

# ACTION MOBIL



Skeleton Coast  
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NAMIBIA

Travel report PART 2

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BUILT IN AUSTRIA  
DRIVEN IN THE WORLD

GLOBETROTTER  
VEHICLES OF THE  
PRIME CLASS



*In this area pachyderms have priority. Making way is hardly possible and overtaking is risky. We enjoy such moments.*

***...spectacular encounters to be remembered forever!***

*The Houanib is a dry river bed, which has made its way through a very narrow gorge in this part of the countryside. In periods of sufficient rainfall it may turn into a raging river and in this case it is dangerous to drive through. During the dry season, however, there is enough water below ground, which accounts for lush vegetation. This is the home of the desert elephants and you can almost brush skin with them.*

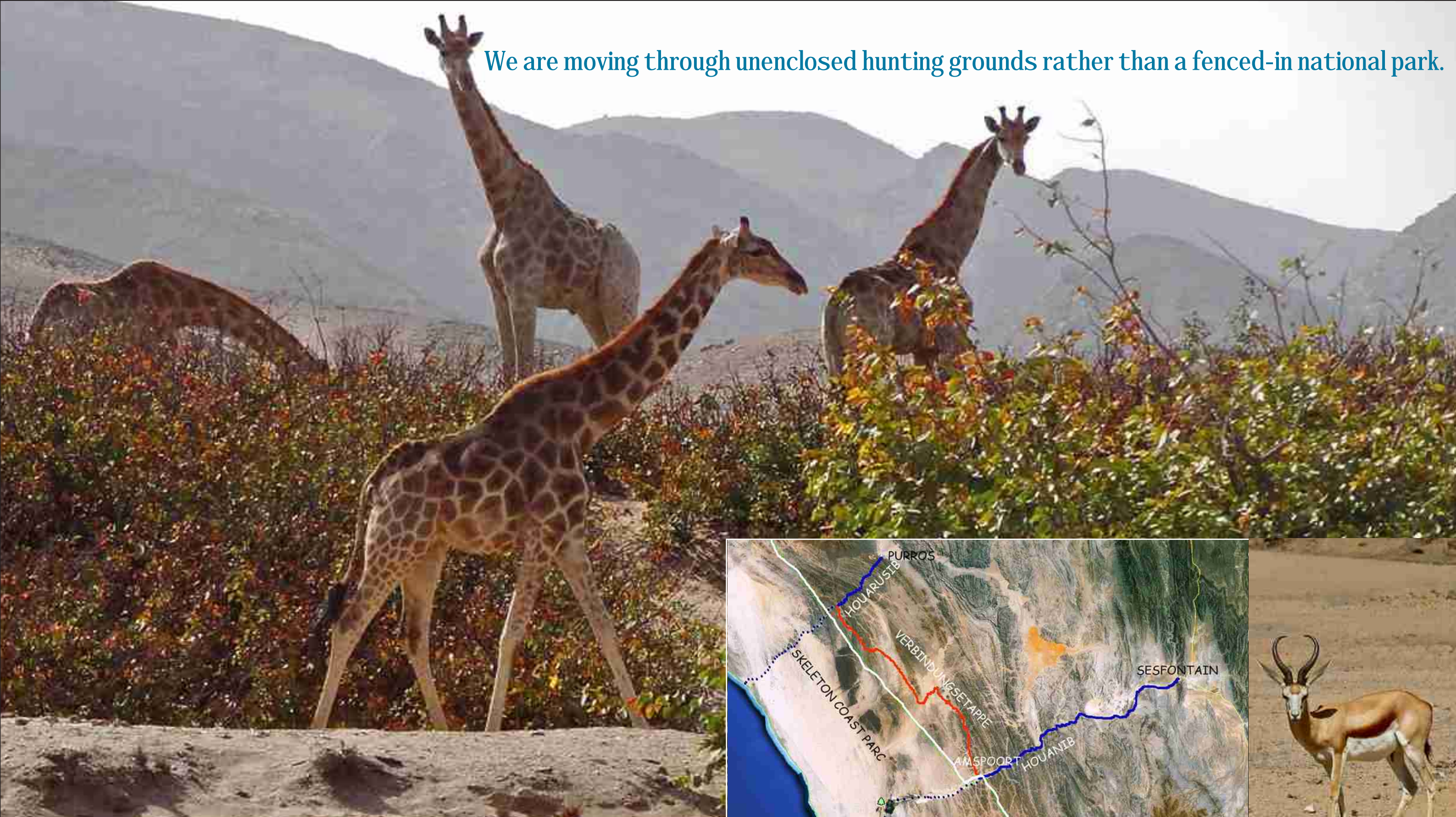
*A massive roadblock in the HOUANIB forces us to go back!*



Quite often there is no possibility to make way in these narrow and overgrown riverbeds. Patience is called for. Around noon, the hottest time of the day, the animal love to seek shade under a tree and sometimes it may take more than half an hour or even longer before they are ready to let you pass voluntarily.



We are moving through unenclosed hunting grounds rather than a fenced-in national park.



With the help of a small map like the one shown above, the reader will be able to get a more accurate impression of our route. Almost all major dry rivers rise up-country and flow in southwest direction during periods of sufficient rain, sometimes even reaching the Atlantic.

Between the rivers HOUANIB and HOUARUSIB we cross a plateau that reflects the typical character of the Namib Desert. A connecting stage that is sheer joy for any off-road freak and at the same time an Eldorado for the aficionados of botany. The flora is influenced in particular by the fog that rises from the nearby Atlantic and drifts some 40 km up-country every day.

*Extreme heat during the day –severe cold at night – Every morning the fog comes in from the coast, bringing with it the necessary humidity on which the Namib flora thrives. This sight lasts but a few hours and then the sun will burn again relentlessly.*

*This countryside is an invitation to simply slip away into the sand filled valleys and enjoy the solitude of the countryside. And this is what our team did.*

**AMSPPOORT – exit from the Houanib –  
Crossing the desert to the Houarusib.  
Primeval countryside and hardly any people around!**





*At a body temperature of about 45°C, the Oryx antelope starts breathing vigorously and rhythmically with its mouth closed. The strong air current causes the humidity in the nasal cavity to evaporate and thus to cool the venous blood that runs through a dense capillary network in the nasopharynx.*



**ORYX Antelopes** – proud beasts – they love the hot and dry desert regions

*Scorching heat and no shade,*

*the Oryx antelope can easily cope with it.*



**TO BE CONTINUED**

*Some 90 km of stony and also sandy off-road track separate us from the HOUARUSIB. We traverse desert-like countryside – a challenge for any truck.*