soon as a bolt lands within 10 km → look for shelter, avoid open areas and isolated trees.
-  **Gusts / crosswind:** hold the handlebars firmly, watch out for bridges and open areas.
-  **Ice:** extreme caution, drop your speed sharply.
-  **Fog:** reduced visibility, keep your distances.
-  **Low sun in your eyes:** visor/glasses, anticipate.

🔑 The vocabulary, no jargon

A few words we use, explained simply.

- **Itinerary / Route:** the path the app calculates from your start to your destination.
- **Waypoint:** a town to pass through along the way.
- **Stop vs Transit:** "Stop" = you definitely go through there and a break is counted; "Transit" = just along the way.
- **Recalculation:** when you leave the planned route, the app builds you a new path automatically.
- **POI:** "Point of Interest" = a useful place (gas station, restaurant, hotel, viewpoint...).
- **Favorite:** a route you keep to relaunch later in one tap.
- **Motorcycle view:** the tilted "windshield"-style map, more immersive while riding.

? Frequently asked questions

The common little issues and their solutions.

- "I can't hear anything" → check the 🎧 / 📶 switch on the Home screen, the volume, and the right 🎧 / 📶 choice (headset or phone).
- "The GPS is imprecise" → enable "Precise Location" in the phone's settings; outdoors while riding, the accuracy drops to a few meters.
- "It recalculates for no reason" → normally it doesn't; if it happens, open 🛠️ Trip log (Extra) and send it to me.
- "The keyboard bothers me" → tap the field to open it and type; the ✕ / ☰ button closes it. The 🗺️ (map) and ★ (favorites) buttons do NOT open the keyboard.
- "I can't see my favorites" → they're at the top of the 🧭 Route tab; expand the "★ Favorite routes" list.

The icons — what they're for

First the BUTTONS (what they do), then the map SYMBOLS (what they mean).

- **Bottom tabs:**  Home (weather here and now) ·  Route (say where you're going) ·  Route (summary + go button) ·  Map (while you ride) ·  Extra (settings, log, this manual).
- **Home** — switches:  keep the screen on ·  hear the guidance ·  hear the weather alerts ·  sound to the Bluetooth headset or the speaker ·  refresh the weather. (✓ = good to ride, ⚠ = caution.)
- **Route** — planning:  starting point ·  destination ·  stop (the app goes through AND counts a break) ·  transit (just along the way, without stopping) ·  reorder ·  remove ·  open/close the keyboard ·  favorites ·  recents ·  loop that returns to the start ·  go.
- **Map** — buttons:  tilted motorcycle view ·  zoom (in motorcycle view) ·  recenter the map on you ·  show useful places ·  animated rain radar ·  photo ·  video ·  shutter on the headset volume (green = active, red = off) ·  mute or restore the voice ·  pause (freezes the nav, ▶ resume) ·  safety mode (blocks accidental taps while riding).
- **Map** — PRESS AND HOLD on a point: opens the 360° view of the street (Google Street View) at that spot → to recognize a bend, an entrance or a parking spot before you get there.
- **Map** — automatic signs:  speed limit (red edge if you go over) ·  area you asked to avoid ·  border crossing (country limits shown for 5 s).
- **Useful places (POIs):**  station ·  restaurant ·  hotel ·  viewpoint ·  worth seeing.
- "Worth seeing" (points of interest along the route):  castle ·  tower/lighthouse ·  monastery ·  monument ·  summit ·  pass ·  volcano ·  cave ·  arch ·  waterfall ·  museum ·  artwork ·  attraction/park ·  vintage vehicles on display.
- **Roadbook:**  start ·  stop ·  destination ·  road number change ·  point of interest (with  link) ·  break ·  forecast weather.
- **Community:**  community ·  places /  shared rides ·  search ·  filters ·  meeting point ·  safe parking ·  water ·  open 24/7 ·  lodging ·  rate ·  top ·  report ·  add ·  link ·  import.
- Weather alerts (spoken by voice + icon placed on the map):  rain ·  hail ·  storm ·  strong wind ·  ice ·  fog ·  lightning ·  dazzling low sun.
- **Traffic on your route:**  jam (+X min) ·  accident ·  roadworks ·  road closed ·  breakdown ·  flooding.

Safety first

The app is a copilot, not a pilot.

- Set up your trip WHILE STOPPED, never while riding.
- **Let the voice guide you:** keep your eyes on the road.
- The alerts and limits are an aid; the highway code and your judgment always come first.
-  **Crash detection (option):** in Settings › Safety, enable it and save an emergency contact. While riding, if a violent impact is detected, a countdown appears (cancel it if all is well); at the end, the app offers to call the emergency services (112 / 144) and send your position to your contact.
- ⚠ Crash detection is a supplementary aid, NOT a guarantee: it may miss an impact or trigger by mistake, and depends on the phone, the network and the GPS. Never rely on it alone; keep an emergency contact up to date.

Terms of use

Read before using the app.

- MotoRideDry is a driving AID (a copilot), not a substitute for your judgment.
- ALWAYS check the proposed itinerary before setting off: map data may be wrong or out of date, and may suggest a road that is closed, private, impassable or unsuitable for your motorcycle.
- The highway code, the signage and the real conditions always take precedence over the application's directions.
- The weather, traffic, hazard and speed limit info is indicative, drawn from third-party sources, sometimes inaccurate or late.
- Never handle the phone while riding; prepare your trip while stopped.
- Off the network, the app displays the map but does not recalculate a route.
- The rider remains solely responsible for their riding, their safety and their compliance with the law.
- Sevy Créations accepts no liability in the event of an accident, damage, fine, loss, delay or any other problem related to the use of the application. By using it, you accept these terms.