

Winter may be casting a chill over Namibia, but tourism season is just heating up! In this edition we'll let you know what we've been up to and provide some information on our scheduled tours for 2012.

SAFARIWISE NEWS

New to our SafariWise team

Sabina (below) is the latest addition to the team, having joined us at the beginning of July. She has been working in tourism in Windhoek (Namibia's capital city) since 2000, and has recently moved to Swakopmund. Sabina will assist with quotations, reservations and marketing.



Donations

SafariWise, in conjunction with clients and friends, is proud to assist in uplifting Namibian schools with much needed funding and donations. After touring with us, many of our clients have returned home and started getting their schools involved in helping the less fortunate. Judith Rigby returned to tour with Bazza and SafariWise this year and brought a special parcel of stationery from the school children of St Laurence Junior School in Ramsgate, Kent, in England. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the students for their contribution and to Judith for being so inspiring and lending a hand to our country and its people!



ON TOUR WITH SAFARIWISE ...



TOUR WITH BAZZA!

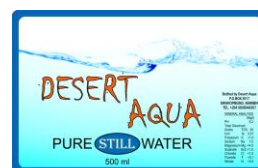
We had a brilliant 10 day safari with the highlight of a cheetah kill on our first game drive. That was just the start! We had sightings of black and white rhino, lions, a leopard with two cubs, brown hyena, caracal, Desert elephant, and the thrill of an elephant charge in Etosha! We recorded 162 bird species, 35 species of mammals and some reptile species.



TOUR TO BOTSWANA WITH JIM, SYLV & RICHARD

We must have shot over 10 000 photos between us! It was elephant heaven, with lion, leopard, wild dog, hippo and many more! A safari of birds and mammals - a great mix of all things beautiful, large and small. On this tour we had the pleasure of having Wildlife and Landscape photographer Richard Barrett with us. Visit his website for more exceptional safari photos www.wildandwonderful.org

DESERT



AQUA

SAFARIWISE NEW VENTURE:

SafariWise has expanded with the purchase of Desert Aqua. We sell pure still water in 330ml, 500ml, 1L, 1.5L and 5L bottles and we can even arrange your own personalised labels! Plus we can deliver in Swakopmund and Windhoek.

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Set Departures 2012:

16 Days Madagascar Wildlife Tour
1 Set Departure 01/04 – 16/04

12 days Namibia Lodging Safari
1 Set Departure 09/06 – 20/06

14 days Namibia Photo Tour
1 Set Departure 20/08 – 02/09

09 Days Kenya Migration Tour
1 Set Departure 21/09 – 29/09

**The rest of our tours
are all tailored
according to the
needs of our clients**

Should you be interested
in any of the above tours,
please contact us at

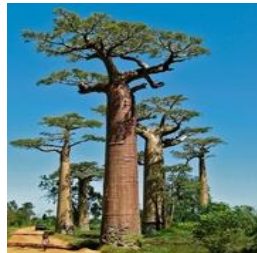
info@safariwise.com.na

and we will send you a
detailed programme.

Looking forward to
hearing from you!

*Our task must be to free
ourselves... by widening our
circle of compassion to
embrace all living creatures
and the whole of nature and
its beauty.*

-Albert Einstein-



MADAGASCAR WILDLIFE TOUR:

Manahaona! Madagascar is an Island in the Indian Ocean, ±400km's from Southern Africa's east coast. Over millions of years, Madagascar has developed a unique flora and fauna. This is the place where evolution has run wild and it has such a high degree of endemism that it is truly a place like nowhere else on earth! Madagascar is famous for its remarkable selection of lemurs (51+ varieties), primitive primate's endemic to the island, brilliantly coloured chameleons & lizards, tenrecs, fossas, bats and rodents. Several early evening walks are also planned for this tour, in order to experience the "darker" side of the nocturnal creatures - first hand! We concentrate on nature, and not only lemurs, plants and birds - we make time for it all! A medium level of fitness is required as we'll do a fair amount of walking. This tour is designed to offer guests of all ages a unique experience, its family friendly and great for keen photographers! Neil MacLeod will lead this tour.

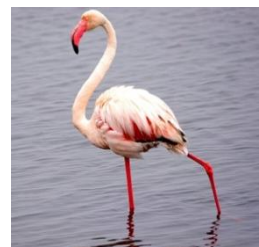
Quoted price:

GBP 3,600.00 per person sharing
GBP 1,000.00 single supplement

Highlights on this tour include:

Antananarivo – Morondava – Bekopaka – Tsingy – Kirindy – Tulear – Ifaty – Ranohira – Ranomafana – Antsirabe - Andasibe - Mantadia

*Nearly
fully
booked!*



NAMIBIA LODGING TOUR:

This 12-day safari takes you to some of the amazing highlights of Namibia. We visit the Namib Naukluft Park, the Skeleton Coast, Damaraland, Etosha National Park and Erindi Game Reserve. Your accommodation on this tour is at lodges and resorts with en-suite facilities.

Quoted price:

GBP 2,100.00 per person sharing
GBP 300.00 single supplement

Highlights on this tour include:

Namib Naukluft Park - The Skeleton Coast - Damaraland - Etosha National Park - Erindi Game Reserve

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The Hellenic Society for the Protection of Nature in conjunction with SafariWise delivered items to the DRC School in Swakopmund, Namibia. Various school children in Athens raised funds to assist our local children.



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Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. We hope to hear from you soon!



NAMIBIA PHOTO TOUR:

Your cameras will be smoking busy right from the first day, when we travel from Windhoek to Sossusvlei. Stunning landscapes are populated by ostrich, zebra, gemsbok, kudu, springbok, suricate, huge social weaver's nests, and various raptors. We will photograph daily with many days starting before sunrise with an early morning shoot lasting until around 10:00 am. We will go out again in the afternoon until sunset, guaranteeing a minimum of seven hours of photography. Between photo sessions there will be individualized image critiques, digital workflow sessions and Q&A discussions (as requested). Your accommodation varies from luxury hotel rooms to deluxe wilderness resorts. The Hansa Hotel at Swakopmund is one of the top rated hotels in all of Namibia. At Sossusvlei we will stay in chalets constructed from wood, canvas and thatch. Designed to creatively embrace the granite boulders, our Damaraland camp features igloo-shaped rooms, with en-suite baths, fronted by large outside decks to admire the view. This tour will be jointly led by Mike Byrne from Split Seconds and Robbie Bergh of SafariWise.

Quoted price:

GBP 5,600.00 per person sharing
GBP 600.00 single supplement

Highlights on this tour include:

Namib Naukluft Park - The Skeleton Coast - Damaraland - Etosha National Park - Africat Foundation



KENYA MIGRATION TOUR:

This 9-day safari takes you to see one of the most amazing sites on the planet, the Masai Mara Migration. During these seasonal migrations, the Mara is home to up to half a million wildebeest and an impressive number of zebra. These large numbers of animals give rise to a proportionate number of predators. Whatever the players, the spectacle of nature unfolding is always awesome. Here it's possible to observe elephant, baboon, African buffalo, eland, ostrich, bat eared fox, jackal and sometimes rare rhino. The precise timing of the annual wildebeest migration depends on the rains - it is a very unpredictable and spontaneous natural event.

Quoted price:

GBP 2,700.00 per person sharing
GBP 900.00 single supplement

Highlights on this tour include:

Samburu National Park - Aberdares Mountain forest - Aberdare National Park - Lake Nakuru - Lake Naivasha - Masai Mara