



As I look back on the trip and share some of my photographs, I am reminded that not only did I learn how to take better photos, share a special time with my lady and friends, I learned yet another of life's lessons. As a kid we were always lectured to be happy with what we have and not yearn for better appearing things on the other side of the preverbal fence. Yes indeed something's are greener on my side of the fence and I have the life and some photos to document it.

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In September—October, 2013, we found ourselves in Namibia & Botswana with a group of professional photographers enjoying the sights, sounds, and camera click traveling in one of the most unique countries in Africa. Visits to the giant big red sand dunes along the skeleton coast, to the open desert and parks and finally floating the Okavango rivers, we burned up digital camera chip space with birds, mammals, reptiles and landscapes. Up early and staying late to see the sweet light at dawn and dusk, our days were full and the nights shortened by downloading photos and keeping track of what we saw. Down right special trip!



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The trip was well researched, well planned, well coordinated, and executed without flaw. The master plan to work and photograph the known locations of interest from a bulky hard-riding bus traveling over 2,000 kilometers did result in quality photos. The price was fair and affordable the information flow proved remarka-

bly consistent and detailed, and the people experienced and compatible. Details of travel plans, money exchange, camera gear and appropriate clothing and customs were well thought out and provided in more than enough time to pack and travel wisely. The tour company did provide some additional



see the animals, but understand their environment and behavior. Our leaders, wildlife biologist and world respected photographers ensured this was not just a safari, but rather a unique priceless blend of great photography, animal behavior, and a cultural experience.

My measure of success is having fun, learning, and coming home with splendid photos; we achieved all of that and more.



Toward the end of the trip, I glimpsed a t shirt worn under a morning jacket that proclaimed that sometimes it is greener on my side of the fence. Wow, I stopped for a moment as I soaked in the meaning .



Yikes, that is so true. There are a lot of things in my life that are more than ok, they are down right awesome. Grandchildren, life long partnern\ / dearest friend, a challenging profession that has been fun and rewarding, and friends. More things too.