



LEEF JOU REIS

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A glimpse into my journey

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*Music was my first love
but travel is my passion.*

To understand the meaning behind “Leef Jou Reis,” one must discover, take detours, and embrace the alternative routes or the roads less travelled. To eat and mingle with the local people and truly comprehend their culture, we have this special opportunity to become authentic travellers, rather than mere tourists visiting a country.

Growing up in the small town of Mossel Bay, I have had the privilege of setting foot on 7 continents and explored over 85 countries. With all this experience and passion for travel, we would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join our global travel family.

We are the “cool kids” of travel and we do it in style...

Welcome to Leef Jou Reis





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A journey through the oldest desert in the world awaits you: the Namib!

The massive dunes of this untouched wilderness can be up to 300 meters high, testing your 4x4 skills to the limit. Our journey takes us through forgotten ghost towns hidden deep in the desert where everything was abandoned overnight many years ago. The so-called Sperrgebiet has claimed many victims due to the uninhabitable desert conditions and isolation from society. Eventually, the dunes open up to the sea and we drive along the coast past shipwrecks from a forgotten era.

With special permits in place, we drive in 4x4 mode through places reserved only for selected adventurers, and you will even have the opportunity to pull a codfish (kabeljou) or galjoen from the sea. Pack your 4x4 and come travel with us from Aus with its desert horses, through the dunes of the Namib Desert to Walvis Bay on one of the greatest adventures of your life. 600 kilometres of pure dune-navigating fun awaits ...

**Experience the dune adventure
with Leef Jou Reis.**





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DAY 1: Friday, 20 February

We meet at Klein-Aus Vista just outside Lüderitz. This area with its rock formations looks completely like a scene from Mars with the Auas Mountains in the background. Our friend, Piet Swiegers is the expert on Namibia's desert horses. He tells us more about these specially adapted animals, and we are extremely fortunate to get the chance to go and look for them. Otherwise, you can simply relax by the pool.

In the early evening, each vehicle is equipped with a two-way radio for communication and information purposes for our exodus into the desert. Later, the fires are lit for a relaxed braai while we have a delightful time getting to know our fellow travellers. We also introduce the experienced team and share the route and order arrangements of the expedition.

Rest assured, you are in extremely capable hands with guides who have helped lay out the desert routes and know them like the back of their hand. They will also provide technical assistance should it be necessary. However, within a day or two you will be an experienced 4x4 desert driver and king of the dunes.

DAY 2: Saturday, 21 February

We leave Aus and drive towards the farm Kanaän, with more than 35 000 hectares of preserved area and a true paradise for photographers. The famous N/a'an ku sê Wildlife Sanctuary is located here, where wild animals such as cheetahs, are rehabilitated by Marlice and Dr Rudie van Vuuren (Groen Namibië KykNET series).

Expansive grass plains and the strange "fairy circles" (tufts of grass) form part of the landscape. You are now in the Namib-Naukluft National Park, where we seek a suitable place for lunch. The Namib-Naukluft National Park covers approximately 50 000 m² and is one of the largest conservation areas in Africa. After lunch, we follow the Tiras Mountains deeper into the desert, and now the time has come to deflate our tyres ...

Tonight, we pitch our tents while the sky bursts open with millions of stars – like you haven't seen in a long time. Our chefs prepare the most delicious dishes every night while you sit back and relax with a special wine tasting experience under the stars next to a crackling campfire. Welcome to your dune safari through the oldest desert in the world!



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DAY 3: Sunday, 22 February

Today, the serious dune riding begins, and we get up early for coffee and rusks as well as a scrumptious breakfast. We embark deeper into the desert and also pay a visit to the desert's victims.

There is a beautiful story about an old Ford truck, Suzie. The old Ford truck with its blunt nose has an interesting story of how it ended up here in the desert just after the Second World War. Fully equipped with Dakota airplane wheels that were supposed to help navigate over the dunes, but to no avail ... the desert claimed Suzie as part of its treasures. There is also the story of an old bulldozer and time will determine which of these wrecks we will stop at.

The dunes are getting higher now, following one after the other. The adrenaline runs high as we approach the coastal area where the desert and the sea meet. An indescribable sight awaits you at Sylvia Hills. On this dune that overlooks the sea, you will definitely want to enjoy a cocktail. Nearby, we set up camp for the evening and, after a hot shower, we light a roaring fire and share stories about the day's journey through and over the dunes.

Our chef prepares a delightful dinner, and afterwards you fall asleep with the sound of the Atlantic Ocean as background music in your ears.

DAY 4: Monday, 23 February

We follow the 4x4 route along the Atlantic coastline via the dune route. Once again we face thick sand and high dunes, one after the other.



By this time, you are already an expert when it comes to the "slipways", how to read the dunes and navigate them properly.

We travel past places called St Francis Bay and Black Rock and find our way through the desert to Afklimbaai. The names of these places all have a deeper meaning and history, and we share this with you as we go along. If the time and the place are suitable, we can adjust the program to wet the line looking for a nibble from a 'kabeljou'.

Tonight, and as usual, a crackling fire and tasty meal await you, and we guarantee that you wouldn't want to be anywhere else.



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DAY 5: Tuesday, 24 February

A momentous highlight awaits today. During the early 1900s, only a few places along the Namibian coast were suitable to allow equipment for the extraction of diamonds. The sea in these “ports” is exceptionally rough, and many boats and ships have been shipwrecked here. At one stage, there were even train tracks, but the desert swallowed them as well. Equipment, people and supplies would normally be unloaded at Meob Bay or Conception Bay when the weather permitted, from where man and beast had to find their way deep into the desert to where the diamonds were located. In 1909, more than 5 000 diamond claims were registered in the vicinity of the Sperrgebiet.

Asbestos and zinc structures as well as wooden huts were erected to settle the desert villages. However, it was a demanding, unforgiving task and in 1914 everything was abandoned and the people left in the aftermath of the First World War when the allied forces invaded Namibia.

Today, the mining villages of Grillenberger and Charlottenfelder stand like forgotten skeletons stuck in time.

Meob Bay was formerly a whaling station, with sun-bleached whale bones lying everywhere. It is also here where the Oppenheims wanted to continue their diamond operations. The cabins are still standing today and you will be amazed at everything that was accomplished here in the middle of nowhere. You are now in fisherman’s paradise; here where the coast is still unspoiled and where research is done on various fish species.

With special permission and permits in place, you will get the opportunity to catch some fish. Here, ethical practices are applied with an emphasis on conservation.



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DAY 6: Wednesday, 25 February

We are moving in the direction of Walvis Bay. At Sandwich Bay we will try to drive along the beach between the dunes and the sea. However, it is a route that requires careful planning, that we can only undertake during low tide. Alternatively, we build a road through the dunes should the tide prevent us from moving along.

We stop at the Eduard Bohlen, an old shipwreck from 1909 that washed up on the beach after it had to unload mining equipment and supplies - there are several versions about how the ship met its fate, and we will share all these stories with you. Keep an eye out for brown hyenas and jackals that use the ship as their home. You will also be amazed at how far the sand has pushed the Eduard Bohlen into the desert.

Where we drive along the sea, thousands of seals greet you. However, there are still a few dunes ahead before we reach the salt pans of Walvis Bay.

DAY 7: Thursday, 26 February

At Walvis Bay, our 4x4 desert safari unfortunately comes to an end. The time has come to inflate our tyres, say our goodbyes and return home with a full heart after the many laughs and most magnificent memories of an unforgettable tour.

* Please note that the itinerary may be changed depending on the desert condition.





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What Next...?

Follow the steps below to confirm your booking:

STEP 1

If you want to join us on this exciting tour, send your e-mail address and mobile number to leefjoureis@twf.co.za. We will then send the booking form that you must complete and return, together with a copy of your ID/passport and proof of payment of the deposit.

STEP 2

This itinerary is fairly complete and should contain all the information you might need. We will set up a WhatsApp group closer to the time for further communication; therefore, please make sure that the mobile number you have provided is correct. If you have any questions, feel free to send an e-mail or WhatsApp 082 923 3626.

STEP 3

In the meantime, start looking forward to this special desert experience!

Package Includes:

- Price based on per person sharing
- 5 nights' campsite accommodation
- 3 Meals per day
- 1 nights' accommodation at Klein-Aus Vista in a standard double or twin room; breakfast included
- Traditional braai dinner at Klein-Aus Vista
- 4x4 adventure tour with a 4x4 specialist
- Concession fees payable to the government
- Entrance fees to the park per person per day payable to the government
- Two-way radios for communication between vehicles (essential and mandatory)
- Two or three guide vehicles (depending on the number of guests)
- Leef jou Reis tour guide
- Gratuities for the people who assist us

Package Exclude:

- Travel insurance as well as medical cover
- All items of a personal nature
- Any food and/or drinks outside of the arranged catering
- Any excursions/tours not included in the itinerary

- To secure your place on the 4x4 tour, LJR require a R10 000 deposit when making your reservation. Please note, this is a non-refundable deposit, as the fees are paid to the operators to secure services and to obtain the necessary permits. Should you be unable to travel for any reason, you are responsible for the costs incurred.
- The second deposit of R6 500 is payable by 21 September 2025.
- The outstanding balance is payable 30 November 2025.



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All Vehicle Information

EACH VEHICLE - PACK THE FOLLOWING:

- Sufficient fuel: Guideline - petrol vehicles: 3 km/litre and diesel vehicles: 4 km/litre
- Tent, mattresses, sleeping bags/bedding and camping chairs
- Minimum of 60 litres of water (20 litres for kitchen needs) plus 2 litres of drinking water per person per day
- At least 2 large bags of firewood plus 1 bag of charcoal
- Strong black bags - all rubbish must be stored and only disposed of when we reach Walvis Bay
- Enough beverages and other drinks during meals and for all the evenings around the campfire
- Snacks such as biltong, sweets and potato chips for each day's journey
- Own plates, cutlery, cups and glasses (washing-up facilities will be provided)

Own 4x4 Vehicle

- To cross the border your vehicle must have the correct documentation. If your vehicle is financed, you will need a letter from the bank giving consent. You will also have to provide proof of adequate insurance.
- It is a bonus if you have a fridge/freezer in your vehicle for enough ice.
- 4x4 vehicles must be equipped with "high-flotation" tyres suitable for sand driving. We recommend a good "all-terrain" tire. (no tube type tyres)
- Make sure that your 4x4 is in top mechanical condition
- Pump and pressure gauge
- 2 spare wheels
- Emergency equipment, tools and parts
- Recovery point/hook - front and rear
- Roof rack must be loaded with a maximum weight of 50 kg only (bedding or tents)
- Preferably no roof tents





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