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## EDITORS LETTER AUTUMN 2021

Wow... just like that, the leaves are falling and Autumn has well and truly arrived. As it gets darker earlier and each week propels us toward Christmas I can't help but think, unless you really make a point of making time for things you've been 'meaning to do,' they just won't get done! A commitment made, despite being forced inside, to focus on the aspects of my game that can be addressed during winter, such as putting on the carpet or chipping in the garden, plus strengthening golf muscles in the gym, just doesn't seem to happen! Keeping your golf game at its best is a challenge in the winter months but to help you emerge from winter like a golf butterfly, read in this edition about the fabulous golf coaching trips with seasoned professionals, we can design especially for you to improve your game – all played out in luxurious sunny locations.

Many looking for a European golf destination dismiss the Algarve as being too busy, touristy and lacking in any cultural resonance, but think again, head east and another Algarve emerges. This is the Algarve of old, of deserted pristine sandy beaches, half-forgotten islands, wild wetlands and boat-fresh seafood all served up in whitewashed villages. Read our piece about one of Europe's premier golf and country clubs, Monte Rei which is nestled amongst the foothills of the Eastern Algarve, east of Faro and a short hop to the Spanish border. Into this beautiful countryside is woven Monte Rei's award-winning Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course, which is consistently ranked as the best in Portugal and in Golf World's top 20 Europe rankings.

If you have been following our African series then enjoy Simon Lacey's third and final piece on Namibia, and see if we can tempt you to consider joining Simon on one of his luxury escorted golf tours in South Africa, combining the best in golf courses with the best in South African wines and gastronomy.

Sometimes looking for more from your golf break. Want to play golf but not sacrifice experiencing the culture of where you are visiting. Be tempted by our Boutique Properties section. Unique in their architecture sometimes quirky, always intimate, with personalised services. We have Boutique Properties curated by us to sit alongside the golf courses, so you can enjoy all the cultural, art, wine and gastronomy an area has to offer.

So, enjoy reading our Autumn edition and we look forward to helping you all to keep playing golf this winter.

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Abama Golf Course, Tenerife

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# Monte Rei in the Eastern Algarve: Portugal's best-kept secret





Portugal – according to the country’s Ministry of Culture – has seven wonders: The Ria Formosa Nature Park in the Eastern Algarve is one of them. An impressive archaic landscape of mud flats, salt flats, mussel fields and a great variety of flora and fauna. A chain of islands and peninsulas shields the lagoons from the open Atlantic. This natural wonder is just one of the many reasons the eastern side of Algarve from the Spanish border to Faro, is considered one of the hidden gems of Portugal. Relatively undiscovered in comparison to its neighbours in the west, the beaches that stretch for infinite miles are deserted and pristine, the waves are lighter, sea temperatures warmer and the local bars and restaurants that follow the coastline fiercely traditional.



Monte Rei Golf Course, Photography © Gary Edwards



In 2005, legendary course architect Jack Nicklaus was invited to build a course in this beautiful wild landscape at Monte Rei, and a legend of a golf resort was created. Acknowledged as the best golf course in Portugal with an appropriate 5 star plus resort experience to match it. Conveniently located just 45 minutes away from Faro airport this is the hidden gem of the Algarve. We will return to Monte Rei later but what else does the Eastern Algarve have to offer?

The temperate dry and sunny climate aside there is much to see and do; whether that be sight-seeing and a cultural visit through the largest local town, Tavira (top tip – take a Tuk-Tuk, incredibly good value, saves time and undoubtedly easier on the feet), or a visit to the small village of Cacela Velha, which is impossibly perched on a cliff-top with far reaching and spectacular views of the harbours and out to sea. The absolute “must-do” here is try the local fresh oysters! Castro Marim should also be on your to-do-list, this historic walled village is steeped in history and, if you time your visit right, host amazing themed festivals dating back to medieval times.

If you are still feeling energetic then enjoy the spectacular countryside by hiking, cycling, bike or quad bike tour, alternatively, simply head to the beaches for kayaking, surfing or the ever-popular stand-up paddle or just take a leisurely boat tour but make sure it includes a chance to spot Dolphins in their natural habitat, a truly spine-tingling experience.



Dolphin watching in the Algarve





Tavira

It's an exciting time for foodies in the Algarve, with no less than 7 Michelin-starred restaurants and there is a culinary revival underway with talented young chefs creating modern twists to classic Portuguese dishes. There is an abundance of places to create that special night out. Tavira has an array of restaurants along the beautiful "Rio Gilão" offering a magnificent back drop to your riverside table. Feeling livelier then make your way to Cabanas de Tavira, this is a local fishing village by day, but by night the promenade is lined with restaurants and late-night bars. If fine dining is your thing, then Vistas by Rui Silvestre awarded a Michelin star in 2019, is Monte Rei's crown jewel; fresh, locally-sourced ingredients used to create gastronomic delights, a welcoming ambience, uncompromising levels of service and stunning views over rolling hills, to the Atlantic Ocean.



Tavira Square





Linked villa

## Monte Rei

The premier place to stay in the eastern Algarve, is Monte Rei Golf & Country Club, one of Portugal's most exclusive estates, it's only 45 minutes away from Faro airport. There is a range of accommodation options on resort, superb leisure facilities and of course Portugal's highest rated golf course. Ultra-luxury and exquisite service give guests a dedicated concierge service, welcome hamper, resort transfers, daily housekeeping and evening turndown, a range of lively bars, a Michelin star restaurant, gymnasium, spa facilities and tennis courts.

There is a choice of restaurants including the all-day dining Grill, serving breakfast and a wide range of menus for lunch, afternoon snacks and evening meals. The poolside restaurant Veranda is a great place to relax and enjoy poolside drinks, have a leisurely lunch or even dine at one of their themed cuisine evenings.

Accommodation choices are available to suit every taste from elegant Linked Villas available in 1-2- or 3-bedroom options set in the heart of Parque Miradouro with a large heated swimming pool, and spa club, to the brand-new Clubhouse Residences, 1 or 2-bedroom apartments and 3-bedroom Penthouses, state-of-the-art, fresh, floor to ceiling windows offering lots of natural light and open plan living spaces. Everything about Monte Rei oozes class and high quality. For sheer luxury, the premium accommodation options are the Detached Villas, with their own private swimming pools and manicured garden areas.





Detached villa with pool and garden



Clubhouse Residence - Two bedroom, terrace view



## Golf

There are golf courses everywhere in the Algarve but if you are a true golf enthusiast you are probably very well aware that Monte Rei ranks as the number one golf course in Portugal. We took the time to contact a few independent golf course reviewers to pose the question of why Monte Rei features so highly?



Monte Rei Golf Course

'.... a fascinating signature course by Jack Nicklaus whereby the layout of the course is truly stunning from hole 1 to 18, culminating in a final six holes that are simply amazing'

'.... there are many very good golf course layouts. Monte Rei really stands out as a marvellous course supported as it is, by an outstanding service element creating an unparalleled golfing experience'

'..... in exceptional condition throughout and whilst clearly a championship standard plays very fair with large fairways to aim for and carefully placed bunkers to ensure your course strategy is in focus'

'.... a truly memorable round of golf, we were met on the 18th hole by a staff member whom escorted us to the clubhouse and presented us with a memory that will live on, a personally inscribed resort bag tag – our clubs were then cleaned for us and stored for the next day's play!'

'..... the service is seamless; from the valet parking, to the friendly starter on the first tee who might remind you that "the player who avoids the bunkers at Monte Rei will have the best score". Monte Rei aim to make your golf experience unforgettable'.



## Golf in the region

There are other nearby courses which provide a great variation including Quinta da Ria and Quinta da Cima courses, both very different. Ria is a shorter resort course with tremendous sea views and Cima is a championship style parkland course. Also, Quinta do Vale is worth a visit, a Severiano Ballesteros design, which is challenging with a number of water features on the front nine transpiring into an undulating and varying style back nine.

We hope you have enjoyed reading about the hidden gem that is the eastern Algarve and the Monte Rei resort. If you're looking for a great holiday destination that combines luxury accommodation, some great golf courses with nature and culture then Monte Rei and the eastern Algarve is for you.



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# South Africa 10 day Escorted Golf Tour

## Cape Town, the Winelands and the Garden Route

The world's a big place, and leisure time precious, so there are times when you might want to see and do a little more, to get every last ounce out of your experiences. An escorted tour allows you to really get under the skin of a destination without worrying about the detail. Surround yourself with people with similar passions and with the comfort that your itinerary is focused on exactly what you want to do or see and how you want to do it. Safari, golf, history and cultural, adventure, gastronomy and wine, an escorted tailored tour, with a knowledgeable professional, can deliver all of this and more.



Front 9 Travel's unique and bespoke 'Golf Safari Tour' in South Africa's south western region, led by our experienced tour guide Simon Lacey, whom with his 20 years specialist knowledge of South African culture and history, and of course the magnificent golf courses, will take you from historic Cape Town east to the vine-covered valleys of the winelands renowned for all thing's food and drink. Then back to the southeastern coast to meander along the verdant and ecologically diverse 190-mile stretch known as the Garden Route.

You'll be met on arrival into Cape Town and introduced to your fellow golfers at a Welcome Dinner in the famous V&A Waterfront. Your tour starts the following morning and will take you through some of the most stunning scenery in the Cape. You will play superb and challenging golf course, with a friendly level of competition to spice up your days, and enjoy some of the finest South African cuisine and wines from the regions you visit. And, if this isn't enough finish your tour with a safari at the luxury Gondwana Game Reserve.



Peal Valley Golf Course





## Itinerary Summary

- Centrally located hotel in Cape Town's V&A Waterfront (Victoria & Alfred)
- Two superb golf resort hotels (Erinvale & Fancourt)
- Great range of golf courses (with options for more golf if required)
- Good balance between excursions (including lunch) and golf
- Options to play two additional top class courses (Pearl Valley & The Links)
- Welcome dinner and farewell dinner with golf prizes
- Optional safari extension at the end of the tour

## Detailed Itinerary - Oct/Nov 2022

**Days 1 to 3** – 3 nights at Victoria & Alfred Hotel in a Piazza Facing room including breakfast

Day 1 – Meet & Greet on arrival at Cape Town Airport and transfer to hotel, includes welcome dinner at Ginja Restaurant

Day 2 – Full day guided Cape Peninsula Tour includes entrance fees to Cape Point, Boulders Beach & Chapmans Peak including lunch at Two Oceans Restaurant or optional golf

Day 3 – return transfer to/from Milnerton Golf Course – play 18 holes



Victoria & Albert Hotel, Cape Town





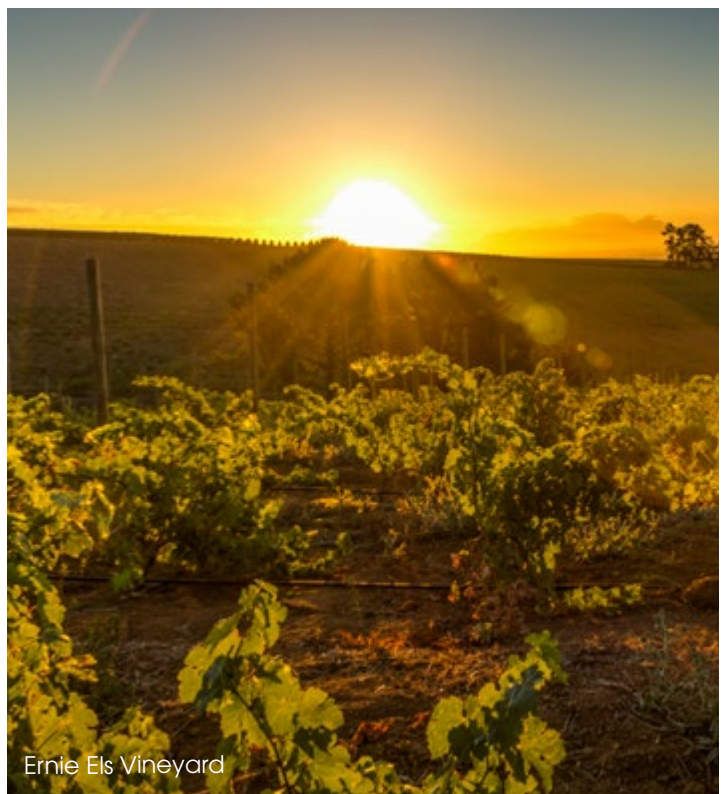
Penguins at Boulders Beach

**Days 4 to 6** – 3 nights at Erinvale Estate Hotel & Spa in a run of house room (Courtyard Luxury or Courtyard Terrace) including breakfast

Day 4 – return transfers to/from Erinvale GC - play 18 holes. Transfer to Erinvale Hotel after golf

Day 5 – return transfer to/from De Zalze Golf Estate – play 18 holes, then a visit to Ernie Els Winery after golf

Day 6 – full day guided winelands tour includes 2 x wine tastings and entrance fee and tour of Dylan Lewis Sculpture Garden or optional golf at Pearl Valley



Ernie Els Winery





**Days 7 to 11** – 4 nights at Fancourt Hotel in a Classic room including breakfast

Day 7 – Transfer to Fancourt Hotel, via Swellendam for a light lunch at La Belle Alliance Cafe

Day 8 – Play 18 holes at Montagu Golf Course at Fancourt

Day 9 – Return golf transfers to/from Pinnacle Point Golf Estate – play 18 holes, includes shared golf cart

Day 10 – Play 18 holes on Outeniqua Golf Course or optional round on Fancourt The Links. Farewell dinner at La Cantina/Monet's

Day 11 – Transfer to George Airport





The itinerary includes transfers with a driver, water on transfers, portorage at airport and hotel, and golf prizes. Includes meals as stated in detailed itinerary, excludes drinks. Itinerary subject to slight changes based on 10+ people travelling. Flights are not included; please request a price at time of enquiry.

## Optional 2 Night Safari Extension at Gondwana

### Days 1-3

Day 1 Transfer from Fancourt Hotel to Gondwana

2 nights at Gondwana Game Reserve in a Kwena Lodge Room, includes three meals and game activities, excludes drinks

Day 3 Transfer to George Airport



Giraffe being viewed on a Game Drive at Gondwana

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# Coach Yourself Lucky

Written by Carolyn Scott

Saadiyat Beach Golf Course



As the nights draw in and playing golf becomes both less attractive and more of a challenge, the thought of playing golf in a warm dry location can seem very tantalising! If this is a tempting thought why not consider taking this one step further and use the down time of the winter months for a pre-season training programme so that you can hit the golf ground running in the Spring.

Time out to contemplate one's game is so critical for performance and we all know the great adage 'The harder I practice the luckier I get!' A great quote attributed at times to both golfing greats Arnold Palmer and Gary Player... in fact it doesn't belong to either of them and more likely the philosopher Confucius... however, the point is that it's a brilliant mindset for making improvements in your golf performance and what better way to do this than by travelling to a world class luxury golf resort with PGA Professionals. We have brought together top coaches and the most luxurious and prestigious golf resorts and created bespoke coaching programmes.





If you want to stay in Europe then the Algarve's premier golf and country club, is Monte Rei. Nestled amongst the foothills of the Eastern Algarve, east of Faro and a short hop to the Spanish border this area retains a traditional feel with quaint fishing villages and coastline of deserted pristine beaches. The area surrounding Monte Rei includes large stretches of natural countryside and fragrant orange groves. The Ria Formosa Natural Park a unique coastal lagoon, and National Forest of Vila Real de Santo Antonio offer the ideal backdrop for long walks and leisurely bicycle rides when not on the golf course.



Monte Rei

Into this beautiful countryside is woven the Monte Rei's award-winning Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course, which is consistently ranked as the best in Portugal and in Golf World's top 20 Europe rankings.

Who better to help you enjoy this course and hone your game than Paul Stuart, PGA Head Professional at the renowned 'London Golf Club'. Highly respected amongst his peers and with a proven track record in teaching at all levels, Paul can develop bespoke training programmes targeting the areas of your game you feel most needs improving.

Luxury accommodation and the highest level of service is a given at Monte Rei with 'state-of-the-art' luxury accommodation to suit all tastes from one, two- and three-bedroom residences and villas. Designed and built to the highest specification these villas and apartments provide an enviable place to stay. Additional facilities include high-end dining, 24/7 concierge service, heated swimming pool, gym, and tennis courts.





Penina Hotel & Golf Resort

Remaining in Portugal a perpetual favourite is the historic Penina Hotel & Golf Resort. The first course to be built in the Algarve in 1966, the resort's 18-hole Championship Course was founded by John Stilwell and designed by Sir Henry Cotton. Considered one of the best courses in Portugal it has been the venue for the Portuguese Open on many occasions, most recently in 2006, the championship course has a parkland feel with undulating fairways and a plethora of trees, many of which are the fragrant eucalyptus.

The classic Penina Hotel delivers 5 star facilities and service as it has done since 1966. Leisure facilities include a large outdoor pool, floodlit tennis courts and a gym with sauna and treatment rooms.



Penina Practise Facilities





Yas Links, Abu Dhabi

Beyond Europe, Abu Dhabi, the capital city of the United Arab Emirates, whilst probably best known for its magnificent Formula 1 racing track, the Yas Marina Circuit, a paradise for motorsports enthusiast, the temperate climate, and sunny dry days (a given between October and February) make it an ideal winter golf destination for those coming from Europe. Abu Dhabi is in fact a hidden gem of a golf destination featuring three excellent courses; Abu Dhabi GC, Saadiyat GC and Yas Links, (hosting the Abu Dhabi European Tour event in January 2022).



Abu Dhabi Golf Course





The Westin Abu Dhabi Golf Resort & Spa, about 14 miles from Abu Dhabi city, and an oasis from the hubbub of city life is surrounded by beautifully manicured grounds that host a startling array of birds, from bulbuls and terns to flamingos. The island's art museum and beach are a 15-minute drive away and Abu Dhabi International Airport is only 8 miles. The hotel is of modern contemporary Arabesque design, with majlis-inspired seating, latticed lanterns and chrome furnishings.

The 172-guest rooms are spacious and luxurious and all are golf course facing, so one wakes to enticing views of the pristine golf course. Restaurants are of 5 star plus quality and the many bars offer an international level of products and service. The world class 'Heavenly Spa', 3 swimming pools & the Westin WORKOUT room give plenty of post golf opportunities to relax. Whether you're reclining on a sun lounger or enjoying a game of golf, there's always more for you to discover within the resort's beautifully landscaped grounds.

All of these luxury resorts can be your destination for a bespoke coaching experience with one of our PGA Golf Professionals. We can create for you a unique and unforgettable first-class winter golf experience. Who knows, you might return home and find yourself just that bit 'luckier' on the golf course!

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# Golf and More - Boutique Properties

Written by Carolyn Scott



Who doesn't love a luxury 5-star golf resort with everything you want on hand, the spa, the pool, a choice of restaurants and a G&T! But sometimes an alternative option feels good too, somewhere to stay where golf is just part of the story, experiencing the culture, the food, the history and the arts are equally important to your travel experience.

Ocean Drive Port Portals, Mallorca, Spain





## The Great House, Antigua, Caribbean



Have a look at our curated choice of boutique properties in selected destinations. We will design your trip to meet your choices, so whilst playing golf is a given, you might also enjoy the intimacies of a small and unique in character hotel, often in an older building, often with interesting or quirky architecture. Attention to detail can be found in every aspect from room design to the personalised service. Often located in Instagram worthy locations, and in the fashionable or trendy area of a city, enjoy being close to restaurants, bars, art galleries, museums and shopping.

## True Blue Bay Boutique Resort, Grenada, Caribbean



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# Namibia, a harsh but beautiful wilderness - Part 3

Written by Simon Lacey

We come back to the third and final part of my journey through Namibia;



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## Serra Cafema

The flight from Doro Nawas to the Hartmann Valley took a little over an hour and flew over some of the most barren and mountainous areas I'd ever seen in southern Africa. As the Cesna made its approach to the landing strip, it appeared that the desert was swaying, most odd. Having disembarked what was swaying became clear - it was the desert grasses. It had rained a week or two earlier which had caused a spurt of growth that had become bleached by the sun and was now the same colour as the desert and was being stirred by a gentle breeze... quite a sight.

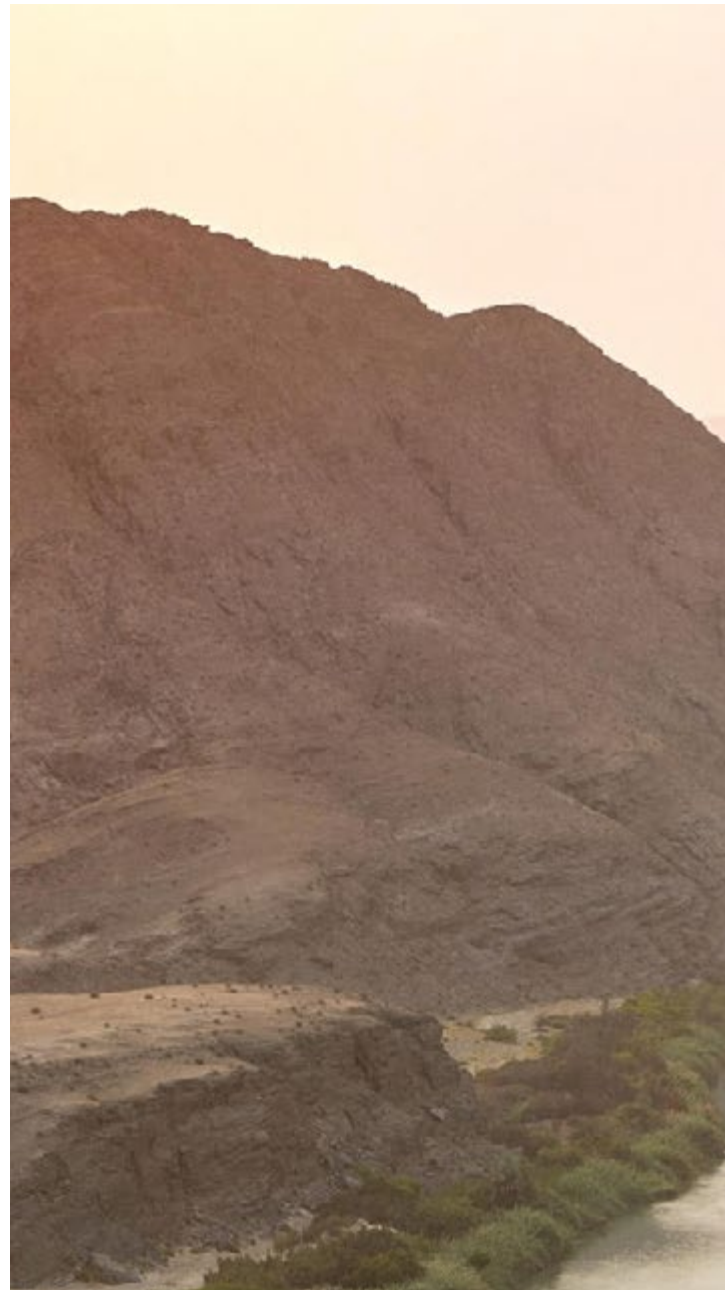




The journey to our lodge, Serra Cafema, took an hour and a half during which time the full majesty of the mountains, after which our lodge was named, showed their full range of colours in the midday sun. The landscape we were entering is vast, desolate and awe inspiring in equal measure but as we crested a small ridge the River Kunene, and the riverine strip of woodland in which Serra Cafema sits, come into view.

The camp nestles on the very edge of the river and sits perfectly, almost hidden in the landscape. In line with one of Wilderness Safaris' core principles, that of community, the lodge the land sits on, and over which its guests traverse is leased from the local nomadic Himba people, a perfect symbiotic relationship.

Our individual suite was spacious, rustic, and yet luxurious and apart from the gentle gurgle of some nearby small rapids was beautifully peaceful. We had two nights here and plenty to see and do. Our evening activity was a boat ride upriver with a sunset G&T on the Angolan side of the river – passports not required. The cliffs on the Angolan side are home to troops of baboon, with their young particularly inquisitive as to what we were. Crocodiles basked on the sand bars taking in the final rays of the day.







Serra Cafema - Image courtesy of Wilderness Safaris





Our evening meal was a delicious open-air braai with the full moon reflected in the Kunene River – totally perfect. It was spoilt only by none of the guests being able to remember who originally sung Ol’ Man River! There’s no Wi-Fi here and the place is better for it.

The next day the lodge had arranged for a visit to a local group of Himbas. First though we had to master our transport – quad bikes to us Brits, ATV’s to our American cousins. Unlike those we rode at Little Kulala, these ones had gears and took more getting used to. Our guide gave us expert tuition and after half an hour of easy riding near camp, kitted out with helmets and riding gloves, five intrepid bikers and our guide set out for the Himba ‘village’; really a small collection of huts. The journey was eventful with most of us getting stuck in deep sand and/or falling off. It’s great fun.

We spent about an hour with the Himba understanding their culture – the women cover themselves in red ochre and mud when they reach puberty and don’t wash again – and how they survive in such a harsh environment, truly incredible people.

We sat by the pool for the rest of the day, before a short drive to a viewing point for the obligatory, and much loved sundowner. With no light pollution and endless landscapes, sunsets have to be seen to be believed.

Serra Cafema is the most amazing lodge, in a special setting and has to be one of my top three lodges in Africa – and I’ve been to few. We left for the flight back to Doro Nawas with a tear in our eyes and lots of memories.





Image courtesy of Wilderness Safaris



## Okonjima

The drive to Okonjima via Khorikas and Ojtiwarongo took about six hours but just the first hour was on gravel roads, before a strip of smooth beautiful tarmac came into view. Bliss.

Okonjima is home to the Africat Foundation, a charity started in the early 1990's to look after orphaned and injured big cats such as cheetahs, leopards and lions. Over the years its focus has widened and now includes brown and spotted hyena as well as wild dogs and it also runs research and educational programmes. Its website <https://africat.org> is well worth a few minutes of your time.

We only had a one night stay in their luxurious Bush Camp – one of five accommodation options – but had two superb game viewing experiences, one tracking a group of three young cheetah brothers on foot through the bush as they hunted, getting as close as 30ms from them, which was closer than they got to their target prey! And another, in a vehicle this time, with a female leopard called Electra, as she patiently sat in a tree above a warthog burrow.

Guests can also visit the Africat Foundation and see for themselves the great work they do to protect the big predators both now by their veterinary work and protection efforts, and in the future through education.

The drive back to Windhoek took longer than we had allowed for; OK, hands up we actually slept in! And my plan to visit the golf course at Windhoek Country Club alas came to nothing.

Namibia had proved itself to be an amazing country, and whether you fly from location to location, or do as we did, you'll have an experience that will last long in your memory.

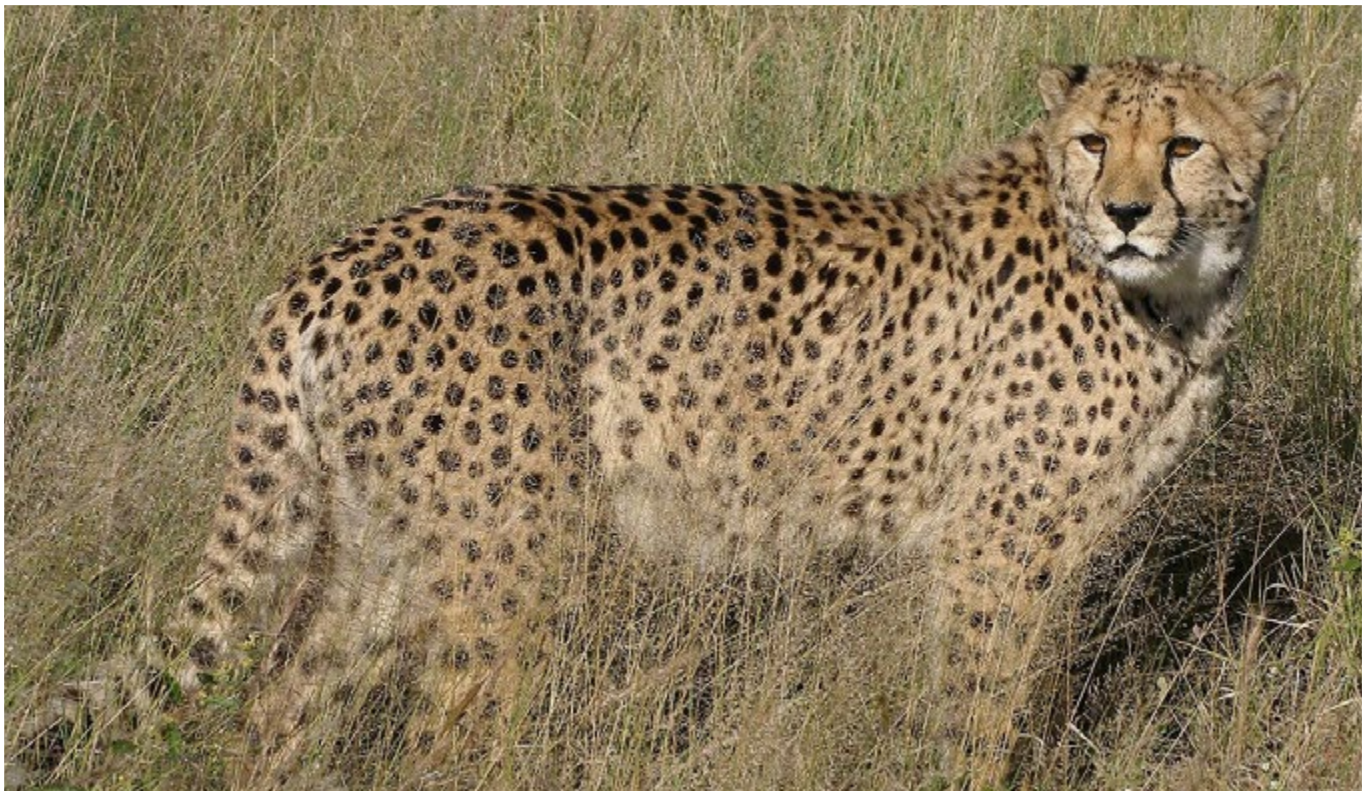






Image courtesy of Wilderness Safaris



A sundowner over Hartmann Valley to whet your appetite  
Image courtesy of Wilderness Safaris



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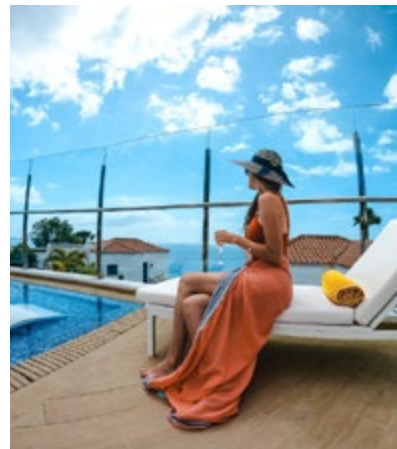


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