



SOCOTRA ARCHIPELAGO · YEMEN

Places of Convergence

Frames from our recent paragliding expedition in collaboration with Convergence Paragliding.

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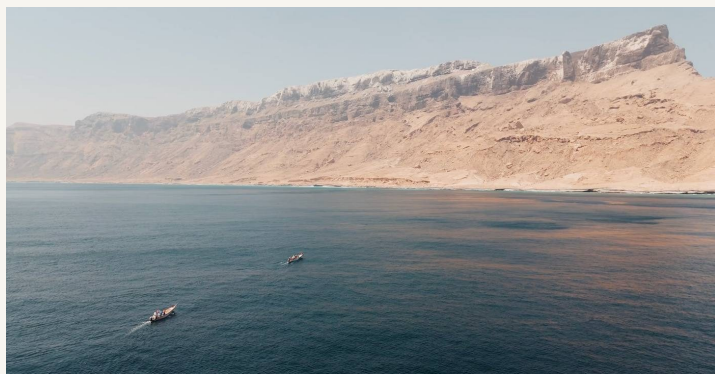
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Postcards from the edge of the world

Expedition, October 2025 · Socotra Archipelago, Yemen

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In October 2025, Röam partnered with Convergence Paragliding to launch one of the most extensive aerial traversals of Socotra to date. Very few people have flown here, even fewer have flown it the way that these eight pilots did.

This was, in the truest sense, an exploration. No defined routes, no mapped flight paths — just ridgelines to soar, coastlines to trace, and a week of mornings that began with a weather read and a question: what might be possible today?

Flights took pilots along the spine of the Hajhir mountains and down to the coast, out over the island's easternmost tip, and low over dunes that have become Socotra's most iconic image.

Between flights, the island offered its usual abundance of surreal encounters. Remote stretches of coastline accessible only by local fishing boat, free dives above old shipwrecks, Bryde's whales breaching and so many dolphins they became a permanent part of the view. Evenings were spent debriefing over fresh sashimi, and whatever else the expedition chef had pulled from the day's catch!

This was a first chapter, not a final one. We're already planning the next and if October proved anything, it's that Socotra rewards those bold enough to leave the ground.



A particular thank you to Shaun Mousely, who flew headfirst into territory that had never been flown before and, in doing so, made everything that followed possible.

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A Tuareg Festival in the shadow of the *Tassili N'ajjer*

Sebeïba Festival

The temperature is pushing 40°C and the wind has whipped the sand into a thick haze around Djanet — an oasis town in the far south-east of Algeria, tucked beneath the Tassili n'Ajjer.

It's the end of June, and life should be far from stirring here. But communities are busy preparing for Sebeïba — a 3,000-year-old festival whose origins sit somewhere between history and myth. Some trace it back to the victory of Moses over the Pharaohs, a triumph said to have inspired warring tribes to make peace. Others believe it's a memorial to the Queen of Sheba, from whom oasis families draw their noble lineage.

However it began, Sebeïba has survived everything the last three thousand years have thrown at it — colonial rule, civil war, hardening borders, Covid, and the near-disappearance of nomadic life.



El Mihan and Zelouaz face off every year on the 10th day of Ashoura.

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GUERNICA ARTICLE

Ben Buckland & Carissa Western

Every year, on the tenth day of Ashoura, El Mihan and Zelouaz — two rival quarters — meet in a wadi between them to face off in a bloodless war. Takouba swords raised. Elganga drums beating. An atmosphere so intense even the heat can't suppress it.

Women are Sebeïba's heartbeat. Dressed in bright timoulawine and heavy silver, they carry the rhythm, the songs and the poems that hold the festival together. Their voices, joined at times by the mournful notes of the imzad, are the architecture around which everything else moves.

But this is not just a re-enactment of history; it's a statement, made every year, about conflict, coexistence and identity. Sebeïba has endured exactly because it's a deliberate and continuous negotiation of the particular, irreplaceable character of Djanet. And for a community now scattered across borders and cities, Sebeïba is its way back into view, reconnecting people who know each other and those who never have.



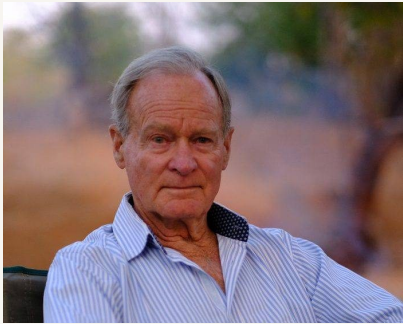
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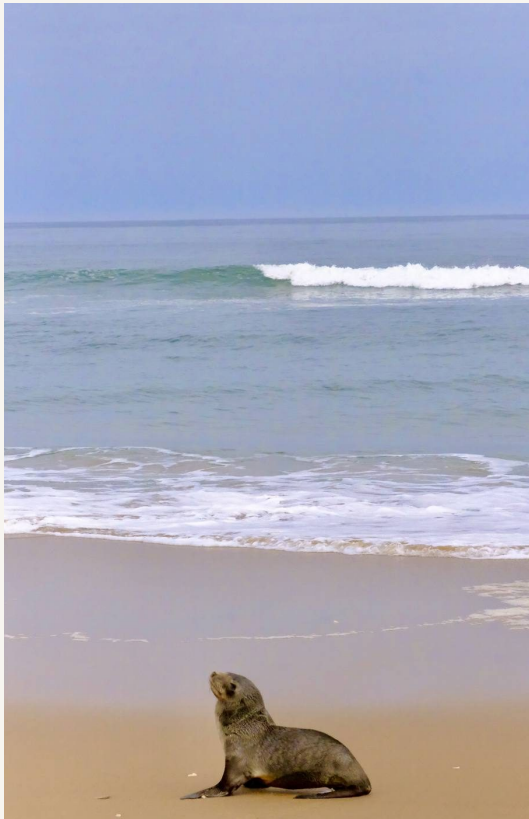
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Dr. David Western

One of Africa's most distinguished ecologists, Dr. Western has spent 50 years shaping how the world understands wildlife, people and landscape. He brings to Iona a lifetime of reading land.



In a world where we believe there is nothing left to discover, there is still so much to explore.

OUR DESTINATIONS



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Deep Sahara — Tuareg Country



YEMEN

Socotra — Island of Dragon's Blood



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ANGOLA

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