



Event program for the 7th Annual Standard Bank Klein-Aus Vista MTB Challenge

29 & 30th April, 1st May 2017

Race registration on Saturday 29th April from 2pm -6pm



The race will take place over 3 days and will start on Saturday, 29th April, at 2.30pm with the Time Trial.

Only the full marathon riders can and have to ride the Time Trial. Please note that the riding time will be part of the overall time calculation. Riders for the time trial will be allocated a riding slot upon registration. The start interval between riders will be 60 seconds. At 4 pm the last rider will be allow to start. The Time Trial route is marked with brown mountain bike signs with grey arrows and white chalk marks on the ground. There will be marshal' en-route to warn you about technical down hills, please take caution this is a cross country style track and is a lot of fun.

On Sunday and Monday stage 1&2 take place and all the riders will take part in the full and half marathon with the race starting time at 7.30am

- The half marathon riders will ride a figure off 8 loop on day 1 by following the white arrows and on Day 2 ride a figure off 8 loop by following the orange arrows- distance 33km each day.
- The full marathon riders on day 1 will also ride a figure off 8 loop by follow the white arrows but will just deviate left at the **Check point** at kilometre 30 to do the 14 km new section in an anti clockwise directing to Water point C. Expect a very steep climb from kilometre 42-44. On day 2

the riders will ride a figure off 8 loop by following the orange arrows and at kilometre 30 at **Water point C** deviate left to do the 14 km new section in a clockwise directing to the **Check point** to join the loop again.

See the files with the route & route profile maps for detailed information.

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Special rates for event participants and family!

Details:

Full -Marathon: 60 km per day (60% single track) in the Aus mountains with stunning views over the Namib Desert (2 stages).

Half- Marathon: 33 km per day (70% single track) in the Aus mountains with stunning views over the Namib Desert (2 stages).

Water points: 3 water points during each stage, providing beverages and snacks
Marshal points: On Day 2 &3, every time that you pass Water point C, make sure to cross the electronic timing mat. The riders participating in the half marathon need to have 1 timing mat reading at Water point C. The riders participating in the full marathon need to have 2 timing mat readings at Water point C. Riders not having the required timing mat readings will be disqualified.

Race Dates & Start Time: Saturday, 29th April, 2.30pm Time Trial
Sunday, 30th April, 7.30 am Stage 1
Monday, 1st of May, 7.30 am Stage 2

Location: At Klein-Aus Vista lodge, 2km west of Aus along the B4 road to Luderitz in the Desert Horse Inn parking area

Race Registration: On Saturday, 29th April, at 2.pm until 6 pm at the Gondwana Collection Beer tent at Klein-Aus Vista – Desert Horse Inn where the Time Trial start. All riders need to register and collect their race packs. The Racing Rhino Category riders will weigh in when registering. Wear short pants with empty pockets, a shirt and no shoes. At 7.15am on each race day there will be a short race briefing .

Food & Beverages Dinners will be provided at both Klein-Aus Vista & Bahnhof Hotel restaurants. *Pre-bookings for Dinner are essential-* please do so upon check- in at your accommodation establishment. Dinner starts at 6.30 pm

On Monday evening a Braai dinner will start at 6.30 after the Prize award ceremony with an after party until late! This function will take place at the Desert Horse Inn outside braai/pool and sundeck area, all race participants automatically qualify for the dinner. Family and friends can book and pay for the Monday Braai on the race registration day (30th April) upon check in at Desert Horse in reception Tickets (N\$220 for adults and N\$110 for children younger than 14) will be issued and you need to show your ticket before helping yourself at the buffet.

Breakfast starts in the morning at 6.30 am. Due to limited seating capacity we ask that the riders are to be accommodated first and that the supporters eat breakfast thereafter. Breakfast will be served until 10 am.

From 11.30 am (30th April & 1st of May), burgers, hotdogs, cakes and beverages will be served at the Gondwana collection Beer tent until 5pm in the afternoon. A free Burger and a soft drink after race on each race day available for the riders

Parking

On the race days, (30th April & 1st of May) we ask that all riders & supporters not staying at Desert Horse Inn, thus those staying at the Desert Horse Campsite, Geister Schlucht cabin, Bahnhof Hotel, Namib Garage or elsewhere to park their vehicle before the entrance gate to the Desert Horse Inn, next to the railway line. There will be parking signs as well as parking attendants to assist you.

Spectator Points:

Point 1: Indicated as "Check point" on the map. Follow road to the campsite, stop next to ablutions block and walk up to the water tank. GPS S 26° 39'22.87" E 16° 14'00.16"

Point 2: Follow tar road into town of Aus and stop at the parking sign and follow MTB trails signs, mind the riders. GPS S 26 °40'08.17" E 16 °15'38.31"

Prize Awarding:

Stage 1: Sunday: 3.30 pm at Klein-Aus Vista- Beer tent

Stage 2: Monday: 4.30 pm at Klein-Aus Vista- Beer tent

Prizes:

1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes in all categories per stage and overall provided that there are 3 riders and more that take part in the specific category.

For the Kids:

There is a marked MTB track for the kiddies close to the Desert Horse Inn, distance 3km. For the Nipper/Sprog boys and girls there will also be a 18km track, they can enter on the day of registration to compete against each other on also mostly single track route.

Sightseeing & Activities:

Wild horses of Garub, 20 km away

Kolmanskop and Luderitz just 120 km away

Several marked hiking trails in the Aus Mountains to meet up with the riders en-route.

Desert Horse Inn also has a swimming pool where you can relax.

Sponsors:

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