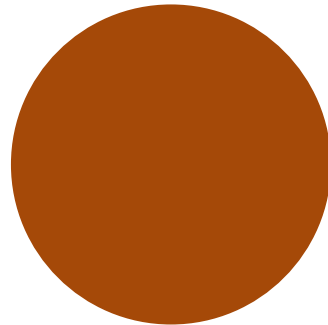
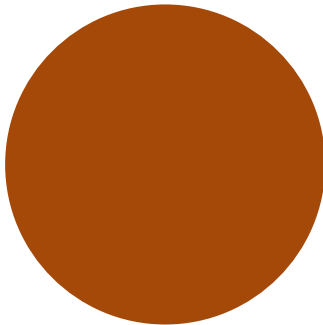
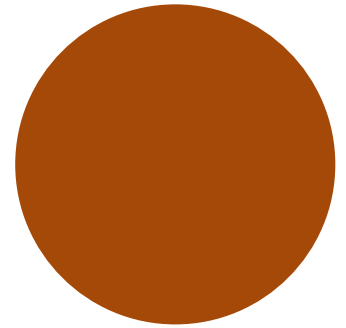
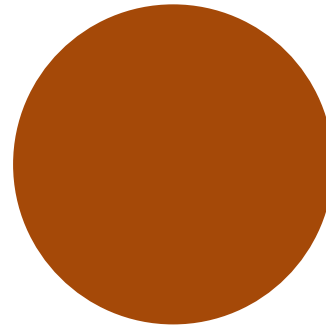
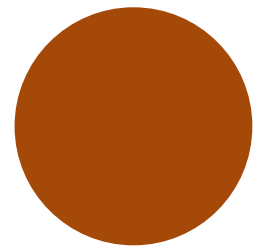
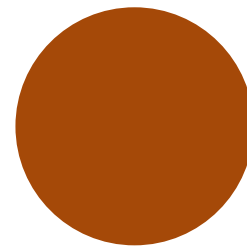
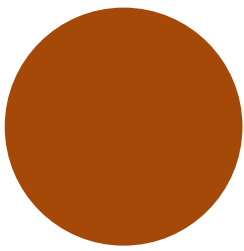


An Overland Adventure



The Invite!





Extraordinary League

There is a league of beings who venture beyond
known boundaries and time zones

And it is known as -

The Africa Overland Network

Debbie McMahon,
A new Boundary & Time
Awaits you...





A Personal Invite

Dearest Debbie,

This could be part of your destiny - a year overlanding through Africa.

New boundaries, new time zones are open to be explored. Fresh destinations, new friends, fantastic wildlife are just a few items on the agenda.

And the above is just within the first week! Much more awaits... This invite is for you!

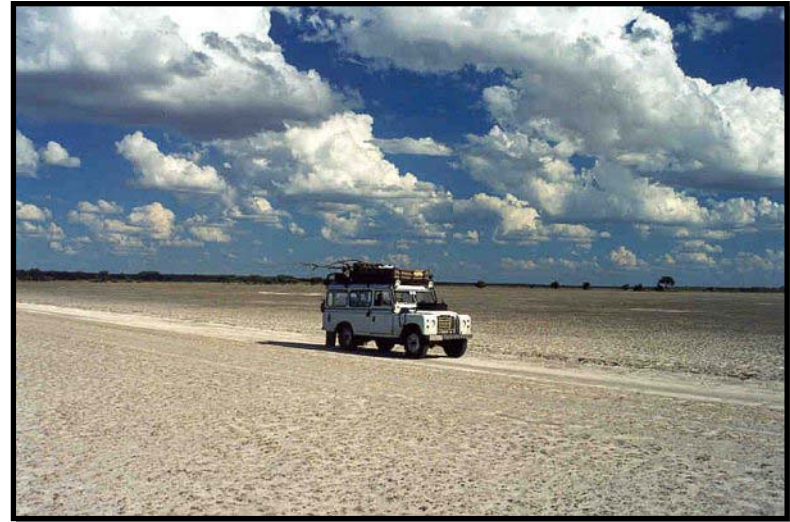


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Hennie Rautenbach
Overland Forum



The Purpose

- To independently travel through regions where only the few have been before.
- To Learn the language of the world!

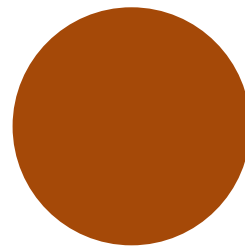
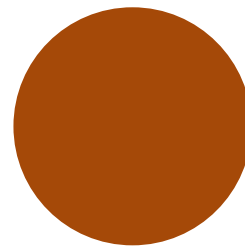
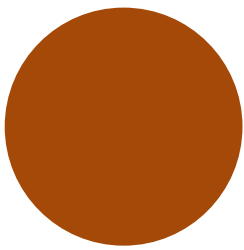


Fantastic Destinations

- Africa -- the second largest continent; located south of Europe and bordered to the west by the South Atlantic and to the east by the Indian Ocean



Photo source: Neil Lawson - EnableAfrica



Kingsmill Overland Adventure

- **Newsletter #14 1-July-1999, Epilogue (updated June-2002)**
G'day Folks,

Driving through Africa was an Amazing Journey in direct contrast to Europe. We could spend a month or two in Africa for what one week in Europe cost us.

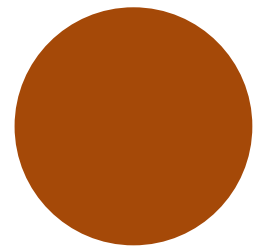
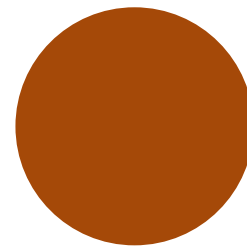
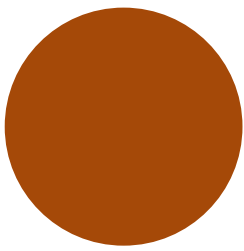
Fuel in Africa ranged from US\$0.5 cents per litre in Libya to US\$0.75 in Uganda with an average price in Africa of around US\$0.45 cents per litre. In contrast fuel in the UK cost US\$1.20 cents per litre.

We travelled through Africa and Europe from bottom to top, 40,000 km, 20 countries in 8 months from September 1998 to April 1999. Eight months was too short and meant that we had to skip the Middle East. In hindsight we should have allowed twelve months.

Looking back, most of our preconceived notions about Africa were not as we envisaged or that as portrayed by the media. Mostly it was the opposite.

During the time we were in Africa we had excellent weather. The temperature was very pleasant and we only experienced inconvenient rain four times whilst either setting or breaking up camp.

- <http://africa.dreamers1.com/Africa-14.htm>



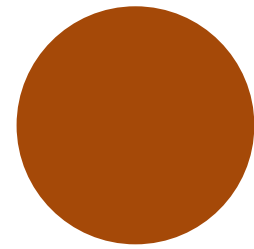
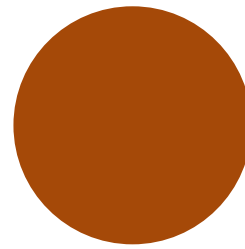
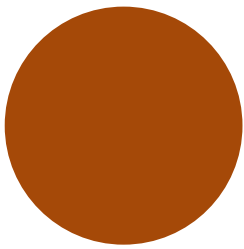
Awesome Sites

Sites,
Sounds,
Smells

The Daily
Experience
of travelling
through
Africa



Photo source: Colin Clements – Journal Overland



Journal Overland

- **Sesriem – Sousesvlie – Naukluft**

Up at 5.30. Coffee, packed, and off to the gate for opening time (6 o'clock).

Drove like fury to get to Sousesvlie while the light was still good. It's crazy they won't let you in till after sunrise, and you have to be out before sunset. It's 65 km's to Sousesvlie and if you're not in a 4x4 you still have a 5km walk to the main dunes. By the time we got to Sousesvlie I had about 1 hour of decent light before it got too harsh for good photos.

We climbed the big dune, I did a bit of overtaking and managed to be first to the top, much to the annoyance of a group of Germans. We ran down the back of the dune, which was a really good laugh.

It was fun to be driving in soft sand again. I didn't bother to let the tyres down or need low ratio. Maggie walked through it, unlike a few Toyotas I saw being given a helping push. In honesty though they were very heavily laden.

On the way back we went in search of Deadvlei, another photographers paradise. A pan of cracked mud, scattered with dead trees, the odd skull and the red dunes as a backdrop.

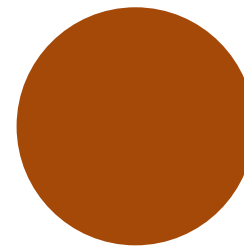
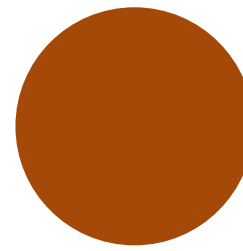
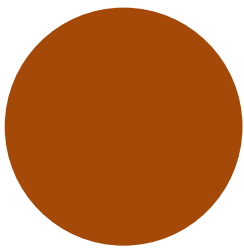
Two rolls of film were enough for one day, and we headed off towards Naukluft.

Beware the road to Naukluft has a few hidden surprises. After the first "workout" for Maggie's shocks and springs I'd learnt my lesson, approach each rise with caution. They drop away very steeply, and the culverts in the bottom are treacherous. This so far was the only bad stretch of road I'd come across. The rest of the roads in Namibia have been excellent, well graded and with good signing.

Park looks beautiful. We're going to walk one of the trails tomorrow. There's also a 4x4 trail that they'll let you on with just one vehicle, wow! I was tempted, but I fancy a walk. The distances in Namibia are huge, and a break from behind the wheel is called for. I think to avoid getting travel weary, and to fully appreciate the country you should allow plenty of time for some good "R&R" between stages.

Sudza/Pap with Veggie Bolognese sauce for supper. We mixed some dough, and made mini Pizzas for starters: - bread, bolognese sauce and a cheese topping. Excellent.

- <http://www.africa-overland.net/journal-overland/diary/diarymay01.html>



New Friends

A Chance meeting on an Africa Plain, often leads to great friendships.

An email note from Peter Travers...

“And finally Martin, want you to know how much Murray and I appreciate getting together with you and are looking forward to keeping in touch in the time ahead”.

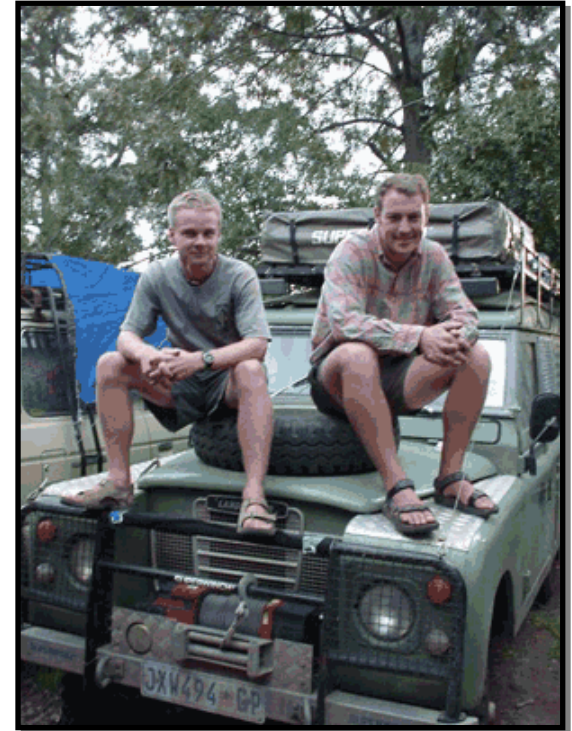
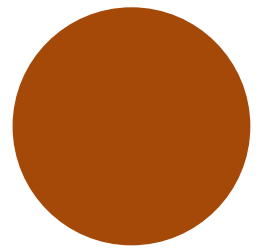
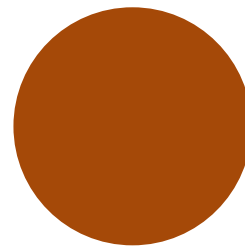
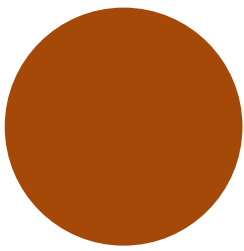


Photo source:
Dennis Wilson – African Edventure



KSV2Africa

1 landy, 1 man, 2 women, across africa, no aircon

- Here we met our first other overland group, Nomadic from the UK. A mad Aussie called Brendan, mechanic and driver and his girlfriend Rachel the tour guide entertained us with tales of their current cargo of 20-somethings that had never camped before. We offered them beer and counseling!
- <http://www.popadd.com/ksv2africa-2098.html>

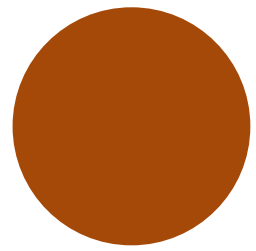
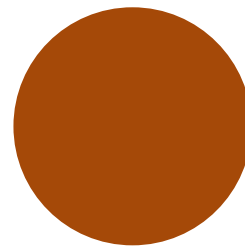
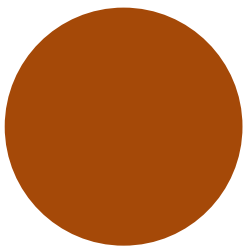


Pure Wildlife

**An investment to
ones life that lasts
decades**



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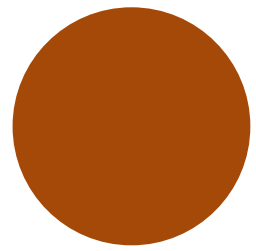
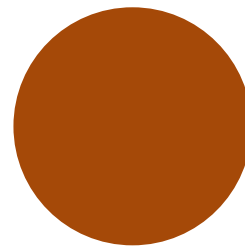
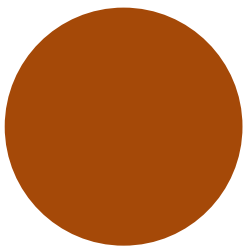


Southing.Com

- Taking the descending road to the Ngorongoro crater one experiences one of the most impressive sights in Africa, the 260 km² floor of the largest intact caldera in the world. Apart from a few exceptions, almost every species of the African wildlife lives here.

This proved to be true for us since we managed to see just about everything on one afternoon. We climbed back the steep wall of the Ngorongoro, camped on the crater rim and slumbered to the vivid lullaby of the wilderness (only interrupted by a stinky sniffing hyena at 3am, but that's OK when you sleep 2 meters above the ground)

- <http://www.southing.com/diary.htm>

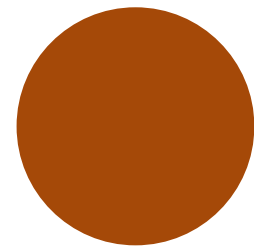
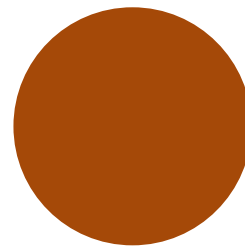
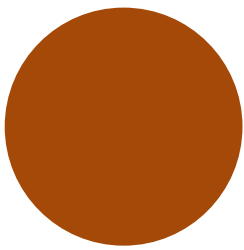


New Cultures

**Interaction with
cultures beyond
our knowledge
and thought**



Photo source: Colin Clements – Journal Overland



African Edventure (Dennis Wilson)

- We spent a day and night at a rural Himba village in Namibia which was an incredible and memorable experience. We are about to take off for Etosha Park, so I do not have the time to write at length here about our experiences and the things we saw, but I will do so in two or more installments shortly with some video clips. In this diary entry, I will just go over some highlights and share some pictures.

The Himba have retained many of their traditional ways despite an encroaching western way of life. They are private people and the only way we could visit a rural village was do so with a guide. This village last saw outside visitors in August 1999. It was about a 30-km drive from Opuwo along a poor windy track through trees and along a riverbed. After Ben, our English speaking and somewhat westernized guide talked o the village chief, we came in. We had to bring presents: a large bag of maze meal (ground corn = maze meal), sugar, cooking oil, tea, tobacco and snuff (Ben's suggestion, not ours).

In the next 24 hrs, we were shown how they make the ochre colored paste with which the women paint their bodies. They grind a specific colored rock to a powder and mix with cattle butter, then completely coat their bodies. It is also used to shape their hair and a most of the skins they wear. We saw how they grow corm and other vegetables and raise goats and cattle. The Himbas basic diet is of soured milk, sometimes mixed with maze meal powder, and occasionally vegetables and meat when a goat is slaughtered (cattle are only slaughtered for special occasions). We bought a goat form the village to see how it is cooked. Once slaughtered, the goat is skinned and carefully cut into pieces. Every single part of the goat is cooked and eaten, and I mean every part, form the head to the lungs, to the intestine. Cooking is very straightforward. Every part is just put into a large pot and boiled for a few hours, then chunks are removed and eaten or saved for later.

- <http://www.african-edventure.org/week10/msg00003.shtml>



Ancient Civilisations

**Ancient Cities & old
architectures
– bridging our world**

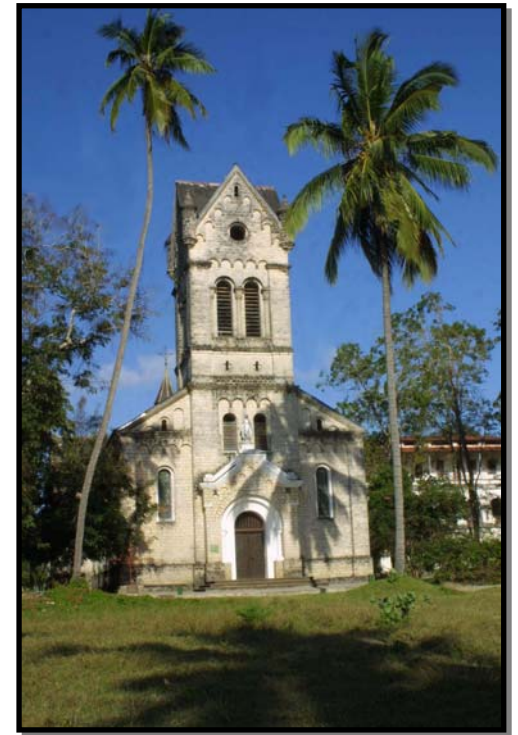
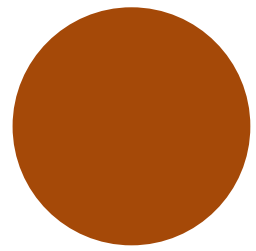
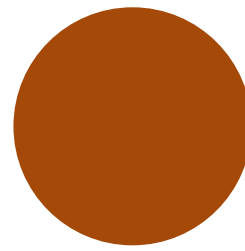
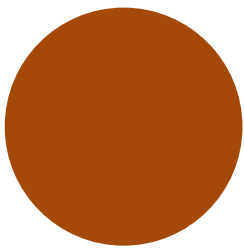


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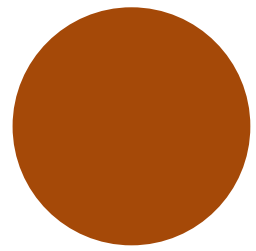
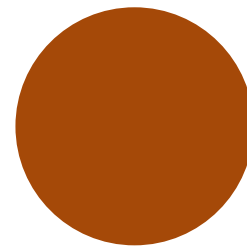
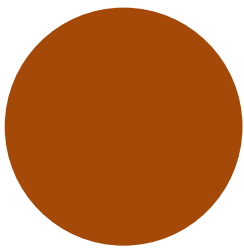


Daphne Overland in Ethiopia

- Lalibela (a listed World Heritage site) was the capital and a religious centre for King Lalibela following the fall of Axum in the 12th century. The village consists of 12 monolithic and semi monolithic rock hewn churches containing religious treasures and artifacts from King Lalibela's reign. We arrived at the Jerusalem Guest House at approximately 3pm, and we arranged for a guide to take us around that afternoon. It is essential to agree the price of a tour in advance with a registered guide.

In order to see all the churches, you need 3-4 hours, and you must start before 4.00pm, as the churches close at 5pm. We therefore had to split our tour over 2 days, and if you have to do this it is essential to ensure that you agree the price accordingly. Most of the guides sub contract a boy to "look after your shoes" etc (you have to take these off to enter each church) and so the boy requires a tip.

- <http://www.daphneoverland.co.uk/Ethiopiapage.html>



Tough Going!

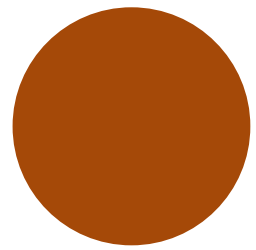
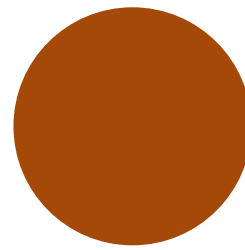
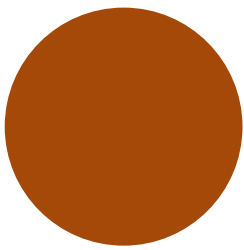
**Daily challenges
of people, border
posts, weather,
makes it tough!**

**But always makes
a great story!**

**Never
underestimate the
journey!**



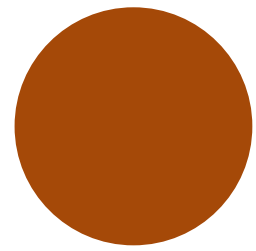
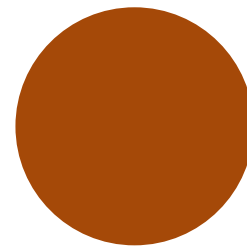
Photo source: Derek Lean – Under African Skies



African Trip (1993)

The gaping abyss where the road used to be was 5 metres deep and nearly 80 metres long. The bottom was filled with more than knee deep watery mud. To put that in perspective, a standard Mack truck would be completely engulfed and you could jump down to the roof of the container from the sides. The truck at the edge was so heavily laden, and the hole so deep that they hadn't even attempted to drive through. Behind them were 11 more trucks also waiting to drive through. The truck slaves from the first truck were desperately digging and trying to empty the water from the hole using buckets and a trench they had dug around the hole. The water was flowing along the trench and then seeping into the hole again through a layer of porous shale at the other end. The dense jungle was tight against the sheer 5 metre drop into the mud below. The path between the jungle and the hole was narrow and slippery making a walk to the other side of the hole an adventure in itself.

- http://www.url.co.nz/african_trip/zaire_mud.html



Departure!

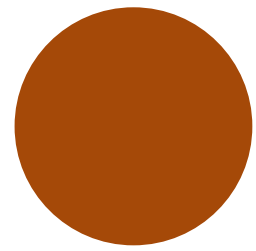
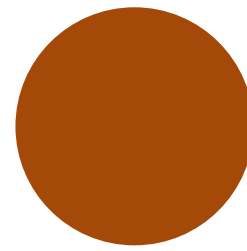
Random Thoughts milling in my head suggest:

- Depart UK for Southern Bound trip or
- Depart SA for Northern Bound trip (small shipping matter!)



Photo source: Webjourney.de

Tentative Date:
January 1st, 2005



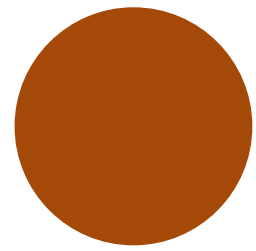
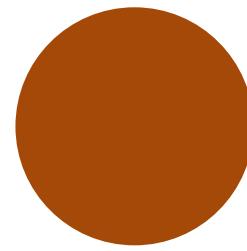
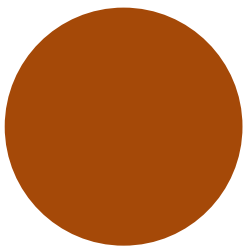
Budgets

Just how far your money lasts before the road runs out is unknown.

A year overlanding often sums up to £5k per person.



Photo source: Unknown



That's it!

**Are you willing to
take the road less
travelled?**

**Do you want to join
this extraordinary
league?**

Sign up here!



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