About the Bedouins

The Bedouin people mainly (hauptsächlich) live in Arabia and North Africa. Their Arabic name is Bedu ("people of the desert"). They are nomads, which means they're always on the move.

They go from place to place in search of food and water for themselves and their animals.

Surviving in the desert is no picnic. Forget cheeseburgers and ice cream. In the desert food takes second place. You can go for weeks without eating. But without water, you'd be dead in two days. To stay alive, you need to drink at least a bucket (Eimer) of water a day.

With all their moving, the Bedouins need a home that's easy to put up and take down and that fits (passt) on the back of a camel. And what could be better than a nice tent made from camel's hair or sheep's wool?



J.Bopp: "Bedouins"

When it comes to desert dress, the Bedouins know what to wear. Keeping cool is what counts. Their loose, flowing (fliesend) clothes are ideal for letting air circulate and their long headdresses keep the sand and sun out.

The Bedouins are famous for their hospitality (Gastfreundschaft). They'll always give guests a meal and a place to stay. But watch your manners (Manieren). Turn down (ablehnen) a cup of coffee and you'll offend (beleidigen) the whole family.

Camels can walk miles without water or food. They are fit (passend) for the desert. But they are rather bad-tempered (launisch) and they tend (neigen dazu) to spit. That's probably why some desert people use Land Rovers instead.

What can you find in the desert?

sand	icebergs	tents	Bedouins	Vikings	camels
Jeeps	penguins	snakes	sharks	Eskimos	glaciers
frogs	rocks	cities	oasis	submarines	roads
hospitality	birds	ducks	cathedrals	sheep	seals

Translate:

Leben sie in Nordafrika? – <i>Do they live in North Africa?</i>
Sind sie immer unterwegs?
Gehen sie von Ort zu Ort?
In zwei Tagen wärst du tot.
Sie wissen, was sie tragen müssen.
Sie sind berühmt für ihre Gastfreundschaft.
Achte auf deine Manieren!
Kamele laufen meilenweit ohne Nahrung