

# Sky Africa Newsletter

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Hello dear flying friends,

We have a number of great safaris and courses lined up for the next few months.

Here is a quick review:

## ***06. - 13 September 2009/ 03. -10. October 2009: Bush Pilot Course***



Keen pilots from around the world will once again be taking to the African sky to hone their flying skills with the help of professional bush pilots. 8 Days, 17-20 flying hours and over 30 different landing strips will guarantee the participants a steep learning curve,

lots of adventure, good camaraderie and a whole lot of fun.

### ***14. – 29. October 2009: The Best of Namibia Safari***



A lot has already been written about Namibia, and the reason for this is quite clear. Namibia is just such a magnificently diverse country, that the tales of this wonderful land are seemingly endless. Yet no matter how descriptive the reports and travelogues that we read may be,

they cannot compare to an actual visit to the land of never-ending colour, rock formations and haunting emptiness. It is indeed a beauty that needs to be seen with one's own two eyes.

### ***21. November 2009 – 13. December 2009: Ocean-to-Ocean Safari***



An unsurpassable Safari allowing you to venture along the entire coast of South Africa and soak up its exquisiteness. One country, two oceans, three weeks and a myriad of experiences that will last you a lifetime, are what makes this journey so unique.

A detailed recount of the Ocean to Ocean Safari can be found in our March 2008 Newsletter:

**Link:** [http://skyafrica.com/news/2008\\_mar\\_news.pdf](http://skyafrica.com/news/2008_mar_news.pdf)



### **Os Aviadores**

*Os Aviadores*, which means „the Aviators“ in Portuguese, is a documentary about five TAP Captains who left their slightly “larger” aircraft at home for a few weeks and swapped them for the multi-coloured Cessnas and Pipers on the SkyAfrica fleet. Whilst quenching their thirst for adventure by gliding gracefully through the African sky was certainly one of reasons for their expedition, their main focus lay on distributing medicines to various humanitarian organisations throughout Mozambique.

It had been the second time that “the aviators”(call signs: *Travolta, Piu, Toupeira, Venice and Pinokio*) had come to fly with us, and they are truly a great bunch of guys. This time around they just happened to bring along a whole film crew. The aerial footage is simply phenomenal, and these highly experienced pilots certainly took the term „low flying“ to a new (and lower) level. Not to be attempted without prior training! Great shots of the planes flying in formation, as well fantastic views of the crystal clear Indian Ocean, the majestic Victoria Falls and charming scenes of life in Africa. Captain Carlos Fernandes (*Travolta*) was kind enough to supply us with a link to the documentary. Obrigado Carlos! Knowledge of the Portuguese language is an advantage, but not a necessity, seeing as though the images definitely speak for themselves. A must-see for any aviation and Africa lover!

**Link:** <http://sic.aeiou.pt/online/video/informacao/Reportagem+SIC/2009/7/os-aviadores.htm>

# *Sleeping Beauty*

## *Awakened by the Rain*



Year after year the dry and lifeless desert earth of the Namaqualand, situated in the Northern Province of South Africa, is transformed into a vibrant carpet of thousand upon thousands of flowers.

Lilies, Daisies, Herbs, Succulents and scores of wildflowers make this a natural spectacle of unimaginable splendour. It is amazing how much beauty can be situated in just one place. The best time to view the bloom is generally between August and September, but this is greatly influenced by the winter rains. A visit to this remarkable part of the world should be on everybody's to-do list, and the landing on the salt pans of Port Nolloth is certainly an experience that will make any pilot's heart leap for joy. I hope to see you there soon!

Happy Landings,

Erika

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