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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Desert Knights Mountain-Biking Tour in /Ai-/Ais Richtersveld Transfrontier Park

Namibia Wildlife Resorts is pleased to introduce the 2012 Desert Knights Mountain-Biking Tour within the /Ai-/Ais Richtersveld Transfrontier Park which will take place from the 28<sup>th</sup> October to the 1st November 2012. This is a 5-day multi-stage mountain-biking event starting at the Fish River Canyon View Point in Namibia and ending in the Richtersveld National Park in South Africa. Cycling is scheduled to take place during late afternoon into the late evening, at night over the full-moon period, and the event includes a portion of canoeing in the Orange River. The total distance to be covered is 275 km cycling and 34.5 km of canoeing down the Orange River.

This event is a collaboration between NWR, the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET), the South African Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), South African National Parks (SANParks), and Peace Parks Foundation (PPF) as part of the trans-boundary conservation program.

The cost of participation is N\$/Rand 5 000 per cyclist. Costs for non-cycling accompanying adults are N\$ 3 750, and N\$ 2 500 for children between the ages of 6 to 12 years. This fee covers camping for 6 nights (Sunday – Friday), all meals and snacks en route, water stations and the hiring of canoes for participants on Day 3.

Participants wishing to upgrade to accommodation may do so at an additional cost, at /Ai-/Ais and at Sendelingsdrift (subject to availability). Namibia Wildlife Resorts is also offering a 50% discount on accommodation at all of their facilities for participants who wish to extend their stay in Namibia (subject to availability – bookings to be made through the contact given below).

The /Ai-/Ais – Richtersveld Desert Knights Mountain-Biking tour is poised to become an annual event, and a must do on the regional biking calendar.

Registration forms are available on the following websites:

NWR ([www.nwr.com.na](http://www.nwr.com.na)); MET ([www.met.gov.na](http://www.met.gov.na)); DEA ([www.environment.gov.za](http://www.environment.gov.za)); SANParks ([www.sanparks.org.za](http://www.sanparks.org.za)) and PPF ([www.peaceparks.org](http://www.peaceparks.org)).

Bookings and payments will be processed through Namibia Wildlife Resorts. For more information please contact Niita Evaristus at [mice@nwr.com.na](mailto:mice@nwr.com.na), Fax-to-email: [0886510192](tel:0886510192)

  
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**What is it?**

Come and experience the unique desert landscape on your mountain bike during the moonlit nights of October 2012.

Desert knights is a 5-day mountain bike adventure traversing the /AI-/Ais-Richtersveld Transfrontier (ARTP) Park which straddles Namibia and South Africa. Starting at the imposing Fish River Canyon in Namibia, biking across 275 km of desert landscape at night-time and adding a further 34,5km of canoeing down the Orange River is what makes this a truly unique adventure.

Supporting Friends & Family are welcome to join the canoe experience on Day 3.

**When & Where?**

28 October - 1 November 2012

Starting at Ai-Ais Hot Springs Resort ([www.aais.com.na](http://www.aais.com.na)), Ai-Ais Hot Springs Game Park, Namibia.

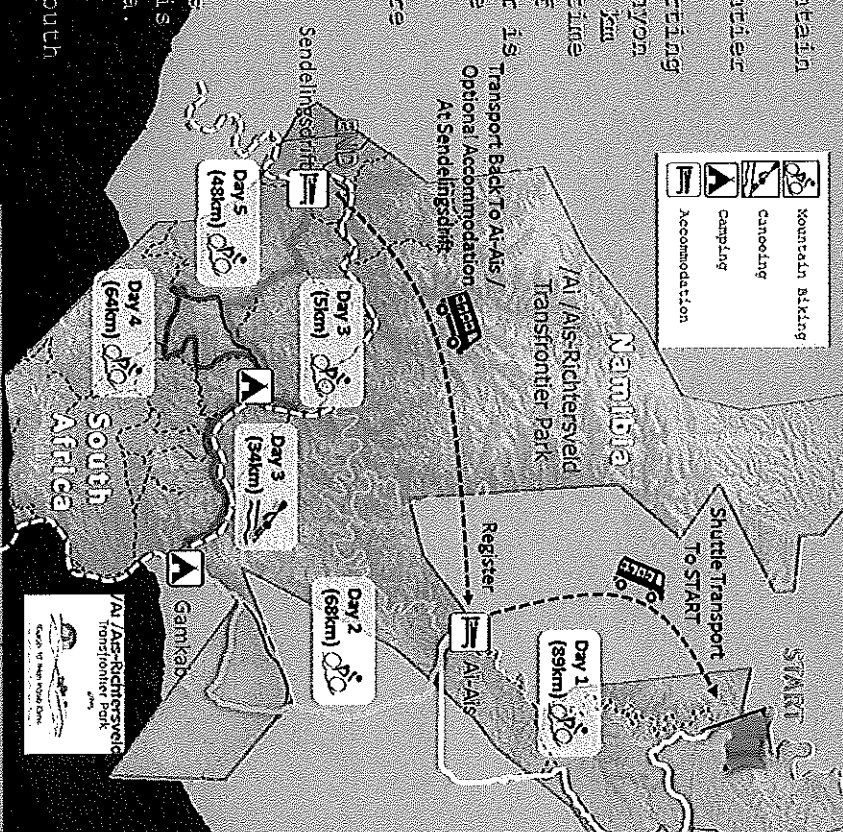
Ending at Sendelingsdrift, Richtersveld National Park, South Africa.

Registration & Race Briefing on Sunday 28 October.

**What does it cost?**

NS/R5 000 per cyclist all inclusive.

**Supporting Family:**  
Children (NS/R500 per day (7-12 years) & Adults (NS/R750 per day. Children under 5 years & snoring stay free. This is inclusive of camping, meals & the canoe leg for 1 person should they be interested. (no discounts for non-cyclists)



Mountain Biking  
Canoeing  
Camping  
Accommodation

**What do the costs cover?**

- 5 days' worth of adventure;
- 1 mountain bike & 1 canoe stage
- Hiring of the canoes for you & one (1) family member
- Accommodation; Camping for 5 nights (Sun-Fri)
- All meals
- Water/Feeding Stations

**What do I need to do/bring?**

- Your mountain bike; None for hire.
- Sleeping bags & pillows (bents & mattresses provided)
- Get to Ai-Ais in Namibia where registration will take place on Sunday, 28 October 2012
- Details to be sent with the race entry confirmation.

**How do I enter & pay?**

- Complete the entry & indemnity form.
- Send **fax** or **fax** 0886 510 192
- OR email: [mice@nr.com.na](mailto:mice@nr.com.na)
- A Receipt of Entry together with the banking details will be sent to you.

Closing Date for Entries: **21 September 2012**

DATE	DAY	ROUTE STARTS	ROUTE ENDS	DISTANCE
Sun 28 Oct	REGISTRATION AT AI-AIS HOT SPRINGS RESORT AT 09H00 (STAGE STARTS AT 16:00)			
Sun 28 Oct	Day 1 MTB	Fish River Canyon	Ai-Ais Hot Springs Resort	89 km
Mon 29 Oct	Day 2 MTB	Ai-Ais Hot Springs Resort	Gamkab Canyon	64 km
Tues 30 Oct	Day 3 Canoe & MTB	Gamkab Canyon	De Hoop	34,5km & 5km
Wed 31 Oct	Day 4 MTB	De Hoop	De Hoop	64,5 km
Thurs 1 Nov	Day 5 MTB	De Hoop	Sendelingsdrift	48,5 km

