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culture, rich frontier history and activities to suit every adrenaline junkie's taste. From hiking and 4x4 amongst some of the most unique flora in the world.

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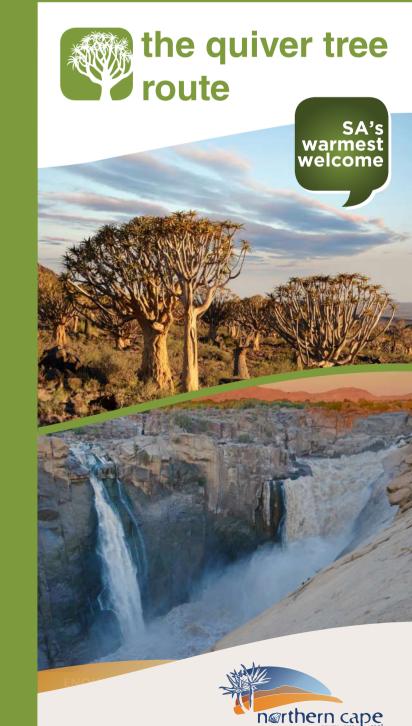
The famous Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park extends across much of the Kalahari Desert and is a popular attraction for those looking for an escape into the silence of a wide horizons and open spaces interrupted only by the cry of the African fish eagle or roar of a Kalahari Lion.

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AUGRABIES

This small farming town is the gateway to the magnificent Augrabies Falls, which lies on the mighty Orange River some 25km away. The 28 000ha Augrabies Falls National Park was established in 1966, and the name is derived from the Khoi word 'aukurabis', which means "place of great noise". The pool at the bottom of the falls has many myths and legends surrounding it, and while it is virtually impossible to get to, it is mythically believed to contain a massive amount of diamonds. Another legend that surrounds the pool is that it is home to a giant river monster.

The falls are an awesome sight to behold, as the water thunders down into the 18km abyss of the Orange River Gorge. The river drops 191m, which makes it one of the largest cataract type waterfalls in the world. Besides the magnificent and thunderous falls, visitors can see colourful lizards basking on the rocks and other interesting wildlife.

Many tourists travel through Keimoes en route to and from Gauteng and Cape Town. Travellers are initially drawn by the Tierberg and the Water Wheel, but little do they realise that this lush green town in the semi desert consists of more than 120 islands – with people actually living on most of them!

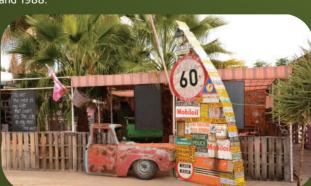
Keimoes boasts a rich and lively history. When one uses some imagination, it is easy to picture the Korana Chiefs Klaas Lukas and Piet Rooi who used to hide with up to 10,000 stolen livestock on the island maze in the 19th century. That explains the apt name of one of the koppies - Loerberg. Directly translated this means "Mountain from where one can peep". The completion of the first water channels in 1883 led to the rapid growth of the settlement.

The first school opened in 1887, and the Mission Church and a mill were completed in 1889. Many battles were fought during the first and second Korana Wars with the government forces using canons with great success. Hence, other names like Kanoneiland and Skanskopeiland, meaning 'Canon Island' and 'Barricade Hill Island' respectively came about. Coming and going on the island is dependent on the whims of the Orange River and its varying water levels.

One of the milestones in the history of Keimoes is the installation of a pont at Milldrift in 1907 and Rooikop Island in 1910. From early on grape farming was the backbone of agriculture in and around Keimoes. In the early 1900s the town was known for its "Keimoesblits" - an infamous liquor with an even more infamous kick – distilled from hanepoot and crystal grapes.

The islands are linked by a network of suspension bridges. The pupils of Klip Island School have to cross such a bridge every day to get to class; quite a nervewracking experience when the river is in flood. At one stage, sixty of these bridges provided the necessary connection for farmers to bring their produce to the markets. If one takes into account that such a bridge can only bear 100 pounds of weight at one stage, it becomes clear that farming and transport of goods between the islands must have been no easy task. The first documented export of produce from Keimoes was for 2000 cases of oranges in 1927.

Today, Keimoes is a prime source of table grapes exported to Europe. Floods have been part of everyday life for the people of Keimoes. Most memorable were the floods of 1925, 1934, 1974



KANONEILAND

Kanoneiland is a beautiful settlement in the Northern Cape situated on the largest inland island in the gorgeous Orange River Valley, and is the biggest river settlement in the country. Kanoneiland gets its name from the days of combat when Koranna river pirates under the leadership of Klaas Pofadder lived on the island and hid in the dense foliage. In 1879 the island was attacked by a small cannon for a number of days by a force of 80 policemen under Captain Dyason. In response, the Korannas built their own cannon from a hollow aloe stem. They loaded this with gunpowder and when they fired, it exploded and killed six Koranna. The cannon used by the Cape Field Artillery can still be seen today in front of the old school building.

In 1928, a group of 52 private settlers began to clear this beautiful island for cultivation. The irrigation scheme in the area supports the lush vineyards that are truly glorious to encounter. In winter, the island can hardly be seen and looks like a series of vineyards on dry land. However, when it is rainy season, the water levels rise quite considerably and the islanders often have to put up barrages to prevent the water from flooding the island. Fortunately, the residential parts have been built on the highest parts of the island and the islanders' homes are generally safe.



The town of Kenhardt is situated 75km south of Keimoes on the R27 towards Brandvlei and Calvinia. Kenhardt is situated along the Hartbees River, which is a tributary of the Orange River.

The origin of the name 'Kenhardt' is obscure, but it is known that the town started as a police outpost in December 1868. It was the result of a special magistrate and a company of 50 mounted police was to protect white farmers from cattle rustlersand Koranna Khoe raiders, the original inhabitants of the land. For many years the village of Kenhardt was the most remote settlement in the north-western Cape Colony. A church was established by the Dutch Reformed Church in 1889.

Kenhardt's main economic activity is sheep farming (dorpers and karakul), but wheat is cultivated along the courses of the Hartbees, Sak and Olifants Rivers

In 1870, a Hottentot chieftain called Klaas Lucas, realising the value of being able to read and write, and knowing that the missionaries could help his people acquire these skills, appealed for the establishment of a mission station at Olyfenhoutsdrift (ford at the olivewood trees). The Reverend Christiaan Schröder was sent up from Cape Town, and permission to establish the Olyfenhoudsdrift Mission was secured from Klaas Pofadder, who claimed ownership of the area. The foundations were laid in 1873

Pioneer settlers such as Japie Lutz and the Reverend Schröder were quick to realise the irrigation possibilities along the Orange River. They hand dug the first irrigation canals in 1880 and some of them are still in use today. Since then, the once small mission station has grown rapidly and become the commercial, agricultural and educational centre of the Gordonia district, today known as Upington. The district was named after Sir Gordon Sprigg, a former prime minister of the Cape Colony. Upington is an oasis surrounded by the harsh Kalahari landscape; a fertile place that offers travellers a peaceful and pleasant stopover.

Upington is surrounded by vast red-orange sand plains and semi-desert, and through it runs the lush Orange River valley. More than ten percent of South Africa's vineyards, or 23.5 million vines, are cultivated along the lower Orange River. Upington can best be described as a Kalahari Town and an 'emerald oasis' on the banks of South Africa's biggest River.

Upington is not only the gateway to the main attractions of the Kalahari region, but also has its own gems that make it more of a destination than a stopover.

KAKAMAS

Kakamas developed as a town between the late 1800s and early 1900s. It was a time of war and world depression and the bitterly poor people from the surrounding areas came to the church in Kakamas forhelp. They were offered the option to trade their labour for food. Canals had already been built in the near-by town of Upington and a similar project wasproposed for



It was found that, at Neusberg (meaning 'Nose Mountain', as it resembles a nose) about 10km from Kakamas, the river's course was such that, if a canal was built, the water would flow automatically, doing away with the need for pumps. Work began on the furrows - men, women and children dug relentlessly, manually. Often, the people would work at night to escape the intense heat of the day.

Two canals or furrows were eventually completed, called the South and the North canals. During construction of the North canal, however, it became obvious that two tunnels would have to be built to maintain a gradient that facilitated the automatic water flow. Japie Lütz, from Upington, did the calculations and laid down the necessary measurements. Eventually, the two tunnels were

Amazingly, they were both excavated from either side and met precisely – an impressive feat given it was achieved without the use of modern equipment. These hand-dug tunnels, one of them an impressive 160m long, are still in use and have been declared national monuments. A small settlement in the area, Lutzburg, is named after the self-trained engineer who designed the tunnels.

Once the canals and tunnels had been constructed, it was possible for the people to begin farming. A number of water wheels (some still in use today) were built to lift the water from the canals into pipes for distribution into the fields. The community began planting food crops, and then expanded operations to include grapes. Originally it was mainly raisin grapes being produced in the area, but these days the area is renowned for its seedless table grapes and its wines. Because it is so warm in the area, the grapes ripen early and the crops can receive good prices in northernhemisphere markets. In the 1960s, the state took over the control of the canals from the church. The land was divided and private people could acquire it.

The first hydroelectric scheme in South Africa was also started in Kakamas – at a place where the North canal dropped rapidly in elevation. This hydroelectric station is no-longer working, but the building at the scheme and the Egyptian-style transformer building in Kakamas town can still be visited. The two canals were eventually lined with cement in the 1990s.

Riemvasmaak (pronounced 'rim fus maack') means 'tighten the strap' or 'tied with straps'. Early in the 1900s, the Bushmen who also lived in the area stole the community's stock animals. These stock thieves were caught and tied to a large rock in the Molopo River with thongs or straps (called 'rieme' in Afrikaans). When the community people came to fetch the thieves the next morning, all they found were the straps left lying on the rocks. From then as the 'Riemvasmaakers'.

The Riemvasmaak Ecotourism Project is a community- based project, started with the aim to provide work for the locals and to open the fascinating area for tourism. Besides the interesting name of the area, the region has an interesting history

