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ADVENTURE 09



LIBIA ACTION MOBIL

Eight ACTION MOBIL teams met the challenge and took part in the adventure convoy 2009 in April.

The experience was well worth it for all the participants, it was an unforgettable adventure to travel in your own ACTION MOBIL through the breathtaking countryside in the South of Libya.

A tour through Libya requires extensive organisational work beforehand. Some 7,000 km had to be covered in little less than 3 weeks. Nowadays journeys to Libya are subject to strict regulations: You can only travel in a group led by a guide. Will it be possible under these circumstances to reach your destination without delay so as to be able to enjoy at least one week off-road? In any case, the preparatory work paid off. Everything went according to plan and we had no technical problems. The experience was overwhelming.

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8 ACTION MOBIL motor homes mounted to a MAN chassis took part in the tour. Our destination was the dunes around Mandara and the Akkakus range close to the Algerian border. Since we had been alerted by various official channels to the danger of travelling to the south of Libya we agreed to have our group escorted by police. However, at no time did we feel unsafe, we met only friendly people, we were never bothered by anybody and it was only in Tunisia that we had our camping chairs stolen. Obviously we had got too much used to the honesty of the people.



Daniela and Stephan Wirths, managing directors of ACTION MOBIL and supervisors of this trip!.



O. Reitz - Company founder and cameraman.



Hannes Margreiter- Mechanic



...our friends and partners in Libya.



Apart from getting to know remote regions, this tour was also meant as training for driving off-road. One of the intentions was to focus on driving in soft sand areas and on overcoming sand dunes in a truck. Some of the participants experienced driving across dunes for the first time and butterflies in the stomach could not be denied. Yet at the end of the trip fear had almost vanished and in the future it will be easier to estimate the risk of such trips through the dunes. No doubt, a positive experience!

“Bar bela mar” - “Sea without water”

This is what the North African nomad tribes call the scorched sand desert of the Sahara.

Leading a vehicle convoy through the uninhabited regions of the Sahara, especially along routes that are hardly ever used, constitutes a major challenge for the team. It is only after careful preparation and with optimally equipped vehicles that such an adventure should be undertaken. ACTION MOBIL expedition motor homes have been specially constructed for this purpose, they are equipped with large fuel tanks, drinking water tanks and have solar cells installed on the roof for safeguarding energy supply. Even in case of unforeseen incidents it would be possible to overcome lengthy stays in the outback without supply problems. Navigation systems and SAT communication equipment are provided in the vehicles.

In order to reach scenic highlights in the desert you often have to overcome unforeseen obstacles and special characteristics of the terrain. What matters is the right air pressure. These are things you have to experience yourself and this is what you learn on such an educational trip.

For all nature freaks this trip was certainly an unforgettable experience. We actually covered long stretches driving on the fossil remnants of primeval sea bottom. Fossilized corals and marine fauna bear witness to that age. Shells of ostrich eggs and grinding stones for grain prove that there was water in that area and it was populated by human beings, many thousands of years before our time.



“FUN and ACTION” in an ACTION MOBIL!

...we had either in abundance on that tour. There was not a single day without exciting adventures in fascinating countryside. No night camp without happy laughter from the participants. We would join hands if one of us got stuck and each dune we had overcome during the day was toasted merrily at the evening camp fire. And you are mistaken if you believe that in Libya toasting can only be done with water.



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