



THE GIARDINO EXPERIENCE – a celebration of life’s best facets

Dear Customer

Swakopmund in Namibia is my home of choice, a delightful spot, which God must have created on a Sunday!

It was love at first sight while on holidays from Switzerland, a spontaneous feeling of having found warmth, shelter and the joy of living. Opening a guest house in 1999 was my tribute to this unique place motivated by the wish to share with visitors the enchantment to be found in the Mediterranean flair, the Swiss cuisine à-la-Namibia, in the marvellous wines from South Africa and other delectable products from the region.

The success of the Giardino concept is dedicated to my staff and all those people whose support, friendship and hospitality contributed to making my dream come true.

I hope that our guests experience the feeling of being just a little closer to heaven, too!

The Giardino is a holiday resort in a class of its own, providing a casually-relaxed seaside adventure at a high standard. We would like our guests to be not only satisfied but enthusiastic. Uninhibited enjoyment is the foundation of our vision of a happy and meaningful holiday experience.

We aim for realising our vision in all we do: We are young and cheerful; we offer the extraordinary in first-class style. Boundless freedom! No “must” here, instead, everything is offered on a modular basis, i.e. guests only pay for what they make use of.

Our distinguishing features? We enjoy providing hospitality and are well aware that progressively-thinking people prefer to spend holidays in a friendly and unconventional atmosphere. We promote ZEITGEIST, FUN AND FREEDOM in an EASY-GOING way.

“Hospitality with a touch of ♥” is our slogan - the Giardino being the most extravagant, innovative, and out-of-the-ordinary guest establishment with Swiss charisma in Namibia. We cater for our guests with pleasure and professionalism, our visitors being the focal point at all times. A personal, discrete, and agreeable style sets us as much apart, as our motto: “We listen to your wishes!” Here, the soul may still roam free!

The Giardino’s outward appearance blends in with the typical architectural style of Swakopmund’s historic buildings. Much consideration went into the ecological impact of structures and operations, making ours one of the first eco-friendly guest establishments in Namibia. The generous use of natural materials, growing herbs and lettuce in our own garden, the use of re-fill soap containers, and recycling as much of the kitchen waste as possible were just a few of the many decisions resulting from these efforts.

Our garden runs along the entire length of the building that houses the guest rooms and public areas. When entering the premises from the street, visitors are greeted by a green oasis complete with rose bushes, indigenous shrubs, Feng Shui fountain, goldfish pond, and not to forget ... by our PR Manager-on-four-paws, my canine companion, who is a thorough-bred Bernice Mountain Dog with a heart as big as his huge body and a soul as

soft as his black-and-tan fur. He loves mingling with our guests, to be taken on walks, and posing for photo shoots.

With the abundance of desert attractions and sand dunes in our greater environment, it's a delightful change to spend time in our lovely garden. Even though a cool sea breeze might be sweeping along the beaches and streets of Swakopmund, the sun is so pleasantly warm in the shelter of the greenery or in the gazebo that enjoying a glass of wine or an expertly-served beer while reading a book becomes an experience to cherish.

On the inside of the Giardino, the atmosphere is light and airy, with a double-volume central public area and open spaces to move around easily, accentuated by the odd nook and cranny containing some interesting feature. Off-white painted walls contrast with dark and yellowish-brown wood, as well as table cloths and upholstery in rich colours.

The attention to detail continues in the bedrooms where cuddly down-feather duvets keep our guests warm even on the chilliest of nights when thick fog dripping with moisture moves inland from the Atlantic Ocean, sustaining the lives of all those unique desert-dwelling creatures and plants found just beyond the town's boundaries. Other conveniences include a small lounge area with two comfy chairs, a table and a selection of travel magazines, a hair dryer fitted next to the dressing table, direct-dial telephone, power points for South African/Namibian 3-pin and standard European 2-pin plugs, a wall-fitted electrical heater, individually controlled bed-side lamps and a modern bathroom en-suite equipped with shower, hand basin and toilet, in each of the rooms.

Only one of our rooms is double-bedded because most of our European customers prefer twin beds, while another room on the upper floor features a king-size bed. A total of three rooms are found on the ground floor, - giving guests direct access to the garden -, with another four located immediately above these.

A large Family/Honeymoon room on the upper floor of another part of the building features twin-beds and a double bed sleeping a total of four guests, a lounge-style sitting area, and a spacious luxury bathroom with numerous amenities.

All upstairs rooms are accessible via staircases only.

In the public areas, guests find big collections of great books (another passion of mine) on the country, its people, on wine and food, also videos, magazines, guide books and maps of Namibia ... the simple and the complex; it's all at their fingertips to enjoy. Likewise freely accessible are brochures on a wide range of activities and excursions on offer in the Swakopmund area. There are desert excursions, marine cruises on the Walvis Bay Lagoon, a Welwitschia drive, Sandwich Harbour, quad biking, sand boarding, museums, art galleries, concerts and many other things to do and see.

Apart from the TV Lounge situated next to reception, where many guests love to gather for socialising, there is a quiet and secluded yet open lounge area on the upper floor level for those who prefer reading, having a chat, and using our guest computer in private.

The heart of the Giardino is the Enoteca Wine Restaurant complemented by the Bistro, the cosy Grotto, our walk-in wine cellar, and a bar stocked with mostly imported, high-quality beverages. Guests get enthusiastic again and again about our delicious meals and marvellous Cape wines.

We will keep you updated on developments as they happen, and if you have not yet experienced Sam's Giardino yourself yet, then there are plenty of good reasons to finally take that trip to Swakopmund!

We welcome enquiries from booking agents for educational visits, too!

Kind regards

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