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Faces of the Desert

Deserts are varied living landscapes, awesome seas of sand in constant motion and flux. They are also extremely challenging environments for the people who live in them – whatever line they tread between progress and tradition. But challenge is an intrinsic part of the desert's appeal. As evidenced by the growing demand for desert holidays, more and more people are attracted by the landscape's fascinating mix of danger and beauty.

01 Avalanches in the Desert

Where does desert sand come from? How do dunes keep their shape on the move? The introductory film takes a look at the secrets of sand.

02 Cruising the Desert with Camera and Motorbike

Michael Martin is a successful German photographer who regularly returns to the solitary wastes of the desert driven by curiosity and a love of nature.

03 On Probation in the Desert

Juvenile lawbreakers in the United States get a second chance on a probation and re-socialisation scheme in the Arizona Desert.

04 Save the Desert Rhinos

Rangers who used to be poachers themselves are deployed in Namibia in an attempt to save the world's last desert rhinos in the wild.

05 Camels on the Old Caravan Trail

The caravans that wend their way from Sudan to Egypt today carry little more than provisions. The camels themselves are the merchandise.

07 Journey Into a Silent World

Together with Bedouin friends, a European woman escorts tour groups through the fascinating world of the Sinai Desert.

08 High-tech for Racing Camels

Breeding racing camels is a high-tech business. In the United Arab Emirates, champions command prices up to a million dollars.

09 Tracks of the Desert Crocodile

Scientists in Mauretania make a sensational discovery in the Sahara, finding desert crocodiles thought to have been extinct for decades.

10 On Patrol with the Camel Police in Jordan

The Bedouin officers of the camel police tackle a wide variety of assignments. Their knowledge of the terrain and local customs makes them a highly respected force.

11 Desert Marathon in Morocco

A test of endurance over 220 kilometres, the "Marathon des Sables" in the Saharan South of Morocco is the most gruelling long-distance race in the world.

13 With the Tuareg in Southern Algeria

In Tamanrasset, the Tuareg in many ways retain their traditional way of life. They see houses as "tombs for the living" and regularly seek the wide open spaces of the Sahara.