

The Green Kalahari



Last year, we visited the Green Kalahari in South Africa and 1 _____ it was 2 _____ amazing! The most amazing thing in my opinion was the natural beauty and diversity of the landscape. Along the Orange River, there are a lot of fruit and palm trees, vineyards and farms, and it's 3 _____ green 4 _____. But just a hundred metres away you're in the semi-desert, where 5 _____ the land is 6 _____ dry and there's only sand and bushland. We went there in January, which is their summer, so 7 _____ it was very hot - about 40°C during the day 8 _____. 9 _____, we had 10 air-conditioning in our room! Some people told us that it 11 _____ was 12 _____ even hotter at this time of the year, so we were lucky.

We really 13 _____ enjoyed talking to Eric, the owner of the place, who knows the area very 14 _____ as he's lived there for 25 years. He took us on a tour and showed us a typical kind of tree that only grows in the Kalahari. It's called *camel thorn*. You will 15 _____ see 16 _____ camel thorns in this region, but they can also be found in Botswana and Namibia. They 17 _____ are 18 _____ identifiable by their large, bean-shaped 'fruits' and have adapted 19 _____ well to the desert 20 _____. And they are so beautiful!