

A person wearing a wide-brimmed hat and a long-sleeved shirt is riding a dark horse. They are silhouetted against a bright sunset sky with scattered clouds. The landscape is a vast, open plain with low mountains in the distance. The overall mood is serene and adventurous.

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Horse Riding Adventure in Namibia

The Perfect Adventurous Vacation on Horseback

The Koiimasis Ranch is situated in the South of Namibia, in the centre of the beautiful „Tiras Mountains“ and at the edge off the world's oldest desert – the Namib Desert. Right there, at 38, 000 hectares, the German speaking host family Izko grows American Quarter and Paint Horses and offers a unique western riding adventure.

Discover a very special part of Namibia on horseback. Our best trained western horses will carry you safe through our fascinating and rough landscape. German- and English-speaking guides will serve you with a lot of knowledge about animals and plants but will also have a lot of adventure stories to tell at the campfire.



Horses and Riding Program

Horses: There are about 250 western horses (thereof 20 horses best trained for guests) at the ranch from own breeding. Those are Quarter and Paint Horses with a little bit of wild horses' blood. Western equipment and German- & English-speaking guiding is available.

Riding program: You are riding in all gaits and will experience exiting climbing tours. We have best trained horses for different riding skills, which also can speed up very good if required. You don't have to be a western rider for getting along with our horses. Having confidence in your guide and in your horse and a certain sportiness are the most important things. You will definitely get aching muscles!

Riding experience: **_****



What You Will Have to Expect at the Accommodation

Accommodation, catering: You will live in the ranch's new build „Adventure Village“ in comfortable double rooms with external shared bathrooms. The village is also the meeting point for social evenings and long nights around the camping fire. For everyone preferring it more luxury there is the possibility of staying in our own lodge (for an extra charge). The Lodge includes 4 exclusive furnished chalets with outdoor terrace, a quaint rock-restaurant, a pool area with canopy and the sky-bar. The meals will be taken in the Adventure Village, where a cook daily serves you everything, what a cowboy's/-girl's heart needs.

Arrival: Flight to Windhoek.

Our tip: Plan with a night in Windhoek before and/or after your journey so you can relax.



Star Ride with Basis in Koiimasis

The following procedure is totally flexible and adaptable to personal well-being, saddle stiffness and condition.

Look forward to a unique experience, to adventure, a fantastic country, nice people, unforgettable impressions and of course horses, horses, horses!



Day 1 & 2 – Get to Know and Exploration Ride

Day 1: You are going to have a 9-hours' drive to the south of Namibia. Time will pass very quick, our staff has a lot of interesting information about the country and the people living here.

Day 2 morning: Today you will get to know our horses and we will find out which one will fit to your riding skills. You will have a first ride at our riding area and get a little introduction.

Day 2 afternoon: After a delicious lunch your first ride over our ranch will start. We will explore our farm, visit our lodge and you will learn more about live and survive in this wild nature. Find out how the farm started and why someone had the idea of breeding horses in the middle of nowhere.

Ca. 3 hours riding time



Day 3: On the Trail of the Bushmen

Morning: We will ride on the trail of the ancestors of this country, right there where about 120 years ago the native people of Namibia – the KhoiiSan (Bushmen) – lived. You will learn a lot about the rough life in the savannah and see fascinating artefacts which give evidence about a very natural life.

Ca. 2 hours riding time

Afternoon: Climbing tour on horseback. Trust in the strong hooves of your horse, because we will ride in the rocky mountains of our ranch. There we will explore another fascinating part of Namibia's history. If we have enough time we will enjoy an African sundowner from one of these mountains in the centre of our ranch.

Ca. 2 hours riding time



Day 4: Cattle Drive & Cattle Work

Morning: Today you will have to expect an absolute highlight. You will learn how to work with cattle and we will drive a herd over the huge expanse of our ranch into a corral. There the cattle get sort out, castrated and marked.

Ca. 2 – 4 hours riding time

Afternoon: Take your camera with you, we will go on a drive with our land-rover in the savannah for visiting our wild horses. You can take pictures or observe our foals enjoying wild life with the herd.



Day 5: More About the Cow – Day Tour Including Cowboy Lunch

Day tour: Today we will visit the second farm of the family where we will have to track down and round up the cattle for guiding them through a rocky area. On our way we will get visited by our young stallions and find many traces of predators. Our tour will last the whole day and we will have a lunch break in the shadow of a tree – totally relaxed and rustic in cowboy style.

Ca. 5 – 6 hours ride time

Alternative tour: Depending on weather and/or condition we will ride on the black mountain in the north of the farm. On our way we will meet many wild horses and enjoy the view over the endless savannah landscape of Namibia. There also herds of wild oryx and springboks will cross our ways.

Ca. 4 – 5 hours riding time



Day 6: Day Tour with Camping Fire and Overnight Stay

Day tour: We will ride to our neighbours farm with a stop at the Quiver Tree Forest. The neighbours farm has a unique view point which we want to climb with the horses. Here we will stay over night and enjoy a real Namibian meal around the camping fire with wild-west atmosphere and nice company.

Ca. 5 – 6 hours riding time



Day 7: Highlight Desert Ride – Day Tour

Day tour: At our second last riding day you will have to expect an unique highlight. We will load our horses into a truck and drive in the southern direction. There we will start our tour into the red dunes of Namib desert. We will ride through the soft dunes sand and enjoy the stunning view on the Tiras mountain range.

Ca. 2 hours riding time



Day 8 & 9: Horses Downforce & Goodbye

Day 8 morning: Our horses live 99 % of there life wild and free at the vast ranch. From time to time somebody has to look if everything is fine. But how do you round up dozens of horses? Right, with a horse! We will ride in one of the wild horses areas and drive the horses to the coral. That can get very racy and will truly take your breath away!

Ca. 3 hours riding time

Day 8 afternoon: Another highlight for photo freaks! The doors will get opened and we will let the horses out in their freedom! In the evening we will barbecue for a last time and suitcases need to be packed, because we will start very we early to the airport the next day.

Day 9: Unfortunately it's time to say goodbye! After a good breakfast you will start very early to Windhoek.



OnTop Options

If this program isn't enough for you, we have 2 on top options available:

- Safari on horseback
- Horseback riding on the Atlantic coast



Optional: Safari on Horseback

Day 1: By visiting Namibia you might want to use the chance of seeing some wild animals. Your equipment and luggage will get stowed away and the horses loaded into a truck. On our way we will take a little stop at the edge of Namib desert. There we will ride through the soft red dunes sand of the oldest desert in the world. After ca. 1,5 hours riding time and a little break we will go on with our tour. We will drive ca. 120 km on the wonderful route D707 until we reach today's target destination, a great lodge with many wild animals. There you can go on a Jeep safari in an open off-road vehicle (for an extra charge) and get the chance to spot giraffes, rhinos, mountain zebras, gnus, nyala antelopes and if you are lucky even leopards.

Day 2: Today you will search for wild animals and explore the endless looking savannah area of the farm on horseback. In the morning you will ride about 3 hours, in the afternoon ca. 2 hours. If you are lucky, you will spot some rhinos or ride for a bet with giraffes. You could also find there zebras, gnus, hartebeests and the South African cow antelope. In the evening you will go back to Koiimasis. You will spend your last night at the ranch from where you will start your trip back to Windhoek the next morning.



Optional: Horseback Riding on the Atlantic Coast Day 1 & 2

Day 1: What's the dream of every rider? Right, galloping along the sea! Your equipment and luggage will get stowed away and the horses loaded into a truck. On our way we will make a little stop at the edge of Namib desert. There we will ride through the soft red dunes sand of the oldest desert in the world. After ca. 1,5 hours riding time and a little break we will go on with our tour. Our drive to the coast will take us 3 hours. After arriving in the little town of german origin Lüderitz we will move into our accommodation and end the day very nicely in a restaurant.



Day 2: The next day we will saddle our horses and ride in the direction of Atlantic coast. There we will ride from the big bay in the south west of the half island to the tip of the island, the so called Diaz Point. At the Rhennins Cove a whale skull is placed as well as many other relicts to remind at the whaling station which was on stream here in the past.

Ca. 4 – 5 hours riding time



Optional: Horseback Riding on the Atlantic Coast Day 3

Day 3: Early in the morning you will have the chance to go by a catamaran to Halifax Island and observe the penguin colony living there (for an extra charge). Maybe you will also see some dolphins and flamingos. It's a nice contrast program to the dusty savannah landscape.

After lunch we will go to the north east of Lüderitz where we will visit the Achat Beach. Here you can admire sand roses consisting of crystallized gypsum. Arriving at the beach you will have to expect a wonderful galloping route.

After the horses are safe accommodated we will go back to our hotel for enjoying dinner together and finish off the day.



Optional: Horseback Riding on the Atlantic Coast Day 4

Day 4: Today the horses will have a day off. After checking out we will go to Kolmannskuppe, a former diamond city. Nowadays it's a dilapidated ghost town (entry and tour for an extra charge). Photo enthusiasts will love this unique scene of slowly dilapidating buildings because the town is just partially restored. On our way back to the ranch we will make a stop in Klein Aus Vista and visit the there living wild horses. The so called Namibs which are named after the desert they are living in can give an insight into living and surviving in rough nature of Namibia.

We will spend the last night at Koiimasis from where you will start your way back to Windhoek in the next morning.



Price List 2020

Star Riding

Basis Koiimasis

- 7 riding days
- 8 nights
- 2 days for arrival & departure
- incl: catering: meals, soft drinks
- costs 1.560€ incl. 15% VAT
- plus transfer from/to airport:
1-2 persons: 250€ p.p.
from 3 persons up: 175€ p.p.
- plus single room surcharge

The costs for the on Top Options kommen will be added to the 1.560€ of the basic package tour, if the tour is extended by this days (+ 1 or 3 nights). If there are incl. On Top Options (Safari or Lüderitz) still 8 nights in summary we will set off the costs. The desert tour of the basis tour will be day 1 of the onTop options. The last night will be in Koiimasis. In this way there are still 8 nights included in the price.
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On Top Options

Safari on Horseback

- 2 days / 1 night
- 2 riders: 720,00€ pp
- 3 riders: 555,00 € pp
- 4 riders: 470,00€ pp
- gross costs, incl. 15% VAT
- inclusive transport, accommodation, horseback riding, meals
- exclusive drinks, exclusive jeep safari

Horseback Riding on the Atlantic Coast

- 4 days / 3 nights
- 2 riders: 1.500,00€ pp
- 3 riders: 1.040,00€ pp
- 4 riders: 940,00€ pp
- gross costs, incl. 15% VAT
- inclusive transport and accommodation
- exclusive catering (meals, drinks)
- exclusive entrance fee (e.g.. catamaran tour, ghost town)

Price List 2021

Star Riding

Basis Koiimasis

- 7 riding days
- 8 nights
- 2 days for arrival & departure
- incl: catering: meals, soft drinks
- costs 1.610€ incl. 15% VAT
- plus transfer from/to airport:
1-2 persons: 250€ p.p.
from 3 persons up: 175€ p.p.
- plus single room surcharge

The costs for the on Top Options kommen will be added to the 1.560€ of the basic package tour, if the tour is extended by this days (+ 1 or 3 nights). If there are incl. On Top Options (Safari or Lüderitz) still 8 nights in summary we will set off the costs. The desert tour of the basis tour will be day 1 of the onTop options. The last night will be in Koiimasis. In this way there are still 8 nights included in the price.
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On Top Options

Safari on Horseback

- 2 days / 1 night
- 2 riders: 740,00€ pp
- 3 riders: 570,00 € pp
- 4 riders: 485,00€ pp
- gross costs, incl. 15% VAT
- inclusive transport, accommodation, horseback riding, meals
- exclusive drinks, exclusive jeep safari

Horseback Riding on the Atlantic Coast

- 4 days / 3 nights
- 2 riders: 1.545,00€ pp
- 3 riders: 1.070,00€ pp
- 4 riders: 970,00€ pp
- gross costs, incl. 15% VAT
- inclusive transport and accommodation
- exclusive catering (meals, drinks)
- exclusive entrance fee (e.g.. catamaran tour, ghost town)

We look forward to you!

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