



TAKE BETTER PHOTOS IN NAMIBIA

5 Secrets To
**STUNNING WILDLIFE &
LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHS**
In Namibia

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IT'S NO COINCIDENCE ...

AMAZING WILDLIFE & LANDSCAPE PHOTOS
USUALLY **DON'T HAPPEN BY CHANCE.**

THEY HAPPEN WHEN

- THOROUGH PREPARATION
- INSIDER KNOWLEDGE
- CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY &
- PERFECT TIMING

MEET IN A SINGLE MOMENT.

LET'S HELP YOU MAKE THIS MOMENT HAPPEN.



SECRET 1 - WHERE TO GO

Photo Hot Spots in Namibia

HOT SPOTS



NAMIBIA: COUNTLESS PHOTOGRAPHIC HOT SPOTS

It's for a good reason that Namibia has been featuring on the MUST-SEE list of every renowned and passionate nature photographer.

Wide open landscapes, untouched wilderness and rich fauna, including the African Big Five, make it a dream destination for anyone with an itch for capturing wild nature at its best.

The variety of scenery, including rough seascapes along the Atlantic ocean, endless sand dunes in the Namib Desert, African savannah in Etosha and riverine forests along the Kavango, offers grand possibilities.

Where will you go?

SO MANY CHOICES ...



- TIP 1: SELECT.** Namibia is a huge country. Trying to visit all hot spots in one visit is impossible, unless you stay months. It's best to pick your favorites and return for more later.
- TIP 2: STAY.** Visit for as long as you can, but for a minimum of two weeks, ideally three weeks or longer. We also recommend staying at least three nights at one photo destination to allow for repeat excursions into the area and a better chance for a variety of moods.
- TIP 3: PLAN.** Plan your travel time between overnight destinations generously – Namibia's gravel roads are slow – so that you arrive in time for your first sunset photo shoot.

Our resources to help you decide on your favorite places



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FEEL NAMIBIA – A TRAVEL GUIDE FOR THE SOUL

This free FREE ebook shows you '50 Ways to Feel & Experience the Magic of Namibia with All Your Senses'
[available on Amazon]

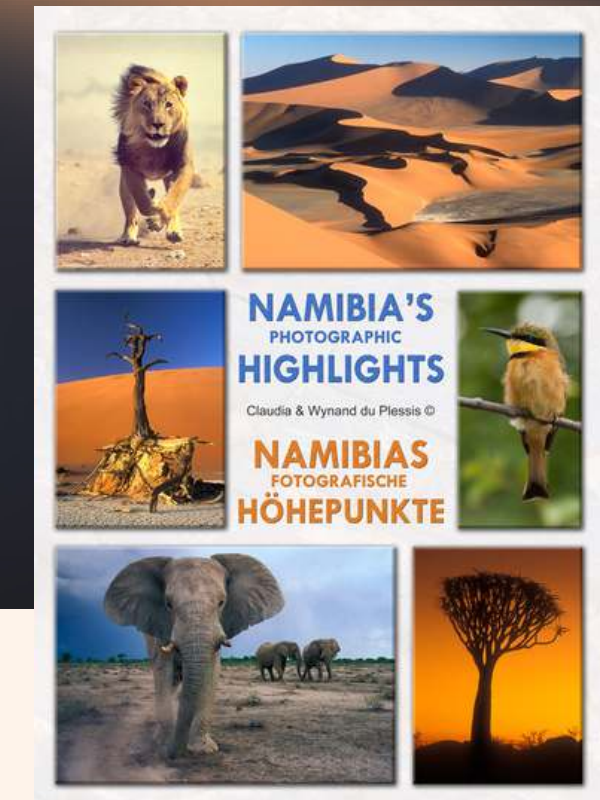
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NAMIBIA'S PHOTOGRAPHIC HIGHLIGHTS

A photographic guide about Namibia's best places to photograph – with overview maps & more than 200 images

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SECRET 2 - WHEN TO GO

The Right Season



DRY VS. RAINY SEASON

LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY

Namibia's grand landscapes are worthy of photography all year round.

The dry season with its intense heat, sharp sunlight and dryness reveals the wilderness at its hardest: extremely hot, dry, barren, even bleak. Playing with the natural elements visually offers many opportunities for captivating images. Reduced to an array of pure earth colors, the landscapes exude a special beauty, that especially the low light at sunrise and sunset brings out beautifully.

The rainy season on the other hand transforms Namibia's deserts into fairy lands, displaying soft pastel colors of beautiful grass carpets and flower beds. However, these transformations are difficult to predict as they occur very localized after isolated rain storms and last for a short period only.





WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY

Namibia's wildlife lives very much in accordance with the seasonal changes.

This is especially evident in the wildlife areas of Etosha and North-Eastern Namibia, where higher rainfall causes a dramatic change between the seasons.

The dry season in essence is a time of scarcity and survival, especially at the height of the dry season, between September and December. Then temperatures soar, plant food becomes scarce and thirst drives the wildlife daily to the permanent waterholes.

But with the onset of the rainy season, mostly in January, everything changes. Rain water pools and fresh grass draw the animals away from the permanent waterholes.

Consequently their daily movements, feeding behavior, drinking patterns and social interactions also change, as they make the most use of the abundance of food and water all around them.







RAINY SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

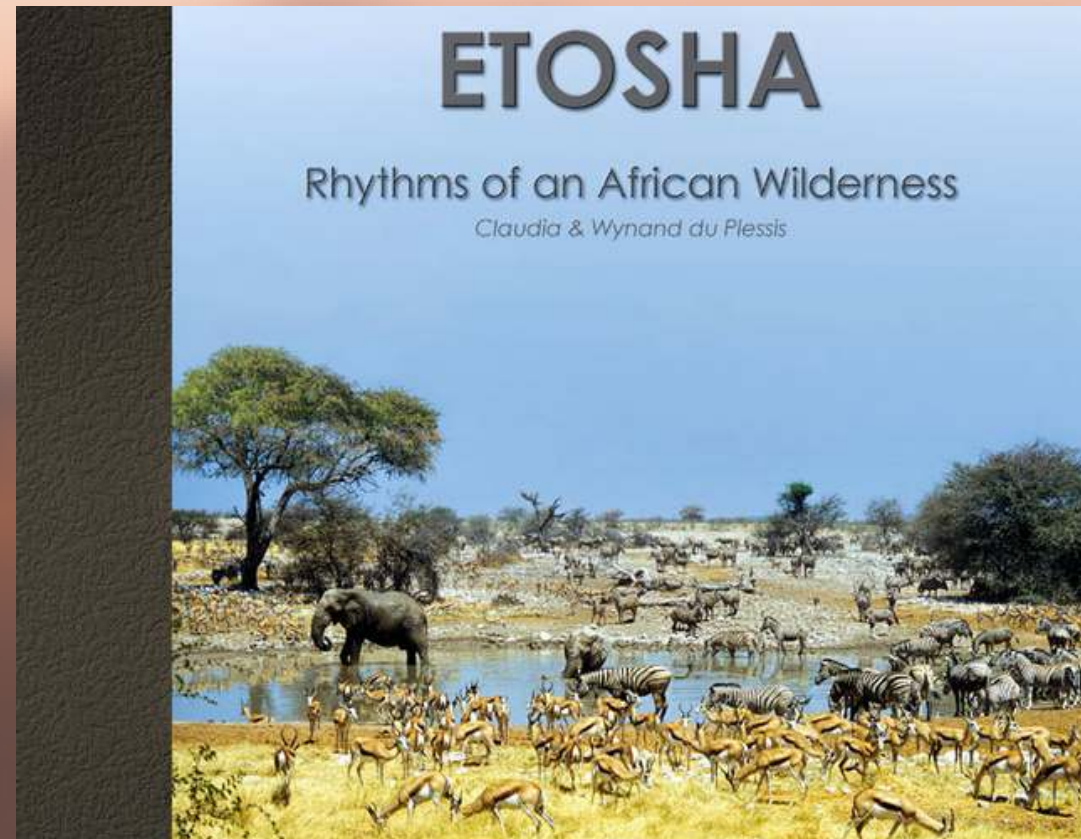
- ~ Spectacular storm clouds, storms and sunsets
- ~ Lush vegetation, grass and flowers
- ~ New life with lambs, foals, calves and pups
- ~ Large herds on green grass plains
- ~ Large flocks of migratory birds



DRY SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- ~ Blue sky, lots of sun, eternal 'summer feeling'
- ~ Large concentration of animals at waterholes
- ~ Elephant herds with young visit waterholes daily
- ~ Lion sightings close to waterholes
- ~ Atmospheric scenes with lots of dust

Our Resources to help you choose your best season



Etosha. Rhythms of an African Wilderness (Illustrated Book)

OUR COFFEE-TABLE BOOK TAKES YOU DEEP INTO THE WONDERS OF THIS AMAZING WILDLIFE PARADISE AND LEADS YOU THROUGH THE FASCINATING CHANGES BETWEEN THE SEASONS

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The background of the entire slide is a photograph of sand dunes in Namibia. The dunes are a warm, golden-brown color, and the lighting creates strong shadows, emphasizing their undulating shapes. A dark, shadowed area of a dune is prominent on the right side of the frame.

SECRET 3 - WHAT TO BRING

Essential Photo Gear

ESSENTIAL PHOTO GEAR

CAMERA

- Sturdy camera with
- ~ good image quality
- ~ fast autofocus esp. for wildlife
- ~ image stabilization / vibration reduction
- ~ dustproof camera bag

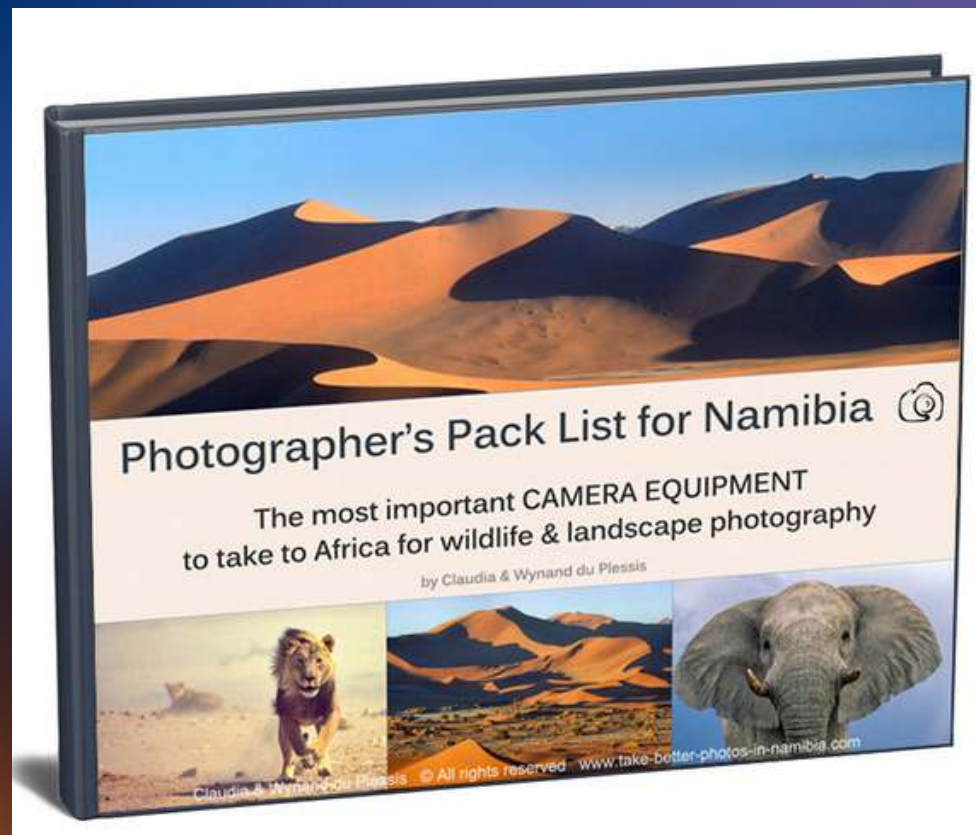
LENSES

- For landscape photography:
- ~ wide-angle (e.g. 16 – 35mm)
- ~ medium & long telephoto lenses
- For wildlife photography:
- ~ telephoto zoom lens of 100–400 mm (or longer)
- ~ standard or wide-angle lens (optional)

ACCESSORIES

- ~ memory cards (3 cards of ≥ 64 GB)
- ~ batteries (3 per camera)
- ~ battery charger
- ~ USB and charger cable
- ~ power adapter for Namibia
- ~ camera / lens cleaning stuff
- ~ laptop / external hard drives
- ~ beanbag (+ tripod optional)
- ~ binoculars

Our Resources to help you pack the right equipment



Photographer's Pack List For Namibia (eBook)

THE MOST IMPORTANT CAMERA GEAR TO
BRING TO AFRICA FOR WILDLIFE AND
LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY

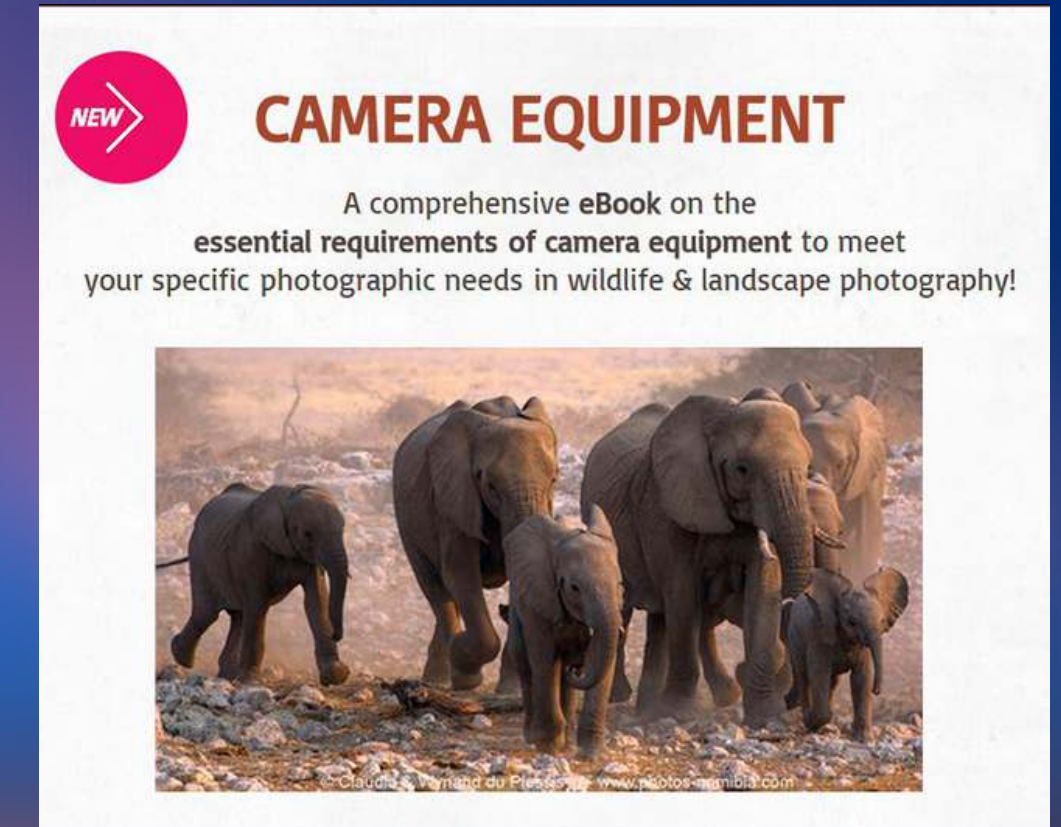
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Camera Equipment (eBook)

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS OF YOUR CAMERA
EQUIPMENT TO MEET YOUR SPECIFIC PHOTOGRAPHIC
NEEDS IN WILDLIFE AND LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY

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SECRET 4 - HOW TO SHOOT

Creative Photography



COMPOSING CREATIVELY



TIP 1: CREATING DEPTH.

Choose objects in your image with different heights or at different distances. This creates a sense of depth that allows the viewer a 3D experience.



TIP 2: CELEBRATING SHAPES.

The shapes of the Namib Desert never cease to amaze. By isolating a dune formation using a long telephoto lens, you can bring the focus solely on the beautiful shapes.



TIP 3: USING LINES.

Even in nature, such as here along the Atlantic coast, lines do occur. By using them creatively in your image, you can lead your viewer's eye into the image.

CREATING MAGICAL LIGHT



TIP 4: INTO THE LIGHT.

At sunrise the light has an orange cast. When you shoot into the light with the sun behind your subject, such as the vulture here, you can create stark silhouettes.



TIP 5: SUNSET MAGIC.

Stay ready to take photos after sunset. Sometimes the sky turns bright pink, especially when there is much dust or smoke from natural fires in the air.



TIP 6: REFLECTIONS.

You can use the sun's reflection off a water surface as your source of light. This creates beautiful silhouettes with an unusual back-light effect.

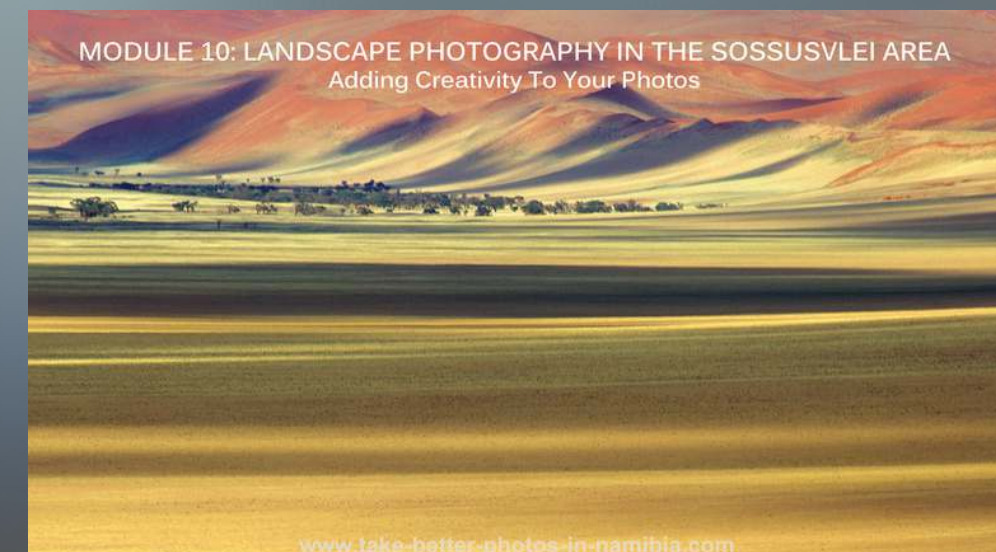
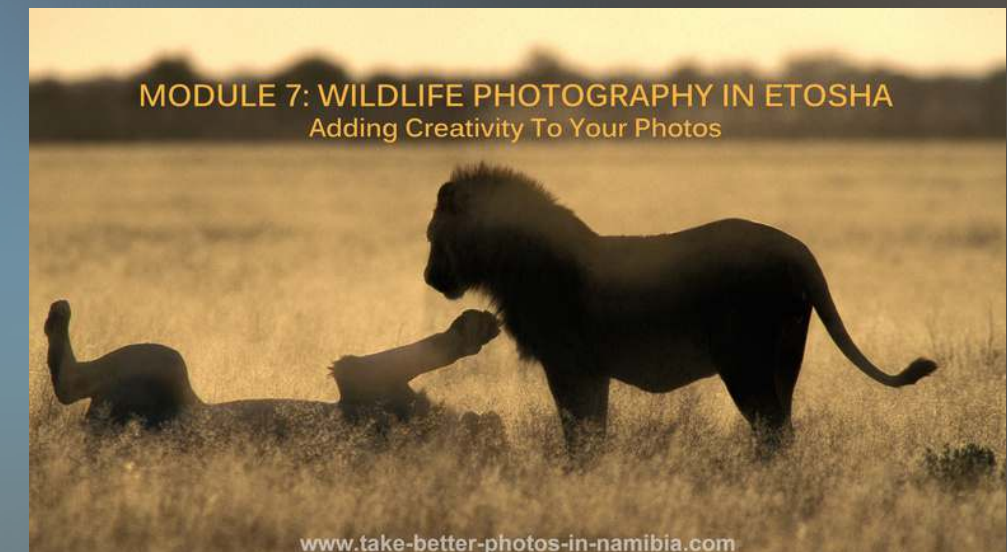
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Course modules about
photographing creatively

A close-up photograph of a lioness and her cub in a savanna environment. The lioness is on the left, her head lowered towards the cub on the right. The cub is looking up at the lioness with its mouth slightly open. The background is a soft-focus view of a savanna with green grass and a few trees under a warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

**SECRET 5 - RIGHT PLACE,
RIGHT TIME**

The Perfect Moment

BE WHERE THE ACTION IS



TIP 1: LIONS' PLAYGROUND.

Early morning and late afternoon are the times when lions are most active. When you also know where these super cats like to hang out at your time of visit, you've got the best chances for capturing unique moments in stunning images.



TIP 2: PIG FUN.

Knowing the wildlife's habits gives you an 'unfair' advantage. Warthogs for instance love mud baths at the hot times of year. Hanging out at their favorite mudhole will provide you with great photo opportunities.



TIP 3: ELLIE TENDERNESS.

At the hottest time of year elephant herds, including their tiny calves, visit the waterholes daily. When you wait at the best spots and focus your attention and camera on the little ones you'll capture beautiful images.

CAPTURE THE PERFECT MOMENT



TIP 4: YAWN HEAVEN.

Knowing lion behavior enables you to foresee when a lion is going to yawn. Repeated nose twitching and lip licking are signs, that a hearty yawn is imminent. Get ready and capture the perfect moment.



TIP 5: SQUIRREL SNACK.

The rainy season is also the time for baby squirrels. These cute rodents snack on fresh grass seeds quite openly next to the gravel roads, which allows you to observe and photograph them beautifully.

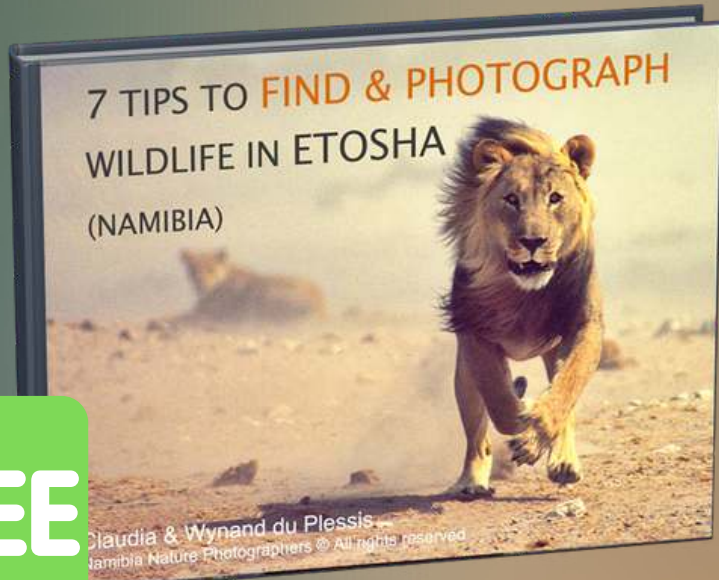


TIP 6: STRIPES ONLY.

In the dry season Burchell's zebras often line up nicely at the waterhole's edge to quench their thirst. When you position yourself well, you can also take this classical photograph.

Our Resources to help you capture the right moment

FREE



7 Tips to Find & Photograph
Wildlife in Etosha (eBook)

FREE ebook with insider tips

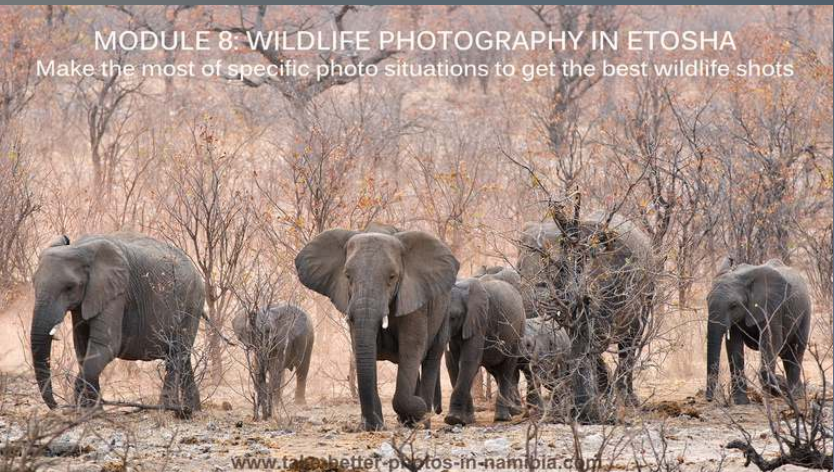
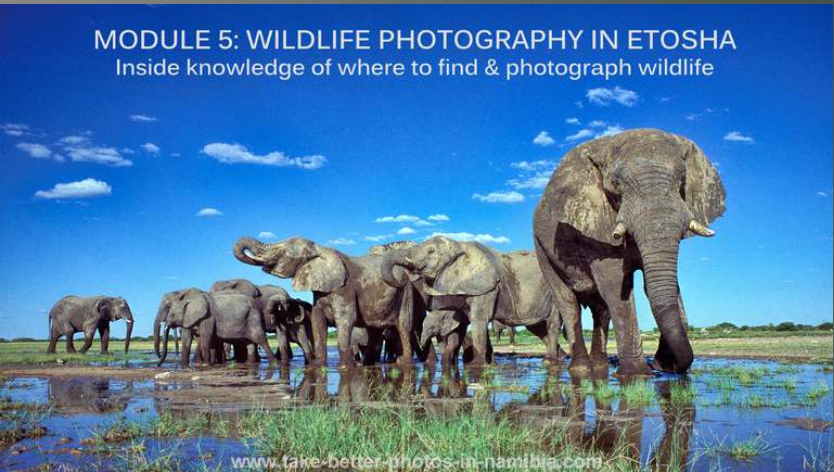
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TAKE BETTER PHOTOS IN NAMIBIA at www.take-better-photos-in-namibia.com

There we teach passionate photographers like YOU the secrets to outstanding nature photography in Namibia, so that you will experience the most photogenic moments in the wild and capture them in truly stunning photographs. See you there!

Photographers, authors,
ecologists, wilderness lovers
and YOUR Namibia
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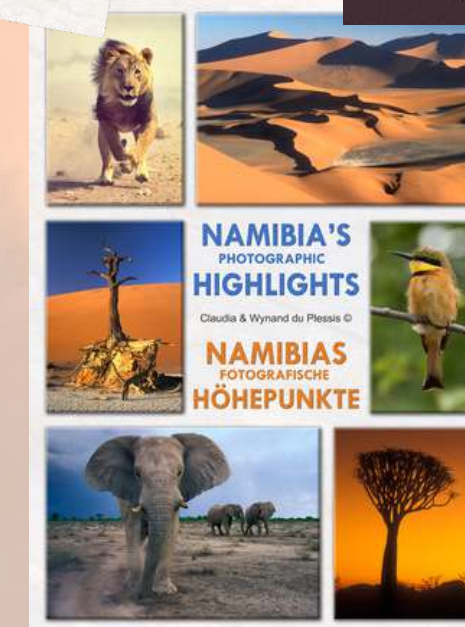
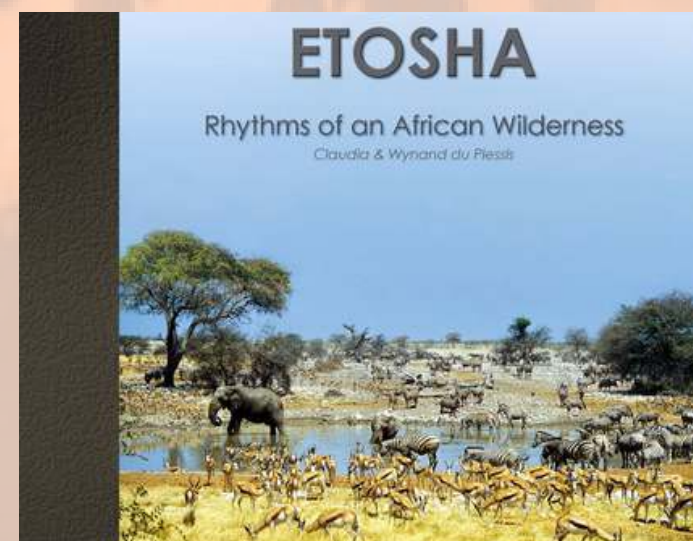
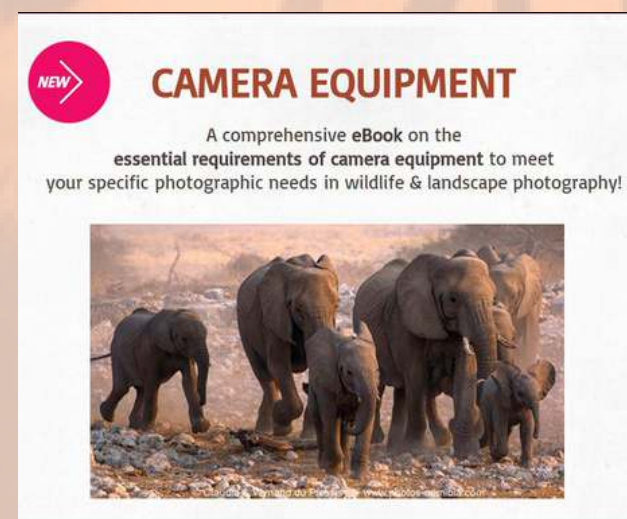
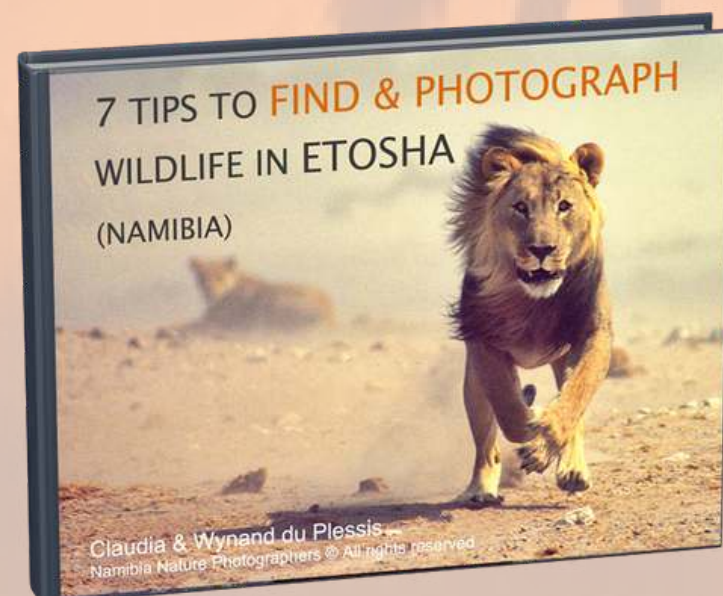
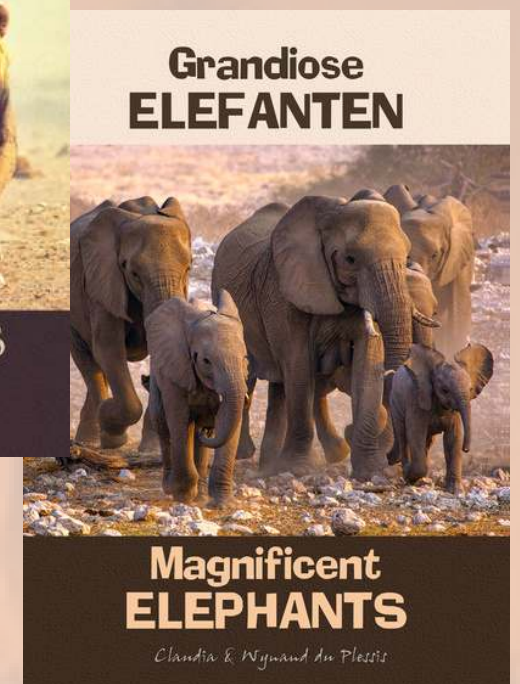
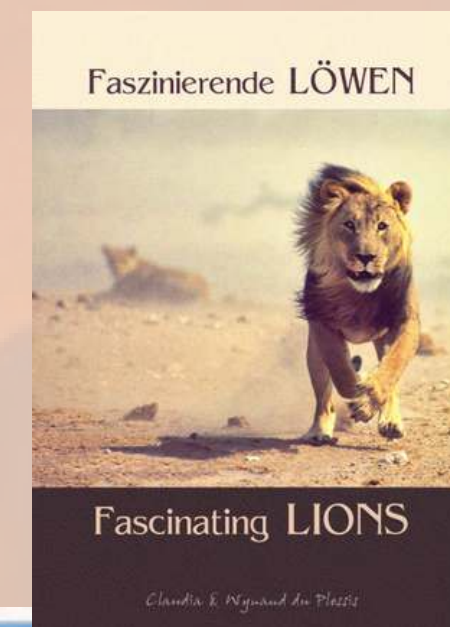
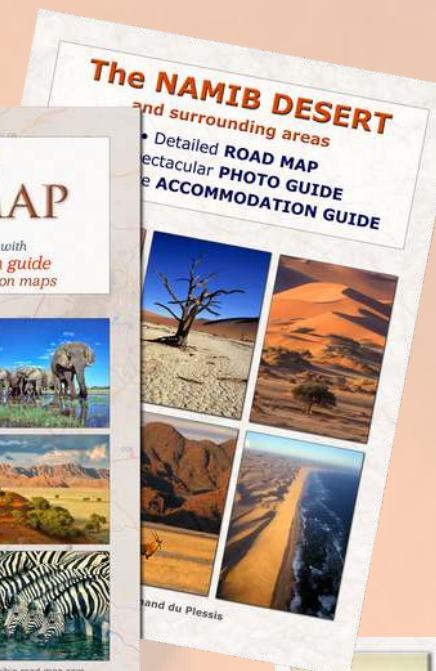
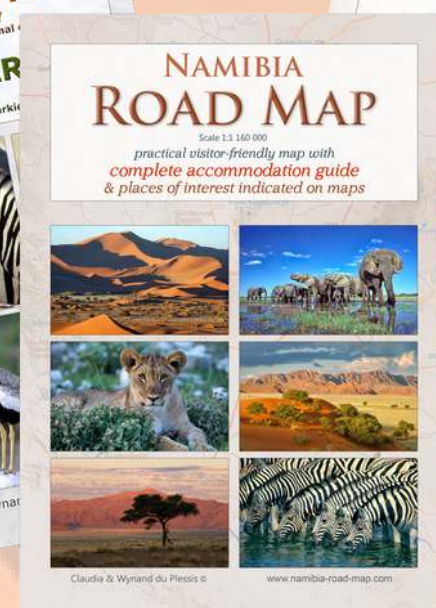


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