

# Namibia

Dear Friends

The project Namibia is going into a new phase.

Philipp is leaving the Travel Air Safari Team.

Therefore we are looking for new partners to join us.



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## Project Travel Air Namibia



### The Dream

#### OUT OF AFRICA

**The Dream is to fly an antique bi-plane in Africa. Sharing the beauty and adventure with enthusiastic pilots and guests will be great fun.**

Operating commercially was the target, but with the Namibian aviation rules, this will not be possible in the near future!

Therefore we founded the **Travel Air Safari Club** in Switzerland to offer flights legally and cost-effectively.

Wherever we landed with the Travel Air the people fell in love with the plane and wanted to fly!

**Location and Lodge (<http://www.tsondab.com>)**

We have the possibility to locate the Travel Air in the southern part of Namibia at the Tsondab Scenic Reserve Lodge and to fly from there.

The Lodge accommodates 5 rooms and is managed by Hans and his wife Kristin. They are very proud to be the new home base for this marvelous airplane.

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Hans is also an enthusiastic pilot and does from time to time scenic flights with his guests in a Cessna C210. His son flies as well and is an airplane mechanic.

The negotiations with the Tsondab Valley Lodge are well on its way and just needs some more details.

Hans will build a new hangar. We can participate on it and have half of it and use the runway next to the lodge.

There is also some space on the farm to build our own campsite with a fantastic view over the dunes. This could be just a tent, shower and toilet could be used on Hans campground. (See camping on Tsondab website)



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## Balloon flying



For the project Tsondab Valley Lodge I work together with Astrid, John and his wife Maria. They are all Travel Air Safari Club member.

Astrid has been working for 5 years in Namibia together with John, both as professional balloon pilots.

They will offer balloon flights at the Lodge. John, a Namibian citizen, and Maria will operate the ballooning. They also will take care of the collective infrastructure and the guests for the Travel Air flights.

## New Partners for the Travel Air



[http://youtu.be/UQ\\_3H8KvzzQ](http://youtu.be/UQ_3H8KvzzQ)

## **Finding Partners**

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I am looking for partners, dedicated pilots, willing to participate either financially or time-wise or both for the Travel Air project.

The ideal partner has already an addiction to Africa, especially to Namibia. As Africa is not easy for working, - authorities are complicated and not always competent - it needs patience!  
But you will be rewarded with always smiling and humorous people and gorgeous sceneries.

To fly the Travel Air, you should have enough experience in flying taildragger and an US-License or validation. In case of eventual Namibian immatriculation, even a Namibian validation could be required in the future.

The size of investment depends on how many partners we finally will be.

## **Travel Air E 4000, NC622H**

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Travel Air Manufacturing Company in Wichita was founded 1925 by Lloyd C. Stearman, Walter H. Beech, Clyde V. Cessna, Walter Innes Jr und William R. Snook.

The first engine was a Curtiss OX 5 with 90hp.

Some 1700 airplanes of different models have been produced. 1929 Travel Air Manufacturing Company was taken over by the well known Curtis-Wright Corporation, its vice president was Walter H. Beech.

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Travel Air Manufacturing Company built our Travel Air - NC-622H - in 1929.

NC-622H has been restored completely in 2008.

The whole fuselage and wings have been rebuilt and the Lycoming R680 engine overhauled.

2010 my Partner and me bought the Travel Air and shipped it to Namibia.

Since restoration the Travel Air has logged some 150 hours in the logbook.



Modern instruments  
mixed with old ones.

All original -  
instruments are also  
restored and stored at  
home



Lycoming R680  
Metall Propeller

I also have the  
original wood  
prop

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Travel Air E 4000

2 Passengers  
1 Pilot



Sunset at Tsondab  
Scenic Reserve Lodge