



3 - 5 MAY 2018

Experience a challenging 3-day mountain bike stage race in the rugged Aus mountains

FULL MARATHON - 3 DAYS	HALF MARATHON - 2 DAYS
DAY 1: 12km Time Trial	DAY 1: no racing
DAY 2: 60km DAY 3: 60km	DAY 2: 33km DAY 3: 33km

Event program for the 8th Annual Standard Bank Klein-Aus Vista MTB Challenge

3rd, 4th, 5th May 2018

Race registration on Thursday 3rd May from 2pm -5pm Standard bank gazebos



The race will take place over 3 days and will start on Thursday 3rd May, at 3.00pm 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 30 seconds. At 5 pm the last rider will be allowed 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 marshals en-route to warn you about technical down hills, please take caution this is a cross country style track.

On Friday and Saturday 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 of 8 loop on day 1 by following the white arrows and on Day 2 ride a figure of 8 loop by following the orange arrows- distance 33km each day.
- The full marathon riders on day 1 will also ride a figure of 8 loop by follow the white arrows but will just deviate left at the **Check point** at kilometre 30 to do 14 km in an anti-clockwise direction to Water Point C. Be ready for the very steep Costa's climb from kilometre 42-44. The rider with the fastest ascend, from the start of the Costa's Climb to the Water Point C will get a N\$2500

prize money and those that can master the 34 % gradient of the Costa's Climb get their names added to Seibeb Costa's name that have mastered this climb. On day 3 the riders will ride a figure off 8 loop by following the orange arrows. At kilometre 30, at Water Point C deviate left to ride down The Wall an exciting, thrilling experience. The rider with the fastest descend, from the start of Water Point C to the bottom of The Wall will get a N\$2500 prize money as the Sweepstake of the Mountains. Follow the 25km of new section with new vistas and challenges in an anticlockwise directing back to Water Point C. There will be video and photo coverage recording each rider's attempt going up and down the mountain at Costa's Climb

At reception you will find the Route maps for detailed information. Included in your race pack you will find 2 stickers with the route plan and profile maps.

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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: 4 water points during each stage, providing beverages and snacks
Marshal points:

Race Dates Thursday, 3rd May, 3.00pm Time Trial
& Start Time: Friday, 4th May, 7.30 am Stage 1
Saturday, 5th 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 *Thursday, 3rd May* at 2.pm until 5 pm at the Standard Bank Gazebos at Klein-Aus Vista – Desert Horse Inn parking area 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- (buffet) & Bahnhof Hotel (a la carte) restaurants. *Pre-bookings for Dinner are essential-* please do so upon check- in at your accommodation establishment. Dinner starts at 6.30 pm On Friday & Saturday at the beer tent there will be a braai menu, soft drinks & beers for Sale. At the Desert Horse Inn restaurant you can get light lunches served.

On Saturday 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 3rd May upon check in at Desert Horse in reception Tickets (N\$230 for adults and N\$115 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 6.15 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 9.30 am.

From 11.30 am (4 & 5th May) braai menu, cakes and beverages will be served at the Windhoek Lager Beer tent until 5pm in the afternoon. A free plate of braai vleis, salads and bread rolls and soft drink after race on each race day are available for the riders.

Parking

On the race days, (4 & 5th 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". For those that want to join a game viewer to see the riders at Costa's climb at the Wall just report at the reception, departure time will be at 8.30 am

Prize Awarding:

Stage 1: Friday: 4.30 pm at Klein-Aus Vista- Beer tent
Stage 2: Saturday: 4.00 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. Categories will be combined if less than 3 riders in a category.

For the Kids:

For the Nipper&Sprog boys and girls there will be a race on a 4 km track, they can enter on the day of registration to compete against each other on also a mostly single track route.
Start time: Friday, 4th May, 7.45 am & Saturday, 5th May, 7.45 am

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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