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Explorer about to set off to walk coast to coast across Africa Special



An intrepid explorer is about to set off on a 4,000 miles journey from coast to coast across Africa.

Julian Monroe Fisher, 56, is going to walk alone from Pemba, Mozambique to Lobito, Angola through Malawi, Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

This will be the first attempt by any explorer to walk from the Indian Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean along this route.

With less than two weeks before the trip starts Fisher is engaged in last minute preparations including receiving inoculations and applying for visas.

He said: "I have been pouring over Google earth maps focusing upon two void areas, about 200 kilometers of the 800kms plus I need to walk across Mozambique.

"The other is the void in northwest Zambia where the borders of DRC, Angola and Zambia meet."

He is also dealing with last minute nerves, he said: "I wake up nightly in the darkness right around 4am. Thoughts of what could possibly go wrong play through my mind over and over. I also think about how much I will miss my wife and our two kids. But for the most part I am ready to get on with it."



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Explorer Julian Monroe Fisher

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As well as being an incredible journey his expedition has scientific aims. Fisher will research efforts to fight poaching in the South Luangwa National Park in Zambia. He will research conservation efforts in the Parc National Da Camea in Angola because of the civil war research in this area is very limited.

Fisher, who is an anthropologist, will also be doing ethnographic research with the Yao people in the village of Chiconono in Mozambique about how they believe their Muslim faith is regarded by the world.

Another aim of this project is to highlight the work of [MAG International](#), the Mines Advisory Group, and Fisher will interview villagers who have been affected by landmines in Angola.



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Fisher said: "Angola remains one of the most heavily mined regions on the planet. I will present my research findings to the board of MAG International along with my recommendations as to how to monitor the impact upon future generations."

For more information visit [walkacrossafrica.org](#) or [julianmonroefisher.com](#).

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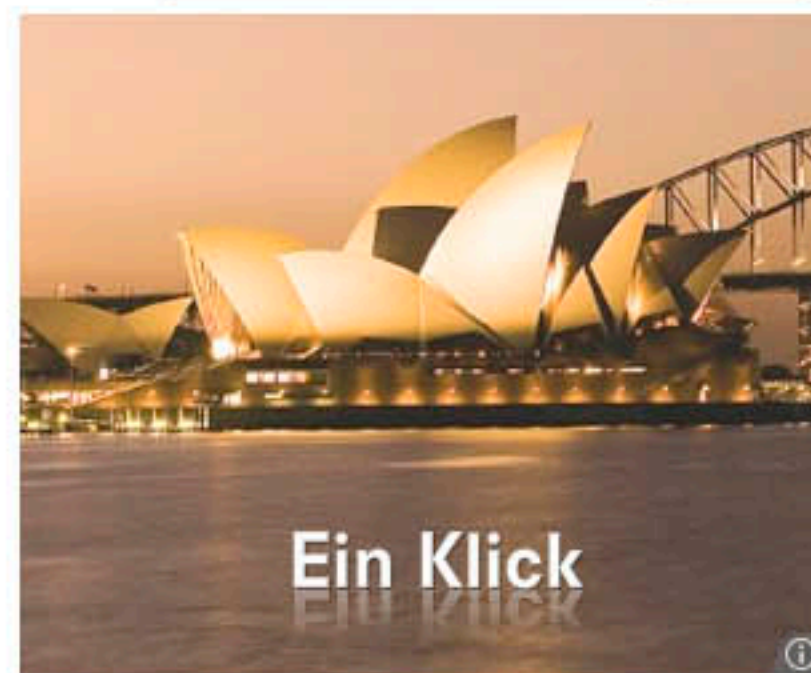
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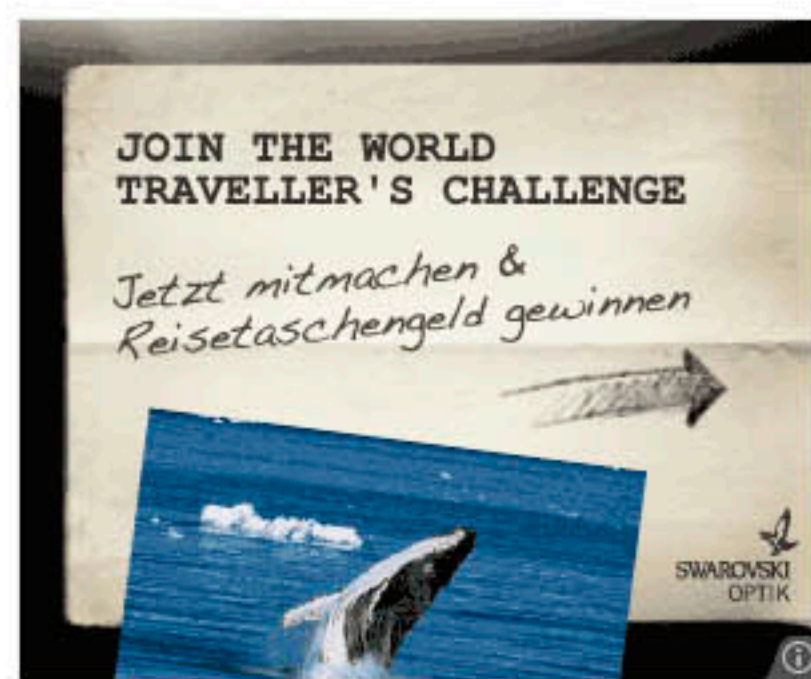
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