

WWF Desert Challenge 2018

Terms and Conditions

Event dates 13th – 20th October 2018

Entries open 1 November 2018

Entries close 31 March 2018

Entry limit 15 entrants

Entry fee USD 9,000 for overseas participants and R120,000 for South Africans.

Deposit A 50% deposit on entry is required to secure your place.

Final payment Full entry fee is payable by 1 June 2018.

Who can enter Entries are open to anyone over the age of 20 years who is certified as fit to take part in the Challenge.

WWF requires a minimum of **8 participants** to have signed up by 1 April 2018 and reserves the right to cancel the event if the requisite number of participants is not achieved by this date. In the event of cancellation for this reason, you will be refunded 100% of your deposit.

Should you choose to participate, you will be required to sign an agreement which includes an **event indemnity** in favour of the organizers of the event on registration.

Medical examination

You will be required to submit an extensive medical form as part of your entry requirement. This form will be made available to you closer to the time. It must be signed by a qualified medical doctor (and not on your own behalf if you are a doctor) and dated within 3 months of the event date. If you are found medically unfit to participate in the event you will not be allowed to take part and your entry will be cancelled.

Vaccinations

Each participant must consult with their local travel clinic for travel health and vaccination advice and must ensure that they obtain the necessary vaccinations for the region.

Fitness requirement

It is your responsibility to make sure you are as fit as possible prior to the departure of the trip. It is therefore imperative that you follow a reasonably serious course of training in order to get the maximum benefit and enjoyment from the Challenge. The organisers will provide training tips by a fitness expert over the months building up to the challenge.

The Entry Fee Includes

Accommodation: All accommodation starting with your arrival in Sendlingsdrif (Richtersveld) on Saturday 13th October 2018 and ending on Saturday 20th October 2018 (the day of departure). Accommodation during the adventure will be in individual tents complete with stretcher, mattress, pillow & blanket (participants are required to bring their own 0° rated sleeping bag). The exception to this is on Monday 15th October which will require roughing it in a deep wilderness area.

Meals: All catering starting with dinner on the evening of registration (Saturday 13th October 2018) and finishing with breakfast on the day of departure (Saturday 20th October 2018).

Transport: All transfers directly relating to the event, starting in Cape Town on Saturday 13th October 2018 and ending in Cape Town on Saturday 20th October 2018. Transfer to and from the Desert Challenge is by charter plane (Pilatus PC-12) and takes about 1.5 hours.

Permits: All National Parks & associated entrance and conservation fees are included.

Gratuities: All gratuities are included.

Experts Guides: The trip will be accompanied by WWF staff and other experts in the areas of botany, archaeology and astronomy. The trip will be facilitated by experts in wilderness adventure with extensive local knowledge of the local terrain, mountain biking, kayaking and abseiling.

The Entry Fee Excludes

Transport: Participants must make their own travel plans to be in Cape Town to begin the adventure at 10am on Saturday 13th October 2018. The group will return Cape Town on Saturday 20th October 2018 (about midday) and participants need to make their own way onwards from there. This includes any necessary visa for travelling to South Africa.

Drinks & room tab: Personal drinks & room tabs are for the participants own account.

Insurance: Insurance is not included and participants are required to have extensive travel insurance that includes emergency wilderness evacuation and high risk sports (mountain biking and abseiling). This is a condition of entrance to the WWF Desert Challenge and proof of insurance must be provided.

Race food: Food supplements and personal nutrition.

Bicycle: Each participant is required to bring their own suitable mountain bike for use during the event. The bicycle is to be insured and boxed for transit. Bikes need to arrive in Cape Town by Wednesday 10th October 2018, preferably by DHL.

Appropriate gear: Participants are expected to bring suitable gear for participation in the event. This includes (but is not limited to) a 0° rated sleeping bag; a sleeping mat;

appropriate footwear for cycling, hiking and water sports; swimwear, cycling gear (including a helmet); a water filter; a 1l water bottle; a 3l water bladder; a dry bag for clothes; and clothing appropriate for hiking. Specialised kit for abseiling and kayaking will be provided.

Cancellations, substitutions and refunds

Cancellations & refunds: Any entry cancelled in writing on or before 1st June 2018 will be refunded 85% of the total entry fee. Cancellation is only valid if received in writing. If you cancel after 1st June 2018 no refund will be given. Should WWF decide to cancel the event due to unforeseen circumstances you will be refunded 100% of the total entry fee.

Substitutions: Substitutions will be allowed until the 1 August 2018. It is the entrant's responsibility to find a substitute.