

# Grand Voyage Mathilde et Antoine

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## IN A NUTSHELL :

Date: August 26<sup>th</sup> 2015 (486<sup>th</sup> day)

Location: Aix-en-Provence, France

Driven km up to date: 48 860.



PHOTOS

## NEWS

Since the wine route in South Africa, we headed North West. The weather being quite bad, we haven't stayed long. As soon as we had crossed the border, an immediate heat wave reached us in the **Namibian** desert. We stopped in the Fish River Canyon, which was a great opportunity to stretch our legs after so many kilometers: wild barbecue and morning hike during which we saw wild zebras and antelope. Our stop in Keetmanshoop, supposed to be very brief, got seriously extended thanks to the hospitality of Ingo and his friends. In Windhoek, we finalised the last preparations for the departure and spent the evening with **Kenlis and Olger**, who kindly accepted to keep Pavan safe during our absence.

When we arrived in **France**, we had to handle a few administrative issues in Paris and had a great time with some friends. Then our 3-week intensive programme throughout France begun : **Paris, Chartres, Oléron, Madrid, Lantosque, Orres, Aix-en-Provence, Pourrières La Ciotat, Bandol, etc.** We even had to split at some point and not be together (which had not occurred over the last 450 days ☺ !).

We would like to thank our family and friends for the good moments we have shared together and for your efforts to welcome us! We were happy that we got fresh news from you, happy to visit our beautiful France under a nice August sun, to discover your children, etc. As we had predicted in advance, going back to France also has raised a few wonders for us concerning the after trip.

## FUNNY PICTURE



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## INTENSIVE MOMENTS :

- Skip from rain in South Africa back to heat in Namibia;
- Leave Pavan for 1.5 month;
- Spend time with our relatives and enjoy good French cuisine;
- Organise the bachelorette party of a friend in Madrid;
- Discover our friends' kids.



**CURRENT MOOD :** We've updated the news about our friends and family. Our last French step is still ahead: the wedding of our friends in Paris. And then, we're heading to Namibia for a guided tour with family, looking forwards to discover this country about which we've heard so much.



**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, Namibia, France.

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



## MAP - ITINERARY :

*since the last newsletter*

 *Departure*

 *Arrival*



1. Fish River Canyon (Nam)
2. Paris (FR)
3. Chartres (FR)
4. Oléron (FR)
5. Madrid (ES)
6. Aix-en-Provence (FR)
7. Les Orres (FR)
8. Lantosque (FR)
9. La Ciotat (FR)

