

Dear Friends of Namibia

After a satisfying rainy season our otherwise dry countryside shows lush green foliage everywhere. As the days get shorter and cloudy skies take on the usual bright blue color, we have also changed over to our 'wintertime'. Practically that means we are 1 hour back from the middle European time zone until the 3rd September, when we set our clocks 1 hour forward again to reflect our summertime.

As the Soccer World Cup in South Africa draws closer and the world focuses its attention on the whole region, Namibia feels the excitement too. Namibia's tourism sector also prepares to give potential visitors a soulful African experience within our country of endless horizons.

Historical Rider's Monument relocated

During February 2010, Windhoek's historic Schutztruppe horse-and-rider statue has been re-erected in front of the Old Fort. The riders-monument had to be moved in order to make way for a new 'Independence Museum' being erected by government. The complicated and expensive exercise was made possible by the generous contribution of private sponsors. The 'Old Fort' was the first building erected in Windhoek by the Schutztruppe governor Curt von Francois in 1890.

"Namibia Visitors Statistics"

According to the latest statistics released by the Namibia Tourist Board (NTB), Namibia received around 81 500 German tourists during the year 2008. Although Namibia did not have a significant downturn during the recession time last year, tourist numbers may be slightly less for 2009. However, Germany is still the most important market for the Namibian tourism industry, followed by England, Italy, France and our neighbors South Africa and Angola.

Drivers Licenses only accepted in English

The Namibian government has introduced a new law stating that drivers licenses will have to be in the English language. This is particularly important for foreign tourists who hire a car in Namibia. An international drivers license is therefore imperative for different nationalities.

Air Namibia Winter Special

Special flight rates have been announced for flights from Frankfurt to Windhoek and Cape Town or Johannesburg. The first flight from Frankfurt can be on the 1st June and the last return flight has to be on the 15th July, latest. The price of a FRA-WDH economy return flight starts from €710 per person and a FRA- CPT or JHBG flight can be booked from €855. Further info through info@airnamibia.de or www.airnamibia.de

New accommodation in Tsumeb – Kupferquelle Resort

The new Kupferquelle Resort in the heart of the picturesque town of Tsumeb opened its doors during March 2010. Developed by Tsumeb business man Schalk Henning, the luxurious resort offers 15 luxury- and 25 standard chalets and a well appointed campsite which even sports a coin-operated laundromat. In addition to the conference centre, there is an olympic-size swimming pool, a DROS restaurant, bar, a shop with a bakery and butchery and an internet café. To keep children entertained, the resort offers a jungle gym and playground and a video game facility. Tsumeb is well known for its rich geological, historical and scenic attractions. Besides a rich copper deposit, more than 200 other minerals and semi precious stone deposits have been found in the area. Attractions in town include the historic museum, the arts & craft centre and a cultural village. The mysterious Lake Otjikoto is situated close-by and other attractions in the vicinity include the great Etosha National Park (107 km) and Tsintsabis (90 km) where one can visit a cultural Bushman village. The world's largest meteorite located near Grootfontein (70 km) is another interesting place to visit while in the area. The distance from Tsumeb to Windhoek is 440 km and Tsumeb to Rundu 308 km.



Lush landscapes after good rains



Riders Monument and Old Fort



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Eningu Clayhouse Lodge



Ju/Hoansi on the 'hunt'



Bushman in the Erongo



Naukluft Mountain scenery

Eningu Clayhouse Lodge under new ownership

Well known tourism personality Kate Dunstan has sold Eningu Clayhouse Lodge to Mrs Bettina Spörndli, who has taken over the management of the Lodge in February 2010. Eningu, which is situated 65 km east of the Windhoek Hosea Kutako International Airport, offers the perfect start or ending point to a tour. The lodge, offering 10 cozy chalets, has been built from 120 000 handmade clay bricks and blends in perfectly with the russet colored Kalahari sands. Its intimate style and creative décor, set in tranquil surroundings offers a comfortable atmosphere and a high level of hospitality. Well layed-out walking paths with botanical and general information on fauna and flora at various points guarantee a close encounter with nature and a variety of game and birds. A large swimming pool with a heated whirlpool, a rooftop deck, a telescope, an archery range, a well stocked souvenir shop adds to the overall experience at Eningu.

Enquiries or bookings at acacia@iway.na

Preserving traditional cultures

Namibia offers a variety of cultural 'Living Museums' where tourists can experience the lifestyle and culture of the ethnic group living in the museum. Under the leadership of the 'Living Culture Foundation Namibia', its members aim to support cultural development and they aim to establish a living museum for every cultural group living in Namibia. Projects in the pipeline include the Kavango and Khwe people.

Currently the following 'Living Museums' exist in Namibia:

- The **Ju/Hoansi Bushman** Living Museum, situated near Tsumkwe at Grashoek village.
- The **Ju/Hoansi Living Hunters** Museum, situated 23 km on the road from Tsumkwe to Khaudom National Park.
- The **Ju/Hoansi Project at Farm Omandumba** near Omaruru is ideally situated for visitors to the Erongo Region and open from March till October. The **Nharo Bushman** Living Museum, situated 80 km east of Windhoek past the airport and Seelis, on the road D1535 at Farm Okatumba West.
- The **Mafwe** Living Museum, depicting the traditional culture of one of the Caprivian tribes, is located 22km north of Kongola, East Caprivi.
- The **Damara Living Museum** is situated en route to the Twyfelfontein Rock Engravings, on the road D2612.
- The **Herero Theater** in Okakarara is a friendship project, which depicts the traditions of the Herero people. Visitors can view the show every Wednesday after 11h00 for a cost of N\$140 per person. Groups of more than 10 people can however also pre-book the theater for any other day.

All "Living Museums" try to provide an authentic experience true to their culture, whereby guests get an insight into their traditional customs, the use of bush food, tracking, snaring, craft making. Visitors can choose from a variety of activities including bush walks, game tracking, singing and dancing.

The Living Museums not only preserve different cultures, but also provides the people with an opportunity to earn an income and benefit from tourism.

More info at: www.lcfn.info

Did you know? Namibia allows unlimited foreign currency import

Tourists may often pose the question; How much foreign currency are they allowed to bring into Namibia? According to the Bank of Namibia there is **no limit** on cash or travellers' cheques to be imported in foreign currency when entering Namibia.



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We look forward to welcoming you in Namibia, the land of contrasts.

Goodbye and 'Totsiens'

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