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Ever gone for a really long ride? How about one that's lasted for six years and taken in some 75 countries? That's just what Slovene world traveller Benka Pulko has done to grab a staggering three Guinness World Records for her 2,000-day long motorcycle trip around the globe.

Her journey has been officially recognised as the first continuous solo motorcycle ride around the world that included all seven continents, as well as the longest solo female motorcycle journey in both duration and distance.

Benka travelled 118,098 miles around the world on her BMW F650 – the feat also saw the Guinness officials recognise her as the first woman to cross Saudi

Arabia by motorcycle.

An emotional Pulko said: "It was wonderful. It was rewarding and at the same time one of the most demanding experiences of my life."

One of the most challenging aspects of Benka's trip was her successful effort to transport her motorcycle to Antarctica. She first rode to Ushuaia, Argentina, at the southernmost tip of South America. Then she convinced a sightseeing boat captain to take her and her bike to the frozen continent.

On January 7th, 1999, both Benka and her motorcycle touched down on the Antarctic Peninsula, a feat never before accomplished by any globetrotting motorcyclist.