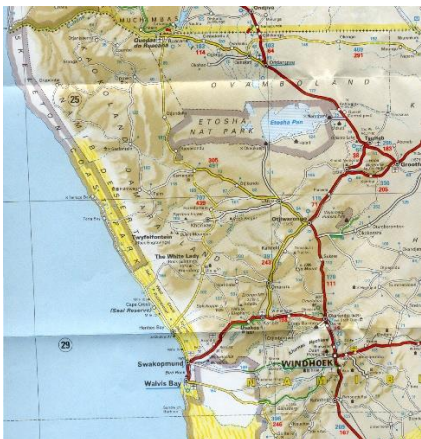


Our son Frank was in the Peace Corps in Namibia, Africa, from 2000 to 2002. My adventure was visiting Frank in Namibia in 2002. Donna chose to stay home. I left home in Las Cruces, NM on Sunday May 12, 2002 and got home again on May 21, 2002. It was a week of many experiences.

1. On the advice of Frank, I packed one briefcase (personal items) and one carry-on (clothes). At El Paso check-in they insisted I check the carry-on as luggage. That was the last I ever saw it. Upon arriving in Windhoek (capital of Namibia) Frank and I went to a modern department store where I purchased a new ensemble of clothes. I still have shirt, hat, etc.
2. We rented a Toyota 4x4 (steering wheel on the right and drive on the left side of the road) at the airport and drove over 2,600 km. (1,600 mi.) in 5 days. About half of that distance was dirt road but we could cruise along a 120 km/hr on well-pave roads. Traffic was light except in the capital city. I had to get used to occasional security checks along the main highways. But, we had no problem.
3. We toured along the coast (very desolate) and turned to the interior. There were “tourist resorts” at strategic intervals and we were able to view lots of native wildlife. At one remote location, Frank and I had a late night walk in the desert where we discussed “important issues of life.” I could not imagine doing that with my father. I’m very proud of what Frank is and does.
4. At one preserve we (tourists) were able to stand on a cliff overlooking a waterhole (say 100 feet across) visited by copious wildlife. Elephants “ruled the roost.” A rhino family approached but were confronted by the (bully) elephants. The rhino “father” with his big horn stood his ground in the face of a charging bull elephant with ears flapping and nostrils flaring. The standoff was a dramatic illustration of courage. In the end, the rhinos waited patiently until the elephants left. Then they enjoyed unfettered access to the waterhole.
5. Frank taught school in a small remote village and lived with a host family in a separate hut. For more information and pictures, see www.globalcogo.com/Africa.html.



Map of Namibia



Food Preparation



Accommodations