

Capt. Daley's Sea Stories

Namibia Expedition Mowani Mountain Camp

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Mowani Mountain Camp nestles amongst huge boulders within the Twyfelfontein Conservancy on a high spot commanding distant views over the ancient landscape. The luxury tents are built unobtrusively, so as to ensure minimum impact on the natural environment. The stilt-like supports of the tents ensure that very little excavation was needed in order to create this special oasis. Much care has been taken with the design of the public areas, creating the impression of an African Village.

There are plenty of ways to relax at Mowani. There is a unique pool deck, lodged between the boulders where you can soak up the sun whilst enjoying a refreshing drink. The Boma of Mowani is the ideal setting to reminisce over the day's excursions, and plan the next day's events, whilst sitting around the warmth of the fire. Mowani also offers superb food and dining facilities. The meals were excellent.



Although the lodge is luxurious, its design blends into the environment. Every item has a very natural feel to it seeming to belong to the area.



The lodge has many common areas like this one.



The dining room is completely open to the outside for a panoramic view while you eat.



In the evening, the lighting is subdued and yellow, almost like eating by a campfire.



The chandeliers in the dining room are shaped like nests.



The sun deck next to the pool is a unique combination of rustic and comfortable. But the view is outstanding.



The swimming pool is part of the environment as well.



On the road back to Windhoek, we encountered a number of interesting road signs. Beware elephants may be on the road. Haven't seen that one in the USA!



Beware; kudu may be on the road.



Unfortunately we ran across 20 or more of these. This is impassible without a four wheel drive truck. You don't go through the water; you go off road on either side. The small yellow sign in the middle of the road is the only warning you get! If you don't pay attention, you can really run amok.



There are so many roadside picnic tables in Namibia. Some stretches of road have them every mile or so, while other stretches have none.



Typically, this is what they look like. I suppose the animals leave you alone. I didn't try it.



We stopped at a very nice leather shop. They had a large variety of traditional southern African items (and lots of souvenirs as well).



I doubt you can bring these through US Customs. It's sad that you can't. These animals were probably killed by predators. If you can name the three types of animals that belong to the three types of horns shown, then you have really been paying attention.



They look pretty comfortable, but I didn't try them.



Porcupine needles are so colorful. These are reminiscent of the large mobile hanging over the dining room of the Intercontinental Hotel in Johannesburg.



Standing room only – not much I can say about these two characters other than wishing them very good luck, which they need in a big way.



Beware; wart hogs may be on the road.



Hotel Thule is a modern home, turned into a hotel. The home houses the dining areas and some of the common areas and the hotel rooms were built after the structure was no longer used as a home. It can accommodate 50 guests. The rooms were very modern and clean. The food was not good at all.



Here is a photo of what the original home looked like.