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1 – Here we go again

In 2000 I concocted the idea to go visit the Star Wars filming locations in Tunisia. In 2001, that dream came true when I ventured out into the Jundland Wastes and made the preparations for would ultimate become the Trip to Tatooine.

The first edition with Pioneers hence took place in 2003. What a motley crew indeed, with people from all over the world.



You can check the history of the Trip to Tatooine online at www.markdermul.be/tatooine - where soon your adventure will be published as well ☺

2 – Pioneers

At the time of publication of this first Tusken Tribune, we already had the confirmation of 18 people, so the jeeps are full. While the seating in the jeeps is absolutely not binding (we can sit wherever and with whomever we want and will change from jeeps regularly), this is the list of Pioneers:

JEEP 1

- 1) Mark Dermul (Belgium)
- 2) Heiko Lütten (Germany)
- 3) Imanuel Dijk (Netherlands)
- 4) Sarah Seward (UK)
- 5) Mark Cox (UK)
- 6) Bret Calltharp (USA)

JEEP 2

- 7) Terry Cooper (UK)
- 8) Colin Kenworthy (UK)
- 9) Andy Price (UK)
- 10) Franz Boszak (Germany)
- 11) Virginia Frenzel (Germany)
- 12) Claus 'Cole' Berghammer (Austria)

JEEP 3

- 13) Rich Appenzeller (USA)
- 14) Ross Cuddie (Canada)
- 15) Christoph Appel (Austria)
- 16) Marc Moser (USA)
- 17) Michael Bender (USA)
- 18) Zack Vazquez (USA)

Should any of you have to bail out for any reason whatsoever, please inform me at your earliest convenience. While I sincerely hope that you'll all come along, there are quite a few names on the 'reserve' list, people that want to come along, but only got in touch after all 18 seats were taken.

However, I do not have the possibility of taking on a fourth jeep. That's just not doable.

Once you get your books (by the time you read this, you probably have received your copy), please prepare for this trip by reading it carefully. Especially the part about how to conduct yourself as a good Pioneer.

While I'm very easy going – and we are all adults here, right? – I will nevertheless rule with an iron hand if need be (which is why Terry

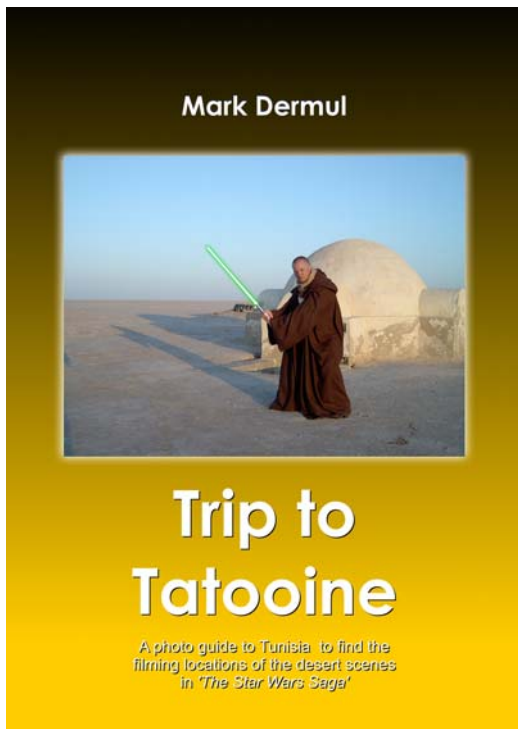
dubbed me 'the Commandant' during the first trip). Guiding a group of 18 people is not an easy feat, so I expect everybody to follow my instructions.



Disobey me and I'll feed you to the Sarlacc... or something like that ☺. But seriously, trust my judgement (I've been here before) and follow my lead and we'll all have a tremendous time.

3 – Souvenirs

As always, the Pioneers get a nice set of souvenirs. The first one will be a copy of the Tour Guide that I wrote, named Trip to Tatooine (what did you expect?).



This 90-page guide is the ideal companion for this road trip and will serve the Pioneers well.

Next, you will each get a commemorative T-shirt with the logo on it, which you can see at the bottom of this newsletter. The logo was

originally designed by Terry Cooper, who was a Pioneer in 2003. I'm happy that he will be with us this time as well, so he can show off his design ☺

Lastly, we will – without a doubt – bring back some souvenirs from the filming locations, mostly sand and rocks. But if we are lucky, we may get a fragment of the original Kratt dragon bones. We've been lucky at the previous trips, so why not this one as well?

4 – Flights

As our trip starts off on Jerba on 22 May (unless we change it for Celebration 5), that's where we get together. This means that you all have to make your way to Jerba on your own, trying to find the cheapest flights available.

However, especially for people from across the pond – and we have quite a few of you – you may find that flying to London or Brussels and then connect to Jerba the next day, may be the cheapest option.

In the past, several Pioneers opted for Brussels to crash at my place (so I picked them up at the airport). That gives us two opportunities:

- 1) I can book tickets for a larger group, thus getting a discount (usually round trip tickets Brussels/Jerba are around 250 EUR)
- 2) We get to know each other the night before we head out and can head out to the airport in a shared taxi, making this only about 10 EUR per person.

Obviously, if you wish to use the Brussels option, you'll need to arrive the day before and leave the day after.

TO DO : Please let me know where you will be flying from, so I can make arrangements if you are coming to my neck of the woods.

The Tusken Tribune is an electronic newsletters that can be downloaded month from the Tatooine Reunion website. If you have missed out on an issue, just send me a message per e-mail at bounty.hunter@skynet.be and I'll gladly forward it to you.



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