

# THE NAMIBIA CROSSING

04 - 10 JUNE 2028

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**A 200km, five-day foot race from South Africa to Namibia through the ancient arid landscape of the /Ai/Ais-Richtersveld Transfrontier Park.**

From the crystal fields of Sendelingsdrif in South Africa to the infamous giant boulders of Tatasberg deep in the /Ai/Ais-Richtersveld Transfrontier Park; this unparalleled journey then crosses the Orange River into Namibia and the wild lands of the Fish River Canyon. This is the running experience of a lifetime; this is The Namibia Crossing.

**"A must see, a must do... So many breaths taken away not by running, but by stopping, standing and staring. Words simply can't do it justice. The geology, the ecology, the diversity of the running, the incredible organisation, the camps, the people, the wilderness. It's just too unique to miss. Come play.."**

**- Georgina Ayre (Namibia 2015)**



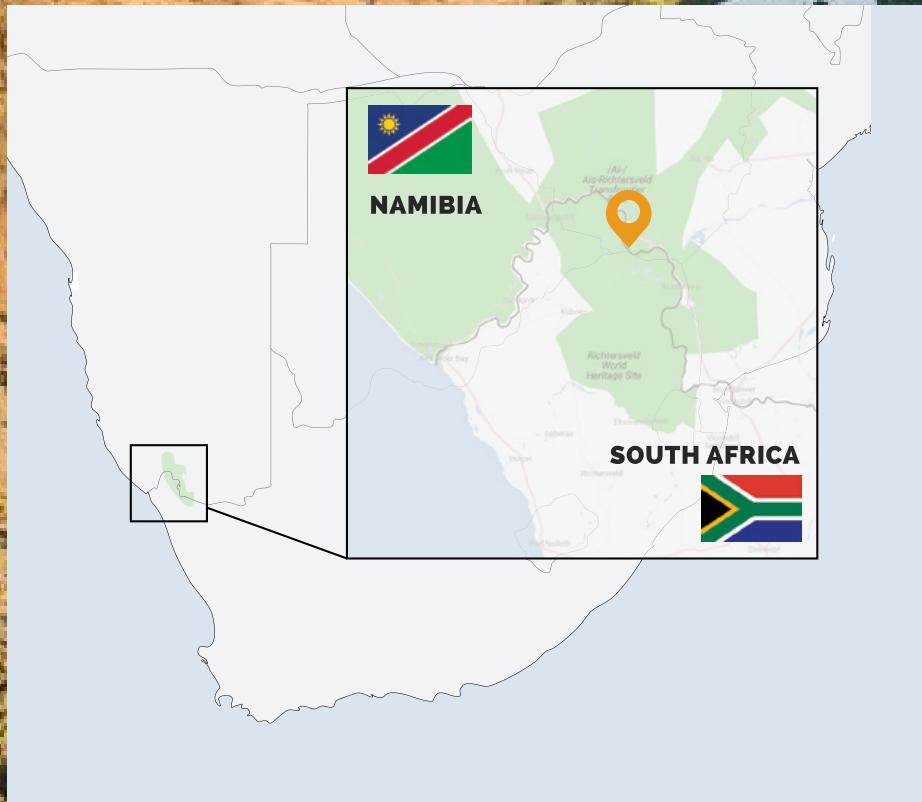


Highlights





/AI/AIS-RICHTERSVELD  
TRANSFRONTIER RESERVE, **SOUTH  
AFRICA / NAMIBIA**



## *Where is the /Ai/Ais-Richtersveld Transfrontier Reserve?*

Overlaying the Orange River border line between South Africa and Namibia is a 5,920km<sup>2</sup> arid mountain desert wilderness unlike any other in the world. This area is a jointly managed conservation initiative called the /Ai /Ais-Richtersveld Transfrontier Park, that incorporates the Richtersveld National Park in South Africa and the Fish River Canyon National Park in Namibia.

What this area contains is an ancient geological and natural landscape that is quite simply unparalleled on Earth. Not only is this the oldest mountain desert in the world, it's the richest one - holding more than a third of the world's known succulent species. In fact, it's second only to the Cape Floral Kingdom in terms of botanical diversity.

Throw in the largest canyon in Africa and some uniquely desert-adapted African wildlife and you have yourself a wilderness running experience that is quite simply unmatched.

A person in a red shirt is standing next to a tent in a desert landscape. The background shows a rocky, arid environment with some sparse vegetation.

## *Itinerary & dates*

**04 JUNE 2028**

ARRIVAL

Upon arrival at South Africa's Sendelingsdrif, you will register and settle into your tent. After a refreshing glass of bubbles, the event briefing will quell any lingering misgivings and dinner will follow, before you are sent off for a good night's rest.

### **Important Note:**

**The following route is one route option and not the final route. The final route is subject to change and will be confirmed with all participants 3 months prior to the event. Various factors including bureacratic challenges and/or 'acts of God' e.g. flooding, can have an impact on the route we are able to take.**

**05 JUNE '28**

DAY 1

This 42km day takes us over the crystal fields, past the 'Vyf Susters' and up 'Helskloof' pass, to break through the 'Numeesberge' and into the heart of the Richtersveld and our overnight camp at De Koei.

**06 JUNE '28**

DAY 2

This 33km day takes us into the magnificent valley between the Tswayisberg and Vandersterrberg mountain ranges to a seldom visited 'Armmanshoek' (Poor-mans-corner). We overnight at Hakkiesdoring.



**07 JUNE '28**

**DAY 3**

One of the most iconic days on the Namibia Crossing - this 39km day takes us across the Springbok Vlakke, over the Tatasberg mountain and down to the Orange River.

Relaxing and washing off in the Orange River at De Hoop camp rounds out a thoroughly rewarding day.

**08 JUNE '28**

**DAY 4**

The Namibia Crossing - A short boat trip across the Orange will drop you on Namibian soil and to the start of the longest day, at 50km. This is a tough day but as your reward, you can relax in the hot springs right in the riverbed, where you will be staying the night. The final briefing will precede dinner in this open-air, canyon camp.

**09 JUNE '28**

**DAY 5**

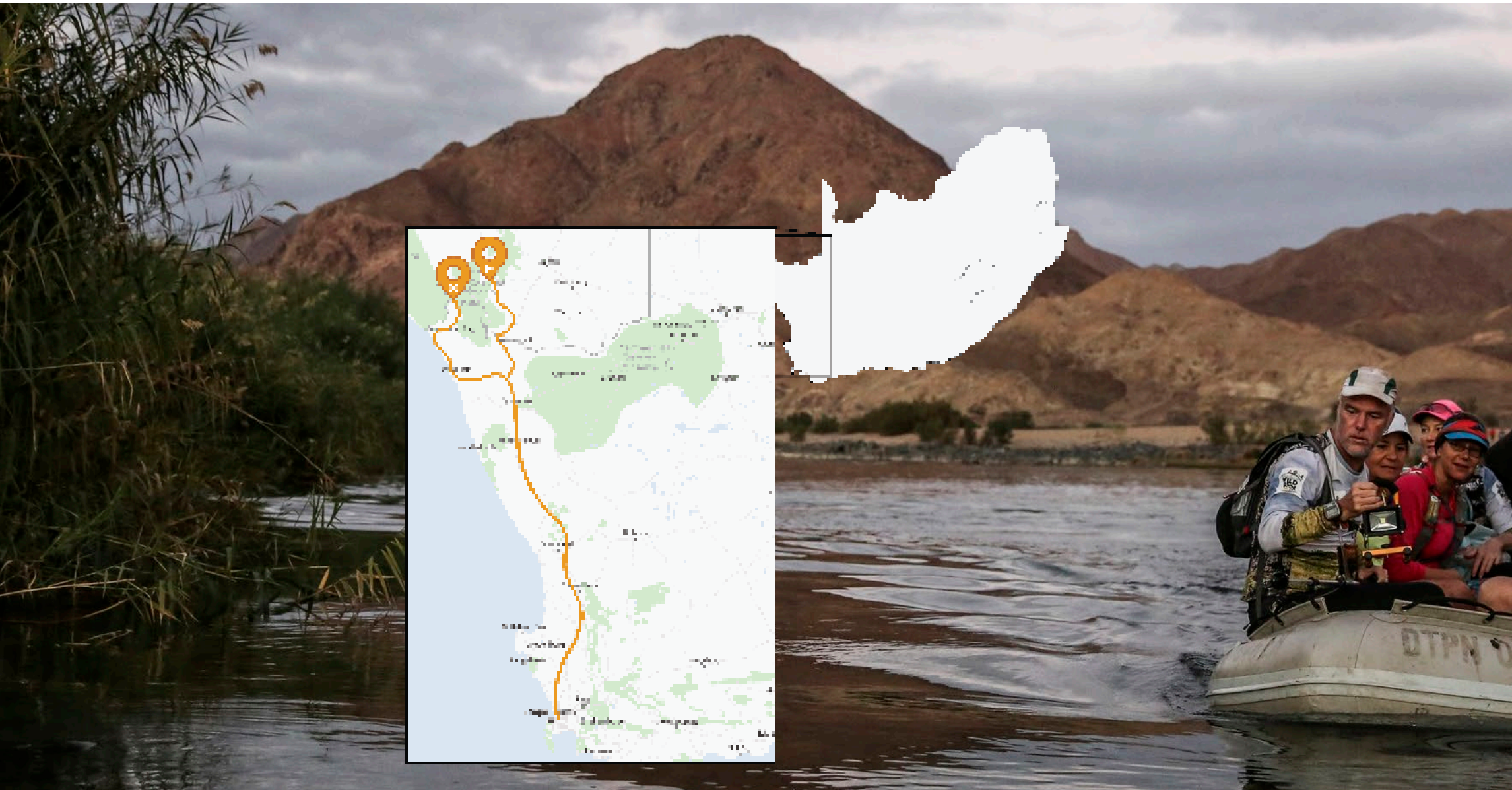
The final 25km takes on a final few bends of the Fish River, before we head out, up Zebra valley, and follow game trails through the rolling foothills. There is a sting in the tail, but the view is worth it! A short elevator drop gets us to the finish at the Hot Springs Resort.

**10 JUNE '28**

**DEPARTURE**

The luxury bus transfer back to Cape Town departs shortly after breakfast. This transfer is at least 10 hours, onward travel is not advised until the following day.









## *How to get there*



Luxury bus transfer from Cape Town is provided to and from the event. Collection time and location will be communicated to guests.



Closest International Airport:  
Cape Town International - 12hrs drive from start venue



Airstrip for small aircraft at Sendelingsdrif, the start, and at Ai Ais Hot Springs Resort, the finish



## *Important information you need to know*



Valid passport required. South Africans do not require a visa. If you are an international participant travelling on a 'foreign' passport, you may need a visa for Namibia. Make relevant enquiries and apply as necessary.



Individual tented accommodation is provided throughout the event, including mattress and stretcher.



Fully catered – all meals from dinner on arrival until breakfast on the day you depart.



You will need to bring your own sleeping bag and pillow, which will be transported daily with your kit bag to each new camp.



Cash, card or snapscan available for massage therapy sessions, which can be pre-booked.





This is a solo run



One Aid station check point (ACP) per day will offer a variety of refreshments and is where you will be able to top up with water. Runners must check in with event staff.



Bring your own personal medication. Medical support will be provided in camp and at the ACP on course.



Look out for leopard ... or at least their tracks. No dangerous game to be concerned about.



You need medical evacuation insurance.



A medical form, signed by a doctor, must be submitted. The form will be sent to participants by email.



Temperatures range from 10-25°C, but extreme days can be as low as 5°C and over 30°C. Although this is a desert, the event is held in mid-winter and rain is common, so you will need to bring appropriate clothing for rain and chilly evenings, as well as sunscreen and a hat during the day.



Navigation is via GPS and a GPS will be provided to each runner, along with an associated map. Short, basic GPS training during the briefing will be given. No GPX routes will be sent to participants. NB The route is subject to change



A luxury bus transfer from Cape Town to The Richtersveld National Park and return from Ai-Ais resort is included in the entry. If you choose not to take the bus, you are welcome to make your own way to the Park.





## *The entry fee includes & excludes*

This is a fully supported running experience in a remote wilderness area which includes six nights fully-catered, individual tented accommodation, luxury bus transport from Cape Town to the reception venue and return, exquisite camp cuisine and a fully-stocked, remote camp setup. This also includes all entrance and permit fees, transport of personal items during the event and logistical & medical support throughout, with Spot 3/4 participant tracking.

Only massage sessions during the week are for each individuals account.

*The entry fee*  
*USD 3,950*

If you would like to enquire about paying in South African Rands, please contact us at [tamaryn@wildrun.com](mailto:tamaryn@wildrun.com)

This amount is payable once-off or on a payment plan - options available on entry.

Your entry fee includes a 15% non-refundable deposit of the full entry fee.

From date of entry until 28 February 2028, 85% of the full entry fee will be refunded for any entry cancellation in writing.

From 01 March 2028 - 30 April 2028, only substitutions will be possible.

From 01 May 2028 until the event, no refunds or substitutions will be possible.

Entries will not be deferred from one year to another. If you cancel your entry after the substitution/cancellation dates, you will forfeit your entry fee.

We advise you acquire entry insurance to cover yourself in case you are unable to take part.

**Travel insurance with emergency evacuation cover is required.**

To enter please follow the entry link on [www.wildrun.com](http://www.wildrun.com)



A person wearing a bright green jacket and a backpack is running away from the camera on a dirt trail. The trail leads towards a large, gnarled tree with multiple heads of spiky leaves at the top. The landscape is arid with hills and sparse vegetation. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. In the foreground, there are some green, fleshy-leaved plants.

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^ USD amount is fixed.

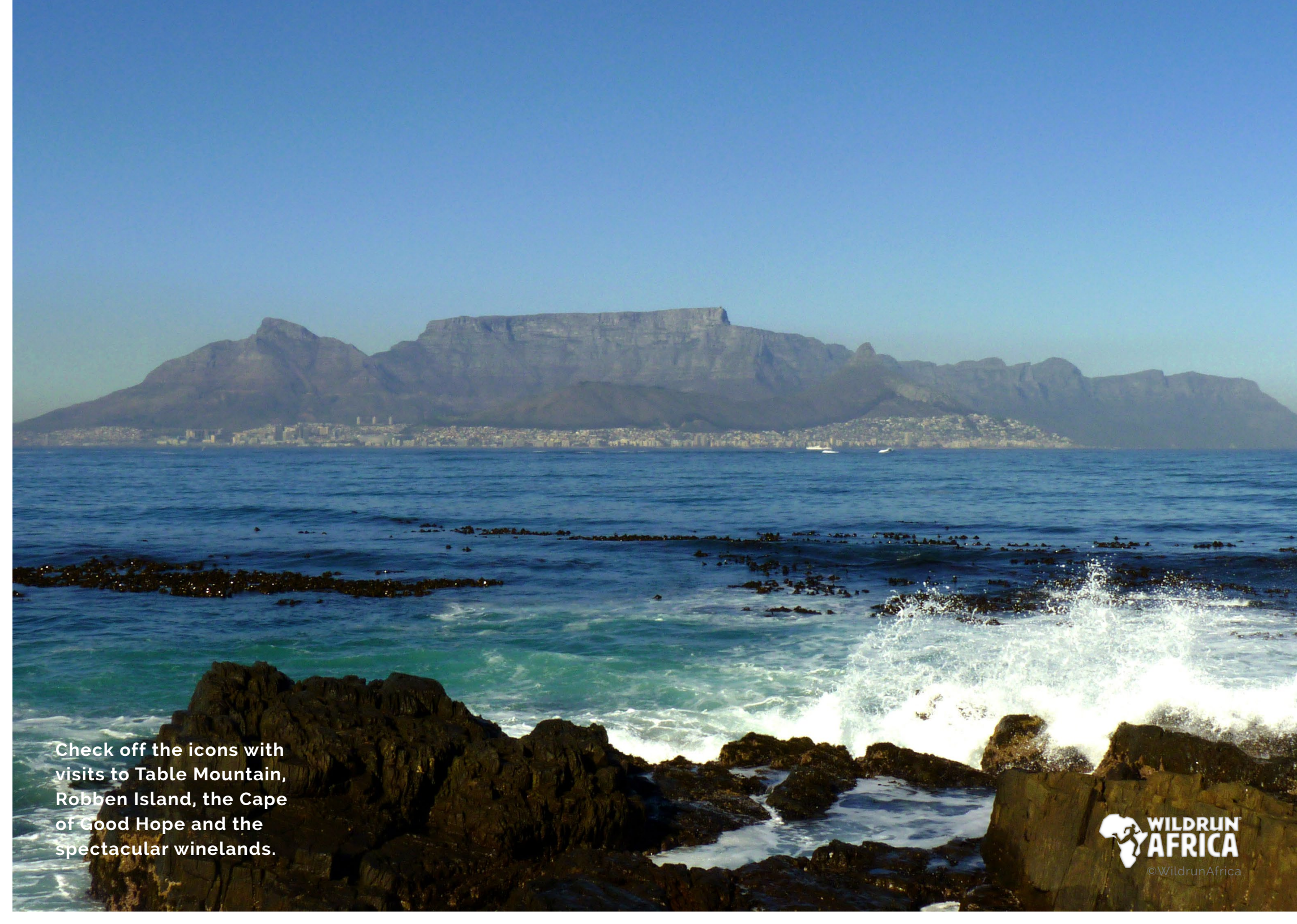




## *Travel packages*

Together with our bespoke travel partners, Active Africa, we can build a travel package pre, post and during the event for you and/or your family. So why not tag on an extension to your Wildrun® Africa experience and explore more of this extraordinary continent. For more info get in touch with us.





Check off the icons with  
visits to Table Mountain,  
Robben Island, the Cape  
of Good Hope and the  
spectacular winelands.









### Meet Tamaryn

Tamaryn is your host and manages all of the background details that pertain to you before, during and after the event. Tamaryn has been Owen's partner in all things Wildrun since inception and knows them back-to-front. If you have any worries or questions, she is available to chat to anytime.

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