


Africa: two faces

On television, you see two 'faces' of Africa. There are beautiful wildlife films with lions, giraffes and elephants on vast savannas, and happy people dancing to swinging music in open air discos. So you might think: what a lovely place, I'd like to go there!

News programmes give a completely different picture of Africa. They usually talk about civil wars, famine and refugee camps. This chapter deals with that other side of Africa. The main question is: why is sub-Saharan Africa the poorest region on Earth?

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