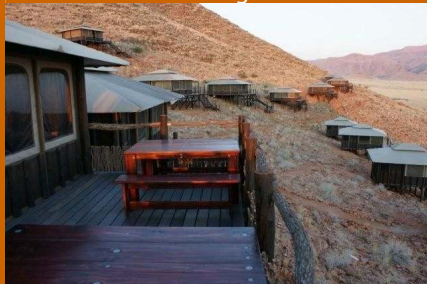


Moon Mountain Lodge



Swakopmund Boutique Hotel



Mushara Buschcamp



Dear Friends of Namibia

Hard to believe that we are approaching the end of this challenging year. Another festive season will be upon us before we know it. After a year amidst skepticism and doubt on the worldwide economic situation, we at Acacia Namibia are happy to report that our company has not noticed a downturn in tourist arrivals. During the year, as always, we have had a number of repeat clients and greeted many more new visitors to our beautiful country. Preparations are in full swing for the big event in Southern Africa - the FIFA World Cup 2010, and Namibia is also preparing to receive visitors here who wish to enjoy a more peaceful and relaxed atmosphere in our country.

New lodge in the Sossusvlei region- Moon Mountain Lodge

Moon Mountain Lodge, situated in the Moon Mountains on the farm Dieprivier, en-route to Sossusvlei, opened its doors in October 2009. The lodge which is located 40 km from the Namib Naukluft Park Gate, is managed by Protea Hotels Namibia. Developed by Leisure Pleasure Lodges, guests are offered a 5 star experience with a view to match in 11 luxury tents and 5 honeymoon tents. Each of the tents has its own plunge pool with a 180 degree view. The lodge also offers a TV room, cigar lounge and cocktail bar.

New camp site in Damaraland – Madisa Camp

18 km west of the D2612, near the turn off to Twyfelfontein, lies the newly developed Madisa Camp. All camping and overland spots offer private ablution blocks with hot and cold running water, wash-up facilities and a barbeque area. A swimming pool and other optional actions offered compliments a stay at Madisa Camp. Other plans in the pipeline by the developers "Leisure-Pleasure Group" is a new lodge in the same area.

New hotel in Swakopmund – Swakopmund Boutique Hotel

Opened in October 2009, the new Hotel sports 20 rooms (11 thereof sea-facing), one sea view suite, a wine cellar, restaurant, garden roof-terrace and conference facilities. Situated in the historic heart of Swakopmund, at Sam Nujoma Drive Nr 4, this luxurious hotel offers contemporary chic in unique and refreshing decor to reflect the charm of Swakopmund. All sea-facing rooms have a balcony with breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean. The conference facilities cater for 50-70 people, ideal for conferences, business lunches, dinner-parties and small weddings.

New child-friendly accommodation near Etosha – Mushara Bushcamp

Mushara Bush Camp is the third addition to the Mushara Collection, which so far consists of Mushara Lodge and Mushara Outpost. Situated only 8km from the Eastern Park gate, the Bushcamp is the ideal accommodation for families visiting the Etosha National Park. It is the first totally child friendly lodge in the area with complimentary child-minders, kiddies pool, kiddies play corner where children can build puzzles, draw pictures and use play dough. The spacious main area, which includes the restaurant, lounge and bar, is thatched with a true bush camp feel to it. The 16 custom-made en-suite tents are built from a combination of canvas, wood and local limestone. With their own 8m² private verandah and roof to floor windows, these rooms are spacious and airy. Each large bathroom has an oversized window and shower looking into the surrounding bush. The brushed cement floors and lime stone walls keep the rooms cool from the afternoon sun. Four of these tents are ideally suited for families with small children as they have a sleeper coach for two children.

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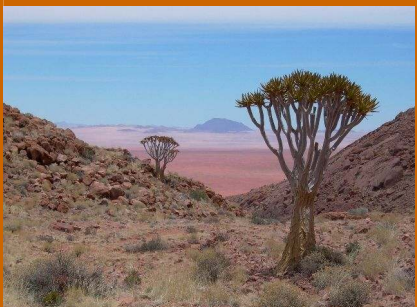
Dr Michael Hoppe in Okakarara
'steps for children' project



At the Destinations Expo



Okomitundu Guestfarm



Landscape at Namtib Desert Lodge

" steps for children project "

The foundation "**steps for children**" was initiated by Dr Michael Hoppe in 2006 in cooperation with residents of Okakarara village and supports needy children and youth in Okakarara near the Waterberg. Since its successful introduction of a pre-school and soup kitchen which feeds 60 children, more inter-active projects have been implemented: A sewing and craft centre provides employment for seamstresses, an after-school program was launched to assist children with homework; there is a computer lab and internet cafe. Since January 2009 vegetables and olives are cultivated and 2nd hand bicycles are being sold. The olive grove plantation has no fewer than 1664 trees. Other social projects, so-called "steps", are in the planning phase. The main beneficiaries of the project are orphans and/ or children and youth who have been traumatised and impoverished in connection with HIV/AIDS. The foundation of the organization is to offer income generating steps for goods and paid services. By establishing small businesses which generate income independent of foreign aid, the foundation creates sustainable financing for the steps which benefit the children. The projects will fund themselves independently of donations in the long run. It is vision of '**steps for children**' that the children will become self-sufficient and economically independent in the long-term and thrive without outside assistance in a few years time.

To donate or support this project in any way please view: www.stepsforchildren.de

Destinations Expo in Cape Town

Acacia Namibia and Okomitundu Guestfarm took part as exhibitors at the first "Destination Expo"- a tourism trade fair, held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre from 22 to 25 October 2009. It showcased 98 exhibitors from South Africa and neighboring countries. The aim was for the visitor and travel agent alike to re-discover local destinations or get adventurous holiday ideas; to gain insight into the products of its neighboring countries and islands to plan the next journey, cruise, safari or weekend get-away; to learn about team building or source a venue for a special event or honeymoon. Visitors were treated to great show specials and packages with daily prizes to be won. There were presentations, talks, entertainment and cultural experiences. The show attracted 3796 visitors. CADEK Media, the organizers, laid a solid foundation for future growth of this holiday and travel show, and the Destinations Expo is set to become a premier annual event focusing on the travel and tourism industries. Despite the current economic climate, the expo received excellent support from exhibitors, trade and public.

News Flash

For many years Acacia Namibia has been the reservation office for the Guestfarm Okomitundu. In September 2009 the farm welcomed a new management team, Daniela and Cornelius Kemp, and it was decided that all reservations and marketing will be handled directly by the farm. Dani's famous cheese factory will provide a choice of 40 different kinds of cheeses for guests and Cornelius brought his aviary of exotic parrots to the farm, to the enjoyment of everyone. The children's playground was extended with a petting zoo and a trampoline to provide fun for the whole family. Many more exciting new projects are in the process of being implemented, amongst other as from next year there will be a resident research team to study the diverse fauna and flora at Okomitundu Guestfarm.

For information on service and activities visit: www.okomitundu.com

For rates and reservations please e-mail: info@okomitundu.com

Acacia Namibia's website updated

Please visit our revamped website which features interesting new details, updated 2010 rates and dates of tours and fly-in safaris, as well as some **exciting special offers**.

View: www.acacianamibia.com

The **Botswana Special** is still valid till end of November but can be booked for a minimal surcharge during the green season (until March 2010) as well.

Our ever popular **Chobe – Ichobezi Special** is also online for the year 2010.

Furthermore view the new safari suggestion "**7 days Farm & Coastal Experience**":

www.acacianamibia/specials.html



Exhibition in Paris



Erica Seitz- Photographer

Photo-Exhibition in Paris / Namibia's children depicted

We welcomed a special repeat visitor to our country, Mrs Erica Seitz, a renowned Swiss photographer. Acacia Namibia prepared a special month long safari for Erica Seitz and her husband Marcus as well as their Herero friend and guide who lead them into the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, the Northern Cape and Southern Namibia. On the northern part of the journey through Namibia they explored Etosha, Damaraland, Swakopmund, the Erongo and the Namib Desert. The resulting professional photographs of her trip will no doubt contribute to Namibia's popularity overseas and entice many more visitors to our country.

Erica Seitz fell in love with Namibia many years ago, when visiting the fascinating landscapes of the Namib Desert for the first time. Her camera worked overtime, creating visual impressive photographs which were displayed at numerous exhibitions in Europe and Switzerland. During 2007 she attended a 4 day long Herero wedding festival which she documented photographically and during which time she gained many Namibian friends of different cultures. Her last exhibition in Switzerland "Herero- a tribe between tradition and modern times" earned her much appraise and lead her to exhibit at the prestigious FIAP (International Association for artistic photography) event in Paris, France. Her photographs of Herero and Himba people will be depicted at the FIAP Gallery under the title "Children in Africa" and the exhibition will run until end of January 2010.



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For the forthcoming Festive Season we wish you harmony and peace with your family and friends. We are looking forward to welcoming you in Namibia in 2010!

Goodbye and 'Totsiens'

your *Acacia Namibia Team*