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Dear Friends & Partners in Tourism,

All bookings for the Himba Orphan Village will be required to have a written confirmation from us and no telephonic bookings will be accepted!

WewouldalsoliketobringthefollowingunderyourattentionregardingourHimbavillage:

THIS IS NOT A SHOW VILLAGE nor a human zoo, but merely a cultural exchange where people can learn about these amazing nomadic people before their heritage becomes lost forever due to the fact that the western world is evolving at the speed of light...The people at the village currently take care of 36 orphan children and the funds generated by these tours are used to take care of them and the families in the village responsible for taking care of the orphans.

We would also like to stress that NO additional contributions (like food ect) in this regard is necessary as the cost of each tour takes care of providing for that. In addition, NO pens and stationary, empty water bottles and plastic bags, clothes or other western civilization paraphernalia will be allowed in the village on the sole reason that the children are not used to it and the village becomes littered as soon as the novelty of a new "pen" has worn off. They do not understand the concept of "westernrubbish" and we now have to employ someone to clean the village after all the guests have left their empty water bottles ect.. behind because it was given to the children to play with. This also teaches the kids to beg and it is something we desperately want to avoid. We'd like to ask that items such as sweets (unwrapped please!) and fruits for the children be given to our guide or the head lady of the village after the tour and she will distribute it among the kids as she sees fit.

Tour Starting Times: 08h00 / 10h00 / 16h00. Tours last between 1.5 & 2 hours. We do have special arrangements with some of our regular companies and clients for alternative times, however we would like to ask that if you are unable to keep to your scheduled time (flat tire, car trouble, late departure ect...) that you phone our office to

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inform us of your situation and we will do our best to reschedule your tour at a time that suits the village. Otherwise, you will arrive in the middle of another group's tour and will not get all the information and time you pay for.

We do not take any responsibility if we are not informed beforehand!

NO tours will be done from 12h00 until 14h00! _

Most companies have a lunch scheduled agreement and tours will be scheduled straight after lunch @ 2pm! As Himba children is the only children, culturally excused from not going to school, by the government, 95% of the children in the village is raised traditionally as per decisions from the elders when this village was started. Only 5% is allowed to go to school. Another reason is that in Himba Tribe, the children is responsible for the work (herding cattle, sheep ect..) so when all the children goes to school, the tribe will not be functioning traditionally and the children will become too westernized, as a result, the culture will cease to exist.

This decision is made solely by the elders and the head lady of the tribe and we or Jaco the head man of this Project does not have any Influence on that. For those of you who would like to donate some stationary for the children, we would ask that it is handed over to our guide and not at the village, so that it can be distributed among the children currently going to school as they need it.

NO ALCOHOL WILL BE ALLOWED ON THIS TOUR WITHIN THE VILLAGE!!!

This is one of the main reasons this culture is becoming extinct and corrupted!

We would like to thank you for your understanding and support in this project and trust that with your co-operation, we will be able to provide you with a well organized and informative tour and service.

THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF OTJIKANDERO HIMBA VILLAGE!

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