



A NUDE VACATION OF A LIFETIME



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John Shaw, his wife Susan Payne, and good friend Diane Brosious live full time at Lake Como. They all like to travel and often go on trips together. They are all in their mid-to-late 70's and John and Susan are former owners of Cedar Creek Park Nudist Resort in South Carolina.

Last fall we (John Shaw, Diane Brosious, and Susan Payne) were talking about taking a trip to Africa for a safari. We contacted various travel groups to get some ideas of what to see and the cost. Not long after we started the search we heard about Joxilox, a nude travel provider in South Africa, from our nude travel provider Castaways Travel, The Woodlands, Texas. John contacted them and we started planning. Our trip was for 22 days. Joxilox basically made the tour to fit our desires. Our trip included six game drives, two animal sanctuaries, four nudist/naturist resorts, and more. It was full board and we were responsible for beverages.

We flew into Johannesburg and were met at the airport by Athol (Lofty) Lutge and Amanda Foster, the owners of Joxilox. After a 90-minute drive we arrived at Sun Eden Naturist Park. We stayed in the Pixie Palace, a 2-bedroom/2-bath house with an amazing thatched roof. This was basically our home base for the next three weeks. We would stay there between travels to other areas. Lofty and/or Amanda



accompanied us to all of the places we visited.

At breakfast the first morning we met our fellow travelers, couples from Australia, England, and Sweden. Our group of nine would be together for the first two weeks of our adventure. We were instructed to pack a small bag with enough clothes for three days. After breakfast we drove to Lauma Aurora, a naturist camping area. While driving we saw giraffes along the road and couldn't figure out why they didn't slow down for us to photograph them. Lauma Aurora was rustic and very welcoming. We had individual cabins. There were 12 cabins so they could accommodate up to 24 people. There was a small pool with a lounging





area and a wonderful fire pit where we met in the evenings. The owners did all the cooking for us. You ate what was prepared. The challenge for the owners is load sharing. There is a period every day when the government of South Africa turns off the electricity for hours at a time. Breakfast and dinner times were scheduled around this and we were all given flashlights when darkness fell. On the second day we lounged around the campground and had a braai (barbecue) for dinner. The owners were a wonderful, friendly couple and the food was great.

Up and traveling again after breakfast. On our way to Kiepersolklouf Sun Village we stopped at an elephant



sanctuary and stopped for lunch at an old railroad depot restaurant. Kiepersolklouf is a beautiful park operated as a co-op. We had a cabin with two bedrooms. There are cabins, but most of the visitors arrive in caravans (campers). The members cooked meals for us. Again, it was local food. Susan went for a hike on the property, Di sunbathed at the pool, and John rested.

We returned to Sun Eden for the weekend. It has a nice restaurant where we ate our meals, a lovely swimming pool, and beautiful grounds with wild animals roaming. There was a special Valentine's Dinner on Saturday night and a dance. They generally have a dance twice a month.

Off and traveling again. This time to Bird of Paradise Nativist Resort. Again the owners cooked for us. We had local food including milva for dessert. While there we took

a riverboat ride for lunch. The owners arranged it so you could be nude on the boat. They supplied sarongs for the trip to the river. This place had beautiful landscaping, a small pool, excellent food, and comfortable rooms. They are building more rooms and have a caravan area. We spent two nights here and then returned to Sun Eden with stops at a Cultural Center and African market.

Now we start the game drive part of the trip. We went to Dinokeng Game Reserve. The vehicles were modified



pickup trucks that held three rows of seating. There was a roof, but no windows. We saw so many giraffes that we realized why we didn't slow down earlier. We saw warthogs, impala (many of these), and more. The second game drive left at 4:15 a.m. We viewed black rhinos, lions, giraffes, zebras, elephants, and jackals. Being a tourist in South Africa is hard work!

We said our goodbyes to six of our fellow travelers over the weekend and now it is just Diane, John, and Susan with Lofty and Amanda. The next location for game drives was in Pilanesberg. We stayed at the Valley View Hotel (the only textile location during our entire trip). The owner was a retired executive chef and our host. As you can imagine, the food was excellent. At 6 a.m. we started our



game drive. We saw a crash (large group) of black rhinos, a single white rhino, wildebeest, more animals, and a journey (large group) of giraffes. On our afternoon game drive we saw lots of zebras, elephants, plus many animals we had already seen.

Back to Sun Eden. We spent the afternoon at a lion and cheetah sanctuary. The animals have been rescued from various locations and are well cared for by professionals. The white lions were especially beautiful.

Now the highlight of our game drives. We had a very scenic drive to Kruger National Park and stayed in a 3-bedroom/3-bathroom house in Merloth Park. It was isolated so we could be nude. Amanda brought food pellets to put in the yard. So we had impalas, warhogs, and more about 20 feet from us.

4:30 a.m. was our first game drive. IT WAS COLD. We were wearing sweatshirts and jackets and wrapped in blankets. We saw a dazzle (large group) of zebras and more animals that we can list. We did get between a mother elephant and her baby. She started running toward our game drive vehicle. On our second 4:30 a.m. safari we saw a leopard up close and a herd of Cape Buffalo. We were able to see and photograph all the Big Five.

Back to Sun Eden to relax before flying home. The combination of nude resorts and game drives made this a trip of a lifetime. Thank you, Castaways Travel, for referring us to Joxilox. ●

