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*Our first newsletter, by popular demand...
Since this is our first newsletter we thought that an introduction to
our staff is a must, as well as our set departures for 2011.*



SafariWise team

We have developed a solid reputation for high quality, intimate tours and safaris. Many of our clients return as friends to discover more of the diversity and beauty of Africa with us.

Neil (top left) is the founder of SafariWise. His name has become synonymous with adventurers, wildlife lovers and with more specialized interests like bird watching.

Neil has expanded his phenomenal birding knowledge to include wildlife, plants and almost everything to do with nature. Working with people is second nature to him. Our clients can't speak highly enough of him and they all leave as friends.

He sets the standard for personalized eco holidays and creates memories that are never to be forgotten.

Berdene (top right) is the financial and brand manager for SafariWise. She ensures that all operations and affairs run smoothly when Neil is not in the office. Berdene often joins the camping tours with Neil, and together they ensure that the guests are well looked after. She is also involved with the SafariWise Charity and Environmental friendly projects. SafariWise, in conjunction with the Hellenic Society in Greece are working on numerous projects in Namibia. This is a big commitment, but worth it when you see the impact it has on the children that benefit from the time and effort.

Liezel (bottom left) who is a new comer to Namibia heralding from South Africa, joined the SafariWise family in January 2010. You can find her at the SafariWise office each morning, doing bookings, correspondence and the stunning itineraries that are included in enquiries.

Daniel, (bottom right) simply known as Robbie, joined our SafariWise team in the beginning of the year. He is fully bilingual in Afrikaans and English. He started in the tourism industry working casually at Dare Devil Adventures during his vacation time. Then in December 2008, he joined Dare Devil Adventures permanently where he was appointed as manager, but still conducted tours. He has completed his ornithology and fauna courses with outstanding results at the Namibian Academy for Tourism & Hospitality and has become very popular with all our clients.

Meet our back-up team

Malakia (below right) is our indispensable and industrious camp assistant in Namibia. He and his back up team go in front of the safari and sets up camp in the most beautiful and remote places. His traditional cooking, easy smile and helpful nature have earned him much respect and admiration.

Samuel (below middle) reigns from Northern Namibia where he trained as a chef. He is now our own BUSH CHEF! He shares his family recipes with all and is a camp favourite around the fire.

Simson (below left) is our driver and back-up guy. He grew up and was educated in central Namibia. Simson has been involved in tourism for over ten years. He is well-known throughout the beaten tracks of Namibia. He often joins the back-up team to ensure that all runs smoothly.

Together We Make An Awesome Team



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Set Departures 2011:

- 10 days Uganda Primate Safari
1 Set Departure 16/06 – 25/06
- 09 days Kenya safari
1 Set Departure 10/09 – 19/09
- 12 days Namibia Lodging safari
1st Set Departure 04/07 – 15/07
2nd Set Departure 07/11 – 18/11
- 12 days Namibia camping safari
1st Set Departure 02/05 – 13/05
2nd Set Departure 23/05 – 03/06
- 11 days Cape Peninsula Birding tour
1 Set departure 01/10 – 11/10

Should you be interested in any of the above packages, please send us an email to

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and we will send you your detailed programme.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

*“An animal's eye has the power to speak a great language.”
~ Martin Buber ~*



UGANDA PRIMATE TOUR:

This 10-day tour takes you to Uganda in search of the primates of Uganda. Uganda's star attraction is the endangered mountain gorilla, the bulkiest of living primates, and among the most peaceable. Staring into the pensive brown eyes of these gentle giants, who share 95% of their genes with humans, is as humbling as it is thrilling; no less so when one realises that fewer than 700 individuals survive, divided between Bwindi National Park and the Virunga Mountains. Within Uganda, five habituated gorilla troops – four in Bwindi and one in Mgahinga National Park – can be visited by a total of 30 tourists daily. If you are ready for a real adventure, then this safari is for you. Let us lead the way to an unforgettable experience.

Quoted price:

GBP 2,600.00 per person sharing
GBP 900.00 single supplement

Highlights on this tour include:

Kibale Forest National Park – Bigodi Swamp – Queen Elizabeth National Park – Bwindi National Park – Gorilla tracking – Lake Mburo National Park



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 the 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 a spontaneous natural event.

Quoted price:

GBP 2,950.00 per person sharing
GBP 1,000.00 single supplement

Highlights on this tour include:

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



Namibia lodging safari:

Tour details: 12 days / 11 nights
4 July – 15 July 2011;
7 November – 18 November 2011



Namibia camping safari:

Tour details: 12 days / 11 nights
2 May – 13 May 2011;
23 May – 3 June 2011



Cape Peninsula Birding Tour:

Tour details: 11 days / 10 nights
1 October – 11 October 2011

*"A bird does not sing
because it has an answer.
It sings because it has a
song."
~ Chinese Proverb ~*

NAMIBIA LODGING SAFARI:

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 1,900.00 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

NAMIBIA CAMPING SAFARI:

This 12-day camping safari takes you to some of the amazing highlights of Namibia. The SafariWise concept of camping — sleeping under the stars, becoming one with nature, toasting marshmallows over the campfire and having a great outdoor experience is all part of our Namibia experience. Your accommodation with us is a twin tent that has two camp beds with mattress and linen, towels, etc. Our very experienced back-up team goes ahead of the group with their vehicle and sets up camp for us. No participation is required. Meals are prepared over an open fire all in style!

Quoted price:

GBP 1,400.00 per person sharing
GBP 200.00 single supplement

Highlights on this tour include:

Sossusvlei & Sesriem Canyon - The Skeleton Coast - Damaraland - Etosha National Park - Waterberg Plateau Park

CAPE PENINSULA BIRDING TOUR:

This 11-day safari takes you to the second-most populous city in South Africa, namely Cape Town. This tour mainly caters to the avid birder with the opportunity to see many of the bird species restricted to the Western Cape. But it's also an ideal tour for anyone who would like to experience Cape Town's gentle giants and maybe do some wine tasting. Experience the sights and sounds of Cape Town with us.

Quoted price:

GBP 2,600.00 per person sharing
GBP 200.00 single supplement

Highlights on this tour include:

Birdwatching - Wine tasting - Whale Watching - Table Mountain Excursion

We trust that you enjoyed reading our newsletter. We understand the time constraints of a busy lifestyle and therefore we shall not make it a monthly distribution. In future, this will only be distributed to inform you of any upcoming SafariWise events. We look forward to any feedback. Thank you!

Look out for Neil as he is attending the World Travel Market on 10 & 11 November, thereafter he joins the Nordic Seashow from 15 to 20 November 2010. Please contact the office if you would like to meet Neil during his travels.