

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 Programme

Horses: There are approx. 200 on the ranch, of which approx. 20 are highly trained Western horses from our own breeding 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 guides.

Riding programme: You will ride in all gaits and 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 on with our horses. The most important thing is that you trust your guide and your horse and have a certain amount of athleticism. Muscle ache is definitely pre-programmed!

Riding experience: Definitely not a beginner's tour! You should have a certain amount of horse experience and be able to sit in the saddle for several hours (up to 7 per day), as well as to endure longer canter and trot distances. However, anyone who hinders the rest of the group due to lack of riding experience may be excluded from the rides. Please note that we have a strict weight limit of 90 kg.



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 Hosea Kutako international Airport, from where you will be picked up. If your flight arrives after 2pm, please allow for one night in Windhoek

Departure: Should your return flight arrive 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.

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

*Please inform us of any food allergies or dislikes as soon as possible.





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, as temperatures are very high from December to February. In the rainy season we cannot guarantee every ride, for safety reasons. We will adapt the program to the conditions.



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 in 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 farm, ride up to the lodge and you will learn a lot about living and surviving in our wild nature. Learn how Koiimasis 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: Sleeping like the Bushmen

Day tour with overnight stay*: Today we ride south-east to the Farm Weissenborn. After an adventurous climb over ancient mountain passes, we reach the ranch's Bushman Valley. Numerous artefacts bear witness to a comfortable life in the harsh savannah climate.

On site, the camp and our cook are already waiting for us. For dinner we 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 sleep in comfortable tents with our own bed - or under the open sky.

Approx. 6-7 hours riding time

*PLEASE NOTE: If the additional option "Atlantic Coast" is booked, we will shorten the ride a little bit and we sleep on Koiimasis.

**or vegetarian alternative



Day 6: Highlight Desert Ride

Day tour: Today a unique highlight awaits you. We load the horses into our truck and drive south. From here we start our tour 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! Of course, numerous photos are taken here, because you want to be able to show something like this at home.

After a picturesque ride through the dunes, we load the horses back into the truck and drive home to Koiimasis.

Approx. 3 hours riding time

*If you have booked the additional option "Atlantic Coast", we will drive from here towards Lüderitz.

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 that of our horses. In case of excessive heat, an alternative programme will be offered.



Day 7: Cowboybrunch and Quiver Tree Forest

Morning: This morning the horses and riders are allowed to rest their tired legs and we start the day with a delicious brunch.

Afternoon: In the afternoon we get back on horseback and ride to our quiver tree forest in the north-east of the farm, which is situated 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 pick up here again and day 7 becomes 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 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: Riding on the Atlantic coast – day1 &2

What is every rider's dream? Galloping along the sea, of course!

Day 1 Dune ride*: We set off from Koiimasis and head west with the horses. While we are on the way, we make a small stopover 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 about an hour of riding and a short break, we continue directly. We drive for 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 morning we set off early, saddle our horses and ride along 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. Here there is a long beach with shallow water where we can go splashing with the horses.

Approx. 4 hours riding time

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Optional: riding on the Atlantic coast – day 3

Storm Bird Bay in the morning : In the morning we ride over one of Lüderitz`s most beautiful beaches. Gentle waves and soft sand invite us to long gallop episodes. At the Bay, a whale skull and many other relics remind us of the whaling station that once operated here.

Afternoon: After the horses are safely stabled, we return to the hotel for dinner and an evening out. Any afternoon activities can be added depending on the season.

2-3 hours riding time



Optional: Riding on the Atlantic coast – day 4

Today the horses have a day off.

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

Morning ghost town: If you want to go all out, you have the option of visiting a real ghost town after the catamaran tour (or as a late riser alternative). Kolmannskuppe is 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 has only been partially restored. The slowly decaying buildings provide a unique backdrop.

Wild horses in the afternoon: 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. These horses have a fascinating story to tell of life and survival in Namibia's harsh wilderness.

The next day the base tour programme continues and we ride to our quiver tree forest in the afternoon. On this day you have the opportunity to make up for the missed night at camp.





Tour dates 2024

You are travelling alone? No worries, all dates are appropriate for single travelers*.

18.-26.02. | 16.-24.03. | 19.-27.04. | 20.-28.05. | 20.-28.06. | 21.-29.07. | 21.-29.08. | 20.-28.09. | 15.-23.10. | 25.11.-03.12.

All dates are extendable with our Atlantic Coast onTop option. Please aks for availabilities.



*except the Atlantic Coast onTop Option

Prices 2024

Star-Ride Koiimasis based

- 7 riding days / 8 nights | 2 days arrival and departure
- Incl. catering: food, soft drinks
- costs 2.100€ incl. 15% VAT
-10% in off season (Jan-March & Oct-Dec)
- 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: 1.760€ p.P.
 - 3 Riders: 1.320€ p.P.
 - 4 Riders: 1.060€ p.P.
- Costs incl. 15% VAT
- Included: Transportation and accommodation
- Excluded: meals (food, drinks), entrance fees (e.g. catamaran tour, ghost town)



*The costs for the additional option are added to the basic price (1,750€) if the trip is extended by these days (+3 nights). If it remains at 8 nights incl. On Top Option, the costs will be charged accordingly. The desert tour of the basic tour thus becomes day 1 of the On Top Option. Afterwards we return to Koiimasis and the programme of originally day 7+8+9 will be continued. Errors and typing mistakes excepted.

Important Covid19 information

Our Covid Promise: If you are unable to travel due to Corona because you or a family member is infected, or you are unable to enter the country due to a travel warning, closed borders or cancelled flights, we will give you the opportunity to change your booking free of charge.

If you fly via Frankfurt: Currently (as of 12/22), fully vaccinated persons may enter and leave the country without a test.

Attention: As travel regulations change almost constantly, please plan for a night in Windhoek at the end, in case a Corona test is necessary.



Reviews

Laura writes: "My time at Koiimasis was incredibly beautiful. The country of Namibia already speaks for itself and inspires with its endless expanses and beautiful landscapes. To be able to experience this wonderful place from the back of a horse is something that will burn itself into your memories. We galloped through unbelievably wide open spaces, with no traces of people to be seen in any direction. We climbed through mountains that I would have thought impossible for horses. We rode in the most beautiful light of the setting sun, with a rising full moon, the colors that develop are impossible to capture in a photo. At the same time, it is a beautiful farm where you can only feel at home. Everything is built with attention to detail and you meet different people who have exciting stories in store. I think the feeling of freedom you get at Koiimasis is hard to find anywhere else on the planet. You get a new idea of the enormity of our earth and also of life outside the first world. I always felt safe on the horses I rode. It was a pleasure to ride them as they were very fine and especially in cattedrives with their agility just fun to ride. For me a very impressive experience, which was perfectly rounded off with a subsequent trip through the country and I can highly recommend to anyone who enjoys riding without fear."

Thomas writes: "Actually, I didn't want to write a review, because I usually keep indescribable experiences like this to myself. I had booked the Koiimasis Basic Tour. The description of the tour reads quite well, but what comes across in reality I cannot describe with my words. I was flashed every day again - whether on the tracks of the Bushmen, the Cattedrives, the Quiver Tree Forest or the absolute ride: over the Tiras Mountains into the Namib Desert with 2 overnight stays in mobile camps. Plus great food, really nice people, superbly trained horses and a breathtaking landscape with magnificent sunsets. A fantastic riding adventure that is really hard to top."



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Jill writes: "I was looking forward to a wonderful adventure in Namibia and was not disappointed! The nature and landscape is breathtaking and for the first few days you can't believe that you now get to explore everything on horseback in this wonderful environment. I was allowed to ride Attila on the tour, a very reliable horse, which immediately gave me a good feeling. Freda is a wonderful guide, always has the safety of the horses and guests in mind and each tour is unique with all kinds of stories and details about bushmen, the animals and nature on Koiimasis. A special highlight for me was the sundowner with horse including a small photo session and the tour to the Namib Desert. An unforgettable experience! The camp and the rooms are lovingly decorated and you can only feel good. The physical well-being is also well taken care of. All in all, the tour was a unique experience!"

Anne writes: "At the beginning of 2021, I spontaneously booked the Western adventure at Koiimasis Ranch in Namibia. I had no idea what to expect. But no matter what I expected... this holiday surpassed everything. Unbelievable vastness, beautiful landscape, great horses and a super nice accommodation, which is modelled on a small Wild West town with great attention to detail. Not to forget the lovely staff and ranch owners. The physical well-being was also taken care of by the great cook. Tour guide Freda rounded off the experience with her relaxed but responsible manner. Through her I learned a lot about life in Namibia. Her planned horse riding tours were an absolute highlight. Especially the 2 days in the desert camp were unforgettable. This adventure is also highly recommended for solo travellers like me. I will remember it for a long time and am already looking forward to the next time."



We look forward to seeing you

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