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kalahari red dune route

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It is said that no two visits to the Kalahari are the same. This ancient and beautiful land is not only amazingly rich in diversity; it also reflects an endless variety of moods, making each new encounter refreshingly different from the previous ones.

The Kalahari Red Dune Route showcases the Kalahari through a wide range of activities including duneboarding, quad biking and 4x4 trailing for the adventurous, and game drives, guided walks, birding expeditions and other eco-inclined activities for nature-lovers. For visitors attuned to culture and history, the Kalahari Red Dune Route offers the opportunity to experience regional customs and folklore, sample traditional cuisine, and meet the warm and welcoming people of the Kalahari. Accommodation options are as diverse as the landscape, and vary from camping to homely bed and breakfasts to luxury lodges. All in all, the Kalahari Red Dune Route offers something for everyone.

The area covered by the route extends north of Upington in the Northern Cape province of South Africa into the toe-shaped protrusion of South Africa to the Namibian border. The route incorporates the first formally declared Transfrontier Conservation Area in Africa, the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. This park straddles the South Africa-Botswana border and is one of the largest conservation areas in the world.
what can we give you?

- a story to tell
- a place to stay

(although you may end up with both...)
Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
Experience the magical Kalahari, where the endless red dunes fade into the horizon and antelope graze on the scrub, following the seasons. Here, imposing camel thorn trees provide shade for huge black-mane lions and vantage points for leopard and many raptors.

Kalahari Trails
Meerkat Sanctuary
Meerkats are one of the Kalahari’s favourite animals but are not too often seen by visitors. At Kalahari Trails visitors can walk with the misfit meerkats that are being rehabilitated under the watchful eye of Professor Anne Rasa. Learn more about this species of mongoose and hear stories of how they came to the sanctuary. Photographers will be delighted at the opportunities these little critters provide.

Watch this...
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4 x 4
Are you ready for a bumpy ride? A 4x4 trip through the dunes provides the chance to fill your lungs with the hot air of the Kalahari and get a new perspective on the vastness of the landscape. Buckle up and enjoy the scenery.

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KHOMANI SAN LIVING MUSEUM
Barbara Raats and her family bring the Kalahari to life at the !Khomani San Living Museum where their demonstration of how their ancestors lived, sourced water, made jewellery and tracked and hunted antelope will dazzle visitors. Cross the road into a game farm with Patat and his clan scantily-clad children where they will track everything from snakes and wildebeest to birds and insects.
WATCH THIS...
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AUNT KOERA'S FARM KITCHEN
The tiny Aunt Koera emerges from her shady farm stall to greet weary travellers with a broad smile and the offer of a liquid refreshment. Serving up some of the finest Springbok Pie this side of the Botswana border, Aunt Koera’s warm personality and her attention to detail will be etched in the memories of travellers for years to come.

SALT PANS
The vast Kalahari landscape is dotted with countless salt pans, and you’d be forgiven for thinking you’ve arrived on the moon. Made up of the Makgadikgadi Pan, the Nxai Pan and the Sua Pan, the Kalahari Salt Pans are all that remain of an ancient great Central Botswana lake. Don’t forget to take you camera as excellent bent-perspective photographic opportunities await!

DUNE BOARDING
The red dunes of the Kalahari beckon to adventurous travellers where the soft sand makes an ideal surface for sandboarding. They say that once you get the sand of the Kalahari in your shoes, you will keep on returning. After a session on the dunes its’ probably safe to say you’ll never want to leave.
WATCH THIS...
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This package offers the adventurous backpacker an opportunity to experience the best that the Kalahari Red Dune Route has to offer for less than R500 per day. Activities include bird watching, sandboarding, a night drive and a morning walk with the renowned Kalahari Trails Nature Reserve. Loch Maree Guest Farm provides a game drive that includes a visit to the unique salt pan on the farm.

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The Kalahari is known for its red sand dunes and 4x4 adventures. With wide open spaces, a rich variety of wildlife and numerous 4x4 tracks through farms that adjoin the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, this is a 4x4 enthusiast’s dream come true. This experience can be tailored to beginner or experienced drivers who want to push their vehicles to the limit.

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The Kalahari Red Dune Route showcases the Kalahari through a wide range of activities, including desert walks, dune-boarding, 4x4 trails, camel rides, game drives, birding expeditions or simply floating in salt pools on a salt pan. The route also offers the opportunity to experience regional customs and folklore, sample traditional cuisine, and meet the warm and welcoming people of the Kalahari. Accommodation options are as diverse as the landscape and vary from homestays and camping to homely bed and breakfasts and luxury lodges.

Glamping - camping without the fuss! The Kalahari Red Dune Route offers visitors an opportunity to get close to nature without having to pitch a tent. Activities include a visit to a Living Museum, Dune Boarding and a guided walk on Erin Game Farm.

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The Kalahari Red Dune Route also offers one of southern Africa’s most premier experiences in partnership with the community-owned !Xaus Lodge. Roughly translated as ‘heart’, !Xaus Lodge is owned by the ≠Khomani San and located in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. This experience is tailored to travellers who would like a little luxury while experiencing the natural beauty of the Kalahari. Activities include game drives, visits to the Living Museum and sundowners on the dunes.

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This experience allows visitors to enjoy unique local cuisine, experience local culture and experience one of Africa’s renowned conservation areas, the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park.

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a place to stay

KALAHARI GUEST HOUSE, CAMPING & FARM STALL
S-28.05972 E21.02575
This is the only farm stall on the R360 from Upington towards the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, where travellers can buy Kalahari lamb, boerewors, biltong and interesting curios. Accommodation is available in the form of a lovely guest house or a bush camp located on the edges of a large dam and a campsite. Tennis, swimming, walking, bird watching, and safaris can be arranged. Riana Loots
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ZOUTPANPUTS GAME FARM
S-27.053487 E20.498882
At Zoutpanputs Game Lodge accommodated is offered in bungalows built around a stunning old camelthorn tree at the foot of a red Kalahari dunes. Lodging accommodates a maximum of 14 people in three bungalows. A separate entertainment area has a full kitchen, including gas stove, microwave oven and a fridge/freezer for self-catering. Henriette Dejager
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ROOIPAN GUESTHOUSE & SELF CATERING
S-27.49489 E20.77742
Rooipan Guest House and Self Catering accommodation is the perfect interlude for overnight accommodation on the R360, halfway between Upington and the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. An unsurpassed standard of warmth and quality await you. Lizette Knoetze
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LOCH MAREE GUEST FARM & FIELD CAMP
S-27.11647 E20.49797
Loch Maree Guest Farm offers accommodation in a fully-equipped field camp, family suite and camping at the bush camp. Lothar Stadler
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KALAHARI INFO AND TENTED CAMP
S-26.74805 E20.014117
Kalahari Info Centre & Tented Camp offers 20 fully-equipped tents. Conference facilities for 80-100 people as well as catering for large groups is also available. Meals can be arranged, including traditional food. Additional activities include 4x4, nature excursions or sunset dinners on the dunes as well as special events catering on the pan (150 people). Gertruida and Hendrik Bott
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INKBOSPAN GUEST FARM
S-26.946833 E20.464700
Enjoy the wide open spaces, big skies and silence at Inkbospan Guest Farm, which is located approximately 78km from the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. It offers two basic units without electricity. Landa Conradie
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REA GUESTHOUSE AND BUSH CAMP
S-26.98631 E20.61669
Lovely accommodation with a lapa on the premises. The dry Kuruman River flows through the farm, lined with old Camelthorn trees. Nicolene Knoetze
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KLIPKOLT GUESTHOUSE
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Klipkolk Guesthouse offers accommodation with breakfast, lunch and dinner served on request. Dennis and Gladys Britz
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VISCHGAT GAME LODGE
S-27.12183 E21.25033
Visch Gat Game Farm offers accommodation in family suite chalets. The chalets are fully-equipped for self-catering and offer a private, relaxed atmosphere. Jean Lambrechts
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LOCH BROOK PARADYS LODGE
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Loch Broom offers a unique and affordable experience in the Kalahari that is comfortable and luxurious. Maryke Barlow
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DREGHORN KALAHARI GAME RANCH
S-26.86677 E20.72333
Dreghorn’s location places it within a complete natural setting, surrounded by the red dunes of the Kalahari. Just 15 kilometres from the confluence of the Nossob and Molopo rivers, the lodge is situated on an old farm that is part of a larger ranch, encompassing in excess of 19000 hectares and where farming and game ranching is practiced in close harmony. Jean le Roux
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KALAHARI SANDS GUESTHOUSE
S-26.98008 E20.78222
Kalhari Sands Guesthouse offers accommodation in seven self-catering chalets. Hannetjie van der Westhuizen
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ASKHAM POST OFFICE GUESTHOUSE
S-26.9813 E20.78049
Accommodation options are three en-suite rooms or a family cottage that sleeps up to six people. Both options have a fully-equipped kitchen, lounge, ceiling fans and private braai (barbecue) facilities. Johanna du Toit
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BOESMANSRUS GRASS HUTS
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Boesmanrus Grass Huts is located a few kilometres outside Askham and offers a traditional San homestay experience. Barbara Raats
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KALAHARI TRAILS MEERKAT SANCTUARY
S-26.77394 E20.63164
A private nature reserve where guests are welcome to explore on their own or with a guide on walks / game drives. Various accommodation options are available. This is also the official Meer-kat Sanctuary for the Northern Cape. A duneside bush camp is also available with four permanent two-bed tents, ab-lution facilities and kitchen. A sheltered campsite with ablutions block, kitchen, lapa and braai (barbeque) is located close to the guesthouse, which sleeps up to 12 people. Prof. Anne Rasa or Jaco Reichart
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MOLOPO KALAHARI LODGE
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Molopo Kalahari Lodge offers accommodation in 40 air-conditioned chalets as well as a campsite.
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Kgalagadi Lodge is situated 5km from the Twee Rivieren Rest Camp at the entrance to the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park and offers accommodation in 30 chalets, most of which are full self-catering units with DStv (selected channels) and air-conditioning. 19 campsites are available with ablution and braai (barbecue) facilities. A fully catered restaurant and a local shop for supplies (fresh vegetables and bakery) is available. SJ Koortzen
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ROOIDUIN GUEST FARM
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Rooiduin Guest Farm is situated near Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. Comfortable accommodation and a large camp-site is available. Activities on the farm include hiking, 4x4 dune driving and sand-boarding. Alida Mouton
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KGALAGADI TRANSFRONTIER PARK
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The Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park is the first official Transfrontier Conservation Area in Africa. It offers various accommodation options including traditional rest camps for visitors. Ben van Eeden
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**!XAUS LODGE**  
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!Xaus Lodge offers 4-star fully-inclusive accommodation in 12 luxury chalets located inside the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. Elmaré Wykerd  
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**ASKHAM CHALETS**  
S-26.98366 E20.78361  
Askham Chalets offer peace, tranquility and a true Kalahari experience in secluded and secure cottages. A fully-equipped kitchen and braai (barbeque) facilities outside on the deck are available. Alternatively meals can be arranged at the Diamond T coffee & gift shop. Askham chalets can sleep up to 14 people. Banna and Aletta  
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**ERIN GAME RANCH**  
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A beautiful traditional farm, stocked with springbok, gemsbok, red hartebeest, blue wildebeest, giraffe and iconic eland, which is of symbolic value to the San. Guided walking trails with Kho-Mani San and game drives are available. A picturesque tented camp has recently been constructed, offering accommodation for 16 people. Luce Steenkamp  
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**WITDRAAI BUSH CAMP**  
S-26.954768 E20.707568  
The bush camp is situated on the traditional farm Witdraai and is a rustic facility, designed to give one the feel of living in a Bushman village, with the option to stay in 4 grass huts or to camp. It is serviced by an ablution block with simple showers and toilets. Vinkie  
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**KALAHARI CAMELTHORN CARAVAN PARK AND B&B**  
S-26.98181 E20.78219  
Kalahari Camelthorn Caravan Park and Guesthouse offers guests a true Kalahari experience with a mystery garden and lots of trees. The air-conditioned guesthouse is fully-equipped for self catering and consists of 2 bedrooms with a double and 3/4 bed. One bathroom, mini lounge, outside kitchen with braai facilities. It also features 5 campsites and 1 fully-equipped caravan, each with its own shaded area, powerpoint, water and braai facilities. There are 2 ablution facilities. Rene and Tobie  
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KALAHARI DESERT FESTIVAL
Every year around March the ‡Khomani San and Mier community come together to host the Kalahari Desert Festival. The festival showcases traditional dance and music as well as diversity within the Kalahari.
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WOESTYNTRAP ANNUAL CYCLE RIDE
Every July around 50 cyclists take to the R360 road between Askham and Upington in the Southern Kalahari for the annual Woestyntrap cycle ride. For three days they roam over the dunes and through the ‘hard-evald’ and for three nights they sleep in tents at various spots along the road; a pan, an ‘oasis’ and a game farm.

Woestyntrap is one of a kind as it is designed for all people wanting to enjoy nature, good Kalahari food, cultural exchanges and everything else the Kalahari can offer from the seat of a bicycle. It is not for competitive cyclists as all receive a medal upon completing the race.
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AUNT KOERA SE KOMBUIS
S-26.944411 E20.663022
Visit Aunt Koera’s Farm Kitchen on the R360 between Askham & Andriesvale (near Khomani San’s Bush Camp with camping facilities) for fresh ‘roosterkoek’ and traditional cuisine before visiting the Heritage Museum.
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DIAMOND T COFFEE SHOP
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Here travellers can enjoy home-baked goods which are freshly prepared by the owners. Cilla and Johanna du Toit
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CLIMATE AND WEATHER
The Kalahari is a desert. Daytime temperatures can be extremely high and sunblock is essential, especially for those with sensitive skins. In winter, night-time temperatures can drop below 0°C (though the days are usually warm and pleasant). Thunderstorms are common during the rainy season between November and April.

MALARIA
The Kalahari is malaria-free. However, in the event of high seasonal rains it is advisable to take the usual precautions.

DISTANCES AND ROADS
The distances that you will travel in the Kalahari are large. Most vehicles are suitable for travel in the area, provided you stay clear of the dunes. Four-wheel drive vehicles are advisable for game drives, thanks to their higher ground clearance. Remember that speeding on dirt roads is particularly dangerous. It also creates a great deal of dust, which can adversely affect people, plants and animals in the vicinity of roads.

TRANSPORT
The town of Upington has direct daily air links with Johannesburg and Cape Town, as well as coach services connecting all the major centres in South Africa and Namibia. Car hire (including 4x4) is available at the airport.

MONEY
Many shops in the smaller towns along the Kalahari Red Dune Route provide the option to pay via Zapper or cash. Some businesses have card facilities. Furthermore, there are few banks and automated teller machines in the area covered by the route. Thus it is advisable to do all banking in Upington and to draw enough cash to cover the entire journey.
The Northern Cape is scattered with diverse culture, rich frontier history and activities to suit every adrenaline junkie’s taste. From hiking and 4x4 adventures to game spotting in unique parks, travellers of all persuasions will unearth a hidden gem here amongst some of the most unique flora in the world.

The Orange River runs through the Northern Cape, bringing life and painting the arid landscape with rich green belts, creating oases and havens for birdlife and other animals. The Kalahari Desert’s shifting red sands that once rippled and moved are now mostly stable and home to hundreds of diverse species of flora and fauna.

The famous Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park extends across much of the Kalahari Desert and is a popular attraction for those looking for an escape into the silence of a wide horizons and open spaces interrupted only by the cry of the African fish eagle or roar of a Kalahari Lion.

Photographers, writers and storytellers have all been inspired by the vast and sweeping beauty of the Northern Cape with its big, blue skies, the cascading Augrabies Falls, mountainous desert of the Richtersveld and star-scattered skies.