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Voetspore team tracks West Africa

SABC2 has announced the return of, reality show, Voetspore. The team consists of six individuals who travelled from Gansbaai to Gabon, with Johan Badenhorst leading the team, as they travel from Casablanca to the Cape with three 4x4's. The aim is to travel to Cape Town, South Africa in less than 100 days.

The team's goal was to track down the western side of the African continent, to travel through the Sahara, the rain forests of Central Africa, and through the less known areas of Southern Africa. Also visiting cities including Fes, Oudane, Timbuktu, Agadez, Kano, Limbe and Franceville, and then to travel along to Angolan coast, down to Namibia.

After a visit to Damaraland, the plan was to cross the South African border at Sendelings drift, and then to travel with a group of friends from Alexander Bay to Bloubergstrand.

Voetspore is a 26-episode series that aims to take its viewers on a tour to the lesser known parts of the African continent. The team was detained for four days in Agadez in Nigeria and sometimes had to brave the elements, camping the wild, in what is unknown territory. Two weeks after they went through Maiduguri in Nigeria, more than 150 people were killed in civil unrest.

The highlights of the journey include the visit to the Pelican 16, a South African Air Force Shakleton that crash landed in the Western Sahara in 1994, the visit to Goree Island, just off Dakar, the visit to the South African built library in Timbuktu.

The eventual journey was completed in 96 days, and the team travelled just over 23 000 kilometres.

"Tracking down the Western Parts of Africa, having experienced close brush ups with the Nigerian law along the way, Johan Badenhorst and team Voetspore remained encouraged in their goal, that they ensured that this season was filmed in a more captivating, informative yet captivating manner. SABC2 could not be more proud to inform viewers that this season promises to be the best of its kind thus far," enthused Zandile Nkonyeni, publicity manager, SABC2.

The series will air every Friday at 18:00, on SABC2, starting today, 23 October 2009.