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Greetings from Africa!

Our **Diverse Namibia** Exploration is an active, exciting adventure which explores this vast, arid country that is full of surprising contrasts. Take in the vast country from Sossusvlei dunes (private access) to the Namib Desert, the Atlantic coast to the ancient Damaraland plains and Etosha's wildlife.

Features of this Exploration:

- Activities include game drives, scenic walks and visiting ancient rock engravings at Twyfelfontein.
- Track the rare desert-adapted elephants, following ancient paths to their freshwater springs.
- Iconic areas of interest off the beaten path.
- Exclusive accommodation in private reserves and concessions and private access to Sossusvlei.
- Excellent value for money, taking in the highlights of this vast country.

Guide Jeremia Mwapopi just returned from this Exploration and this is what he shared:

"On our way to the oldest desert, the Namib Desert, we stopped in a small town called Rehoboth, located 90km south of Windhoek, to stretch our legs and for a nice cup of take away coffee. The area is rich with the history of our local people before the escarpments, guest valued the experience. We woke up early the next day, before the mirage of the Namib Desert, to go and put our footprints on the red sand sea at a time when beetles and living desert creatures are still active. We tested our binoculars on a brown hyaena sighting which we encountered before the dunes.

On our way to the coast, we crossed the Tropic of Capricorn and took beautiful pictures. We stopped under the desert restaurant known as Camelthorn Tree, here we ate our lunch packs while looking at a Tennebrionid beetle running around a tree. The Boat cruise activity in Walvis Bay was good, we had a dolphin sighting a few meters away from the seal colony, west of the oyster farms. Guest enjoyed their free afternoon in Swakopmund.

Crossing the gravel plain of the Namib delivered a true picture of our remarkable living desert. We spent a good moment looking at a meerkat family, this was amongst one of the best sightings experienced during the entirety of our trip. The Ugab River was impressively flowing so we had to use an alternate road to Damaraland Adventurer Camp. Guests loved the scenery, desert-adapted elephant sighting and the visit to the local villages. It rained while we were in Etosha but we had an interesting sighting of lions hunting blue wildebeest unsuccessfully.



Note:

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