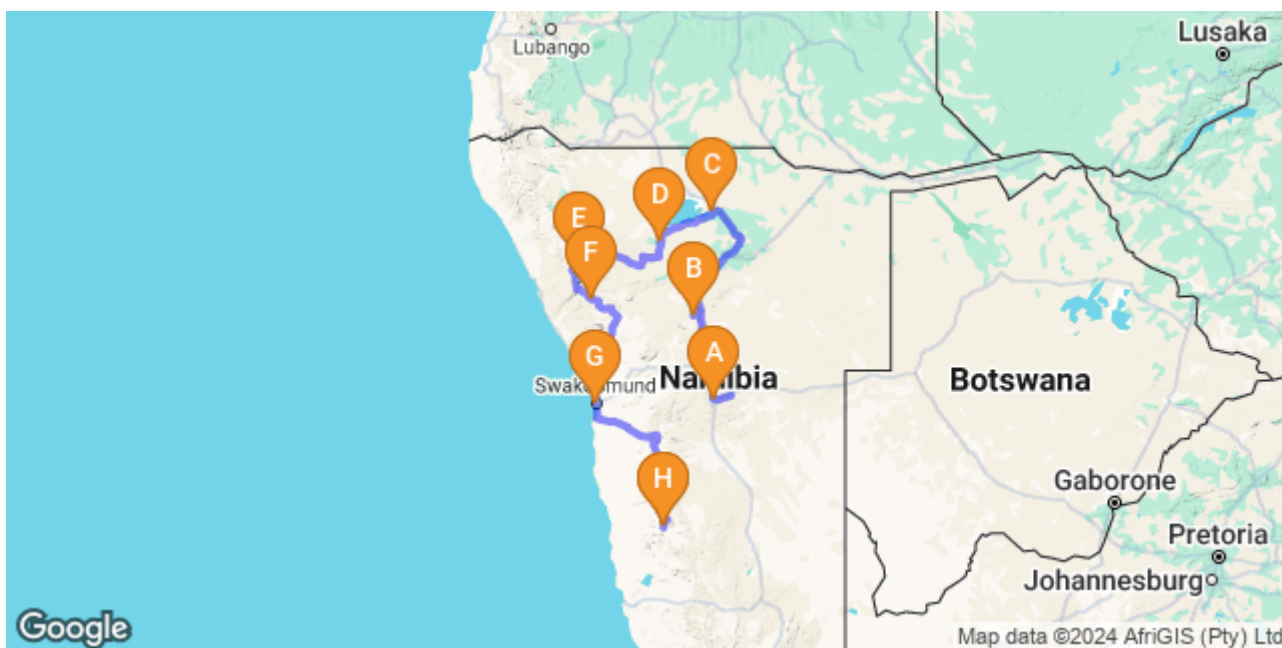




Conservation Conscious

Windhoek - Okonjima Private Nature Reserve - Onguma Game Reserve - Ongava Private Game Reserve - Etosha National Park - Grootberg - Twyfelfontein - Swakopmund - Cape Cross - NamibRand Nature Reserve
13 Days / 12 Nights



Introduction

A holiday program that highlights a few of Namibia's conservation success stories. We firmly believe in this as we were the first African country to incorporate protection of the environment into our constitution, our government has reinforced this by giving its communities the opportunity and rights to manage their wildlife through communal conservancies. Your travels will take you to Reserves, National Parks and conservancies where time may be spent on activities and in discussion with staff and their experiences.

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Day 1	The Weinberg Windhoek	Windhoek	B&B	1x Courtyard Fountain Room	1 Night
Day 2	Okonjima Plains Camp	Okonjima Private Nature Reserve	D,B&B	1x Plains Camp View Rooms	1 Night
Day 3	Onguma Bush Camp	Onguma Game Reserve	D,B&B	1x Deluxe Rooms	2 Nights
Day 5	Anderssons At Ongava	Ongava Private Game Reserve	D,B&B	1x Standard Suites	1 Night
Day 6	Grootberg Lodge	Grootberg	D,B&B	1x Double Room	2 Nights
Day 8	Camp Kipwe	Twyfelfontein	D,B&B	1x Bungalows	1 Night
Day 9	Strand Hotel	Swakopmund	B&B	1x Standard Room	2 Nights
Day 11	Wolwedans Dune Camp	NamibRand Nature Reserve	D,B&B	1x Luxury Tents	1 Night
Day 12	Wolwedans Dune Camp	NamibRand Nature Reserve	FB+		1 Night

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

D,B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

Price

Accommodated program:

01 November 2024 - 30 June 2025: 2 adults sharing room from NAD91 992.00 per person

01 July - 31 October 2025: 2 adults sharing room from NAD99 445.00 per person

A valid driver's license is required for all drivers. If this license is not printed in English it must be accompanied by an International Driver's License or an EU drivers licence is also acceptable.

Included

- Accommodation as indicated in the itinerary.
- Vehicle inclusions: Unlimited kilometres | Premium cover | contract fee | tyre & glass damage | airport transfers | 1-2 spare tyres | Unlimited additional drivers
- VAT + Tourism Levy

- Activities as specified in program

Excluded

- Any transfers
- Fuel
- Vehicle exclusions: One-way drop-off fees | additional equipment | fines & fine handling fee | lost key call out fee | fuel. Credit Card Block NAD2500.00
- Meals other than specified
- Additional activities not specified in program
- Park /Entrance Fees (NAD150.00 per person & NAD50.00 per vehicle per day) & sightseeing fees – prices subject to change.
- All beverages (bottled water, juices, soft drinks & alcoholic drinks, snacks etc)
- International & regional flights and Airport Taxes (if applicable)
- Travel Insurance
- All expenses of a personal nature

Day 1 - The Weinberg Windhoek, Windhoek



Situated in Central Namibia, the cosmopolitan city of Windhoek serves as the capital of the country. It is home to an international airport and a plethora of restaurants, shops, entertainment venues and accommodation options. The city is clean, safe and well-organised, with a colonial legacy that is reflected in its many German eateries and shops, and the widespread use of the German language. Windhoek has an interesting mix of historical architecture and modern buildings, many of which are worth a look, including the Alte Feste an old fort, the 1896 Christuskirche Christ Church, and the more contemporary Supreme Court.

Day Itinerary

Route: HKIA to Windhoek

Distance: 48km

Journey: You will be met in the arrivals hall of our International airport and transferred into the city of Windhoek. Remainder of day at leisure. Depending on your arrival time we suggest joining a short City & Katutura tour / Penduka - Craft market.

Overnight: The Weinberg Windhoek

The Weinberg Windhoek provides all of the exclusivity and privacy you might expect from this prestigious Estate – making it the perfect retreat when travelling on vacation or business. The elegant 43-bedroom hotel wraps around a heritage building, creating an inviting courtyard. This design complements its historic character, while modern amenities ensure the utmost comfort. Aside from the location and spectacular views, hotel guests also have access to facilities including the Estate's Life Day Spa and five upmarket restaurants and the Conference Centre.

Location: 13 Jan Jonker, Klein Windhoek



Courtyard Fountain Room

Indulge yourself with a stay in one of our lavish Courtyard Fountain rooms, with doors opening onto a beautiful shared courtyard where you can sit outside and breathe in the peaceful ambiance.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 2 - Okonjima Plains Camp, Okonjima Private Nature Reserve



Midway between the spectacular Etosha National Park and the capital city of Windhoek, lies the well-known Okonjima Nature Reserve. The 22 000 hectare nature reserve is home to AfriCAT, a carnivore sanctuary, which gives the captive cats a second chance to be released back into the wild and become completely independent hunters in a protected area

right in the middle of commercial cattle farmland. Visitors can enjoy a stay at a variety of excellent accommodation options including everything from luxury villas to secluded camping. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy thrilling cat-tracking guided safaris, leopard-spotting, off-road night drives and learn about local San culture along the Bushmen trail.

Day Itinerary

Route: Windhoek to Okonjima:

Distance: 220 km

Journey: After breakfast your car rental agency will collect you and take you to their premises to complete rental contract and do a vehicle check with you. From here you head off on your Namibian holiday.

Okonjima Nature Reserve is equally famed for frequent leopard, brown hyaena and pangolin sightings on its safaris, as well as **The AfriCat Foundation**. Since being founded in 1991, AfriCat's mission has been to make significant contributions to conservation, while trying to ensure the survival of Namibia's predators in their natural habitat. It undertakes research and environmental education projects.

Overnight: Okonjima Plains Camp

Okonjima Plains Camp is within the secluded wilderness area of Okonjima Nature Reserve and has majestic sunset views. Its design honours the Hanssen's family cattle-farming history with its accommodation facility of 10 large View Rooms and 14 spacious Classic Rooms. The Plains Camp Barn includes a dining and lounge area, a curio shop and a terrace with views over a waterhole and the Okonjima plains.

Game drives in search of elusive leopards and guided bush walks offer visitors an intimate, up-close perspective of Namibia's wildlife and, especially, its most protected species. Whether you hike or are an avid bird watcher, there are endless ways to spend your time at Okonjima.

Okonjima Nature Reserve is recognized as one of the premier places to stay to witness carnivores and other endangered species like the aardvark, pangolin and brown hyaena in the wild and to be educated about conservation. The AfriCat Foundation was born in the early 1990's, a Namibia registered non-profit organization which started out primarily as a welfare organization, and has since become focused on research projects which are essential in accomplishing its mission of the long term conservation of Namibia's wildlife.



Plains Camp View Rooms

VIEW ROOMS

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The rooms each have 2 double beds, a desk and comfortable reading chair, a large veranda, a mini-fridge for own use, a coffee/tea station, 2 roof-fans, twin basins and a large, twin shower, a safe for valuables and a telephone to contact reception.

The new, exclusive View Rooms are more spacious than the Classic Rooms and are set further apart, providing more privacy.



Optional

Okonjima Private Nature Reserve

Leopard tracking: many of the leopards are radio-collared for their protection and as part of the density research project through AfriCat's conservation initiative. They roam freely and hunt within the 200sq km reserve.

Specialized activities: Rhino tracking on foot & Pangolin tracking are offered weather permitting and at management discretion.

Endangered Species drive: This game-drive allows more time to enjoy and understand the Okonjima Nature Reserve as a natural island bound ecosystem. As the private, Nature Reserve was established primarily to conserve some of our more threatened mammal species, it provides an increased chance to encounter these relatively rare animals. This is once again assisted by the AfriCat Foundation's research projects on the shy Brown Hyena, Aardvark, Bat-eared fox and Rhino. There are more than 40 mammal species within the Okonjima Nature Reserve, both large and small as well as a good representation of the typical flora. At the discretion of your guide, there may be the chance to view some of these animals, large or small.

No pre-bookings needed: Night hide (for guests at Bush Camp only) and Night Drive are offered weather permitting and at management discretion.

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Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 3 - Onguma Bush Camp, Onguma Game Reserve



Situated east of Etosha, bordering Fisher's Pan, Onguma Game Reserve is one of Namibia's best-kept secrets. The reserve offers visitors the opportunity to experience Africa in all her beauty and diversity. Onguma Game Reserve features over 34000 hectares of protected land scattered with a variety of wildlife including plains game, black rhino, kudu, giraffe, zebra, lion, cheetah, leopard and more than 300 bird species. The seasonal rains attract thousands of migrating birds to the Fisher's Pan wetland area. The neighbouring Etosha National Park is home to a rich array of wildlife, including four of the Big 5. Visitors can enjoy game drives, guided walks and rhino research drives within the private reserve as well as wildlife safaris into Etosha National Park to view abundant game in the largest national park in Namibia.

Day Itinerary

Route: Okonjima to Onguma

Distance: 350 km

Journey: An early morning activity before you depart, either to the AfriCat Foundation or leopard tracking before you head north via the towns of Otjiwarongo and Tsumeb to a private reserve situated on the eastern border of Etosha National Park.

As well as being a popular safari lodge, the Onguma Nature Reserve provides a unique sanctuary for wildlife populations, including the critically endangered Black Rhino. In 1993 black rhino numbers dropped by a staggering 96%, which is

when Namibia's Ministry of Environment and Tourism decided to take matters into their own hands and set up the ambitious Black Rhino Custodianship Programme. Since then, all black rhino in Namibia are state owned; the concept of Namibia's Black Rhino Custodianship Program is that breeding populations of black rhino are relocated to suitable habitat where the landholders are willing and able to undertake the responsibility of providing care and security to them.

As the custodians of this unique nature reserve, it is our duty to help and protect the wildlife within for the survival of the species. Not only Rhino, but all animals. Without our input and protection, wildlife will go extinct very soon as greed and power dictate demand.

Visiting Onguma is not only about experiencing wildlife in a natural environment, more importantly it is about helping to protect it.

Overnight: Onguma Bush Camp

Onguma Bush Camp is ideal for families who would like to have a base from which they can explore Etosha National Park. Upon your return, relax and cool off around the swimming pool while watching a spectacular sunset... and the children can run around on the lawns as this is an enclosed camp.

Dinner is served in the dining area overlooking a large waterhole. Here you will be treated to an excellent combination of European and traditional African cuisine while watching the game coming to drink.

The new water-level hide will provide hours of game viewing opportunities for guests.

Onguma Nature Reserve now offers an opportunity to start a safari from the moment guests touch down at the private airstrip!



Deluxe Rooms

These twin bedded Waterhole or Pool side rooms have stunning views over the surrounding bush. Each room has a large en-suite bathroom and small patio from which to admire the view.



Optional

The AfriCat Foundation

Onguma sundowner drive

The AfriCat Foundation

The AfriCat Foundation was founded in the early '90s and formally registered as a non-profit organisation in August 1993. The Foundation has since grown significantly and what started out primarily as a welfare organisation, has over the years, identified the need to focus on education and research, as being essential to accomplishing our mission – the long-term conservation of Namibia's large carnivores.

**Basis**

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 4 - Onguma Bush Camp, Onguma Game Reserve**Day Itinerary**

Journey: Own game drives into Etosha National Park or book onto one of the many lodge activities.

Optional

Onguma Onkolo Hide

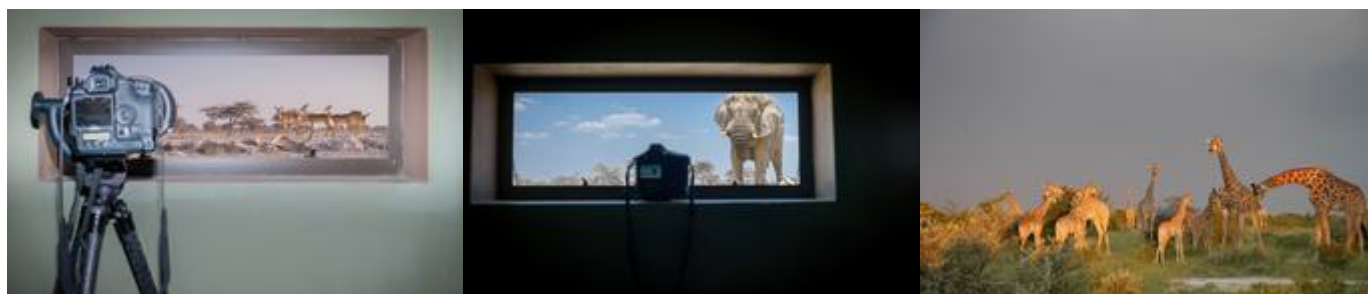
Onguma Nature drives

Onguma Etosha Game Drive

Onguma Interpretive Bush Walks

Onguma Onkolo Hide

Onguma Onkolo Hide features Onguma's fabulous new water-level hide which affords guests an opportunity to sit and enjoy nature unobserved. There is a small ablution facility nearby, benches from which to view the surroundings and lots of windows and vantage points for creative camera angles.



Onguma Etosha Game Drive

Onguma Etosha Game Drive takes guests into the Etosha National Park in the mornings and afternoons, accompanied by experts tour guides in open-sided vehicles. Guests will have an opportunity to see about 114 species of mammal in Etosha. They include the black-faced impala and the threatened black and white rhino. There are however no buffaloes, hippos, crocodiles or monkeys, but there is enough to keep guests enthralled on the game drive.



Onguma Interpretive Bush Walks

Onguma Interpretive Bush Walks features a unique physical, mental and spiritual adventure through nature. Visitors will experience the sights, smells and sounds of the Namibian bush by conducting an early morning leisurely walk accompanied by experienced armed rangers. The interpretive walks will bring visitors closer to nature by exposing them to the intimate detail of the surroundings.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 5 - Anderssons At Ongava, Ongava Private Game Reserve



Sharing the southern boundary with Etosha National Park, the prolific 30 000-hectare private Ongava Game Reserve is considered one of the top private game reserves in the region, enjoying global recognition for exceptional conservation, groundbreaking research and exciting safari experiences. The landscape is characterised by vast open plains dotted with salt pans and abundant wildlife. Visitors can easily access Etosha through Andersson's Gate in the south.

Known for its luxury lodges made out of natural materials, Ongava is a popular destination for those looking to immerse themselves in nature. The reserve offers visitors the perfect combination of wildlife safari experiences within and around the Etosha National Park. One of Ongava's top attractions is its rhino population and guests can experience the thrill of getting close to these majestic creatures. Popular activities include: night game drives, guided nature walks, bird watching and 4x4 guided game drives.

Day Itinerary

Route: Onguma to Ongava

Distance: 200 km +

Journey: Enter the world renowned Etosha National Park, this will be in your rental touring vehicle as you traverse from the Namutoni region to Okaukuejo. Ongava Reserve which shares a common boundary with the Etosha National Park and is considered one of the finest private game reserves in the region, enjoying global recognition for exceptional conservation, ground breaking research and exciting safari adventures. Cutting edge research into the genetics of Ongava's rhino population is just one example of how the work being done at Ongava is making a difference to conservation not only in Namibia but also throughout Africa. As the base for ORC, Anderssons at Ongava provides an interactive hub for guests to learn about conservation science, where cutting edge technology meets hands on, field-based research.

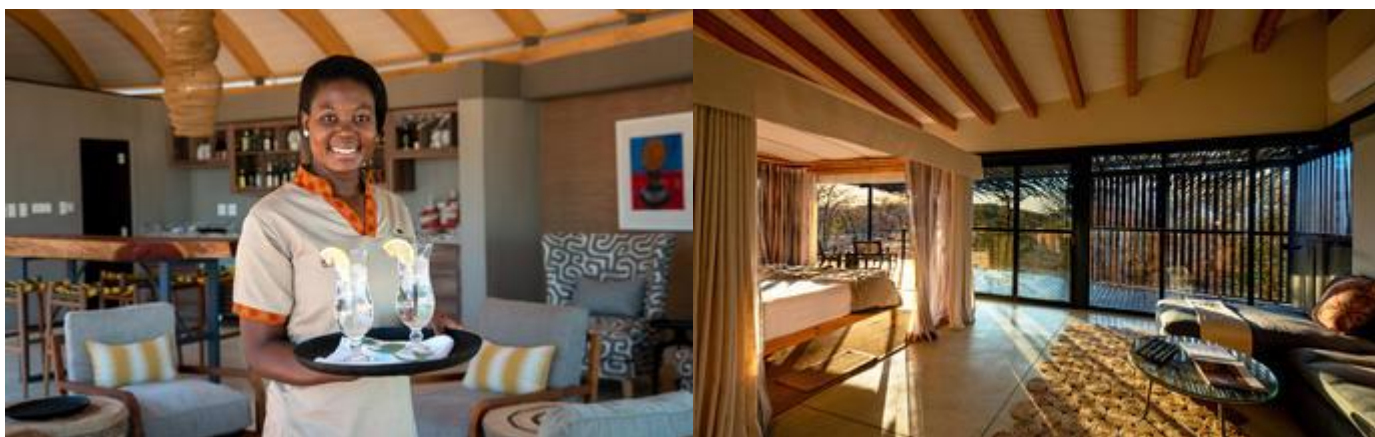
Overnight: Anderssons At Ongava

With pressing environmental issues threatening our future, Ongava is once again responding to the needs of the planet and our guests with the creation of Anderssons at Ongava and the Ongava Research Centre (ORC), the next generation in eco-tourism.

Taking a lesson from the wild in the power of symbiotic relationships, Anderssons at Ongava provides an interactive hub for guests to be a part of conservation science, where cutting edge technology meets hands on, field-based research.

Guests at Anderssons at Ongava have the option of being immersed in and can contribute to developing creative, knowledge driven solutions with resident scientists, visiting researchers, conservationists and rhino security personnel, or simply relaxing and enjoying the luxurious guest suites, waterhole, viewing hide, and pool where they will find their own personal place for reflection.

Ensuring a light footprint and an exceptional experience, Anderssons at Ongava will have seven contemporary designed luxury guest units and one family unit, accommodating a maximum of 18 Guests.



Standard Suites

6 x twin-bedded suites with 2 x three quarter beds and 1 x double suite with one queen-size bed.

The suites are designed as a direct extension of the landscape itself. The rock and other natural elements are used to reflect the environment and drama of Etosha. The natural stone and spacious solid build with innovative roof structure, offers guests a climate-controlled sanctuary in the bush. Design includes a private viewing deck with 180-degree panorama.



Activities

Etosha National Park

Etosha National Park

Situated in northwestern Namibia, the Etosha National Park offers a premier game viewing experience. The park's diverse vegetation ranges from dense bush to open plains attracting a variety of wildlife. Located in the heart of the park is the Etosha Pan - a shallow depression that covers an area of 5000 square kilometres. Dry and shimmering for most of the year, the pans fill up with water after seasonal rains, making it the perfect habitat for wildlife. In the dry season, the wildlife is attracted to the perennial springs and waterholes that makes for excellent game viewing. Visitors can look forward to world-class game viewing including a variety of large mammals such as lion, elephant, leopard, rhino, zebra, giraffe, a diversity of birdlife such as flamingoes and pelicans.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 6 - Grootberg Lodge, Grootberg

Resting majestically in the heart of Namibia's Damaraland region, The Grootberg Plateau showcases stunning natural landscapes characterised by deep canyons, dramatic rock formations, and expansive vistas. The renowned Grootberg Pass winds through mountains, offering spellbinding views. On the drive, one may come across the Himba people, known for centuries-old livestock farming practices. Encounters along the Grootberg Pass may include purchasing handmade jewellery while supporting the community with donations. Despite its rugged terrain, Grootberg hosts diverse wildlife, including black rhinos, giraffes, and desert elephants, adapted to harsh desert conditions. Additional activities include walking trails, birdwatching, and Damara Cultural Tours. End the day with a 4x4 drive atop the flat plains of the Grootberg Plateau that leads to a jaw-dropping viewpoint and watch the sunset.

Day Itinerary

Route: Ongava to Grootberg Lodge

Distance: 245km

Journey: Your travels today take you through commercial farmlands to the Etendeka Plateau and one of our community conservation success stories - Grootberg Lodge perched over the Klip River plateau. 12 000 hectares have been set aside by the #Khoadi//Hoas community for conservation and tourism, and it is through this pristine wilderness that you can explore either on foot or by car to encounter the inhabitants of this remote area. The lodge is a landmark in the Namibian tourism industry as its revenue streams provide direct benefits to the community: not only employment but also assistance in mitigating the human-wildlife conflict via specific funds set aside by the business in conjunction with continuous monitoring of the wildlife thanks to the cooperation of Grootberg guides with SRT (Save The Rhino Trust) and the community shepherds. The lodge also supports other conservancy's projects, e.g. by purchasing vegetables grown by the local farmers, by financing an education fund and by collecting garbage to minimise pollution in the area.

Overnight: Grootberg Lodge

14 Twin and 2 family rock and thatch chalets gaze out over the Klip River Valley, where Black Eagles hunt just below your private deck. Two family units provide enough space for parents and two children to share comfortably.



Double Room

Room with double bed.



Optional

Grootberg Lodge sunset drive

Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 7 - Grootberg Lodge, Grootberg

Day Itinerary

Journey: We suggest taking joining either the rhino or elephant tracking programs today, ending off your day with a scenic drive or sundowner.

Optional

Grootberg Lodge Rhino Tracking

Grootberg Lodge Elephant Tracking

Grootberg Scenic Drives
Grootberg Guided Walks
Grootberg Lodge Damara Cultural Tour

Grootberg Lodge Rhino Tracking

Grootberg Lodge Rhino Tracking involves guests being taken on an unforgettable exploration on foot amidst the cliffs of the Klip River Valley and rising plateau of volcanic basalt ridges, by dedicated guides and local trackers. The activity is managed, and the number of guests participating is restricted to a maximum of 10 people per day, to ensure that it is both natural and non-obtrusive for the animals.

Grootberg Lodge Elephant Tracking

Grootberg Lodge Elephant Tracking is one of the most popular activities at the lodge. Guests set out in the early morning with a guide and a tracker to the surrounding farms in search of elusive desert elephants. Since the elephants roam free in the conservancy, sightings cannot always be guaranteed but the experience also gives one the opportunity to learn and appreciate more about the lifestyle of the local people. Lunch is provided in the shade of a tree in the remote wilderness of Damaraland. Guests can expect to return to the lodge during the early afternoon enriched by the beauty of Damaraland and its unique elephants.

Grootberg Scenic Drives

Grootberg Lodge is situated in the Damaraland on the Etendeka Plateau and offers twice daily scenic drives on top of the plateau. Guests can experience a variety of wildlife sightings including zebra, antelope, jackal, springbok, kudu and oryx and occasionally leopard and lion. Grootberg Lodge is wholly owned by the local community and the continuous conservation efforts have resulted in wildlife numbers growing in this conservancy.



Grootberg Guided Walks

Grootberg Lodge is situated in the Damaraland on the Etendeka Plateau and offers daily guided scenic walks on top of the plateau. The first 3-hour tour begins after breakfast at 07h30. The knowledgeable guides take guests through the Etendeka mountains focussing on the various inhabitants, fauna and rock formations.



Grootberg Lodge Damara Cultural Tour

As part of the Grootberg Lodge Damara Cultural Tour, guests will be guided through the surrounding conservancy farms in which Grootberg Lodge is located, visiting the authentic homesteads of the Damara people. This allows guests an

exclusive opportunity to spend time with their hosts, getting to understand their origins, cultures, traditions and approach to human-wildlife conflict farming within the harsh conditions of the desert they call home.

The tour includes a visit to the #Khoadi //Hoas Conservancy office where guests will meet the staff and gain some insight into the positive impacts and benefits that the conservancy enjoys as a result of owning the Grootberg Lodge. The tour concludes with a visit to Erwee Primary School and a cultural performance by the pupils, followed by lunch under the trees in a remote spot of the Damaraland wilderness.

Guests will depart from the lodge in the morning and return after lunch, and there is a minimum allowance of 2 guests per excursion and a maximum of 9 guests per vehicle.

Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 8 - Camp Kipwe, Twyfelfontein



Set in the Kunene Region of northwestern Namibia, Twyfelfontein is a spectacularly scenic area, featuring one of the largest and most important concentrations of rock art in Africa. The name 'Twyfelfontein' translates to 'Fountain of Doubt', which refers to the perennial spring situated in the impressive Huab Valley flanked by the slopes of a sandstone table mountain. It was this spring that attracted Stone Age hunters over six thousand years ago, and it was during this time that the extensive group of rock engravings and paintings were produced. Visitors can look forward to basing themselves at some wonderfully shady campsites along the Aba-Huab riverbed, while exploring over thirty different sacred ritual sites of the traditional hunter-gatherer communities.

Day Itinerary

Route: Grootberg Lodge to Camp Kipwe

Distance: 130 km

Journey: Travel down the Grootberg Pass exploring more of Damaraland where the flora and fauna have adapted perfectly to the harsh weather conditions. Areas of interest include the rock engravings at Twyfelfontein, a UNESCO world heritage sight. In addition geological sites such as the Organ pipes and Burnt Mountain are worth a visit and for a great cultural experience visit the Damara Living Museum.

The Lodge prides itself in being a part of the conservancy they operate in. They invest in the backbone of their structure, our people, through amongst other training and are currently in the process of setting up a community vegetable garden so as to purchase vegetables from a community-based vegetable garden in the conservancy as well as supporting other projects such as the expansion of the waterhole to ensure a herd of 18 elephants have enough to drink when they pay a visit. Their interests span far beyond the conservancy with support of the desert lion project. To preserve their natural

environment, indigenous plants which are harvested and replanted around the lodge and waterhole. They 'reduce, reuse and recycle' all refuse and use energy saving bulbs as well as solar geysers to reduce the carbon footprint.

Overnight: Camp Kipwe

Camp Kipwe is an intimate and remote bush lodge located in Namibia's arid yet starkly beautiful Twyfelfontein region, home to many ancient Bushman etchings.

The 9 specially-designed bungalows are unique, air conditioned and round in shape, complete with an open-air bathroom and spectacular views from your verandah over the surrounding area. The Kipwe Suite is a thatched suite with a lounge equipped with air-conditioning, a satellite television, a double room with en-suite bathroom, laundry service and a mini-bar. The two Luxury Suites are elevated atop the kopje and benefit from sweeping views across either east or west across the landscape. Complete with lounge, bedroom, and ensuite bathroom before spilling out on a large deck with heated splash pool, sala and sunbeds.

Camp Kipwe offers guided nature walks around the Twyfelfontein Conservancy, as well as trips to see the Bushman etchings, the mysterious Organ Pipes and Burnt Mountain. For a very special experience, an Elephant Nature Drive is a must-do; explore the terrain in search of these elusive desert-dwelling elephants who have adapted to the dry and sandy conditions of northern Namibia.



Bungalows

The twin-bedded bungalows are in the shape of rondavels and have boulder, cement and rock walls ensuring that on entry, feel like a cool secluded cave with outside decks to admire the view. The en-suite, private bathrooms are built amongst the rocks, allowing guests to take advantage of the outdoor weather. Hot water is supplied by wood-burning 'donkey' boilers and solar geysers.



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***Damara Living Museum***

Observe and experience the traditional Damara way of life right in the heart of their traditional homelands. A unique opportunity to see a way of life that is slowly dying out.

Open daily.

**Basis**

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 9 - Strand Hotel , Swakopmund

Set along Namibia's spectacularly scenic coast, the seaside town of Swakopmund is known for its wide-open avenues, colonial architecture, and its surrounding otherworldly desert terrain. Founded in 1892 as the main harbour for German

South-West Africa, Swakopmund is often described as being more German than Germany. Now a seaside resort town, Swakopmund is the capital of the Skeleton Coast tourism area and has plenty to keep visitors happy. The quirky mix of German and Namibian influences, adventure options, laid-back atmosphere and cool sea breeze make it a very popular Namibian destination. Visitors can look forward to a number of exciting activities including: quad biking, horse riding, paragliding, fishing, sightseeing and fascinating desert tours.

Day Itinerary

Route: Camp Kipwe to Swakopmund

Distance: 322 km

Journey: The mining town of Uis would be your first stop today, the settlement was established in 1958 when it was a tin mining hub, today it is well known for its local mineral wealth although the open pit mine has closed there are some 3600 inhabitants. Being on the main road between the coast and interior as well as at the base of the Brandberg Mountain, Namibia's highest peak, Uis sees a reasonable amount of traffic, by Namibian standards.

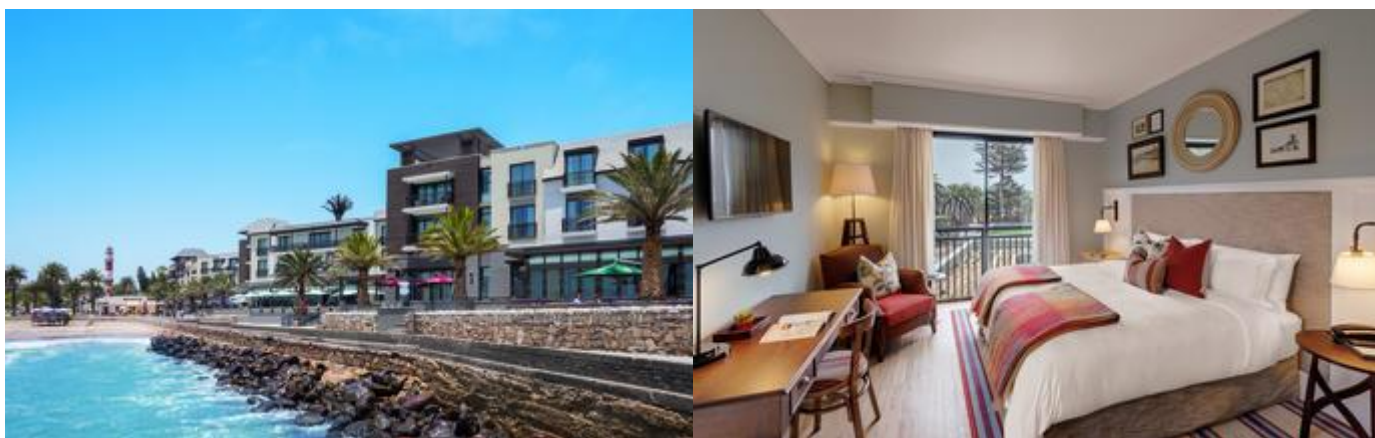
Once you've crossed the gravel plains to reach the coastal road we suggest you head north to visit Cape Cross seal Reserve before heading down past the town of Henties Bay to Swakopmund.

Overnight: Strand Hotel

With its extensive, unique and creatively entertaining Restaurants, Bars, Deli, Lobby-Lounge, Sea Facing Terraces, Beach Kiosk and state of the art Conference & Banqueting Center, all set on the Mole, a historic and iconic site surrounded by Ocean on three sides, the Strand Hotel Swakopmund is a social epicenter and destination in itself for all visitors to and residents of Swakopmund.

Its architectural inspiration finds its roots deep in Namibian-German history and reflects this in a tasteful contemporary manner. The interiors are residential in nature, and the brief to all designers involved was to create a non-hotel, hotel. One as charming and welcoming as the town it is located in. Simply very warm and comfortable, and as they say in German: "gemütlich" providing a genuine "sense-of-place" atmosphere adding to any Namibian visit.

Arriving at the Strand is a dramatic experience as one passes through its 13m high and 9m wide Ocean View Atrium which travels right through the Hotel offering sea views at either end. Off this Atrium Lobby is Reception, consisting of three individual desks and an inviting open fireplace which rounds off the residential feel and warm welcome.



Standard Room

Panoramic and sliding windows with views of the beach (55 rooms) or gardens (17 rooms). Each has an en-suite bathroom with shower, single vanity and separate toilet. All Standard Rooms are designed to accommodate up to 2 adults and 1 child in a cot.



Optional

Cape Cross

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The small headland of Cape Cross lies on western Namibia's Skeleton Coast, roughly 60 kilometres north of Henties Bay. The historic area was landed on by the Portuguese in 1486, and they erected a stone cross here in honour of the Portuguese King, however, this cross was replaced by the German settlers in the 1800's. Cape Cross best known for its extraordinary breeding colony of Cape fur seals and has been made a reserve. With the abundance of fish swimming in the cold Benguela current, the seals have plenty to snack on, and they also enjoy lying and playing out in the sun. From a 200-metre-long walkway, watch the seals at play and learn about them through the area's information points.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 10 - Strand Hotel , Swakopmund
Day Itinerary

Journey: Day at leisure in this coastal town - there are quite a number of optional activities, in addition to those listed there is also sandboarding, quad biking, Swakopmund cultural tours, and scenic flights over the coastline and interior.

Optional

Tommy's Tours and Safaris Living Desert Tour

Catamaran Charters
Sandwich Harbour 4x4

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The Living Desert Tour, originally developed by Tommy himself in the 1990's, is a unique 4x4 adventure drive through the dunes outside Swakopmund, Namibia. Just the drive in the dunes is an amazing experience, but Tommy will show you a lot more than sand. The tour takes you from the vegetated, life-rich eastern side of the dunes, right through the dunes to the Atlantic Ocean on the western side of the dune belt.



Catamaran Charters

The Catamaran Charters Team invites you aboard the 45ft Royal Cape Sailing Catamaran Silverwind, or the 60ft Simon Sailing Catamaran Silversand, or the 40ft Admiral Motorised Catamaran Silvermoon, to enjoy an adventure packed tour to Pelican Point and Walvis Bay's beautiful bay area.

The chances of encountering dolphins, whales, turtles, seals and Mola Mola (sunfish) make the search for the marine big 5 and adventurous tour by enjoying sparkling wine, fresh oysters and other mouth-watering snacks aboard the spacious and comfortable catamarans.



Sandwich Harbour 4x4 Scenic Excursion Half Day

Departing from the Walvis Waterfront, Sandwich Harbour 4x4 Scenic Excursion Half Day travels to Walvis Bay Lagoon to see masses of flamingos and other coastal birds that reside in and around the lagoon at different times of the year. From here, the drive initially takes participants to the Kuiseb River delta, a dry riverbed where the odd springbok, oryx or jackal may be spotted. If weather and tides allow, adventurers will drive to the Sandwich Harbour Lagoon along the beach, one of Southern Africa's unique wetlands and one of five RAMSAR sites (Ramsar site no. 743) in Namibia. There will also be an opportunity for participants to enjoy something to eat at a suitable place to stop, where a selection of oysters and snacks with sparkling wine, beers and cool drinks will be served.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 11 - Wolwedans Dune Camp, NamibRand Nature Reserve



Spanning an area of 172,200 hectares and encompassing four distinct ecosystems, the NamibRand Reserve of southern Namibia is among the largest privately owned game parks in Southern Africa. Founded to conserve the unique environment and wildlife species of the Namib Desert, the park's mix of dunes, mountains, rocky outcrops, sandy flats, and gravel plains provides habitats for a diversity of mammals, including hyenas, jackals, foxes, antelopes, and various wild cats. A plethora of bird species, reptiles, insects, and frogs also have their home here, alongside an array of plant species. Discover the mysterious 'fairy circles', unexplained bare patches in the sand, or enjoy a night of sublime stargazing - having been named Africa's first International Dark Sky Reserve, it is one of the least light-polluted areas in the world.

Day Itinerary

Route: Swakopmund to NamibRand Nature Reserve

Distance: 432 km

Journey: An early start is recommended today. You can either travel to Walvis Bay and head inland from there, or drive to the Moon Landscape and Welwitschia Plains before heading down to the Namib Desert.

Travel via the Kuiseb and Gaub Canyons to the settlement of Solitaire and on to the NamibRand Nature Reserve.

A private nature reserve established to help protect and conserve the unique ecology and wildlife of the south-west Namib Desert. Conserving the pro-Namib, the area along the eastern edge of the Namib Desert, is critically important in order to facilitate seasonal migratory wildlife routes and to protect biodiversity. It is probably the largest private nature reserve in southern Africa, extending over an area of more than 200,000 ha. The Reserve shares a 100km border with the Namib-Naukluft National Park in the west and is bordered in the east by the imposing Nubib Mountains. Virtually

all facets of the Namib Desert are represented on the Reserve – sand and gravel plains and stretches of savanna alternate with mountain ranges, inselbergs and vegetated dune belts.

Please note: the NamibRand Nature Reserve does not offer drives to Sossusvlei or Dead Vlei, all activities are based on their Reserve only. For travelers wanting to visit Sossusvlei this is best done by adding a night prior to arrival at Wolwedans after your stay in Swakopmund, This would allow an early morning visit to the dunes (best time to view) before heading down to the lodge to arrive in time for lunch and an afternoon activity (both optional extras).

Overnight: Wolwedans Dune Camp

Positioned on the edge of a 250-metre high dune, Dune Camp has the most extraordinary views across the Namibrand reserve. The main areas are spread out across a series of interlocking decks ensuring that the lounge, dining area and tea room all enjoy views across the endless dune landscape to the mountains beyond. The tented and wooden structures are designed for the desert. The canvas sides can all be opened up capturing the cool breeze in the hot summer months, and in winter keeping you warm when the canvas sides are rolled down.

Dune camp has a wonderful charm which appeals to a traveler looking for a down to earth but still luxurious experience. The main areas are intimate and the fire pit encourages conversation between guests. We seat our guests at a long shared table for dinner but private tables can be requested.

SEASONALITY: Open all year CHILDREN: 7+ years (Dune Camp Private accepts children of all ages)



Luxury Tents

The spacious and comfortable tents are pitched on wooden platforms and include an indoor and outdoor bathroom. A generous deck with a 'Wolwedans Chiller' (a small water filled silo for the hotter months) and a sleep-out for a night under the stars, facilitate a rather civilized camping experience.



The Moon Landscape

This area is traversed by the Tropic of Capricorn and is mostly flat, although some scenic canyons and elevations are found in some areas, for example in the Moon Valley system. While most of the soil is rocky, sand dunes are still occasionally found in this region; for example, sand dunes occupy much of the coastline between Walvis Bay and Swakopmund.

The location can be accessed via a picturesque drive through the Namib-Naukluft Park. An eerie mysterious landscape has been constructed through years of erosion of soft layers of earth that were deposited in this area over 450 million years ago.



Welwitschia Drive

Welwitschia Drive is a stretch of scenic road through the desert in the northern corner of the Namib Naukluft National Park. The route passes by 13 numbered stone beacons, each indicating a point of interest. The route ends at one of Namibia's oldest and also largest Welwitschia plants.

Tour guide Tommy Collard will take visitors on this 50 km drive in a 4x4 vehicle, pointing out things of interest, answering questions, and making sure that nothing of importance is missed. Tommy Collard has been involved in conservation, tourism, herpetology and farming all his life and offers a rich store of information that will keep visitors interested.



Kuiseb Canyon

Mysterious and remote, the Kuiseb Canyon was carved aeons ago by the Kuiseb River, which runs mainly underground. This deep fissure is flanked by steep folds of rock on one side and the copper-coloured sand dunes of the Namib Desert on the other, and shelters several wildlife species that are acclimatised to the region's harsh environment, including hyena, buck and even leopard.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 12 - Wolwedans Dune Camp, NamibRand Nature Reserve

As previously described

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SEASONALITY: Open all year
 CHILDREN: 7+ years (Dune Camp Private accepts children of all ages)

**Basis**

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

Day 13 - End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

Route: NamibRand Nature Reserve to Windhoek

Distance: 390 km

Journey: Your drive today takes you back to Windhoek via the town of Rehoboth.

Please note: outbound flights to be booked for late afternoon / early evening, alternatively spend the night in Windhoek and depart Namibia the following day.