

Living Museum of the Ju/'Hoansi

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The Living Museum of the Ju/'Hoansi-San gives visitors an interesting insight into the life of the San. The Living Museum is an authentic open-air museum where guests can learn a lot about the traditional culture and the original way of living of the San. The Ju/'Hoansi demonstrate and describe everything with great dedication and the guide translates into English. Almost every offered program is interactive, because it is also great fun for the Ju/'Hoansi when the visitors try to shoot an arrow, experience the special Ju/'Hoansi rope skipping or try to sing an original song.

Location

- Country: Namibia
- Region: Otjozondjupa
- Village: Grashoek (C44, about 130 km west of Tsumkwe)
- GPS: 19°14'41.90"S / 19°14'20.09"E

Role:

- Open air museum, several interactive programs are offered.

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Living Museum of the Mafwe

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The Living Museum offers visitors an interesting insight into the life of the Mafwe. The Living Museum is an authentic open-air museum where guests can learn a lot about the traditional culture and the original way of living of the Mafwe. They demonstrate and describe everything with great dedication and the guide translates into English. Almost every offered program is interactive, because it is also great fun for them when the visitors try to weave a traditional net or taste some of the offered meals.

Location

- Country: Namibia
- Region: Caprivi / Zambezi
- Village: Singalamwe (D 3502, about 20 km north of Kongola)
- GPS: 17° 41.276 S / 23° 24.475 E

Role:

- Open air museum, several interactive programs are offered.

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Living Museum of the Damara

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Together with the Bushmen the Damara belong to the oldest nations in Namibia. Their original culture was a mixture of an archaic hunter-gatherer culture and herders of cattle, goats and sheep. Due to their loose social structures the Damara were not able to defend themselves against aggressors during the colonization of Namibia. This is one of the reasons why their culture has to a great extent fallen into oblivion.

Within the framework of the Living Museum of the Damara an attempt was made to reconstruct the “lost culture” of the Damara. Here the visitors have the unique opportunity to get to know the fascinating traditional culture of the Damara, thus contributing to the preservation of the culture as well as to a regular income for the Damara community that built the museum.

Location

- Country: Namibia
- Region: Kunene
- Village: Twyfelfontein / Louw- Inn (D 3214, about 10 km north of Twyfelfontin)
- GPS: S 20°31'45.90" / E 14°23'52.37"

Role:

- Open air museum, several interactive programs are offered.

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Living Hunter's Museum of the Ju/'Hoansi

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Apart from getting to know the fascinating ancient culture of the Ju/'Hoansi, native to the Kalahari desert for thousands of years, experiencing a real hunt with hunters from the Living Museum is the focal point. Here the traditional bow hunt with poisoned arrows, the digging out of spring hares and porcupines, the snare catching of guinea fowls, khoraans and other birds for the daily hunt for food has never been terminated. The San living in this area are actually the only ones of their cultural group that are officially allowed to still hunt traditionally. Thus they still master the art of reading tracks and are delighted if visitors show special interest herein. The opportunity for visitors to be able to take part in such a hunt is also unique. An English-speaking Ju/'Hoansi accompanies the guests and translates everything the hunters are showing and explaining.

Location

- Country: Namibia
- Region: Otjozondjupa
- Village: /Xa//oba (D 3315, about 25 km north of Tsumkwe on the road to Kaudom NP)
- GPS: S 19°23'32.21" / E 20°35'13.68"

Role:

- Open air museum, several interactive programs are offered.

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Living Museum of the Mbunza

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As with all Living Museums in Namibia the main focus of the Mbunza Living Museum is to provide visitors to the museum with a detailed and authentic insight into the traditional, pre-colonial culture. The Living Museum, situated at the Samsitu Lake, is a traditional village of the Kavango, who have lived in this area for centuries. The village has been built entirely from natural material and the actors of the Museum carry clothes made from self-tanned, with Mangetti nut oil refined leather. The outfit actually had to be reconstructed from old photographs.

An essential part of the interactive program of the Living Museum is the demonstration (and preservation) of the fishing and land cultivating culture of the Mbunza. The traditional presentation covers everything from everyday life (traditional cuisine, fire making, basket and mat weaving, etc.) to bushwalks and fishing and finally to highly specialized techniques like blacksmithing, pottery and the making of drums.

Location

- Country: Namibia
- Region: Kavango
- Village: Sikondo (B 10, about 13 km west of Rundu)
- GPS: S 17° 51.159 / E 19° 40.847

Role:

- Open air museum, several interactive programs are offered.

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