

NEWSLETTER: CLUB SKYAFRICA April 2003

HOWZIT from AFRICA

April Fools day is over and we have just returned from a cross-country flight down to the Kalahari Desert dodging Charlie Bravos all the way home. Thank you dear Lord for storm scopes. Summer with its rains is now slowly coming to an end in South Africa and we can look forward to blue skies until October. We are really blessed to live in a country with such a fantastic climate - a paradise for pilots.

FLYING NEWS

Week trips for Pilots flying off on their own have become quite popular. Seems all the hard-pressed executives are getting less and less time to relax. Nothing better a trip to the Bushveld, where men are men and the cellphones don't work. No problem for us whether it's a day, a week or forever; there is so much to do and see in our part of the world and we will organize a "lekker" Safari for you.

WATERBERG Fly and relax Trip

Makweti is only a couple of hours flying time away from Johannesburg in the Waterberg biosphere - a World heritage site.

The landing strip is located on top of a hill and fairly steeply sloped. One lands 27 and take-off 09.



Airstrip pickup and main lodge



We had to put the lead Cherokee into STUKA mode in order to chase a wildebeest and a couple of inquisitive warthogs off the strip before we could land.

The place is quite incredible.

Highveld Savannah country which a large diversity of game (and more than 200 other species) call home. Antelope, lion, leopard, buffalo and cheetah are encountered as well as the rare brown Hyena. White rhino, a species almost extinct not so many years ago, flourish in large numbers.



All in a days drive and close-up

Elephant are everywhere and come to visit the lodge regularly
The animals are quite relaxed and unhurried, hence the game watching under the skilled guidance of the rangers happens really close-up
The lodge and accommodation are crafted out of natural rock found in the area, thatched roof and its teak decks overlook the rugged Makweti gorge.



Another tough day in Africa



The ladies absolutely loved the Victorian bathrooms, whereas the more profane men-folk preferred to discuss the possibilities of the reed-fenced secluded outdoor showers.
The sublime style and comfort of the place makes you chill out and besides flying, there is little to match the wonder evoked by standing on a mountainous outcrop, watching the teeming wildlife on the seemingly limitless expanse of Savannah below.

Sundowner in the bush really roughing it



Canton, Jo-burg, Freiburg, London and San Francisco at breakfast

The folks running the place (Dawn Wayne, Andy, and Nicolene) really are great hosts and expert rangers that seemingly enjoy the beautiful surroundings that they are blessed to live in. (Sorry Nicolene for making your gills go a bit green during our game flight).

To all the pilots and crew: well-done, all had a fantastic time

TRAINING

The flight school is becoming busier by the day, mainly with Europeans taking advantage of our value for money Country and the aforementioned predictably good weather.

Where do you buy a 1 kg T-bone steak with salad desert and a bottle of good Cape red wine for 10 \$

Only in South Africa

FLEET NEWS

We now have a Navajo on our fleet for the Non-fliers coming with us

She's a beauty



2003 SEASON

Again a reminder of our 2003 Trip schedule
Book early to ensure a seat
Ask us for the shorter or tailor-made trips

SAFARI	ROUTING	TRIP	DAYS	NM	FLY HRS
AFRICAN DREAM	JOBURG-VICFALLS- KARIBA- LUANGWA-LAKE MALAWI- INDIAN OCEAN ISLES	May 3 rd until 23 rd	21	2200	25
DESERT LION FLIGHT	JOBURG-KIMBERLEY- FISHRIVER-LUDERITZ- SOSSUSVLEI-SWAKOPMUND- ETOSHA-WINDHOEK- OKAVANGO-VIC FALLS	May 31 st until June 24 th	25	2900	32
FISH EAGLE	JOBURG-OKAVANGO- VICFALLS- WANKIE-KARIBA	July 5 th to 22 nd	18	1700	20
DELTA & CORAL	JOBURG-OKAVANGO- VICFALLS-KARIBA-INDIAN OCEAN ISLES	Aug 16 th to Sept 6 th	21	2100	25
SURF & TURF	KRUGERPARK –SODWANA- DRAKENSBERG-WILDCOAST- JEFFREYS BAY- AGHULAS- CAPETOWN-KIMBERLEY	Nov 1 st to Nov 22 nd	17	2100	25

We are off to the AERO in Friedrichshafen, Germany, in April, come and meet us at our stand (it wont be as dry as Oshkosh)

Safe flying

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And the Sky Africa Team