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Namibia: Fly-In Safari

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Fly to remote camps in a high-winged private charter--awesome aerial views--eliminating long travel days to optimize photography.
- Photograph the world's fastest animal--the elusive cheetah---in action! Watch them sprint up to 70 mph within 4 seconds.
- Stay in a mix of ultra-luxury lodges, family guest farms & a tribal owned camp. Most are intimate, accommodating just 10-16 people per night.
- Follow Bushmen across the Kalahari as they track game on foot using hunting techniques involving traps, bows & poison tipped arrows. Witness this rare opportunity to see them hunt (the only place allowed in Namibia).
- Camp outside an authentic !Kung Bushmen village and spend 2 days interacting and photographing them as they gather food, shell nuts, play traditional games, set traps, sing around fires, dance and simply live life.
- Search for giraffe, zebra, elephants, rhino, dik-diks, oryx, kudus, and lions during private game drives in Etosha National Park from 9 seater jeeps limited to just 4 photographers each.
- View vivid bushmen engravings at Twyfelfontein. Over 2,500 petroglyphs decorate these red sandstone cliffs, considered the world's oldest rock art.
- Search Hoarusib's scenic riverbed for Namibia's rare desert elephants from 9 seater jeeps limited to just 4 people each.

RESERVATION FORM
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TOUR PRICE: The cash discount price for this tour is \$9,500. Credit card (Visa/M.C.) approx. 3% more. The deposit amount is \$2,000 per participant. After reading the TERMS and CONDITIONS of the tour, return this Reservation Form with your deposit. Also, each participant must sign and return a Tour Participant's Agreement. Make Check Payable to: Unique Photo Tours, LLC and mail to:

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Enclosed is my check for \$_____ as a deposit for _____ people on the Namibia Fly-In Safari 2009 tour.

_____ I'm traveling alone but wish to share a room. If we are not able to match you with another participant, or we have an odd number of participants, there may be an additional single supplement fee.

_____ I prefer to room alone, and will include \$850 single supplement with my deposit. -- Single Supplement is due at the time of booking.

***see Terms&Conditions for Deposit Schedule**

Participant Name(s) (Mr.,Mrs.,Ms.)

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone:_____ Email:_____

INSURANCE We urge you in the strongest possible terms to acquire trip cancellation, interruption, equipment and baggage insurance. Unexpected events that can affect a tour are always a possibility. Allow for such contingencies. Try these or other credible websites for travel insurance information: www.travelguard.com, www.insuremytrip.com, quotewright.com, www.quotetravelinsurance.com.

ACCOMODATIONS Our accommodations have been chosen for uniqueness, comfort, and location. Our price is based on two people sharing a room. Single supplement for this tour is \$850 US for 12 nights - not available at the Stiltz. All rooms are NON-SMOKING.

CLOTHING Brush colored - green, brown, khaki. Avoid white, orange and red. Nylon or other lightweight fabrics, like Coolmax, are best for long pants and sleeved shirts. It will be cold at nights, evening, and mornings. Bring clothing that can be layered for warmth.

SMOKING We ask that there be no smoking anywhere we are assembled as a group, anywhere local regulation does not permit it, in enclosed area, in the van, or anywhere our tour participants might be bothered.

Photography - Beginners, intermediate, and professionals.

Luggage - Luggage must be **soft bags** and total weight cannot exceed **55lbs per person**. This includes camera bags and tripod. Pack light and use laundry service at lodges. Excess gear can be stored at the Eros Airport during our fly-in safari.

*** This tour and the overland tour are exceptional values for the price. We urge you to compare other Namibian fly-in safaris to realize the substantial savings secured for you on this highly customized, carefully crafted itinerary, where the photographic opportunities are truly unparalleled. We've stripped the costs yet maintained a high level of comfort, exclusivity, and expert guided excursions. There is none other like it - guaranteed!*

- Explore the haunting beauty of desert landscapes interspersed with red dunes, savannah plains and sandstone mountains far off the tourist trail.
- Visit a Himba tribe in the far north and learn why these loin-clothed pastoralists coat their skin and hair with ochre mud, keep a holy fire, and wander the harsh terrain of Kaokoland with their goats and cattle.
- Experience the Caprivi--swampy wetlands and wide rivers that flow into Botswana's Okavango Delta. Hippos, crocs, birds galore. Take Mokoro trips, river cruises, island walks and visit traditional Lozi tribe villages.
- Visit a Herero village and compare the lavish Victorian dress of their women compared to the primitive dress of the Himba.
- Photograph lions, cheetahs and possibly leopards that have been orphaned or injured that are living in a protected natural environment before they are released into the wild. Come closer to a cheetah than you ever thought possible.
- Learn how to use reflectors & flash to overcome harsh lighting conditions. Demonstrations in the field, discussions and feedback occur throughout the tour, as do informal Photoshop sessions.

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ITINERARY

Note: Depending on departure city, airline carrier and route, 2 days travel time may be required to reach Windhoek. Direct flights from London arrive in Windhoek at 7:45am & 3pm. Flights from USA require an overnight stay in Johannesburg and arrive in Windhoek at noon, 2:20pm, or 6:30pm. (Recommendation for affordable lodging & airport shuttle for Johannesburg can be provided--please request at time of booking.) Namibia is 7 hours ahead of US central time.

June 16, 2009 (Tues): Arrival

Arrive in Windhoek. You will be met at the international airport and driven approximately 45 minutes to a small guesthouse in the capitol city of Windhoek. Private rooms have been secured for each participant (unless traveling as a couple) so that you can unwind as desired. Crash in your room, relax out by the pool or inside the tastefully decorated home where hallway galleries showcase international art. Over appetizers, we'll meet as a group and get acquainted before dinner, which will be a private affair on the premises. Afterward, we'll have a slide show of Namibian images, a trip overview and photo tips for the weeks ahead. (Laundry service is available for a fee, as is wireless internet, which may interest those who are continuing with us from the Overland Safari tour.)

Terra Africa guesthouse (D)

June 17 (Wed): Bushman Art & Desert Elephants

After breakfast, we'll board a private chartered aircraft at Eros Airport and begin our fly-in safari. Luggage is normally limited to 22 lbs per person, but participants on this tour will be allowed 55 lbs as we've reduced passengers to allow extra weight for photography gear.

Depart Windhoek, and say goodbye to populated...everything. Aerial views will reveal Namibia's vast deserts, mountains and plains that stretch toward the ocean. The country appears deserted, uninhabited. Flying to the distant NW region of Namibia, capture stark landscapes striated with subtle colors and artistic, sculpted patterns. Halfway to our destination, we'll detour in Damaraland to photograph the world's oldest rock art. Over **2,500 petroglyphs** depict bushmen hunters and animals that once roamed the area. These geometric and stick drawing are both etched and

TERMS and CONDITIONS

Tour includes: all transportation within Namibia, which includes private chartered flights, airport transfers, hired vehicles, 13 nights lodging (7 shared/6 individual) as indicated, activities specified as included in itinerary, private game drives, photography permits, concession fees, hired guides, meals as indicated with house wine, bottled water during flights, pilot fees, landing fees, navigational fees, flight insurance, VAT tax, SOS evacuation coverage while in the Caprivi, laundry service at Okahirongo & Impalali Island Lodges, and even tips for lodge guides/staff and pilot.

Does not include: International airfare and lodging en route to Winhoek Namibia, single occupancy supplement, drinks at lodges, optional activities, any expenses that may be incurred should pilots need to divert from his route due to weather, laundry service 8 nights, items of a personal nature, unforeseen increases in fuel prices, and fluctuating exchange rates that drop below RAND/NAM 7.50 to U.S. 1.00. Both conditions may warrant an additional "equilibrium" fee.

Maximum Tour Size: Limited to 8 participants.

Deposit: \$2,000 due upon booking

Second Deposit: \$3,750 due November 1, 2008

Final Balance: \$3,750 due April 1, 2009

Single Occupancy: (due at booking) \$850 - for 7 luxurious nights at Okahirongo, Mushara, & Impalali. An additional \$80 is req'd for upgrades to the Herero luxury hut at Waterberg Guest Farm, or the Tree House at Camp Kwando if available. Contact us re: availability prior to paying.

Cancellation Policy: Applies only to WRITTEN CANCELLATIONS received by Unique Photo Tours, LLC. A participant will be refunded as follows: FULL REFUND for tours that we cancel due to insufficient participation. FULL REFUND for tours canceled 180 days prior to tour start date. FULL REFUND MINUS the deposits for tours canceled 120 days prior to tour start date. NO REFUND for tours canceled less than 90 days prior to tour start date. In the event we can fill your spot, you will receive a full refund Minus the original deposit. Because our costs are secured at group rates, NO REFUND will be issued for any unused services while on the tour. To assure fairness to all, no exceptions can be made for any reason, including but not limited to illness, inability to travel, or fear of terrorism.

flat bottom boats, village visits, game drives in Mudumu Park, and a sundowner cruise. Top recommendation for this afternoon is a **game drive**, where we'll split up into 2 vehicles and photograph the wildlife from 2-6pm. Those that prefer a sunset cruise from 6-8 are welcome to do so instead.

Kwando Tree Houses (couples)/Tented Riverside Chalet(indv'l rms)(B, L, D)

June 28 (Sun): Caprivi Wetlands & Namibian Cats

This morning, ride a **flat-bottomed boat through the papyrus reeds**, then visit a traditional village to see locals demonstrating fishing and hunting techniques. Around 10:30am, we'll fly back to Windhoek (3 hour flight) and transfer to our final lodge.

Amani, meaning peace and harmony, is a small lodge with panoramic views of the surrounding Aus, Gamsberg & Khomas Hochland Mountains. Scenery aside, the draw to this hideaway is its cats! **Orphaned or injured** cheetahs, lions or leopards unable to live in the wild thrive here at Amani, enjoying freedom from danger in a protected bushveld. Some cats are released back into the wild after their recovery, as determined by veterinarians and authorities at the CCF, so exactly what cats we see will depend on nature. From open jeeps, we'll photograph cats in their natural environment—grassy terrain, forests and rocky outcrops. Expect behaviors ranging from docile indifference to feisty fighting over meat. Take your tripod to photograph a couple of lions on rocky slopes from a viewing deck. Afterward, we'll share a farewell dinner in the lapa, perhaps followed by a slide show of participant submitted images. Individual rooms are provided to allow you plenty of space for organizing and packing for your trip home tomorrow.

Amani Lodge (B, L, D)individual rooms (unless traveling as a couple)

June 29 (Mon): Cheetahs

After breakfast we *may* get invited into the adjacent cheetah enclosure, where 85-100mm lenses are perfect for **portraits of these gorgeous cats**. If cheetahs are mellow, and so are you, chances are good you'll get invited in. Four fairly domesticated cheetahs may be lazing in the sun, wandering through tall grass or drinking from the waterhole. And if you're lucky, you may feel the fur of one brushing against your arm as he slinks past.

Airport transfers will be provided from Amani to the international airport, approx an hour away. Direct flights to London depart at 7:40pm, whereas flights to Johannesburg for connecting flights to the USA depart at 12:50.

(B)

engraved in the red sandstone cliffs of Twyfelfontein. Local Damara guides will explain the primitive art forms as we maneuver rocky hiking trails for around an hour.

Continuing northwest, we'll enter the rugged and remote region of Kaokoland, an unforgiving desert where only the hardiest of species survive. Okahirongo Lodge, **our ultra-luxurious base for the next 3 nights**, is situated in the wide open spaces of Purros Conservancy, a wilderness of red sand and silent, haunting beauty. Rich earth tones, collectable art, private gazebos with sun-beds, and spectacular views characterize the adobe chalets that may likely be exclusive to our group. Twin bedded accommodations are limited to just two chalets here, as the other five have a king sized bed. Dinner, a fusion of Italian and African cuisine, is typically served by candlelight in the dining room during winter months. Optional night drives to spot game are available after dinner for those that don't mind bundling up under blankets in the Land Rovers.

Okahirongo Lodge (B, L, D)

Laundry incl

June 18 (Thurs): Desert Elephants & Himba Village

Local expert guides at the lodge will direct our activities over the next 2 days. Choices include guided desert walks, game drives, night drives, elephant tracking and tribal village visits. During our stay we'll learn about highly evolved plants, the Desert Lion Project, and desert elephants, Namibia's long-legged endemic species that, outside of Mali, exist nowhere else on earth. After an early breakfast, we may depart in Land Rovers to **search for the rare desert elephants** that wander ancient valleys and scenic riverbeds. Sightings are not guaranteed. The elephants, which number around 700, travel 48,000 sq km for fresh water, but the likelihood of spotting them here in June is excellent. Finding the desert elephants in their natural world is exciting as they move silently through the bush. **Red sand and mountains make stunning backdrops** for these desert adapted animals, and certainly establish environmental shots. Sightings of lion and Hartmann's mountain zebra are also possible, along with oryx, kudu, springbok and ostrich.

In the afternoon, our guide may introduce us to the **striking Himba people**, nomadic herders who breed cattle and goats. Clad in goatskins, shell and copper adornments, their skin glows reddish bronze from a mixture of butterfat and ground red-colored soil, which they apply daily to their skin and plaited hair. Close to 6,000 Himbas inhabit the Koakoland region, which is their heartland. Wooden kraals circling their primitive homesteads are visible from the air. We'll bring food and supplies to the tribe in exchange for taking photos while visiting their village to learn

about their beliefs, traditions and nomadic lifestyle as we wander through with our guide.

In the evenings after most dinners, those who wish to gather around laptops can share photos, work images, or learn how to enhance your pictures in Photoshop.

Okahirongo Lodge (B, L, D)

Laundry incl

June 19 (Fri): Desert Elephants & Herero Village

This morning, and again later today you have the option of searching for **desert elephants along the Hoarusib riverbed**, concentrating on desert landscape photography, or visiting a Herero village. Guides will help us decide based on current animal patterns. Black rhinos, giraffes, zebra, lion, springbok and gemsbok may be seen during the twice daily game and scenic drives offered from the lodge in open safari vehicles. Sufficient space for tripods and photo gear has been secured per our request to limit 9 seater Land Rovers to just 4 people each.

Our guide will also explain why **Herero women wear vintage Victorian-looking clothing** in contrast to their relatives, the Himba, and take us to a Herero village in Purros to see the similarities and differences in these cultures. Not many opportunities exist to visit a Herero village in Namibia, so we are fortunate that both groups live in the Kaokoland region and that both can be visited with knowledgeable guides from our lodge.

Okahirongo Lodge (B, L, D)

Laundry incl

June 20 (Sat): Private Game Viewing in Etosha National Park

This morning we may have another choice to either search for desert elephants, lions, or visit Himbas living within this stark desert. And then we're off to Etosha, **one of Africa's largest game parks**. Although savannah plains and woodlands extend across the park, Etosha Pan is the distinctive feature that separates it from other African Reserves. The chalky white depression, a remnant of a large inland lake that vanished in the scorching sun and left a salty residue, is an unusual backdrop for the game that congregate. The most commonly seen game of the 114 animals represented here include springbok, kudu, elephant, zebra, wildebeest, black rhino, warthog, lion, jackals, and giraffe. We'll fly to the eastern rim of Etosha. Our lodge for the next two nights, located just 8km from the eastern entrance of the national park, is the new Mushara Outpost. This outstanding chic tented camp is the latest notch in Namibia's visionary designer, Heidrun Diekmann, who strives to create modern interpretations of traditional bush lodges. The main lodge, and the 8 luxurious tents showcase details she specifically commissioned, such as the 19 ft dining table carved out of Dolf wood, Herero woven place mats, and bed throws crafted from artisans.

to the river to drink. After the sun sets, dinner will be served in the main lodge which is built around an ancient baobab tree along the river.

Impalali Island Lodge (B, L, D)

Laundry incl

June 26 (Fri): Caprivi village & Game Viewing on Chobe River

One of the options this morning is to visit to a **traditional fishing village** on the island. Our guide will take us to meet the Zori people who've migrated from Zambia to the Caprivi. Fishing for tilapia, tiger fish or cat fish is a daily occurrence for these fishermen who drift along the backwaters in their mokoros. We may get a glimpse inside the village school, clinic, or even a home as we learn about their culture.

Guides at Impalali cater for individual interests if you'd prefer a different activity. Options include fly-fishing for tiger fish, walking safaris, birding, or exploring the backwaters by motorboat or mokoro (unless there are high numbers of hippos in the area). Over 450 species of birds have been recorded here. Storks, heron, ibis, trumpeter hornbills and African Skimmers make their home in these wetlands and seasonal floodplains. Birding can be arranged by boat or on foot.

Late this afternoon, we'll return to the Chobe River to go game viewing by boat. Traveling through a mosaic of waterways, we'll cruise into the Kasai channel and enter the Chobe. We may get lucky and see the rare Chobe bushbuck, or spot a puku or shy sitatunga in the papyrus reeds in addition to the familiar sight of hippos, crocs and elephants.

Impalali Island Lodge (B, L, D) *Laundry incl*

June 27 (Sat): Caprivi Birding & Game Drive

This morning we may **go birding** or take a **guided walk** on the island before our departure. An optional climb up a 2,000 year-old baobab tree will present a view of the place where 4 countries meet (the only place in the world where this occurs): Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Namibia.

By noon, we'll be in a different part of the Caprivi. Our camp is on the Kwando River, cradled between the Okavango River to the west and the Zambezi River to the east. The Kwando River originates in Angola, spreads out into the Kalahari sands and forms a swampy region of papyrus reeds and channels called the Linyanti swamps. These rivers and swamps sustain farmers, fishermen, birds, and wild game that freely wander over the fenceless Botswana border, and game reserves lie on either side of the river. Large herds of elephants roam the area, as do buffalo, red lechwe, impala, roan antelope and even wild dog.

Accommodations are tented chalets built on stilts along the river, or larger bungalows with terraces overlooking Botswana plains, called Tree Houses. A generator provides electricity on a limited basis, and bathrooms are lit by paraffin lamps. Activities at this camp include river excursions in

claps and rhythmic song. Shuffled steps become pronounced as voices crescendo into louder chants, helping the healers disappear into a trance. Flames flicker, children nod off nestled in their mother's arms, while the men dance on and on. And we're there on the sidelines, in the darkness, trying our darnedest to photograph it all.

//Nhoq'ma Tented Camp (B, L, D) individual tents (unless traveling as a couple)

June 24 (Wed): Bushman Hunt in the Kalahari

Today we step into the **hunting-and-gathering past**. We'll follow a group of Bushmen as they track prints and signs (invisible to our eyes) across the Kalahari. The hunt could be short or last all day. We can photograph them freely as they make their way through the scrubby landscape, careful not to get in their way or step on animal tracks. Last year we followed them track a porcupine to a termite mound where they dug tunnels into the sand to force the creature out. The chase, hunt, dequilling, skinning, quartering of meat, roasting the skin and eating it, all took place in the bush. They really can start fires by rubbing sticks! We may also see how they search for honey, set traps, and find droplets of fluid in tubers which they drink to quench their thirst. Alternatively, those who prefer to stay closer to camp may choose to follow the women as they gather nuts to roast over the open fire. Back in the village, we'll **see how they make arrows**, ropes, and set small traps for birds. Being warmly welcomed by the hunters and the villagers is often the highlight of this tour. Arno is a wealth of information and will tell you anything you want to know as we share dinner together and linger around the campfire. Distant music will alert us if the villagers are engaged in another healing dance, which we're welcome to attend.

//Nhoqu'ma Tented Camp (B, L, D) individual tents (unless traveling as a couple)

June 25 (Thurs): Game Viewing on Chobe River

After breakfast we'll drive across the Kalahari Desert, and fly to the **watery world of the Caprivi**. This long strip of land in the far NE tip of the country seems more characteristic of its neighbor, Botswana, than Namibia. Narrow channels crisscross the floodplains, home to numerous birds, buffalo, hippo and crocodile. Our lodge, just **8 exclusive luxury chalets**, is situated on a lush island at the confluence of the Zambezi and Chobe Rivers. Each riverside chalet, stylishly decorated within its polished teak walls, has sliding doors beyond a mosquito-netted bed which open to a balcony overlooking small Zambezi rapids.

This afternoon, we'll go game viewing by boat. Just 20 minute away is **Chobe, one of Africa's premiere game parks**. Late afternoon often provides outstanding opportunities for close-up views of the large herds of buffalo, elephant, lions, hippo and antelope that come

The entire camp has a spacious, light feel with its white fabrics, open spaces and lots of windows. Even the raised tents have floor to ceiling glass windows, glass showers and a sliding glass door that leads to a deck. Romantic netting drapes over twin beds inside the canvas walled structures where air-conditioning, coffee makers and hairdryers are standard.

Apart from these features, its prime location and willingness to offer private game drives set it distinctly apart from other Etosha camps. **Jeeps will be limited to just 4 people**. Our open game drive this afternoon departs at 2pm and lasts until sunset. Chances of spotting elephant at waterholes, in large herds, is almost a given. Dinner will be shared around the communal table this evening with guests from 2 other tents.

Mushara Outpost (B, L, D)

June 21 (Sun): Private Game Viewing in Etosha National Park

Another day to stalk animals with our lens. Our game drive departs early this morning. In open 4x4s, we'll travel through vast lands where mirages dance on silvery-white pans. We've timed our visit at the beginning of the dry season when vegetation is still green, dust is minimal, skies are blue, and concentrations of large game move toward roadside springs along the southeastern rim of Etosha's pan. We may see **wildebeest running**, **springbok's pronking** (leaping gracefully 12-14 feet into the air), or **giraffes ambling** across the plains. Endemic species to look for include the black-faced impala, Hartmann's mountain zebra, and the world's tiniest antelope—the Damara dik dik. **Watching dramas unfold**—like warthogs wobbling dangerously close to lions hiding in tall grass, elephants bluff charging lions out of their way, or jackals pouncing on guinea fowl prey—is our payoff for patiently waiting. Lunch is back at camp. There's time to download images or rest before the afternoon game drive. In Etosha, we'll again concentrate on the game rich eastern region of the park.

Beginning in May, large herds of blue wildebeest, eland, kudu, and zebra migrate here from the west and remain until August relying on the abundance of natural springs that remain full during winter, the dry season. The pecking order of the animals becomes evident at the waterholes, sometimes when no other animal is around! Zebras seem the most skittish. They approach waterholes in a herd, and finally arrive—after several false starts, only to panic at their own reflection. After dinner there's time to linger in the lounge and discuss photography challenges.

Mushara Outpost (B, L, D)

June 22 (Mon): Waterberg Plateau

After breakfast, we depart for Waterberg Plateau, a region of rocky compacted sandstone that turns blood red in the setting sun. This area has become a key conservation area. The owners of our guest farm are founding members of the Waterberg Conservancy, which strives to sustain game, and conserve fauna, flora and delicate ecosystems fast disappearing in Africa.

The guesthouse, located on the slope of Small Waterberg, has 4 rooms with a lounge, fireplace, library and dining area, plus 4 Herero 'luxury' huts made from traditional materials which are out in the bush. We've secured this lodge for our group exclusively. Before lunch, we'll be guided on a **hike up to natural springs on the plateau**. Spectacular look out points will surely lengthen the 45 minute hike to the top. Alternatively, you could photograph animals that come into view while sitting in one of the **elevated hides** on the property near waterholes around the ranch. Or, relax on the poolside deck which also overlooks a waterhole.

Later in the afternoon, the owner will take us around "Little Serengeti," a vast grassland that attracts over 500 head of free-roaming game. Kudu, eland, oryx, warthog, leopard, cheetah, jackals, steenbok, klipspringer and the tiny dik-dik often cross the plains. As the sun sets, we may drive to a waterhole to watch for animals against the backdrop of the majestic Waterberg Plateau turning a brilliant shade of red in the changing light.

Dinner features organically grown produce, traditional African dishes and fine wine, accompanied by shared conversations with our hosts, who are ever eager to discuss day-to-day operations on their ranch, wildlife, conservation issues or local history.

Waterberg Guest Farm (B, L, D) individual rooms or dbl occupancy in Herero huts

June 23 (Tues): Sprinting Cheetahs & !Kung Bushmen Village

Cheetahs can go from zero to 70mph in a matter of 4 seconds...the fastest animal on the planet! But it is rare to witness this ability, as they sprint selectively and become exhausted after a quarter mile. This morning, however, we will be privy to watching them in action!

At the Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF) in northern Namibia, cheetahs being studied are exercised—lured with raw meat—a few times a week. We'll have the **rare opportunity to photograph them sprinting**. Prior to this, review how to capture motion. Do you want to freeze the height of their action, practice panning with the animal's movement, or create

an image showing his motion in a soft blur?

Afterward, we'll travel through a private reserve where 30-35 non-releasable females roam the savannah acacia bush. We'll learn about conservation efforts taking place in Namibia that are affecting the rest of the world. American Laurie Marker, executive director of CCF, has been instrumental in the conservation of cheetahs. Through diligent analysis and research, she has made significant gains in understanding cheetah behavior, improving breeding programs, and teaching farmers how to protect their livestock and cohabitate with cheetahs in the wild. She was recently profiled in the *Smithsonian Magazine*, March 2008, in the article, "A Rare Breed." We hope to visit her Info Centre before driving back to the guest farm where lunch awaits.

Our next destination is the far eastern border, **Bushmanland**, located in the Kalahari Desert stretching into Botswana. Here, Namibia's largest group of Bushmen lives on the land of their ancestors. Much studied for their anthropological connection to early man, Bushmen today may no longer wear loin cloths or depend on buried ostrich shells storing water for upcoming droughts, but they are the only ethnic group in Namibia still allowed to hunt traditionally with their bows and poison-tipped arrows in this protected conservancy.

We'll stay with the Ju/'hoan !Kung Bushmen community and be their only guests in the tourist camp they built under the guidance of Arno Oosthuysen. //Nhoq'ma Camp may be the most rustic experience on our itinerary (no electricity) but each twin bedded tent has its own adjoining bathroom with flushing toilets, sinks and solar showers. Staying in this remote camp allows us a rare, **authentic look into their traditional life and culture**. We'll interact with them, witness their sense of humor, and photograph them hunting, gathering food, and simply living life. Arno acts as our translator and guide throughout this incredible stay. Mid-afternoon, Arno will introduce us to the village which consists of 40 adults and 80 children. We'll hear the clicks in their language as they converse outside their mud huts. (The movie *The Gods Must Be Crazy* was filmed near here.) Women may be shelling nuts or stirring pots over open flames, while children play. Most afternoons the community engages in **traditional games**. The children's laughter is infectious as they watch adults chase each other, as males try to steal fruit from the women, a variation of 'keep away.'

As the air turns chilly in the setting sun, impromptu singing and clapping often begin as women and children huddle around a warming fire. Soon the entire village joins in. On some nights, bushmen healers, wearing ankle bells and loin cloths, begin **dancing** small steps in the sand to the beat of