



Marienfluss Valley, Kunene Region
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HIGHLIGHTS

Namibrand Nature Reserve - one of Africa's largest private reserves with a diversity of desert wildlife

Sossusvlei sand dunes

The small harbour town of **Luderitz** - southern Namibia

Brunch in the fascinating seaside town of **Swakopmund**

Damaraland - untamed, ruggedly beautiful with prehistoric water courses, open plains and massive granite kopjies

Brandberg - ancient rock art sites

Damaraland's free roaming **black rhino** population.

Skeleton Coast - remote and scenically spectacular - shipwrecks and bleached whale bones

Cape fur seals at **Möwe Bay**

Wildlife experience - unique **desert-adapted elephant, lion & rhino**

Kunene region on the Angolan border and the stunning **Epupa Falls**.

Himba cultural encounter

Marienfluss valley



Day One - NamibRand Nature Reserve | Southern Namibia

A classic safari with chances to see Oryx and springbok, along with indigenous species, newly introduced including Giraffe, red hartebeest and cheetah. A great base from which to explore the giant dunes of Sossusvlei. **Wolwedans Private Camp**

Day Two - Luderitz | Southern Namibia

Visit the small harbour town of Luderitz, famous for its colonial architecture as well as its beautiful coast - a designated Important Bird Area. **Wolwedans Private Camp**

Day Three & Four - Damaraland | North-western Namib Desert

Early start to the seaside town of Swakopmund following the coastline. Continue to see the ancient rock art of the Brandberg Mountain, of which the 2000 year old "White lady" is the best known. Enjoy the desert landscapes, with opportunities to track Black rhino by vehicle and on foot. **Sorris Sorris**

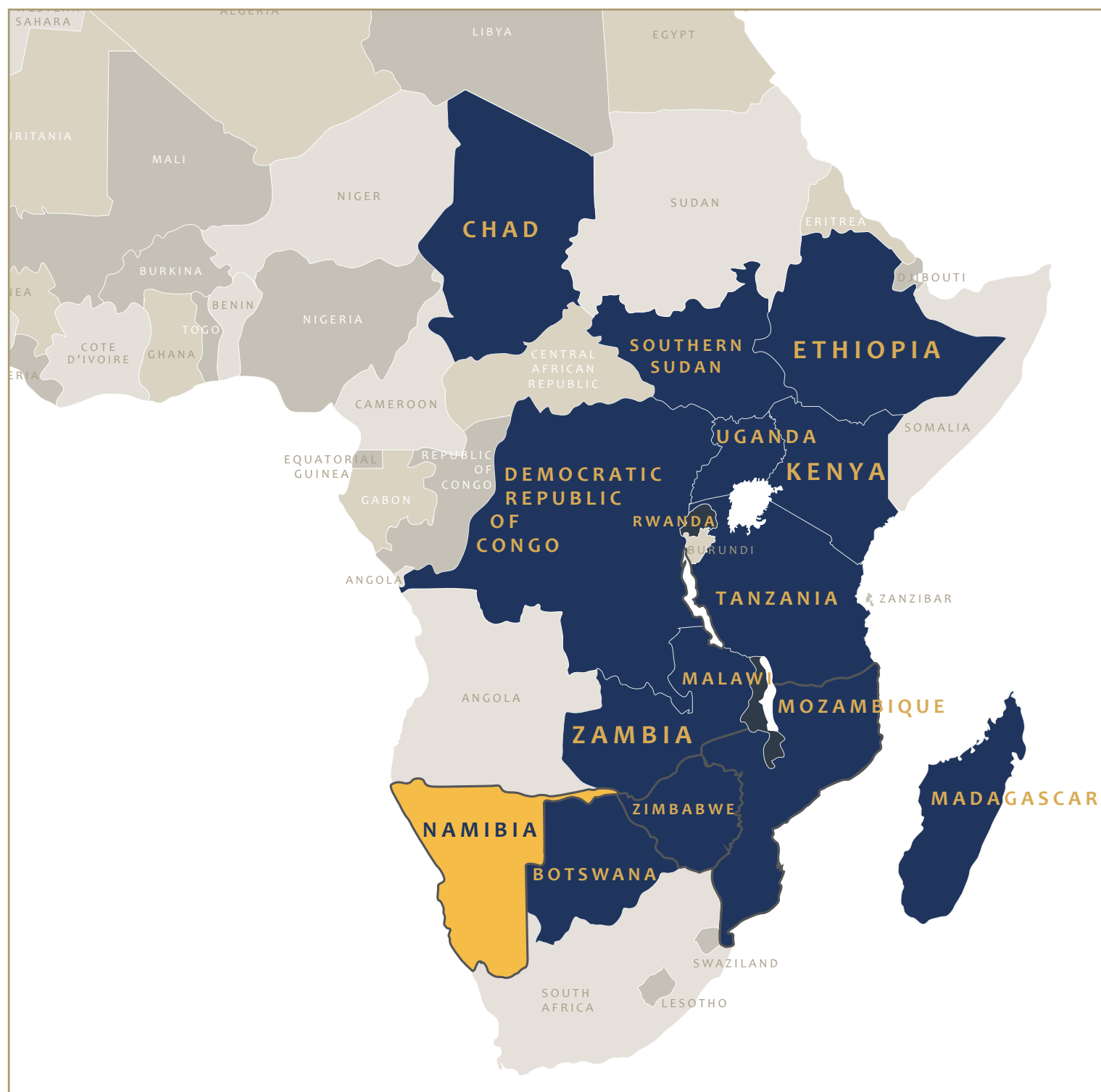
Day Five & Six - Skeleton Coast | western Namibia

Explore the wild coastlines and dunes that are home to numerous animals. Visit Möwe Bay known for it's amazing seal colonies. **Shipwreck Lodge**

Day Seven to Nine - Kunene Region | Northern border with Angola

Epupa Falls, nature walks, low-impact guided quad-bike, and visit with the Himba community. Scenic flight over the Marienfluss valley. **Serra Cafema**

Day Ten - Safari ends



NAMIBRAND NATURE RESERVE

- Southern Namibia -

One of Southern Africa's largest private nature reserves, free of fences to allow wildlife to roam in their natural habitat, as they did in the days before commercial farming.

Game found in the beautiful NamibRand Nature Reserve includes gemsbok, mountain and plains zebra, springbok, red hartebeest, bat-eared fox, spotted hyena, Cape fox and African wildcats. Kudu, klipspringer, baboon and leopard are found in the more rocky areas.

Visitors here contribute towards this amazing conservation initiative that aims to promote large scale conservation and research projects
- headed by the NamibRand Conservation Foundation.



WOLWEDANS PRIVATE CAMP

- NamibRand Nature Reserve -

The ultimate Namibian desert get-away, this 3-bedroom villa is built in a dune valley of the Namib Desert, within the vast NamibRand Nature Reserve. The central living areas have spacious open-plan design, filled with sofas and comfortable chairs, antique furniture and old leather-bound books on the shelves.

The interiors flow onto decks which offer the best spaces for outdoor living, blending with nature. Slightly further from the main area is the 'sala' - a separate area with a large day bed, perfect for an afternoon siesta. A small plunge pool is great for a dip in the heat of the day.

This camp offers the ultimate peace, whilst also opportunities to walk and drive in one of the most enchanting landscapes in Africa.



LUDERITZ

- Southern Namibia -

Luderitz is small harbour town in southern Namibia, lying on one of the least hospitable coasts in Africa.

Known for its colonial architecture, including some *Art Nouveau* work, the town was initially explored for its minerals, and on failing it became a successfully whaling station, and more latterly a gold mining site.

Along the coast and surrounding areas, there is a multitude of wildlife species, including seals, and is recognized as an Important Bird Areas for coastal seabird breeding.



SOSSUSVLEI

- Southern part of the Namib Desert -

Sossusvlei is the most photographed place in Subsaharan Africa - a salt and clay pan (that floods every few years) is surrounded by ancient dunes - red in colour due to the high iron content in the sand

A dawn flight over Sossusvlei is the ultimate desert experience. The sand dunes are impressive in size, colour and shape - and constantly changing. Present within this iconic landscape are the dark fossils of camelthorn trees.



SWAKOPMUND

- Western Namibia -

This is a seaside resort, founded in 1892 as the main harbour for German South West Africa, and the architecture reflects its German colonial history.

Today Swakopmund is a thriving holiday town – with pristine beaches, palm-lined streets and great restaurants.

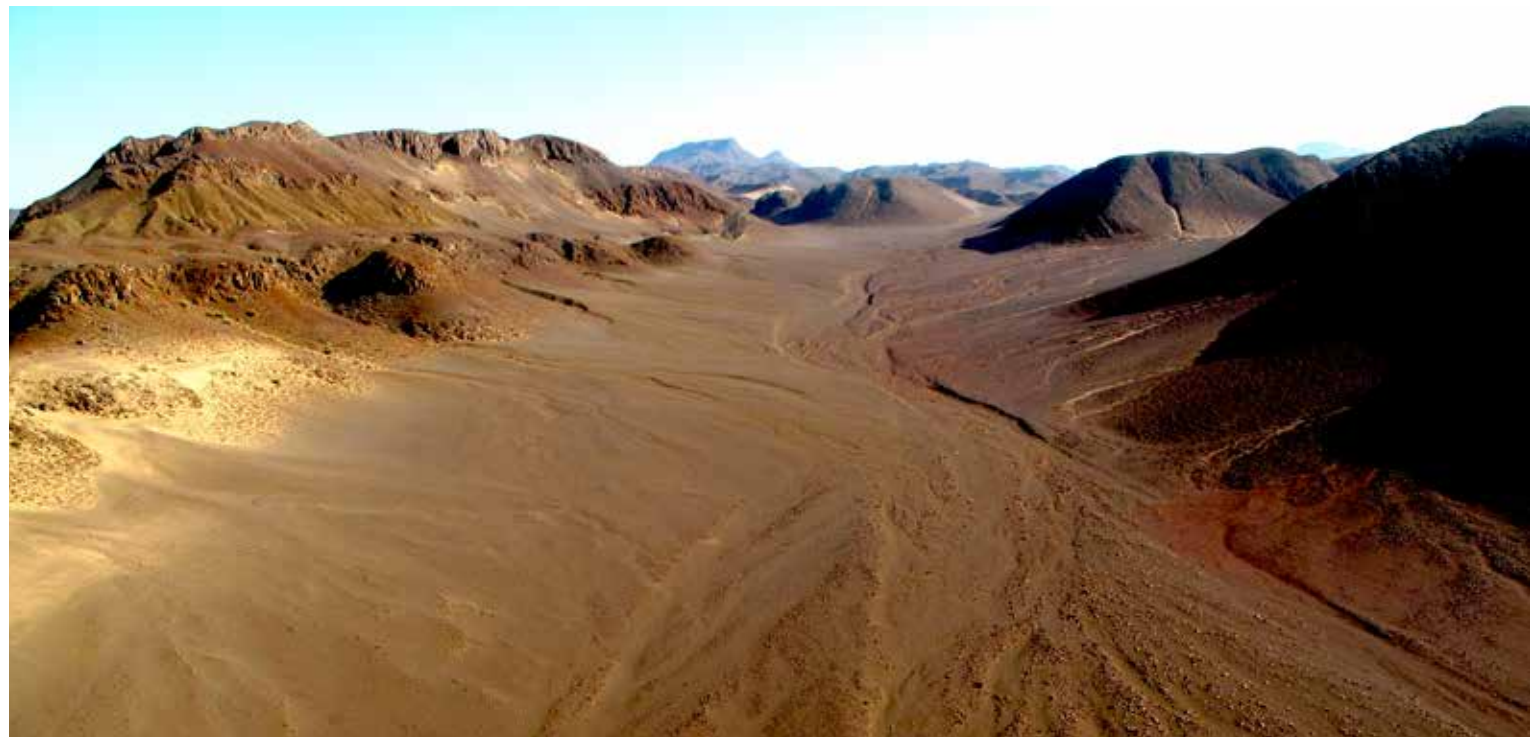


BRANDBERG MOUNTAINS

- Damaraland -

Brandberg Mountain - Namibia's highest mountain at 2,606 meters is also known as "Fire Mountain" or "Burning Mountain" by the Damara people, due to the granite's bright red glow when the sun hits its western face.

The Brandberg, famous for its ancient rock art sites, is located in Damaraland, and covers an vast 650 km² area.



ROCK ART SITES

- Brandberg Mountains -

There are over 1,000 known rock shelters on the Brandberg that house over 45,000 individual paintings of animals, human figures and glyphs.

Believed to be more than 2000 years old, the “White Lady” is the most detailed human figure, found amongst a group of several human figures and oryxes.



DAMARALAND

- North western Namibia -

Damaraland has fascinating geological formations, unique vegetation and the largest collection of ancient rock art sites in Southern Africa.

Damaraland's semi-desert wilderness is spectacular. This is home to the country's famous desert-adapted elephants and Africa's largest free roaming black rhino population.



SORRIS SORRIS

- Damaraland -

Sorris Sorris is located in the heart of the ruggedly beautiful Damaraland.

Built with rammed earth and wood, with minimalist yet luxurious Scandinavian-style interiors, the lodge has 9 spacious suites - each open-plan in layout, with the beds raised on a wooden platform. They are positioned at the base of the rocky outcrop and designed to make the best of the magnificent views, with floor-to-ceiling glass doors opening onto a private terrace.

At the top of a rocky kopje, the common areas have panoramic windows. One side of the wrap-around decking houses sunloungers within a shaded area, while at the other side is a fire pit with seating, ideal for gathering around at night and sharing stories. Meals are served inside and outside.



BLACK RHINO

- Save the Rhino -

Save the Rhino Trust has a strong presence in Damaraland, a sparsely populated region that is lacking in resources and employment opportunities.

Save the Rhino works with local communities to promote benefits from wildlife conservation, whilst raising funds and awareness for the endangered Black rhino.



SKELETON COAST

- Western Namibia -

Known by the Bushmen as 'the land god made in anger', the 'Skeleton Coast' got its name from the many bleached whale and seal bones. Dense ocean fogs, inhospitable climate and heavy surf has caused 1000's of shipwrecks - many of which still litter the shore.



SEAL COLONIES

- Mowe Bay -



SHIPWRECK LODGE

- Skeleton Coast -

Located in the famous Skeleton Coast Central Concession (146,600 hectares) nestled within white dunes along the Atlantic Ocean, where over a thousand ships ran aground on this treacherous stretch of coast in the early 1900's.

10 luxury cabins with spacious rooms and large windows, angular in shape with pitched ceilings, reflect the hull of the ship. Log burning fires in every cabin adds to the charm and cosiness, essential during the chilly at nights.

The living areas have slanted walls, massive windows and built-in benches. Integrated into the interior design are artifacts that shipwreck survivors would have used.

Solar power and bio-digesters minimise the environmental impact, and this entire facility has the option to be completely removed at the end of the 25-year concession period.



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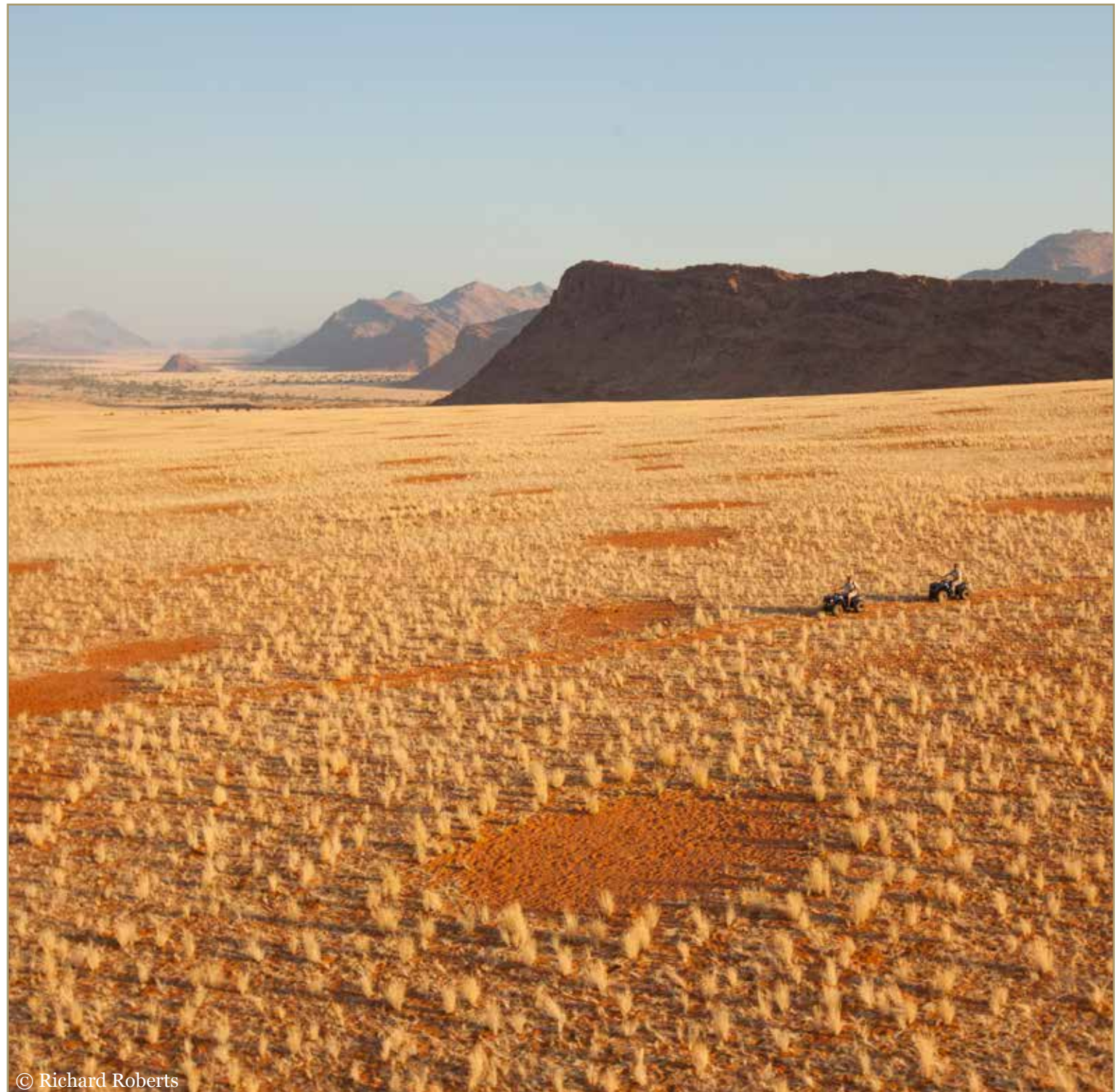
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KUNENE REGION

- Far northern Namibia -

The Kunene region in north west Namibia is remote and wild, and home to the Himba people. Named after the Kunene river which forms a natural border with Angola in the north, the region is also home to the famous Skeleton Coast Park.

The landscapes here are nothing short of spectacular - dominated by desert mountains, dramatic gorges, vast plains and seasonal rivers. The rivers are a focus for wildlife, in particular elephant that have adapted to life in the desert.



EPUPA FALLS

- Kunene Region -

Kunene River that winds its way from Angola, along the border to the Skeleton Coast is known for its great crocodile population, and is characterised by thundering waterfalls, white water and tranquil pools.

The remote Epupa Falls are formed by a series of cascading rapids. At the mouth of the river on the coast, green turtles are seen year round.



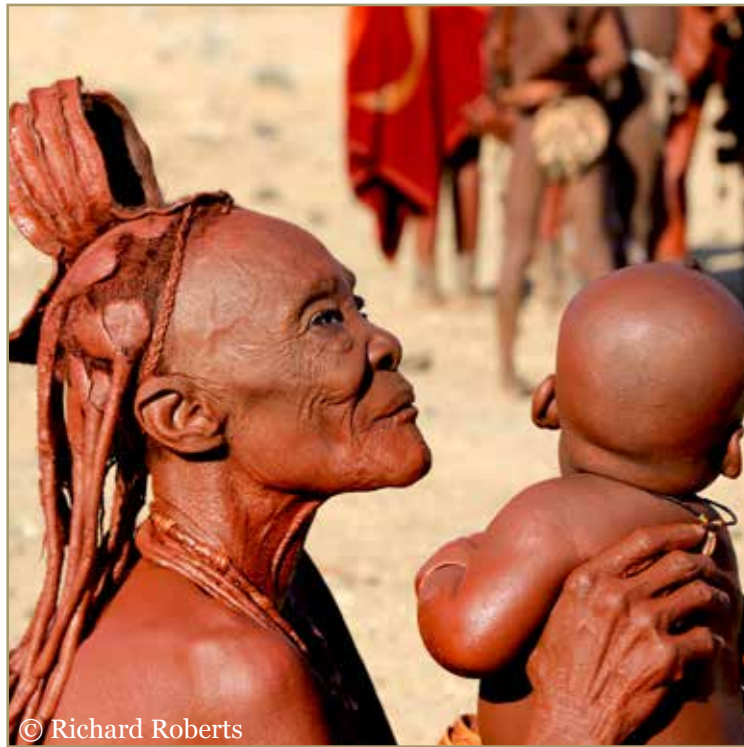
HIMBA PEOPLE

- Northern Namibia -

The Himba people are nomadic pastoralists located in the Kunene region. They live in small circular style huts that surround an 'okuruwo' (fire) and include a livestock enclosure.

In the 1980's when drought struck Namibia, the Himba lost 90% of their cattle - threatening their culture and way of life. But the Himba are amongst Africa's most prosperous herders. With peace and good rains that came in the 1990's, the Himba have rebuilt their herds.

Because of the harsh desert climate and limited outside influence, their traditional lifestyle remains unchanged.



MARIENFLUSS VALLEY

- Northwestern corner of Kunene -

The Marienfluss is a valley that runs alongside the Hartmann Mountains in northern Namibia.

It is one of the prettiest areas in the Kunene region, sometimes described as one of South Africa's last wilderness areas due to its isolation.

Dotted with mysterious fairy circles, millions of these bare patches lie within the vast grassland.



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- Safari Ends -



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