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.

RANCH KOIIMASIS



Horseback Adventure in Namibia

The perfect adventure vacation on horseback

The Ranch Koiimasis is located in the south of Namibia, in the middle of the beautiful Tiras Mountains and on the edge of the oldest desert in the world, the Namib Desert. The German speaking host family Izko breeds there, on 38.000 hectares, American Quarter and Paint Horses and offers a unique western riding adventure.

Explore a very special part of Namibia from horseback. Our well trained Western horses will reliably carry you through our impressive and rugged landscape. German and English speaking guides provide you with a lot of knowledge about the animal and plant world and also have numerous adventure stories ready at the evening campfire.





Horses and riding programm

Horses: There are about 200 self bred Western horses on the ranch, about 20 of which are well trained for guests. Quarter and Paint Horses with a dash of wild horse blood.

Equipment and riding guide: High quality imported western equipment and German and English speaking riding guide.

Riding program: You will ride in all gaits and some will experience exciting climbs. We have well trained horses for different riding abilities, which can also give you a good throttle if you wish. You don't have to be a western rider to get along with our horses. The most important thing is that you trust your guide and your horse and that you have a certain athleticism. Muscle ache is definitely pre-programmed!

Riding experience: No beginners tour! You should have some horse experience and be able to sit in the saddle for several hours and endure longer gallops.



What can you expect on site?

Accommodation, meals: At the Ranch you will be accommodated in our newly built "Adventure Village", in comfortable double rooms with external shared bathrooms. The Village is also the gathering place for social barbecues and long nights around the campfire. For an extra charge, couples can also stay in our "Honeymoon Suite", with comfortable double bed and en suite bathroom.

Those who want something more luxurious can stay in our in-house lodge (for an extra charge). The lodge has 4 exclusively furnished chalets, with outdoor terrace, the original rock restaurant, a pool area with sun deck and the Sky Bar.

Meals are taken in the Adventure Village, where our cook will provide you with everything your cowboy/girl heart desires. Vegetarians are of course also welcome by appointment.

Arrival: Flight to Windhoek, from there you will be picked up.

Our tip: Plan a night in Windhoek for relaxation before and/or after your trip.

Departure: If your return flight is before 6pm on the day of departure, please be sure to plan for one night in Windhoek, as we cannot guarantee a timely arrival. We will be happy to assist you in finding accommodation in Windhoek.



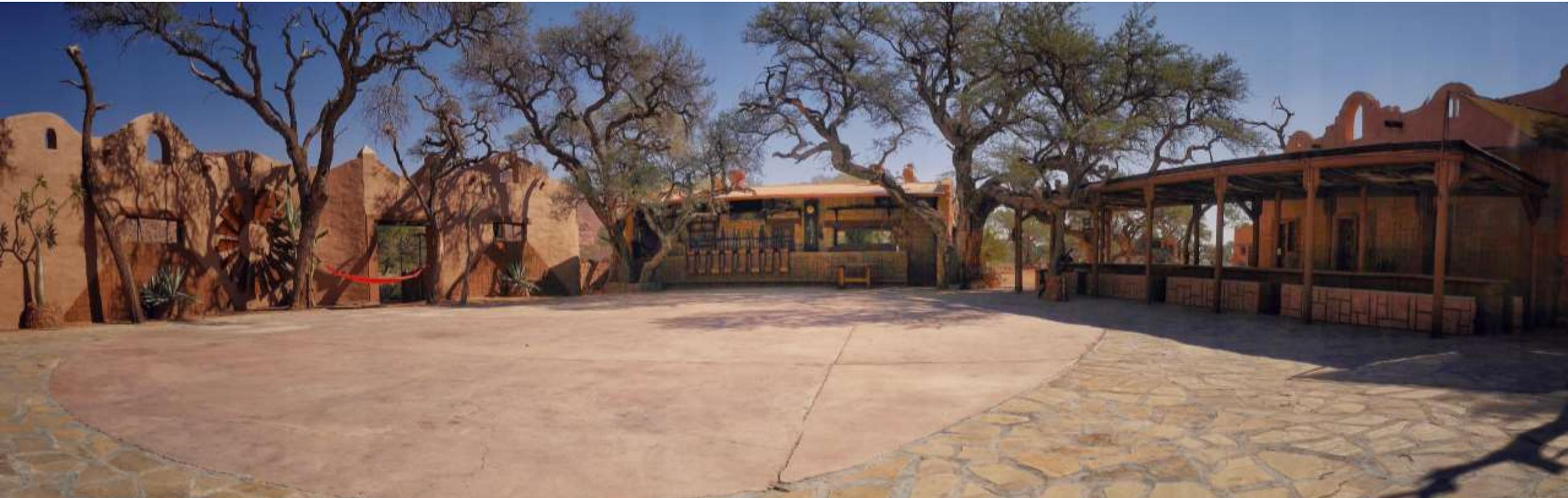


Star-ride with Koiimasis as the base

The outlined itinerary is absolutely flexible and can be adapted at any time depending on personal condition and saddle strength.

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

The best time to travel is from March to November inclusive, as temperatures are very high from December to February.



Day 1 & 2 – Get to know and Explorer ride

Day 1: An approx. 9 hour drive towards the south of the country awaits you. The time will fly by, because our staff already has a lot of exciting information about the country and its people.

Day 2 Morning: Today you will get to know our horses and we will see which horse suits your riding skills. During a first ride on the riding arena you can get to know each other and you will get a small introduction.

Day 2 Afternoon: After a delicious lunch we will start our first ride around the ranch. We will explore the ranch, ride up to the lodge and you will learn a lot about living and surviving in our wild nature. Learn how the ranch started and how people got the idea to breed horses somewhere in the middle of nowhere.

Approx. 3 hours riding time



Day 3: On the trail of the bushmen

Morning: Today we will ride in the footsteps of the ancestors of this country, where almost 120 years ago the indigenous people of Namibia, the KhoiiSan (Bushmen), still lived. You will learn about the harsh life in the savannah and discover fascinating artifacts that testify to an incredible and very primitive life.

Approx. 2 hours riding time

Afternoon: Climbing tour on horseback. Trust your horse's strong hooves as we head high into the rocky mountains of the ranch. There we explore another fascinating part of Namibia's history. If there is still time, we will enjoy the beautiful African sunset from a mountain in the center of the ranch.

Approx. 2 hours riding time





Day 4: Cattledrive & Photo tour

Morning: Today an absolute highlight awaits you. It goes to the cow. You learn how to work with cattle and we drive a herd across the vast expanse of the ranch into a corral. There the cattle will be sorted out, castrated and marked.

Approx. 2-4 hours riding time

Afternoon: Pack your camera, because it goes with our land cruiser into the savannah to our wild horses. Here you can take extensive photos or just watch our foals enjoying their wild herd life.



Day 5: Sleep like the bushmen

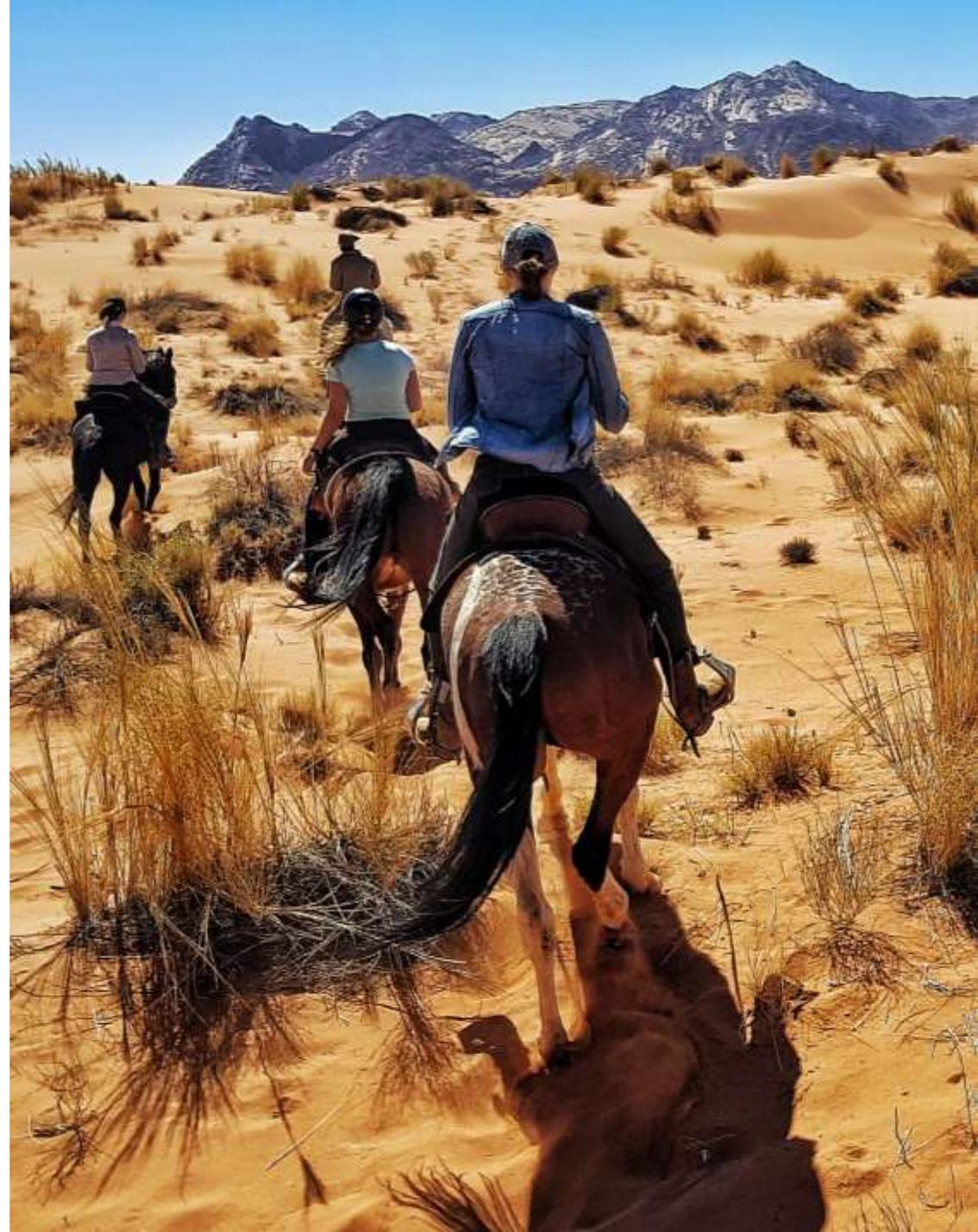
Day four with overnight stay: Today we ride south-east to the farm Weißenborn. After an adventurous climb over ancient mountain passes we reach the bushman valley of the ranch. Numerous artifacts testify to a comfortable life in the harsh savannah climate.

On site the camp and our cook are already waiting for us. For dinner we will have Oryx meat* prepared in bushman style and sit around the open campfire for a while to let the exciting day come to an end.

We will sleep in comfortable tents with own bed.

approx. 6 hours riding time

*or veggie alternative



Day 6: Highlight Desert ride

Day tour with overnight stay: Today a unique highlight is waiting for you. We load the horses into our truck and drive south. From here our tour starts into the red dunes of the Namib Desert. We ride through the soft dune sand and enjoy the breathtaking view towards the Tiras mountain range! Here, of course, numerous photos are made, because you want to be able to show that at home.

After about two hours of riding through the dunes, we continue towards the blue mountains to the Numis farm, which has an indescribable mountain panorama to offer. The scenery will take your breath away! Here we will spend another night in the tent. The horses will already be picked up in the evening and driven back to Koiimasis.

Approx. 4 hours riding time*

*If the additional option "Atlantic Coast" is booked, we will drive from here towards Lüderitz and the tour to Numis as well as the second night in the tent will be omitted.
ATTENTION: If you join us from December up to and including February, the desert ride cannot be guaranteed as we do not want to risk your health or the health of our horses. In case of excessive heat, an equivalent alternative program will be offered.



Day 7: Cowboy brunch and Quiver tree forest

Morning: After a hot coffee around the campfire to awaken the tired cowgirl/boy limbs, we drive from the camp back to Koiimasis where a delicious brunch awaits us.

Afternoon: After a relaxing lunch break, it's back to the horse and we ride to our quiver tree forest in the north-east of the farm, which is located high in the mountain. The ancient quiver trees have their own survival tactics - which we will tell you on the spot.

Approx. 2,5 hours riding time

*If you have booked the additional option "Atlantic Coast", we will continue here and day 7 will become day 10 of 12.



Day 8: Even more cow

Day trip: Today it's once again time for the cows. Koiimasis has almost 200 cattle that have to be checked regularly and driven to new, fatter pastures. We do all this on horseback, an environmentally friendly alternative to the quad and a lot of fun for all riders!

Approx. 2-4 hours riding time

Alternative day tour: Depending on weather and/or condition, we will ride up the black mountain in the north of the farm, meeting our wild horses on the way and enjoying the view of Namibia's endless desert landscape. On our tour wild oryx herds and springbok will cross our path.

Approx. 4-5 hours riding time



Day 9: Departure

Today, unfortunately, it is already time to say goodbye. After a good breakfast we will leave early in the morning for Windhoek.

If that was not enough for you, you have the possibility to add an additional option on the next pages and extend your trip by 3 more great days.



Optional: Horseback riding on the Atlantic coast day 1 & 2

Day 1 Dune ride: What is the dream of every rider? To gallop along the sea, of course! We set off from the Bushman Camp and head west with the horses. While we are on our way, we make a small stop at the edge of the Namib Desert. There we unload the horses and ride through the soft, red dune sand of the oldest desert in the world. After 1.5 hours of riding and a short break we continue directly. We drive about 3 hours to the coast. Arriving in the small German town of Lüderitz, we check into our accommodation and end the evening in a restaurant in town.

Day 2 Diaz Point: The next day we saddle our horses and ride towards the Atlantic coast. There we start from the big bay in the southwest of the peninsula towards the tip of the island, the so called Diaz Point. At Diaz Point, a whale skull and many other relics remind us of the whaling station that once operated here.

Approx. 4-5 hours riding time

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Optional: Horseback riding on the Atlantic coast day 3

Morning catamaran: On the third day you have the opportunity to take a catamaran to Halifax Island early in the morning and observe the penguin colony living there (optional for an extra charge). You will probably also get to see dolphins and flamingos there. A great contrast to the otherwise so dusty savannah landscape.

Afternoon Achat Beach: After lunch we are drawn to the northeast of Lüderitz, there is the so-called Achat Beach. Here one can admire everywhere sand roses from crystallized gypsum. Arrived at the beach, a breathtaking gallop track is waiting for us. After the horses are safely stabled we will go to the hotel, where we will have dinner together and finish the evening.

3-4 hours riding time



Optional: Horseback riding on the Atlantic coast day 4

Morning ghost town: Today the horses have a free day. After checking out, we head towards Kolmannskuppe, a former diamond town that has now deteriorated into a ghost town worth seeing (entrance fee and tour at extra cost). Photo enthusiasts will get their money's worth here, as the town is only partially restored. The slowly decaying buildings provide a unique backdrop.

Afternoon wild horses: On our way back to the ranch, we stop at Klein Aus Vista to visit the wild horses that live there. The so-called Namibs, given their name by the desert in which they live, have a fascinating story to tell of life and survival in Namibia's harsh wilderness.

The next day, the base tour program continues and we ride to our quiver tree forest in the afternoon.



Prices 2021/2022

Star-Ride Koiimasis based

- 7 Riding days / 8 nights
- 2 days arrival and departure
- Incl. catering: Food, soft drinks
- Costs 1.610€ incl. 15% VAT
- Plus transfer from/to the airport:
 - 1-2 persons: 250€ p.p.
 - from 3 persons: 175€ p.p.
- Plus single room surcharge

On-Top: 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
- Costs incl. 15% VAT
- Included: Transportation and accommodation
- Excluded: meals (food, drinks), entrance fees (e.g. catamaran tour, ghost town)



*The costs for Lüderitz are added to the base price (1.610€) if the trip is extended by these days (+3 nights). If it stays at 8 nights incl. on top option, the costs will be charged accordingly. The desert tour of the basic trip thus becomes day 1 of the onTop option. Afterwards we return to Koiimasis and the program of originally day 7+8+9 will be continued. Subject to errors and typos.

Important Covid19 Infos

Our Covid-19 Promise

If you are unable to travel due to Covid-19 because you or a family member is infected, you are unable to enter the country due to a travel warning, closed borders or cancelled flights, we will give you the opportunity for a free rebooking.

Departure: Since travel regulations change quasi constantly, please plan for one night in Windhoek at the end in case a Corona test is necessary.

If flying via Frankfurt: Currently (as of 09/21) vaccinated and recovered persons may enter Germany without a test.



We look forward to seeing you

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A close-up photograph of a light-colored horse's head, showing its ears and mane against a clear blue sky. The horse's mane is blowing in the wind. In the upper right corner, there is a stylized black logo consisting of two mirrored, curved shapes that resemble the Cyrillic letter 'Я' or 'R'.