

Grand Voyage Mathilde et Antoine

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IN A NUTSHELL :

Date: July 29th 2015 (458th day)

Location: De Doorns, South Africa

Driven km up to date: 48 860.



PHOTOS



VIDEO



NEWS

South Africa has kept seducing us during the whole month. In Kokstad, Floris and Roben have introduced us to the incredible panel of South African shooters, so funny!

The sea shores are wonderful: in Bulungula we have discovered the daily work of women from a local tribe, and Antoine also found out that horse riding is a sport he can't practice!; in Coffee Bay, we had incredible meals with lobsters and fresh fish, and splendid views: ocean, dolphins and whales. During the Otter Trail, a five-day hiking trail in autonomy, we saw genets, gorgeous birds and flowers, and otters while they were fishing. The coast around Cape Town is just as beautiful. Whales in Hermanus did not show up, but the penguins at Boulders Beach have charmed us!

We have also crossed more arid landscapes inland (Valley of Desolation) and flirted with majestic elephants in the Addo national park. We discovered pretty little towns with architecture from the 19th century: Graaff Reinet, Stellenbosch, Franschoek. The artistic activity in Grahamstown during its annual arts festival has amazed us. Attending a World surfing contest (JBay open) was interesting. We liked very much Cape Town with its pretty colored houses, its waterfront and nightlife. We are now enjoying the wine route before driving right to Windhoek (4 days - 2000 km).

A big thank you to all our friends, especially Floris, Roben, Francy, Awie, Hanly and all the Erasmus family, Terrence and Lili, Antoinette and Cornelius, Dominique, Elmaret and Johan. We hope to be able to welcome you one day in France in return.



FUNNY PICTURE



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INTENSIVE MOMENTS :

- Eating lobsters at 0,70 euros / piece
- Laughing at a South African comedy show
- Watching rugby games in pubs
- Be welcomed with open arms by the people
- Getting surrounded by 2 huge elephants
- Hiking 5 days autonomously, sleeping in huts on wild beaches and watching otters fishing



CURRENT MOOD : We relaxed, lived right in the moment and enjoyed sharing nice moments with the great people we have met on the way. It's now time to head north, straight to Namibia: 2000km ahead!



COUNTRIES VISITED : Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Russia, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Indonesia, Vietnam, South Africa, Lesotho.

COMING : Namibia, France, Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Tanzania, Rwanda, Congo (maybe), Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt, Europe.



MAP - ITINERARY :

since the last newsletter

 *Departure*

 *Arrival*



1. Coffee bay (Wild coast)
2. Art fest in Grahamstown
3. Graff-Reinet and Karoo
4. Otter Trail
5. Cape Town
6. Wine route

