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10 Tage von Kapstadt nach Windhoek Motorradtour Ocean to the Desert



Lassen Sie sich von der Westküste Südafrikas und den Wüsten von Namibia verzaubern. Sie werden ca. die Hälfte der Tour auf befestigten und die andere Hälfte auf unbefestigten Strassen fahren. Die unbefestigten Strassen befinden sich in einem einwandfreien Zustand.

Abfahrt Kapstadt: 13. November 2010
Ankunft Windhoek: 22. November 2010

Umgekehrte Tour
Abfahrt Windhoek: 29. November 2010
Ankunft Kapstadt: 08. Dezember 2010

Preis:

Pro Person mit Unterkunft im Doppelzimmer (mindestens 6 Motorradfahrer)	Fr. 3490.—
Einmalige Auftragspauschale	Fr. 60.—
Einzelzimmerzuschlag	Fr. 690.—



Genauer Beschrieb und Angaben in Englisch:

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Cape Town (50km)

Arrive in Cape Town. Your tour guide welcomes you, short city tour, hotel transfer

Day 2: Cape Town at own leisure Cape Peninsula Tour (180km on tar, Bus)

Amongst the most popular travel destinations in South Africa is the Western Cape region with Cape Town as its centre. Although it's a small area relative to other popular cosmopolitan cities, it attracts millions of visitors from all over the world every year.

Cape Town is considered one of the most beautiful cities in the world as it is surrounded by glorious landscapes with unique vegetation, beautiful mountains and stunning wide beaches, especially on the Cape Peninsula, at False Bay and on the West Coast.

In May 1998, the entire of the Cape Peninsula was proclaimed a National Park for its extraordinary natural beauty, its unique flora and fauna and its special historical and cultural significance. The new Cape Peninsula National Park extends from Signal Hill in the north down to Cape Point and includes the mountain ranges of the area and the coastal stretches. The former Cape of Good Hope Reserve in the south of the peninsula became part of the new National Park as well as Table Mountain and the Silvermine resort. The greatest attraction of the Nature Reserve continues to be the southern part of Simon's Town down to the Cape of Good Hope. Here one can go on long walks through the Fynbos landscape, particularly beautiful in spring when the wildflowers bloom, and many animals can be observed: many different species of antelope, reptiles, ostriches, zebras and numerous seabirds.

A trip to Cape Point is a must for any Cape Town visitor. The southern end of the Cape Peninsula boasts two points of interest really, the Cape of Good Hope and the more southerly and a bit higher situated Cape Point. However, the most southern point of Africa is to be found 150 kilometers towards the southeast. There, at Cape Agulhas, the two oceans, the Indian and the Atlantic 'meet'. For the early seafarers the Cape of Good Hope marked the turning point in their luck because once the "Cape of Storms", as Bartholomeus Diaz called it in 1488, had been passed, the battle against the sea was basically won.



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Day 3: Cape Town – Clanwilliam (214km on tar)

Today is our first riding day. Via scenic Bainskloof we reach the small mountain village Ceres. The Gydo Pass brings us up further North. Here we hit the first Gravel Road and get used to untarred surface. Via Citrusdal we reach Clanwilliam. It is one of the oldest towns in South Africa. In 1732, the Voortrekkers, the first Dutch farmers, settled along the Olifants River and in 1820, the English administration of the Cape established a Magistrate's Court here. In the beginning, the settlement grew very slowly, and a fire in 1901 destroyed almost all of the houses. Today, Clanwilliam is a flourishing town and the centre of Rooibos tea production which grows exclusively in the sandy valleys of the Cederberg. It is being centrally marketed in Clanwilliam. Wine and citrus is also grown here.

The fertile soil could only be intensively used, after a dam was constructed at the lower Olifants River. Its water runs through a wide-spread canal system to the fields.

Day 4: Clanwilliam – Namibian Border (465km on tar)

A long riding day today, most on gravel roads. We ride further north and reach the province "Northern Cape". It's a very dry and harsh up here, a semi desert. In Springbok, the last outpost of South Africa, we have our lunch stop. From here it's a quick ride to the Orange River and the Namibian Border. Along the Orange River, now on the Namibian side we ride to our Lodge, on the banks of the river.

Springbok is the capital of Namaqualand. The town takes its name from the large herds of springbok which used to pass through the arid valley to drink water from the spring. The herds were driven away when copper resources were discovered near the small settlement. In the middle of the last century, the area started to be mined, and a railway line to the coast was built for the transport of the ore. The railway line has been dismantled long ago, but the old steam-engine can still be seen in the mine museum of **Nababeep**, some kilometers out of Springbok. There one can also visit one of the last remaining working copper mines. Most of the mines in this area were closed down.

Springbok is the centre of the wildflower region, and each year in spring the town experiences a great

Day 5: Fish River Canyon (160km on gravel)

Today is a true riders highlight, via back roads and shortcuts we explore the southern part of Namibia, with no doubt, the best part of the country. It's a real desert feeling and the riders have to keep some distance to stay out of the dust. You can take beautiful action pictures here. "Me and my bike in the desert" a real adventure ride.

The Fish River is, at 650 kilometers, the longest river in Namibia. Its source lies in the eastern Naukluft Mountains and flows south-west of Ai-Ais into the Oranje. It is situated along the lower reaches of the Fish River, is one of the most impressive natural beauties in the southern part of Namibia. It developed predominantly during the pluvial times - a rainy climatic epoch - many millions of years ago. With a depth of up to 550 meters, the Fish River Canyon is the second largest canyon in the world, before the Grand Canyon in America. The enormous gorge meanders along a distance of approx. 160 kilometers through the fissured Koubis massif all the way down to Ai-Ais. The canyon starts near Seeheim, is 161 kilometers long and ends at Ai-Ais



Day 6: Fish River Canyon – Aus (250km on tar/120km on gravel)

The adventure goes on and we reach the outskirts of the real desert, the sand desert. We ride further North, all on gravel, and reach Seeheim, some huts in the middle of nowhere and Aus.

The little place of Aus lies some 120 kilometers east of Lüderitz on the National Road B4, which connects Lüderitz and Keetmanshoop - one of the most scenic routes in Namibia. At the **Garub** waterhole a roofed observation stand has been put up by conservationists, from where one can closely view the extraordinary animals that have become adapted to the extreme desert conditions.

For a long time nobody could tell where the wild horses originated from. They were believed to be descendents of those from the German Schutztruppe. Another theory proposes their origins to lie in the former stud of Baron Hansheinrich von Wolf of the Farm Duwisib south of Maltahöhe. Only some years ago research has revealed that these horses' forebears were part of the South African cavalry which had set up camp in the Namib. Their horses fled into the desert panicked by shots fired from a low flying German aircraft at the beginning of World War I.

Day 7: Aus – Sesriem (370km on tar)

A long riding day, we head further North towards the Namib Naukluft Park and the huge sand dunes of the Namib, this is a real adventure ride through beautiful terrain. Our Lodge tonight is in the middle of this untouched nature. We will have a barbeque tonight under the stars.

Day 8: Sesriem + Sossusvlei area (240km on gravel)

The Namib-Naukluft Park is Namibia's largest nature reserve, about 50.000 sq km in size. It includes a 100 to 150 km broad belt of land that stretches along the coastline from the Swakop valley in the north, towards the road B4 to Lüderitz in the south. Most parts of this enormous area are not accessible to man. One can only visit a small stretch north of the Kuiseb River: the Naukluft Mountains and the Sossusvlei in the central dune fields.

The Sossusvlei, Namibia's famous highlight in the heart of the Namib Desert, is a huge clay pan, enclosed by giant sand dunes. Some of the spectacular hills of sand are, at a height of 300 meters, the highest in the world. Only after a heavy rainfall, which is a rare event in this area, does the vlei fill with water.

As the clay layers hardly allow any water infiltration, a turquoise lake will remain for quite some time. The dunes of the Namib desert have developed over a period of many millions of years.



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Day 9: Sesriem - Stampriet (240km on gravel)

Beautiful mountain passes bring us in direction West into the inland of Namibia. We reach the small town Rehoboth. The small town of Rehoboth lies 90 kilometers south of Windhoek on the National Road B1. It has a strong spring and was founded in 1844 as a mission station. But because of the frequent attacks and lootings by the Namas, it was abandoned a few years later. In 1870, a "trek" of about 100 Baster families from the Cape reached the deserted place and settled here. The Basters (Afrikaans for "bastards") are racially mixed descendants of Khoikhoi women and Boer immigrants from the Cape.

Day 10: Stampriet - Windhoek (220km on gravel)

Our last riding day today. We explore the Auas and Khomas mountains around Windhoek our last riding highlight of the tour. Early afternoon we arrive in Windhoek and return the motorbikes.

With 250 000 inhabitants, Namibia's capital of Windhoek is the biggest city in the country. The attractive town lies at an altitude of 1650 meters in a beautiful valley bordered by the Eros Mountains in the north and the Auas mountains in the south. Towards the west, stretches the Khomas Highland to the Namib and the coast

Final routing depends on the availability of accommodation.

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