

Out of Africa

Rhodesian Ridgeback Austria Tour

2nd May to the 13th May 2010



This tour is the first of its kind. This is the very first tour to view Rhodesian Ridgebacks in this fairytale land. During the course of the tour we will visit a good number of Austrian Rhodesian Ridgeback Kennels scattered throughout Austria. Some of these Kennels are very well known, and while most produce quality dogs for the show ring and as pets, others are more concerned with producing working hounds.

Bloodlines from these kennels hail from International Lines, but we will also recognise many of the Old Southern African Kennel names in the Austrian Ridgeback pedigrees, as a good number have been imported from southern Africa. We will visit a range of these kennels beginning in the east of Austria in Vienna and proceeding in a westerly direction, ending in Innsbruck.

Early on in the tour we will visit a Wolf Centre based near Vienna where our own private guided tour will reveal the mysteries of the wolf-dog-human relationship by researchers. Moving on in the tour we will be taken on a private guided tour of two sled dog establishments, one based on the Czech Border, and the other in the Alps. We visit two spectacular nature reserves. In one of Alpine Reserves we will be taken on tour by a zoologist researcher and well-known Ridgeback Breeder to learn about the fauna of the reserve including Vultures.

Throughout the tour we will visit wonderful historic sights, palaces, castles and fortresses. We will explore the Austrian cities of Vienna, Salzburg and Innsbruck, each more like a wonderland than a city. We will eat in traditional taverns, ascend immense mountains by cable car, explore Ice Caverns dating from the European Ice Age and just wonder at the beauty of Hallstat in the Saltzkammergut.

Every aspect of this tour is a highlight, but just to mention that we will spend a day in Vienna on tour of the Vienna Spanish Riding School, home of the famous white dancing Lipizzaner Stallions, and a morning exploring the preserved and intact UNESCO acclaimed Medieval City of Cesky Krumlov in the Czech Republic.

If you would like to learn more about the tour, or to place your name on a provisional booking list then please do contact: Sian Hall at arialsprite@netactive.co.za . Phone 033 – 330 7729 or Cel. 083 530 0273 .

