

## SCRIPT CAMELS ON THE BEACH

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## PRESENTATION

People world wide are now enjoy their holidays in faraway countries, but this year not in Kenya. The hotels on the beaches of the East African country remain almost empty. The post-election clashes early this year scared away the tourists. Also the many small business people on the beach are struggling. Among them the 24-years-old Sharif Osman, who lives from letting people ride on his camel Jack.

## BETA

With a refreshing bath in the Indian Ocean.  
That's how the working day starts of camel Jack and his boss Sharif.

QUOTE SHARIF OSMAN met dromedaris in het water  
***We wash him because we are afraid of the flies.  
Insects.***

Jack then is saddled up.  
It's time to go look out for tourists who want to make a ride.

SOUNDBITE SHARIF OSMAN talking to a group of tourists  
***Hallo. Come and only say hi to Jack.***

These ones seem reluctant...  
That's too bad because business is low nowadays on the beach.  
Even hotel owners complain about low occupancy.  
Our couple here surely notices.

QUOTE SHARIF OSMAN  
***The tourists are not coming.  
They're afraid of their safety.***

As usually it doesn't come at the right time.  
Sharif's wife is going to deliver soon.

SOUNDBITE SHARIF OSMAN to passing tourists  
***Camel ride? Are you okay?***

Happily Sharif is not alone in this.

SHARIF cuddling with Jack  
***He's very friendly.***  
***He doesn't bite.***  
***He doesn't spid.***

Hours pass by, and no customers to be seen.  
That gives time to try it myself.

RUUD ELMENDORP on the camel back  
***Making a ride will cost about 1,5 to 3 Dollars.***  
***Jack and Sharif need about 4 customers per day to survive.***

The government in Kenya expects that tourism will catch up later in the year.  
Maybe then there will be more business for Sharif and Jack.