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 birds 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 seeking the silence of a wide horizon 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. Come and experience the Northern Cape!

Open Africa is a social enterprise with a vision to assist rural entrepreneurs to increase their income and potential to employ more people. It does this by building their capacity to trade and connecting them to travel markets through the creation of tourism routes.

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RED DUNE ROUTE

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 one.

The Kalahari Red Dune Route showcases a wide range of activities including duneboarding, quad biking and 4x4 testing for the adventurous, and game drives, guided walks, birding expeditions and other less-structured 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 (a glossary of common local words and terms can be found below to assist you).

Dune Valley Family Chalet
GPS: 27.1667°; E 20.6667°
A self-catering house that sleeps up to 8 people. Situated on the side of a dune, offering a breathtaking view. The house is fully-equipped with outside braai (barbecue) facilities. A fully-equipped kitchen.
Mob: +27 82 914 8297
Email: dunevalleychalet@ikwazi.co.za

Dune Valley Chalet
GPS: 27.1667°; E 20.6667°
A self-catering chalet, with a lovely lounge, dining area and fully-equipped kitchen. It offers all the conveniences of home, plus an amazing view of the Kalahari. Sleeps up to 6 people.
Mob: +27 82 914 8297
Email: dunevalleychalet@ikwazi.co.za

Klipkloof Guesthouse
GPS: 26.985°; E 20.718°
Accommodation with breakfast and dinner served on request. Contact: Derek & Linda Dey. Tel: +27 53 472 6522
Email: derekd@vtriger.co.za

Kalahari Info and Test Camp
GPS: 26.983°; E 20.713°
Accommodation in various family chalets. The chalets are fully equipped for self-catering and offer a private, tranquil atmosphere.
Contact: Vinkie. Tel: +27 74 934 5745
Email: vinkie84@gmail.com

Ysaghal Game Lodge
GPS: 27.132°; E 20.598°
Accommodation in five bandas. The bandas are fully equipped for self-catering and offer a peaceful, tranquil atmosphere.
Contact: Rene & Tobie. Tel: +27 82 330 6762 or +27 72 437 6969
Email: renen@reens.co.za

Loch Broom Paradyse Lodge
GPS: 26.876°; E 20.675°
A unique and South African experience in the Kalahari that is comfortable and equipped with all the luxuries.
Contact: Marene Bailey. Tel: +27 82 272 0760
Email: lochbroomparadyse@gmail.com

Kalahari Sands Guesthouse
GPS: 26.995°; E 20.72°
Offers accommodation in rooms with self-catering facilities. The rooms are fully equipped with all the necessary amenities.
Email:Lasleen@ksgh.co.za

Asashm Post Office Guesthouse
GPS: 26.88°; E 20.72°
Self-catering accommodation. Options are three acute rooms or a family bedroom that sleeps up to five people. Both options are fully equipped and have a mosquito net.
Contact: Johannes 031 3461 237
Email: info@asashm.co.za

Boomsmanrus Grass Huts
GPS: 26.960°; E 20.770°
Boomsmanrus Grass Hut is located in a small kloof situated outside Rietfontein and offers a traditional San homestead experience.
Contact: Elmaré Wykerd. Tel: +27 82 230 0611
Email: elmaward@gmail.com

Aunt Koera’s Farm Kitchen
GPS: 28.059°; E 21.026°
A unique and South African experience in the Kalahari that is comfortable and equipped with all the luxuries.
Contact: Magdalena Steenkamp. Tel: +27 73 888 4836
Email: magdalena.steenkamp@gmail.com

Kgalagadi Lodge
GPS: 26.513°; E 20.625°
A unique and South African experience in the Kalahari that is comfortable and equipped with all the luxuries.
Contact: Sipho. Tel: +27 54 511 0025
Email: vinkie84@gmail.com

Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
GPS: 26.943°; E 20.665°
The area covered by the route extends north of Upington in the Northern Cape province of South Africa into the Transfrontier Park. This park straddles the South Africa-Namibia border. The route incorporates the first formally declared Transfrontier Conservation Area in Africa, the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. This park straddles the South Africa-Namibia border and is one of the largest conservation areas in the world.

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Every July around 50 cyclists ranging in age from 7 to 75 years old take to the R360 road between Askham and Upington in the Kalahari. Some ride solo, while others cycle in pairs or small groups. The event is called the Woestyntrap Annual Cycle Ride.

The cycle ride is not a competition. It is open to everyone and aims to promote cycling as a healthy and enjoyable pastime.

The ride starts from Askham and ends at Upington. The distance covered is approximately 200 km.

Safety reminders for cyclists:
- Wear high-visibility clothing and carry a reflective light.
- Ride in a group whenever possible.
- Stay on the shoulder when cycling.
- Keep a safe distance from trucks and other larger vehicles.

For more information, contact the Bushman Council at info@khomanisan.com or visit their website at www.khomanisan.com

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Climate and weather: The Kalahari is a desert. Daytime temperatures can be extremely high and occasionally exceed 50°C (122°F). It is advisable to take the usual precautions.

Distances and roads: The distances that you will travel in the Kalahari are long. Roads are sandy and often become impassable during high seasonal rains. It is advisable to travel during the winter months, from May to August.

Finances: Many shops in the smaller towns along the Kalahari offer a variety of goods, freshly prepared by the owners. Here travellers can enjoy the best coffee shop drinks and home-baked goods, freshly prepared by the owners.

LOCAL EVENTS

Kalahari Desert Festival
Every February, the Kalahari Desert Festival is held. It is a unique event that celebrates the beauty and diversity of the Kalahari.
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Kgalagadi Annual Cycle Ride
Every year, cyclists from around the world cycle from Upington to Rietfontein, towards the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park.
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