



The Living Museum of the Mafwe

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 program offered is interactive, because the Mafwe enjoy it when visitors try to weave a traditional net or taste some of the traditionally prepared meals



Three Benefits: The Mafwe benefit in three ways from their work as actors in the Museum.

Firstly it is a source of income for the villagers who are dependant on subsistence farming and struggling with poverty. Now the Living Museum as well as the craftshop provide the people of Singalamwe with an income!

Furthermore, the Mafwe get in contact with their origins and face the loss of their original values. The Living Museum allows the Mafwe to profit from their traditional skills. The Mafwe have found a reason to actively retain their cultural identity. Once again they are practicing their ancient skills that were disappearing and are passing them on to new generations. So the Living Museum functions as a school for history and culture.

Last but not least the Living Museum offers an active intercultural exchange. In the scope of the Living Museum a lot of people get in contact with the culture of the Mafwe and begin to understand what makes this unique culture so special. In turn the guests of the museum give the Mafwe self-confidence and also the youngest take pride in their culture.

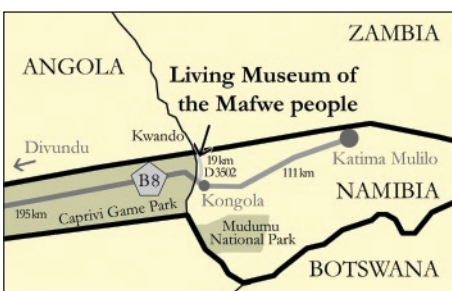


Program 2009

1. Short Program: You will get an introduction into our traditional life and you will learn a bit about our historic craftsmanship. Follow us on a short bushwalk and enjoy the singing and dancing afterwards. (1,5 - 2 h, N\$ 120,- / person).

2. Spend a day with us: Experience the daily routine in our traditional life by joining us for a whole day. Try to make fire, stamp the mahangu and taste our traditional food. You will learn about some of our traditional craftsmanship (weaving, forging an arrow point, making jewellery, bows, arrows, spears, ...). Follow us on a bushwalk and get an impression about how we used to hunt and fish. Enjoy the evening around our camp fire with singing, dancing and games. (4 - 5 h; N\$ 250,- / person)

3. Our present village: Meet our friendly people on a guided walk through our modern village and see how we live today. (1,5 - 2 h; N\$ 75,- / person).



The Living Museum is supported and recommended by the Living Culture Foundation Namibia (LCFN), a German-Namibian NGO, which helps people in communal areas to benefit from Tourism.

More information about the LCFN and the Mafwe Living Museum you will find on our website:

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