

## AVIATOR TOUR REFERENCES – FLIGHTSEEING

**From Peter Baron, UK based Private Pilot. Self Piloting 'Flight-seeing Safari Tours'.**

### **SA and Namibia Tour 2008**

Calvin, I've been meaning to write more or less since stepping off the plane at Heathrow, but so many things get in the way. No matter how bad it gets at work though, I just have to flick to the selection of pictures I keep on my PC and I can feel the calm setting in again. I have to keep telling everyone who sees them that no filters were used and no retouching done: the country really is that colour, and we really were that close to the animals.

Thank you once again for bespoking such a fantastic trip. I've put some of the pictures on Facebook.

Something else I came back from South Africa with is a taste for Pinotage wines. They're not so widely available over here, but the outfit I buy most of my wine from has two: Drakenskloof and Stanford Hills Jacksons. You being the subject matter expert here, I'd value your opinion of them. I won't tell you the price we have to pay for them over here, it's enough to make a grown man cry.

Love to Wendy and my best to Charlie.

With best wishes, Peter

**From Robert Bernardout, UK Private Pilot. Self Piloting 'Flight-seeing Safari Tours'.**

**SA, Namibia, Zambia Tour 2005**

So, without further ado let me straight away offer sincere thanks, on behalf of the whole group, for the marvelous expedition you organized for us. I already knew we could not achieve this kind of trip unaided and in turning to you for help, hoped that we could avail ourselves of your own knowledge and expertise in the field to achieve our aims and aspirations. You have not failed us.

Your recommendations, planning and professionalism throughout – in addition, I have no doubt, to a huge amount of effort on our behalf behind the scenes – have ensured a flying safari that in most cases, has met expectations whilst in others has far exceeded them. We have memories to treasure, for which everyone is extremely grateful.

Notwithstanding our initial apprehension in undertaking the tour 'escorted', I must say it was a pleasure having Charlie, Marguerite and John with us, indeed, they proved their worth on more than one occasion. In particular Charlie's daily briefings were well informed and appreciated greatly. So, again, a big thank you to all three.

In terms of 'plus' points, so many, we loved the rough landing strips and their locations right next to the lodges, the varied terrain and delightful people of Namibia, all the escorted tours/safaris, the wonderful sun rises and sun sets, the utter peacefulness at dawn and dusk each day. Must also mention the practical arrangements already in place in terms of initial licensing/check rides in Centurion and subsequent daily collections and transfers throughout the trip, all first class.

All having been said and done, our conclusion? Huge success, a real privilege, a wonderful and unforgettable experience.

On behalf of Jean-Pierre, Linda, Philippa, Margaret, Guy and Dave, let me offer sincere and grateful thanks, you certainly came up trumps for us, easily meeting all expectations of your service.

I very much hope we find the opportunity to work together again in the not too distant future.

Robert.