



**28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Rooibokraal, Ballyshannon.**

A trip not to be missed, our one night out venue is a game farm on the crocodile river north of Thabazimbi; 12km from the Botswana border as the crow flies. We meet up at Beestekraal Station Restaurant, 35 km out of Brits on the R511 at 09H00 on the Saturday morning of 28<sup>th</sup> January 2012. Have a cup of coffee and then head toward Rooiberg via some very scenic dirt roads. As always there will be a leader and sweeper on this trip to make sure that every rider is kept in the group.

At The Koekepan in Rooiberg we can enjoy a hearty lunch. From here we move on toward Thabazimbi. Refuel and stock up for the evening meal in Thabazimbi. From Thaba it's an 80km dirt run to the farm Bally Shannon. Please be aware that this weekend ride has some stretches of thick and loose sand, very much like the terrain in Botswana.



**Rustic Bush Camp Ballyshannon.**



**The Koekepan.**



**Bakkers Pass.**

**The evening meal we have to prepare ourselves on an open fire or on the gas stove in the Lapa, there are cooling facility's for our drinks. The venue is a game farm so please refrain from speeding or making excessive noise as we would like to be welcomed back in the future.**

**Sunday morning, after a breakfast in Thabazimbi we can head home through Bakkers Pass, Rankinns and to Warmbaths (Bela Bela) for lunch. These roads; when we last traversed them in December, had Road Closed signs up due to all the rain, so it makes for some really great riding.**

**Remember to invite friends and family, any make of "Licensed" Dual Purpose Bike, Off Road or 4 x 4 Vehicle welcome; if you have space in your fridge you will receive an even warmer welcome ☺.**

**It's all about great African scenery, dust, mud, and whatever else Mother Nature throws at us; not to mention great camaraderie of course. As long as you enjoy Adventure and Nature this trip is for you.**

### **Accommodation.**

Backpackers style beds in the rustic thatched huts, we must provide our own bedding/ sleeping bags and pillows. **Accommodation is limited to ten so please confirm your booking asap.**

### **Cost.**

**The cost of the trip on a self catering basis is R350.00 per person. Motorcycle Hire, Toll Fees, Fuel, Border Charges, meals, drinks and all other cost's for your own account. Booking will be done on a first paid, first in basis. Numbers are limited for logistical reasons so please book asap.**

**Please call or mail for a trip reservation/indemnity and banking detail form.**

### **Rough Itinerary.**

Saturday morning from Beestekraal via Rooiberg to Bally Shannon.

Sunday morning home via a mutually agreed route.

### **Rules of the Ride, very important !!!**

- 1. On the tar, ride in staggered formation, one rider on left, one rider on the right.**
- 2. Do not pass the leader, do not fall behind the sweeper.**

3. Don't ride too close to the rider in front of you, you should be able to see the eyes of the person in front of you in their mirror, otherwise you are in his/her blind spot.
4. Ride with your headlight on dipped beam.
5. We look after each other. The rider behind you is YOUR responsibility - if they stop, you stop.
6. On the dirt refrain from overtaking unless the person in front of you CLEARLY indicates to do so.
7. At intersections, do not turn until the rider behind you sees you turn.

### **Skill Level**

This ride is suitable for all Skilled Riders and Pillions comfortable with thick sand and loose gravel. Rating 3/5. Speed on the tar will not exceed speed limits and we all ride at our own pace on the dirt. This is an adventure outing and not a race. If we encounter any difficult or technical sections and you are not comfortable with; be assured that you may stop and help will be close at hand. Please don't ever feel pressurised to ride what you are not comfortable with.

#### **Rating as follows:**

- 1/5 Any passenger vehicle. (Tazz, City Golf etc)
- 2/5 A raised Vehicle needed.
- 3/5 A raised Vehicle with Diff Lock needed.
- 4/5 A raised Vehicle with 4 x 4 needed. (Orange Route)
- 5/5 Raised 4 x 4 Vehicle with Diff Lock. (Red Route)

### **Kit to take along.**

#### **Not all items applicable, just a guide line.**

**Torch or LED Headlamp.**

**Tent.**

**Sleeping bag and Pillow.**

**Camping Mattress.**

**Cutlery.**

**Toiletries. (White Gold)**

**Personal Medications.**

**Energy bar's/snack's.**

**Liquids to keep hydrated.**

**Basic Tools.**

**Band aid for bikes. (Duct Tape)**

**Japanese wire. (Cable Ties)**

**Puncture repair kit and or spare tubes.**

**Raincoat.**

**First Aid Kit.**

**Camp Chair.**

**Insect Repellant.**

**Torch or LED Headlamp.**

**Motorcycle Preparation and Conformity.**

**Please this is very important, make sure your bike is in good condition and ready in all aspects. Breakdowns do occur, yes, but unnecessary breakdowns can spoil the trip for the group as a whole. (Road side assist insurance is also a very good idea.) All Licensed Roadworthy off road vehicles and motorcycles are welcomed.**

**Environmental Awareness.**

**Dual Purpose Motorcycle Riders are; as a rule, Nature Lovers, and we care for the environment and are considerate toward others. The areas we visit are often eco sensitive and frequented by bird watchers, hikers and tourists from all walks of life. There are also ladies along and refraining from bad language and harsh comments only shows respect for oneself and others.**

**To prevent unnecessary soil erosion please stick to existing roads, tracks or routes and avoid virgin territory at all times. Also, try to minimise noise level's. We as a group can do our bit to change the stigma that is some times associated with "Bikers" as a whole.**

**Indemnity**

**Everyone participates in this ride at their own risk and are aware that motor sport has its dangers.**

**Bookings; Please Note: (This is very important)**

**Your booking will only be confirmed on Receipt of a 50% Non Refundable deposit and a Signed Indemnity Form, the outstanding balance to be paid before departure or at the meeting point.**

**Note: If the trip is cancelled due to any reason from our side your deposit will be refunded in full. This trip can only take place with a minimum of six participants.**

**Please call or mail for a trip reservation/indemnity form.**

**Hope to see you all there.**

**Best Regards.**

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