



Discover Art & Gems (self-drive)

*Windhoek - Erongo Mountains - Okahandja - Twyfelfontein - Palmwag - Etosha West - Etosha South - Onguma Game Reserve - Okonjima Private Nature Reserve
12 Days / 11 Nights*



Introduction

The program has a walking element to it, starting with time spent in the Erongo Region your travels take you to Twyfelfontein area to view the rock art in the area. In the Palmwag area there is a two night stay, walking between camps on the Etendeka Concession, a great way to see the fauna, flora and geology of the area. From here our attention turns to the rich game viewing area in and surrounding Etosha National Park. This continues as we visit the AfriCat Foundation before heading back to Windhoek.

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Day 1	Naankuse @ Utopia	Windhoek	B&B	1x Twin Room	1 Night
Day 2	Ai Aiba Rock Painting Lodge	Erongo Mountains	B&B	1x Twin Room	1 Night
Day 3	Camp Kipwe	Twyfelfontein	D,B&B	1x Twin Room	1 Night
Day 4	Etendeka Hiking Trails		FB	1x Twin Room	2 Nights
Day 6	Palmwag Lodge	Palmwag	B&B	1x Twin Room	1 Night
Day 7	Hobatere Lodge	Etosha West	D,B&B	1x Twin Room	1 Night
Day 8	Okaukuejo Resort	Etosha South	B&B	1x Twin Room	2 Nights
Day 10	Onguma Bush Camp	Onguma Game Reserve	D,B&B	1x Deluxe Rooms	1 Night
Day 11	Okonjima Plains Camp	Okonjima Private Nature Reserve	D,B&B	1x Plains Camp View Rooms	1 Night

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

D,B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Price

Accommodated program:

01 November 2024 - 30 June 2025: 2 adults sharing room: from NAD56 725.00 per person

01 July 2023 - 31 October 2025: 2 adults sharing room: from NAD64 100.00 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
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Day 1 - Naankuse @ Utopia, 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: Windhoek Airport to City

Distance: 48 km

Journey: You will be met at Hosea Kutako International Airport and transfer you to the City, check in to your guest house.

Overnight: Naankuse @ Utopia

The modern N/a'ankusê@Utopia establishment has allied with the neighboring Pension Bougainville and offers serene rooms and luxurious suites situated amid beautiful, green lush gardens. The hotel is conveniently located in the tranquil suburb of Klein Windhoek.

Utopia combines business and leisure in a modest manner, simultaneously welcoming modern travelers and tourists in need of relaxation. Boasting 14 standard rooms, 7 luxurious suites and 1 executive suite, N/a'ankusê@Utopia creates an ideal hideaway.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 2 - Ai Aiba Rock Painting Lodge, Erongo Mountains



Conveniently located only a few hour's drive from Namibia's capital city of Windhoek, the Erongo Mountain Range stretches across the plains between the towns of Omaruru and Karibib, and is home to a remarkably rich natural heritage. This expanse of rugged wilderness serves as one of Namibia's most popular tourist drawcards, attracting visitors with its spectacularly scenic landscapes, magnificent caves and rock painting sites, and its impressive array of wildlife species. These include, among others: rhino, elephant, cheetah, leopard, giraffe, wildebeest, impala, blesbok, waterbuck, kudu, warthog, mountain zebra, oryx, eland, springbok and over 200 species of bird. Visitors can look forward to enjoying a variety of adventurous activities such as hiking, rock climbing, games drives, horse riding safaris and mountain biking.

Day Itinerary

Route: Windhoek to Ai-Aiba Lodge

Distance: 250 km

Journey: Leisurely departure from Windhoek this morning as you travel via Okahandja to the Erongo region near Omaruru. On arrival you may wish to join a San Living Museum Tour, these vary in duration from 2-4 hrs depending on where your interests lie: Bushwalk – learn about hunting, snaring, tracking, lighting fire and collecting bush food; Life in the Village – learn about singing and dancing, lighting a fire, making ropes & jewellery; Combination (Action day) – A combination of the bushwalk and the "live in the village" tour.

Late afternoon follow this up with a guided sundowner walk, this is close to the lodge up a granite hill from where you can relax and enjoy the sun set over spectacular views of the Erongo Mountains.

Overnight: Ai Aiba Rock Painting Lodge

Ai-Aiba -The Rock Painting Lodge is situated in the foothills of the Erongo Mountain range, nestled among impressive granite boulders.

Renowned for its numerous rock painting sites, Ai-Aiba offers a captivating exploration of nature.

The lodge features a restaurant, lounge, and pool, all under a thatched roof, creating a tranquil oasis surrounded by tall palm trees and breathtaking views of the rocky outcrops and bush savannah.

The mountain-facing chalets provide a stunning backdrop of towering boulders, allowing guests to immerse themselves in the rugged beauty of the landscape.

Embarking on a trek through this extraordinary wilderness, adorned with unique flora and fauna, and framed by the precarious balance of boulders, serves as a poignant reminder of the timeless connection between humanity and the natural world. The rock paintings vividly depict ancient hunting rituals and the coexistence of human and animal life in this geologically diverse and fascinating environment.



Okahandja

Located just north of Windhoek, in the central Namibian Otjozondjupa region, the bustling city of Okahandja serves as the main commercial centre of the area, as well as a prominent cultural centre for the local Herero people. The name 'Okahandja', means 'The place where two rivers flow into each other to form one wide one.' These two seasonal rivers are the Okamita and the Okakango. Known as the 'Garden Town of Namibia', Okahandja boasts a rich cultural heritage, numerous historical sites and excellent bird watching in the surrounding areas. Visitors can look forward to a variety of interesting activities including: browsing the colourful arts and crafts market, visiting the nearby Gross Barmen Hot springs for a soak in the rejuvenating thermal waters and enjoying an array of watersports at the nearby Von Bach Dam.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 3 - 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: Ai-Aiba Lodge - Camp Kipwe

Distance: 225 km

Journey: Morning departure from the Erongo Region wend your way to the abandoned mining town of Uis through the picturesque Damaraland region to your Lodge for overnight.

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 a 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.



Recommended

Afternoon	Twyfelfontein
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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 4 - Etendeka Hiking Trails**Day Itinerary**

Route: Camp Kipwe - Palmwag (meeting point for trail)

Distance: 105 km

Journey: You may wish to take a morning activity - the Elephant drive - with the Lodge, this drive is between 4-6 hrs and departs at 06h30. There is sufficient time to get to your meeting point for 15h00.

Overnight: Etendeka Hiking Trails

Set in the foothills of the Grootberg Massif, the Etendeka Overnight Walking Trail Experience offers an authentic and exhilarating engagement with nature. The experience involves trekking through one of Namibia's most remote and untouched landscapes and sleeping under the stars. Guests are joined by expert guides who share valuable information throughout the journey.

The experience utilises two rustic overnight camps that make the most of sleeping under the breathtaking desert sky. The five sleeping platforms are raised off the ground to ensure that guests are safe and comfortable and all of the platforms feature bathrooms and shaded areas. Guests can enjoy wholesome meals cooked and eaten around an open fire. Breakfast, packed Lunch, dinner, afternoon tea and coffee, and all local drinks are included in the cost.

**Recommended**

Morning	Camp Kipwe Elephant Nature Drive
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Camp Kipwe Elephant Nature Drive

The Camp Kipwe Elephant Nature Drive is offered by Camp Kipwe, a lodge set in Damaraland close to the Aba-Huab River. Guests are taken in an open-air 4x4 vehicle in search of Namibia's desert-dwelling elephants, of which there is estimated to be about 600 left. Knowledgeable guides provide interesting information about the area and assist with spotting the elephants. A drive can last between 3 and 5 hours and may include a visit to several sights in the area such as the Burnt Mountain, Organ Pipes, and the Bushman Engravings. As chances of seeing elephants are slimmer during the rainy season, guests are advised to check with the lodge in advance when booking this activity.



Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 5 - Etendeka Hiking Trails

Day Itinerary

Etendeka walking trail.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 6 - Palmwag Lodge , Palmwag



Palmwag is a nature reserve idyllically located along a palm-lined tributary of the Uniab River, halfway between Swakopmund and Etosha, providing an ideal base from which to see the sights of the Kunene region or embark on one of the many local hiking trails. Water is scarce in this area, so the river's presence often lures elephants closer to the camps. The reserve is notable for its unusual species of palm tree, the *hyphaene petersiana*, and for being home to the largest population of southwestern black rhinos in Africa. Animal lovers can also get a peek at leopard, lion, cheetah, mountain zebra, Angolan giraffe, springbok, kudu, and African bush elephant.

Day Itinerary

Route: Palmwag

Complete the walk and return to Palmwag on a scenic nature drive. Remainder of day at leisure to relax at Palmwag or participate in an afternoon activity - either a walk or nature drive.

Overnight: Palmwag Lodge

A call from the far western wilderness beckons you to the home of the desert adapt world. With the largest predator population outside of Etosha National Park, this destination will not disappoint. With rooms and safari tents on offer, your stay will be most memorable.

Location: 121 km west of Kamanjab off the C43

**Optional**

Palmwag Guided Two Palms Walk

Afternoon scenic drive.

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Palmwag's Guided Two Palms Walk takes place in both the morning and afternoon. The tour lets guests enjoy a true wild life experience, taking in the beauty of the lodge's spectacular surroundings, on a guided walk with informative and experienced guides.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 7 - Hobatere Lodge, Etosha West

Situated in the western part of Etosha National park, a world-famous wildlife sanctuary in the northwestern part of Namibia, Etosha West is the wilder western region accessed through Galton Gate. Visitors to Etosha West can look forward to exploring the magnificent scenery of this remote north Namibian landscape characterised by lush undulating terrain and a reddish-brown soil, which is a stark contrast to the white dusty clay soil of Etosha East's flat expansive plains. This area is home to several species not found in the rest of the park: baboons, Mountain Zebra, and Brown Hyena, as well as several unique plants. The area also boasts numerous waterholes attracting elephant, rhino, leopard, lion, a variety of buck, and around 300 bird species.

Day Itinerary

Route: Palmwag - Hobatere

Distance: 210 km

Journey: Leaving the Palmwag concession travel up the Grootberg Pass to a private concession situated outside the western boundary fence of Etosha National Park.

Overnight: Hobatere Lodge

Hobatere Lodge is strategically located 65 km north of Kamanjab on the western border of the Etosha National Park. The lodge has an airstrip and is situated in a concession area of 8,808 ha which is home to a wide selection of game, including elephant, giraffe, eland, and Hartmann's zebra.

The lodge offers the visitor the opportunity to experience game drives in open vehicles and nature walks with experienced and knowledgeable rangers. Early morning and night drives are part of the activities on offer. Many nocturnal animals, such as aardvark, cape fox, bat-eared fox, aardwolf, genet and many more can be encountered on a night drive. Before your exciting night drive, you will be able to enjoy the night sky at our Boma for dinner. Activities also include drives into the Etosha National Park.

The lodge belongs to the #Khoadi //Hoas Conservancy. One of the primary objectives of the lodge is to increase the benefits to the local community, reducing human wildlife conflict and also conservation of the area.

The name Hobatere means "Find me", and once you do, you will enjoy a warm welcome and personalized service.



Recommended

Hobatere Lodge Game Drives

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Hobatere Lodge is located 80 km north of Kamanjab on the western border of the Etosha National park, situated in a concession area of 32 000 ha. The concession area is home to a wide selection of game including lion, leopard, oryx,

eland, cheetah, armadillo, giraffe, Hartmann's mountain zebra and elephant. The lodge offers early morning and night game drives in open safari vehicles. The activity includes professionally trained rangers and refreshments.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 8 - Okaukuejo Resort, Etosha South



Located just south of the boundary of Etosha National Park in northwestern Namibia, Etosha South makes up the southern region of this wild paradise. The area is comprised of a collection of world class private game reserves. The national park can be accessed via the southern entrance at Andersson's Gate. Visitors can catch a glimpse of a variety of wildlife including: lion, giraffe, elephant, white and black rhino, and a multitude of plains game. Popular activities include: enjoying an open 4x4 safari with an expert guide, half day or full day drives with the option of a picnic lunch with wine on the full day game drive.

Day Itinerary

Route: Hobatere Lodge - Okaukuejo

Distance: 180 km

Journey: a morning game drive as you exit the Concession area, a short drive takes you to the Otjovosandu entrance gate to the Etosha National Park. Game view your way through this previously restricted area to Okaukuejo Resort.

Overnight: Okaukuejo Resort

Okaukuejo Resort is located within the Etosha National Park in Namibia. Accommodation options consist of comfortably furnished rooms and chalets with air conditioning, refrigerators, and tea/coffee-making facilities. Chalets have fully equipped kitchens/kitchenettes. Guests can start the day with an inclusive breakfast on-site. Facilities and services include a restaurant, a bar, a swimming pool, a souvenir shop, and an onsite convenience store. Area activities include game drives, birdwatching, and wildlife spotting.

BasisBed and Breakfast

Day 9 - Okaukuejo Resort, Etosha South

Day Itinerary

Full day in the Okaukuejo region on morning and afternoon game drives in our touring vehicle.

Etosha West

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BasisBed and Breakfast

Day 10 - 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: Okaukuejo Resort - Onguma Game Reserve

Distance: Game drive

Journey: today we are flexible depending on your requirements. The day can unfold by heading out at dawn into the Okaukuejo area for a game drive, returning for breakfast before packing the vehicle and heading off towards Namutoni. Alternatively up early, pack vehicle, quick breakfast and head off.

Stop to stretch legs at Halali or have lunch here. Exit the National Park and drive the short distance to the Onguma Reserve which borders the National Park.

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.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 11 - 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: Onguma Game Reserve - Okonjima Nature Reserve

Distance: 350 km

Journey: Leaving the Etosha National Park behind us we travel via the mining town of Tsumeb and south to Otjiwarongo. We suggest you arrive at Okonjima just after lunch so as you can participate in the afternoon endangered species game drive.

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 terrasse 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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Its design honours the founding family, 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 warm dining and lounge area with views over a spectacular waterhole and the Okonjima plains.

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.



Activities

Afternoon	Okonjima Private Nature Reserve
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Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 12 - End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

Route: Okonjima Nature Reserve - Windhoek

Distance: 350 km

Journey: Leaving Okonjima travel via the town of Okahandja to Windhoek, drop off rental vehicle and transfer transfer to Windhoek Hosea Kutako International Airport.

Activities

Transfer
