

## ASIRT Road Travel Report Trivia Q & A

### **In which country do spring-time migrating frogs cause slippery roads?**

#### **Germany**

Each spring millions of frogs and toads migrate to breeding ponds. While new roads are automatically constructed with small “toad tunnels” running beneath them, older roads can become slippery with the remains of those that have been unsuccessful in their attempt to cross.

### **What country uses polar elephants to build safe winter roads?**

#### **Russian Federation**

The Russians have developed ice road construction technology. The SpetsArcticMash Company provides the vehicle. It is called a Polyarny Slon (Polar Elephant). It is based on the Vityaz missile carrier and melts and compresses the snow into a hard flat surface 4.5 meters wide at a speed of 1.5 km an hour.

### **In what country will a guide help travelers reach Planet Tatooine?**

#### **Tunisia**

Tourists venture deep into the desert with a certain destination in mind: Planet Tatooine. Diehard fans will know that parts of Star Wars were filmed in Tunisia, and it may be worth the pilgrimage, so long as you go prepared with a guide, spare vehicles, spare parts, and plenty of food and water.

### **Which country is known as “Paris of the Middle East?”**

#### **Lebanon**

Lebanon was once known as the “Paris of the Middle East” because of its high tourism rate, drawing leisure visitors from all over the world who explored its corners on- and off-road.

### **Where are “washes” used to determine safe road crossings during rainy seasons?**

#### **Morocco**

Heavy seasonal rains can obliterate rural roads and leave standing water that obscures the road’s surface. In many areas, poles, or washes on either side of the road indicate water depth: If the colored part of the pole is obscured, it’s advisable not to cross.

### **Where is the “Kilometer Zero” (Kilómetro Cero) used and why is its relationship to the “Pillar of Peace” (La Paz Pillar) useful?**

#### **Uruguay**

Uruguay uses the “kilometer zero” (“Kilómetro Cero”) method of measuring distances from a specific location. In Uruguay, “kilometer zero” is the Pillar of Peace (“La Paz Pillar”) in Montevideo.

**Along the roads of which country must you be aware of sleeping donkeys, livestock, kudus, springbok, wild pigs and monkeys?**

**Namibia**

Expect the unexpected! A wide variety of animals can be found on and along roads and unexpectedly jump into the path of vehicles. Be aware of donkeys that frequently sleep on the roads at night.

**In which country will you receive a violation for parking in front of the world's oldest bookshop?**

**Portugal**

The original Bertrand Bookstore, the world's oldest bookshop, is located in Lisbon. Don't try to park outside the front door, which opens onto a wide, tiled sidewalk or you'll end up with a ticket.