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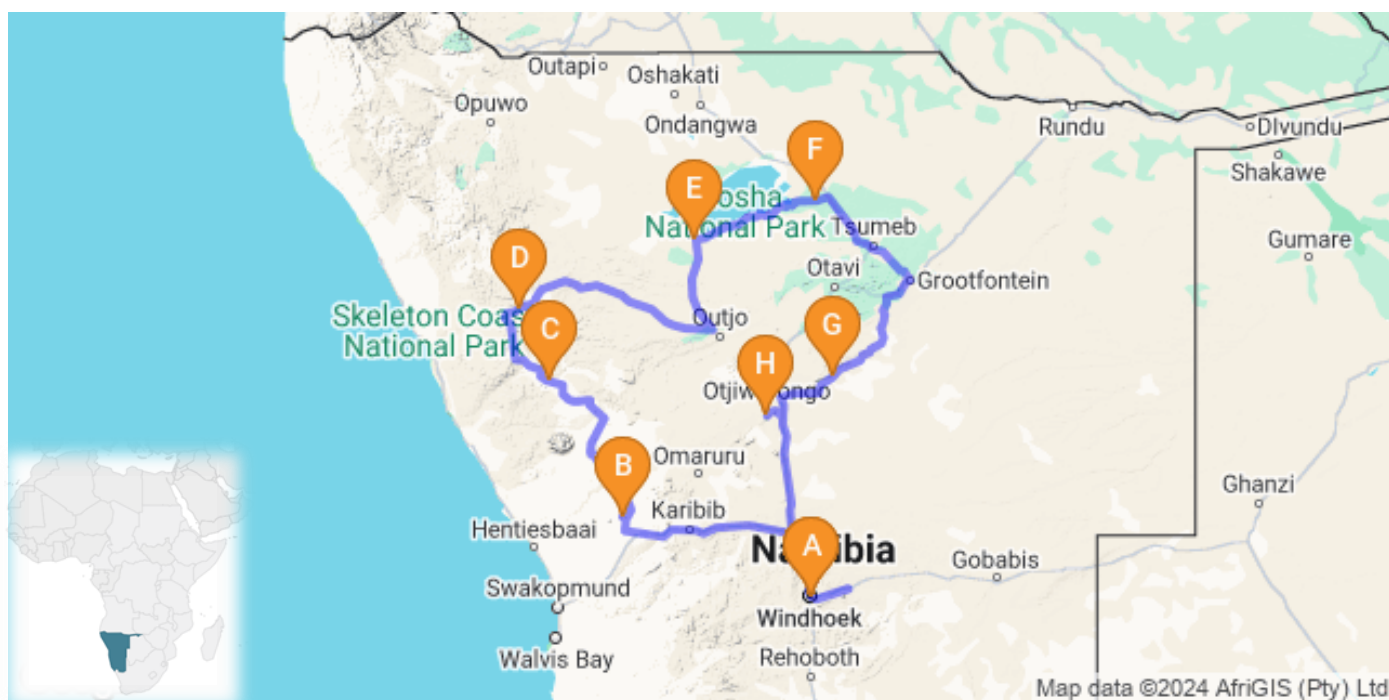
AFRICA SAFARI EXPLORER

12day Damaraland & Etosha Accommodated Self Drive

*Windhoek - Spitzkoppe - Twyfelfontein - Damaraland - Etosha South - Etosha National Park - Etosha East -
Waterberg Region - Okonjima Nature Reserve - Central Namibia*

12 Days / 11 Nights

2025 June 1 - 12



Why Namibia?

Namibia may not be the world's most well-known destination, but that only adds to its appeal. This fascinating country on the southwestern edge of Africa is bursting with natural wonders, historic sites, incredible wildlife and so much more for adventurous explorers who are ready to get off the beaten path – and then go farther.

Namibia is filled with innumerable sights to see. Its otherworldly landscapes consist of sweeping dunes, surreal landscapes, ghost towns and Indigenous Culture. Home to a rich population of cheetahs, Namibia offers matchless wildlife viewing.

With one of the world's lowest population distributions, Namibia is perfect for crowd-free travel. It's not uncommon to see few or no cars outside towns. A popular self-drive destination with great infrastructure, the drive will have you travel through one of the world's most stunning and extraordinary road routes.

Accommodation	Type	Destination	Start	End	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Naankuse @ Utopia		Windhoek	1 Jun	2 Jun	B&B	1x Luxury Suites	1 Night
Spitzkoppen Lodge		Spitzkoppe	2 Jun	3 Jun	D,B&B	1x Tented Chalet	1 Night
Camp Kipwe		Twyfelfontein	3 Jun	4 Jun	D,B&B	1x Bungalows	1 Night
Grootberg Lodge		Damaraland	4 Jun	6 Jun	D,B&B	1x Twin Room	2 Nights
Okaukuejo Resort		Etosha South	6 Jun	8 Jun	B&B	1x Waterhole Chalet	2 Nights
Mushara Bush Camp		Etosha East	8 Jun	9 Jun	D,B&B	1x Tented Double Bungalow	1 Night
Waterberg Plateau Lodge		Waterberg Region	9 Jun	10 Jun	D,B&B	1x Rock Chalet	1 Night
Okonjima Plains Camp		Okonjima Nature Reserve	10 Jun	11 Jun	D,B&B	1x Plains Camp Classic Rooms	1 Night
Naankuse @ Utopia		Windhoek	11 Jun	12 Jun	B&B	1x Luxury Suites	1 Night

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

D,B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Included

- Accommodation and activities as set out in itinerary;
- Car rental - 4x4 Toyota Hilux double cab or sim - Automatic
- Meals as stated in itinerary
- Entry fees to parks included in tour
- 1night Utopia Boutique Hotel BB (3*)
- 1night Spitzkoppen Lodge DBB (3.5*)
- 1night Camp Kipwe DBB (3.5*)
- 2nights Grootberg Lodge DBB (3*)
- 2nights Okaukuejo Resort BB (2-2.5*)
- 1night Mushara Bush Camp DBB (3*)
- 1night Waterberg Wilderness Plateau Lodge DBB (3*)
- 1night Okonjima Plains Camp DBB (3.5*)
- 1night Utopia Boutique Hotel BB (3*)
- 1x Shared Full Day Rhino Tracking - Grootberg Lodge
- 1x Shared Rhino Drive - Waterberg Wilderness Plateau Lodge
- Okonjima - 1 x shared lodge activity leopard tracking (or to same value) & levies
- Welcome pack with detailed itinerary, driving directions, map, small guide book, vouchers & meet and greet service;
- 24 hour personal support service
- E-med evacuation insurance (medical evacuation);
- VAT & tourism levy

Car Rental - Classic Plus - zero excess:

Includes: Unlimited kms, theft & collision damage waiver; Stamp duty, VAT; personal accident insurance; airport surcharge; tourism levy; carbon emissions tax; tyre, rim & hubcap damage; windscreen cover; sandblasting damage; & 1 spare wheel; 24/7 breakdown/recovery assistance

Excluded

- International and other flights
- Visa/ visa applications – instructions to be provided
- Immunizations – none needed (Standard traveling immunizations apply)
- Additional meals and optional activities
- Personal insurance and items of a personal nature including tips/curios etc

Day 1: Naankuse @ Utopia, Windhoek (Sun, 1 June)

Day Itinerary

Upon arrival in Windhoek, collect your vehicle(s) and drive to Utopia Boutique Hotel, a small and informal retreat. The remainder of the day is free. You'll meet your tour consultant today who will hand over your welcome pack and answer any last minute questions. Overnight is in twin share room with en suite facilities on a bed and breakfast basis, all other meals will be at own client's expense. *Approx. 40mins drive to city*



Windhoek is Namibia's capital, 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 - though English is the official language. The city has an interesting mix of historical architecture and modern buildings, many of which are worth a look, including the Alte Feste (Old Fort), the 1896 Christuskirche (Christ Church), and the more contemporary Supreme Court. It's not a city to linger though - generally one or two nights is sufficient.

Overnight: Naankuse @ Utopia [View iBrochure](#)

The modern Utopia Boutique establishment has allied with the neighbouring Pension Bougainvilla and offers serene rooms and luxurious suites situated amid beautiful, green lush gardens around a swimming pool. The hotel is conveniently located in the tranquil suburb of Klein Windhoek. All rooms are equipped with a TV, DSTV, free wifi-access and air-conditioning along with a balcony or outside deck. The onsite Taste Academy, beautifully set in a restored German Manor built in 1912, offers a superb venue.



Luxury Suites

1 En-suite Luxury Self-Catering Unit, 6 luxurious en-suite rooms with balconies overlooking the Klein Windhoek River. All equipped with large plasma screen TV's, DSTV, free Wi-Fi access, stocked minibar and air-conditioning.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 2: Spitzkoppen Lodge, Spitzkoppe (Mon, 2 June)

Day Itinerary

After breakfast drive to Spitzkoppe Mountain where strange shapes have been eroded by the wind over millions of years. If you are a climber, a geologist, a rock hound, or a star gazer, Spitzkoppe is Eden. The lodge offers a variety of tours, visit the bushman rock paintings, take a sundowner cycling trip or join a guided drive with their knowledgeable guide. You can also get a map from reception and explore the area on foot by yourself. *Overnight in tented chalets on a dinner bed and breakfast basis. Approx 3-3.5hours drive. Comfort 3.5**



Although not Namibia's highest mountains these giant granite domes with their amazing rock formations are its most famous. A community camp is located in its' shadow and its a terrific place to explore - walk or climb amongst the rocks, view some ancient Bushman art and savour the experience. It's also a terrific place to enjoy starry skies.

Overnight: Spitzkoppen Lodge

Spitzkoppen Lodge is situated on the northern periphery of the Spitzkoppe inselberg - between substantial granite boulders with breathtaking views of the Brandberg and Erongo Mountains. The stylish, private accommodation consists of 15 spacious, tastefully furnished chalets, each with a private bathroom and outside viewing deck - which connects the guest with the vast stretches of untouched sand and boulders beyond. The buildings are linked with elevated walkways all constructed to be wheelchair friendly and minimise the impact on the environment.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 3: Camp Kipwe, Twyfelfontein (Tue, 3 June)

Day Itinerary

On to the wide-open spaces of central Damaraland, and to your beautiful lodge for the evening Camp Kipwe. You'll drive past Brandberg, a huge massif and Namibia's highest point, rising up over the plains and onward Twyfelfontein area where you can take a local guide to explore and view these ancient Bushman etchings whilst learning a little of history of this rugged region, you can also visit nearby Living Damara Museum to learn a little of the Damara community. Watch out for desert elephants found wandering around the dry riverbeds in dry season! *Overnight ensuite bungalows on a dinner bed and breakfast basis. Approx 3.5-4hours Comfort 3.5**



Twyfelfontein is a site of ancient rock engravings in Damaraland, and Namibia's first UNESCO World Heritage Site (2007). It has one of the largest collections in Africa as well as one of the most note-worthy with around 2,000+, some thought to be around 6,000 years old! It is believed that the creators of the rock art were the medicine people or shamans who incised their engravings as a means of entering the supernatural world and recording the experiences, the process could prepare the shaman for a state of trance by the repetitive chipping and concentration of energy. Etched into the rock are thus stories within stories, eternalised as a legacy

Overnight: Camp Kipwe [View iBrochure](#)

This is one of our favourites for central Damaraland! Camp Kipwe a bush lodge located in Namibia's arid yet starkly beautiful Twyfelfontein region, home to many ancient Bushman etchings. The 9 chalets are unique and private, with an outdoor bathroom nestled amongst granite rocks, thatched roofs and spectacular views over the surrounding area. Each chalet has air-con and a safe.

Optional activities include guided nature walks around the Twyfelfontein Conservancy, as well as trips to Twyfelfontein for the rock etchings, the mysterious Organ Pipes and Burnt Mountain. For a very special

experience, an Elephant/Nature Drive is an [optional] 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. Credit cards are welcomed but note there isn't internet.



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.



Optional

Damara Living Museum
Twyfelfontein Rock Art
Guided Nature Drive

Optional - 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.



Optional - Twyfelfontein Rock Art

Twyfelfontein is a World Heritage Site boasting one of the richest rock art concentrations in Africa. Thousands of tourists come to this site each year to view some 2, 500 Stone Age rock engravings. The area is home to 17 rock

art sites, which collectively encompass 212 engraved stone slabs. There are an additional 13 sites displaying rock paintings.



Optional - Guided Nature Drive

Explore this ancient and arid landscape with your guide on the Nature Drive. Departing early in the morning, the guide will show you that this harsh, dry environment is alive with desert-adapted flora and fauna, and perhaps, if lucky, discover the desert-adapted elephant.

Usually departs at 06h30 and will go out for +/- 4 - 6 hours.

Drinks & snacks are included.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 4 & 5: Grootberg Lodge, Damaraland (Wed, 4 June and Thu, 5 June)

Day Itinerary

Today you will make your way to the heart of Northern Damaraland. Grootberg Lodge is a community-based establishment, where plateaus reach high on skyline and strange plant life dominates the surrounds. One of the most renowned lodges in the region, there is the chance to join optional activities, perhaps a sundowner drive. The following day you have an included full day rhino tracking activity booked, ideal for ultimate wildlife enthusiasts. Optional activities include hiking, community excursions and game drives. Overnight in twin share chalet on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis. *Approx 2-2.5hours*



Huge, untamed and ruggedly beautiful Damaraland is an exceptionally scenic landscape of open plains and spectacular rock formations. Some regard the highlight of the region as Twyfelfontein - Namibia's first World Heritage Site and one of the largest collections of rock etchings in Africa. There are a number of sites worth exploring in the region and depending on how much time you have - Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain, the Erongo Mountains with its granite formations and conservancy programmes, then Spitzkoppe offering incredible rock formations as well as rock paintings.

Engage with local communities around the area including the Damara people and perhaps visit Damara Living Museum located close to Twyfelfontein

Ultimately, this area is also home to free-roaming desert elephant, black rhino and desert-adapted lion (along with a number of other species including giraffe, mountain zebra etc), and some lodges offer superb activities enabling visitors to track these incredible animals

Overnight: Grootberg Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Thanks to funds donated by the European Union, Grootberg Lodge was built. It was the first lodge to be wholly owned by the community and this in turn has brought employment and a more sustainable income to the members, as well as revenue to aide and promoted social initiatives and resources. With community members comprising of up to 98% of the employees, even former poachers became conservationists particularly for those with excellent bush and tracking skills, superb knowledge of the area, these people became the best candidates for the job. An environmental award-winning lodge, increasing wildlife numbers in the conservancy, superb location and game such as black rhino, desert-adapted lion and elephant and sustainable tourism makes this a truly worthwhile lodge to visit and is one of our favourites as a 3* destination. The lodge itself perches on the edge of the plateau with incredible vistas, and has an infinity pool, thatched bar, lounge and dining area, along with a small curio shop and internet facilities. There are 16 en-suite chalets in total - 14 twin/double, plus 2 family chalets, each with its own deck and view, and have tea/coffee station, and mossie nets.

Enjoy optional activities such as guided desert elephant tracking, visiting a local Damara community, game drives, guided nature walks and sunset drives or simply relax by the infinity pool



Twin Room

Room with 2 twin beds.

INCLUDED Activities

Rhino Tracking

Optional

Sundowner Drive

Moringa Guided Walk

Included - Rhino Tracking (all day event)

Your guide, along with the game trackers will take you in an open 4x4 game vehicle down to the Klip River Valley. Part of the tracking will take place on foot, with the possibility of between 1 to 3 hours walk at the most. At lunchtime there will be a stop near the springs where you can enjoy some refreshments.

It's almost a full day activity going along bumpy roads and walking in rocky terrain, so not advisable for the faint-hearted. Sightings are not guaranteed.



Optional - Sundowner Drive

The lodge offers scenic drives on top of the Etendeka Plateau with the possibility of seeing a variety of wildlife population of zebras, antelope, jackal and occasionally leopard and lion. Springbok, Kudu and Oryx are a permanent fixture and even the nervous and shy klipspringers are sometimes seen leaping from ledge to ledge on the steep cliffs of the mountain.



Optional - Moringa Guided Walk

Enjoy a scrumptious but, wholesome breakfast on the veranda or deck of the restaurant. Your guide will meet you at the lodge for an early start to explore the plateau on foot. You will have an opportunity to see and learn about the local flora, the amazing sedimentary and volcanic rock formation of the Etendeka Mountains and perhaps encounter the wildlife living on the plateau. Due to lions in the area, clients will only be able to book the activity upon arrival and last around 2 hours.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 6 & 7: Okaukuejo Resort, Etosha South (Fri, 6 June and Sat, 7 June)

Day Itinerary

Onward to Etosha National Park, one of the best game reserves in Southern Africa and home to abundant game. You may see lion, cheetah, leopard, elephant, hyena, giraffe, and many types of antelope including the endemic black-faced impala and the smallest of all - the Damara dik-dik. Two nights are spent inside the park at Okaukuejo where you can enjoy self-guided game drives or sit around at the floodlit waterhole and watch the animals come to drink. The waterhole is renowned as during the dry winter months is normally a hive of activity from the pounding hooves of plains game, to herds of elephants, black rhino and even predators passing through during the late afternoon through into the night. Bed and breakfast basis in waterhole chalets. Comfort 2-2.5* Approx. 4hours on day 6. *Note that staying inside the national park at Okaukuejo the floodlit waterhole can be very active but the rest camp is Government run and as such standards (food/service etc) can be lower than privately run establishments*



The national park can be accessed via the southern entrance at Andersson's Gate and the central point is Okaukuejo Resort. Visitors can catch a glimpse of abundant wildlife including: lion, giraffe, elephant, white and black rhino, and a multitude of plains game. Popular activities include: game drives, tracking rhinos on foot, guided nature walks, or watch the sunset over this magnificent landscape. Just outside the national park is the upmarket Ongava Private Reserve, as well as a number of mid-level accommodation and camp sites.

Overnight: Okaukuejo Resort

Okaukuejo is located 17 km from the southern entrance of the park, and famous for its flood-lit waterhole, where visitors can observe at close quarters a spectacle of wildlife congregating and interacting - this is an incredible sight during the dry winter months and one of best places to see herds of elephant, black rhino and large herds of plains game. The spectacle starts at dawn, with animals coming in large numbers to quench their thirst and

continues throughout the day until late at night. In the early evenings, it is not uncommon to have black rhino, elephant and lion all drinking at the same time. Wifi available (extra charge)



You may want to drive by and possibly stop at Etosha Safari Camp Gondwana Collection Namibia

Etosha Safari Camp is situated just 10 km south of Andersson Gate. Special attractions are the Okambashu Restaurant and the Oshebeena Bar, styled like a typical little township bar and brimming with African joie de vivre. Internet available in main area.



Etosha Pan

Aeons ago, Etosha Pan was the bed of a vast lake; today what remains is a glittering, silvery-green salt pan that stretches across roughly 5000 square kilometres. Etosha is protected by the Etosha Pan National Park surrounded by savannah plains and woodlands supporting large herds of elephants. When dry, the pan sustains little life except for the algae that gives it its distinctive colour, and migratory birds that use it as a pit stop, but with heavy rain it becomes a shallow lake (east side) where flamingos breed, pelicans wade and feed, and a variety of mammal species come to quench their thirst, including predators such as hyena, lion, cheetah, and leopards along with rhinos, and antelopes.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 8: **Mushara Bush Camp, Etosha East** **(Sun, 8 June)**

Day Itinerary

Today, game drive across Etosha, to the east of the park, stopping at various waterholes along the way and watching out for the many species of animals and birds in the savannah plains and woodland habitats. It's worth a visit to the huge Etosha Pan - so large it can be seen from space to witness shimmering mirages and seemingly endless horizons. Mushara is just a few kms from the Von Lindequist Park gate outside of Etosha. Dinner, bed and breakfast . *3-3.5* game drives vary*



In the vast arid space of Northern Namibia lies one of Southern Africa's best loved wildlife parks. Etosha National Park offers excellent game viewing in one of Africa's most accessible venues. Zebra and springbok are scattered across the endless horizon, while the many waterholes attract endangered black rhinoceros, lion, elephant and large numbers of antelope. Etosha, meaning 'place of dry water', is enclosed a huge, flat calcrete depression (or pan) of about 5,000km². The 'Pan' provides a great, parched, silver-white backdrop of shimmering mirages to an area of semi-arid savannah grassland and thorn scrub. The pan itself contains water only after very good rains and sometimes for only a few days each year, but is enough to stimulate the growth of a blue-green algae which lures thousands of flamingos.

Overnight: Mushara Bush Camp [View iBrochure](#)

Mushara Bush Camp is situated just 10kms from the Von Lindequist Gate to the world famous Etosha National Park. The camp accommodates 32 guests and 8 children in custom-made tent like structures and offers a down-to-earth tented bush camp experience and an exceptional affordable base for travellers exploring the magical Etosha.

The main house is thatched and has a true bush camp feel to it. Early evenings see a camp fire lit where guests can exchange stories of the day's wildlife sightings and meals are served on the thatched veranda with the bush being a mere step away.

Each of the 16 custom made en-suite tents is built from canvas, wood and local limestone. With an 8m² private veranda and windows from floor to ceiling, these tents are spacious and airy.. The large bathroom has a big window and the shower offers views into the surrounding bush and brushed cement floors and stone walls keep the tents cool even in the afternoon sun. You will enjoy the privacy of your veranda and the comfort of your tent, plus the tranquillity of the bush is guaranteed.



Tented Double Bungalow

Each of the 12 custom made en-suite tents is built from canvas, wood and local limestone. With an 8 m2 private veranda and windows from floor to ceiling, these tents are spacious and airy. The large bathroom has a big window and the shower offers views into the surrounding bush. Each double tent accommodates a maximum of 2 guests.

A coffee station, safe deposit box, mosquito net, socket for charging storage batteries, hair drier and floor fan are standard. Wifi is available at rooms/tents and common areas.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 9: Waterberg Plateau Lodge, Waterberg Region (Mon, 9 June)

Day Itinerary

Today You will make your way south and on to the Waterberg region. Your lodge is situated high up on the slope of the Waterberg with endless views of the Kalahari bush savanna below.

This afternoon you have a shared rhino drive included with the lodge, also look out for some of the other animals that roam the area such as, giraffe, oryx and eland, red hartebeest, blue wildebeest and kudu. *Overnight in chalets on a dinner bed and breakfast basis. Approx 4-4.5hours drive.*



The Waterberg Region incorporates the Waterberg Plateau National Park and the farming districts from Outjo and Otjiwarongo in the north west/west to Grootfontein and Tsumeb in the north. The Waterberg Plateau itself rises like an island some 200m above the surrounding African bush and savannah and the brick-red sandstone formations and lush green vegetation attracts a number of visitors. The park itself was established as a reserve for endangered and protected species and is today home to 25 game species and over 200 bird species including black and white rhino, roan and sable antelope and buffalo.

Included – Rhino Drive (shared)

Round trip through the African bush savannah at the foot of the Waterberg. You almost always rub shoulders with rhino. With a little luck you will encounter game such as giraffe, oryx and eland, red hartebeest, blue wildebeest and kudu.



Drive-By: Self-Drive

The Hoba Meteorite, located 20km west of Grootfontein can also be seen - the largest known meteorite to crash to earth is estimated to be 100-300million years old and weighs around 50tons.

Overnight: Waterberg Plateau Lodge

Nestled on a rock terrace high up on the slope of Waterberg, the chalets of Waterberg Plateau Lodge afford grand vistas of the endless Kalahari bush savannah below. Each of the double room chalets sits between red sandstone rocks in the midst of green bush, with total privacy guaranteed. Acacias shade the terrace; a plunge pool filled with spring water provides cooling and attracts birds and small game.



Rock Chalet

Built from red Waterberg sandstone, the chalet is nestled in the bush on the slope of the mountain and has a private terrace with a plunge pool, providing cooling and attracting birds and small game. The twin-bed room with en-suite bathroom and a sitting area offers views to the endless plains of the Kalahari.

Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 10: Okonjima Plains Camp, Okonjima Nature Reserve (Tue, 10 June)

Day Itinerary

Journey to Okonjima, home of the AfriCat Foundation, where you will overnight at Plains Camp, in a twin standard room on dinner, bed and breakfast basis, with one activity per person included. This afternoon perhaps join an activity searching for radio collared leopard in the huge 20,000ha reserve, head out for game drive on the reserve, or visit the educational centre and the chance to see cheetah. Okonjima offers a number of predator-driven activities and a chance to enjoy some of these magnificent animals often at close quarters but just remember they are wild and sightings are not guaranteed for leopard etc – however feedback from guests is normally one full of excitement as they have spotted one of their favourite big cats! *Okonjima is a firm favourite for many visitors and Chameleon staff. Comfort 3.5-4* Approx 1.5-2hours*

We recommend the Leopard Tracking OR Endangered Species Game Drive (1 activity included and alternative activities available at the lodge may be at additional cost).



Halfway between Windhoek and Etosha lies the well-known Okonjima Nature Reserve. The 22 000 ha Nature Reserve is surrounded by 96 km of fence and was finally completed in 2010. Okonjima is home to AFRICAT, a Carnivore Conservation, which gives the captive carnivores a second chance to be released back into the wild and to take the time it needs, to become a completely independent hunter - in a protected area right in the middle of commercial farmland! Also in the Reserve is a 2000 ha 'safe' zone around Plains Camp, Bush Camp, Bush Suite, the Omboroko Campsite as well as the PAWS Environmental Education Centre.

Overnight: Okonjima Plains Camp [View iBrochure](#)

Not only is Okonjima a luxury lodge, but is also home to The AfriCat Foundation, a non-profit organisation, committed to long-term conservation of Namibia's large carnivores, especially cheetahs and leopards and a visit will give you an opportunity to witness some of AfriCat's work. Plains Camp design honours the Okonjima cattle-farming history - in the early 1920's, Okonjima became a cattle farm and was bought by Val (VJ) & Rose Hanssen in 1970. They were well-established Brahman breeders and continued to farm cattle until the need for solutions to increasing livestock losses became pertinent and post-independence interest in Namibia as a tourist destination, escalated. In 1993, the herds of Brahman and Jersey cattle were sold, changing the face of Okonjima as well as that of Carnivore Conservation!

Facilities include swimming pool, curio shop, waterhole, free wifi.

Note there is no air-conditioning.



Plains Camp Classic Rooms

There are 14 standard Rooms all with a view across the Okonjima plains. Each room has a small verandah, a wheel-chair friendly ramp and the rooms are set 15m - 20m apart. The rooms each have 2 double beds, a mini-fridge for own use, a coffee/tea station, 2 roof-fans, twin basins and a large shower, a safe for valuables and a telephone to contact reception.



The Okonjima Experience

The Okonjima Nature Reserve sprawls over 200 square kilometres of undulating plains, mountainous outcrops, and riverine thickets, and it is here that leopard (*Panthera pardus*), the most adaptable of all the wild cats, thrive. These intelligent, solitary predators occur in high density in the expanse of Okonjima Nature Reserve's multi-faceted topography. The Reserve's predator research programme has spanned three decades, and its findings have provided great insight to leopard behavioral patterns as well as offered an upbeat prognosis for a sustainable future for the species in today's Africa. Research programme leopard are actively tracked, and their collars are an invaluable resource for locating, and then returning to the Reserve, cats which have migrated to surrounding farmland where they are perceived as threats to livestock, guests can enjoy leopard tracking though sightings are not guaranteed they are very likely and the opportunity to see these beautiful cats close up are a highlight for many.

Optional activities include finding out more on the protection of Namibia's predators including cheetah, leopard, hyena, lion and even wild dog and an insight is given to the human-wildlife conflict. Visitors have the chance of seeing cheetah in a reserve (these individuals cannot be released to the wild) but makes for great photos.

Perhaps join an optional Bushman walking trail, game drive on the reserve, or self-guided walks. Optional Night drives are also available to lodge guests.



INCLUDED - LEOPARD TRACKING

Your afternoon Leopard 'experience' will take you out into the Okonjima Nature Reserve and will allow you to spend more time with our experienced guides and participate in the research data collection for our long-standing leopard project and newly introduced brown hyaena programme. Some of our adult leopards are radio collared which enables the guides to track them with a specialised telemetry device contributing to frequent viewing, giving visitors an opportunity to observe these magnificent predators in their natural habitat and experience the fascinating behaviour and interactions between these two species while they compete for food. Although this significantly increases the chance of an excellent sighting, it cannot ever be guaranteed as they are wild free-roaming predators.

Afternoon activities (seasonal times): Departure: 15:30 / 16:00 PM; Return 19:00 / 19:30 PM.



Optional - THE AfriCat FOUNDATION CARNIVORE CARE & INFORMATION CENTRE (ACCC)

During the visit to AfriCat, visitors will have the opportunity to spend some time at the Carnivore Care & Information Centre, which provides valuable insights into the Foundation's work.

The visit will include a short guided drive to the AfriCat Carnivore Care Centre, where visitors can meet some of the ambassador cheetahs. Our knowledgeable guides will answer questions, explain the Foundation's work with carnivores in Namibia, and help position the vehicle for that perfect photo opportunity.

Morning activities (seasonal times): Departure 06:00 / 06:30 AM; Return 09:30 / 10:00 AM.

Afternoon activities (seasonal times): Departure: 15:30 / 16:00 PM; Return 19:00 / 19:30 PM.



Optional - ENDANGERED SPECIES NATURE 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 hyaena, 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.

Morning activities (seasonal times): Departure 06:00 / 06:30 AM; Return 09:30 / 10:00 AM.

Afternoon activities (seasonal times): Departure: 15:30 / 16:00 PM; Return 19:00 / 19:30 PM.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 11: Naankuse @ Utopia, Windhoek (Wed, 11 June)

Day Itinerary

Today return to Windhoek, en-route you can stop at Ombu Village to interact with the Ovaherero People or perhaps at the Okahandja wood market to barter for any last-minutes gifts to take back home. Overnight in a twin room with en suite facilities on a bed and breakfast basis, all other meals will be at client's expense. Dinner can be enjoyed at the hotel, alternatively, visit one of the many restaurants in the city for dinner - Joe's Beer house is recommended. . *Note the drive is around 2h45 to city.*



As previously described

Drive-By: Self-Drive Ombu Village

Ombu Village is placed on Farm Ombu on the way to Okonjima Nature Reserve in Namibia. The village seeks to document and preserve the heritage and culture of the Ovaherero in the form of a living museum, reflecting on

the past whilst informing the present. Consisting of a traditional homestead, the village comprises 9 houses with distinctive original designs and building methods dating back to 1880, and other periodic designs over the last 150 years. An on-site curio shop offers a variety of Ovaherero traditional, handcrafted arts and crafts items which are bought from artisans in nearby villages.



Drive-By: Self-Drive Okahandja Craft Market - South

This craft market is Okahandja's best known tourist attraction. Woodcarvers from all over, and as far as the Kavango Region of north-eastern Namibia, who practice their ancient skills come here to sell their goods. Since wood is not resistant to the wear and tear of time, wood sculptures survive less well than other forms of art and are therefore an important hidden element in the art history of many cultures. The wood-and-thatch market is situated next to the main road at the town's entrance and exit. Choose from a wide variety of hand-carved wooden artifacts such as animals, bowls or jewelry boxes.



Overnight: Naankuse @ Utopia [View iBrochure](#)

The modern Utopia Boutique establishment has allied with the neighbouring Pension Bougainvilla and offers serene rooms and luxurious suites situated amid beautiful, green lush gardens around a swimming pool. The hotel is conveniently located in the tranquil suburb of Klein Windhoek. There are just 12 standard rooms, 6 luxurious suites, and a self-catering unit. All rooms are equipped with a TV, DSTV, free wifi-access and air-conditioning along with a balcony or outside deck. The onsite Taste Academy, beautifully set in a restored German Manor built in 1912, offers a superb venue.



Luxury Suites

1 En-suite Luxury Self-Catering Unit, 6 luxurious en-suite rooms with balconies overlooking the Klein Windhoek River. All equipped with large plasma screen TV's, DSTV, free Wi-Fi access, stocked minibar and air-conditioning.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 12: End of Itinerary (Thu, 12 June)

Day Itinerary

Today you return your Safari Trucks to the airport, and say goodbye to Namibia and take your onward connection. Approx 40mins drive to airport, plus time to drop the vehicle off.

Expert Tips

Car Rental: All car rentals will require you to provide your passport, driving licence (written in English or an international licence), as well as supply a credit card for the refundable deposit.

If you have an accident and if the car rental company/insurance can prove you were negligent- for example - speeding - the zero excess becomes null and void and you are liable for costs.

Upon collection of the vehicle you will complete the car rental suppliers' contract and book any ancillary extras with them - these are for your own account.

Please check the vehicle carefully as you are responsible for it thereafter.

If you have any problems with the car whilst you are on the road please contact them directly.

A GPS is often available by the car rental companies (at client's own expense), however, due to our road network system (and small population), it is not normally required, we realize this is a personal preference and are happy to pre-book for you.

Outside of major towns/cities do not drive around/after sunset.

Availability & Comfort: Please note that this quote is based on the availability of both accommodation/ vehicle and on the understanding that no bookings have been made. Should we need to use alternative options the price and itinerary is subject to change.

Accommodation is in Government run camps such as Etosha - the waterholes are normally active but standards of service etc can vary. Note that Namibia does not have a fixed "star" rating and therefore the comfort rating is to be used as a guideline only and may vary a little to international standards. This itinerary uses accommodation outside the park.

Travel times: Travel times quoted are a guideline and only allow for one short stop and travelling at average speed - some clients will drive slower or stop multiple times enjoying longer breaks and therefore journeys will take longer. We recommend most days when travelling onto another destination to leave after breakfast to allow plenty of time to arrive in plenty of time and enjoy the location to arrive in afternoon.

Roads: Due to the location of destinations, some long days are inevitable - many Namibian roads are gravel which vary in quality depending on the season and maintenance work carried out by the Government, at times conditions can be poor. The conditions are also hard on vehicles and why we recommend 4x4 or similar (vehicles with higher ground clearance/larger tyres).

Changing road conditions can have an impact on comfort and driving times.

Do not deviate off public roads (or those into lodges/camps) and note the majority of rental vehicles have a tracking device, should you deviate and damage your vehicle in any way and the route deemed unsuitable you will be held liable for the damage.

More details regarding how to drive on gravel roads and in Namibia/surrounding countries is given with our "car rules and regulations" document issued with your self-drive confirmation

Is this destination right for you? Namibia is an incredible country to visit but remember we are in Africa and that not all standards are the same as you would get in Europe or other first world countries. To most of our clients, that is part of the appeal of travelling to destinations such as ours. If you are not comfortable with new challenges then you may wish to consider other companies or locations. Ensure you read through the itinerary /route carefully and assess your ability to manage and enjoy this style of travel and destination.

Infrastructure in the country is generally reliable but we cannot guarantee speedy wifi/internet services throughout your trip,

Expect roads to be bumpy, dusty and outside of winter for it to be hot.

Please manage your own expectations to what the country is really like rather than what you think it may be like, if you have questions about its suitability to you, then ask us. We think Namibia is fantastic and ideal for the adventurous minded but realize it's not ideal for everyone and most people need to have a degree of physical fitness to deal with lengthy travel times and conditions.

Money: The currency in Namibia is the Namibia Dollar, which is fixed to and equals the South African Rand on a 1-1 basis. The dollar and SA Rand are the only legal tender in Namibia and both are used freely, however the Nam dollar is not legal tender in South Africa and we recommend that you exchange your money prior to departing Namibia

Credit Cards: Visa and MasterCard are generally accepted in shops and restaurants in towns and many lodges. Use of credit cards may incur an additional fee. Occasionally lines may be down and services not available particularly in remote destinations and payment will need to be in cash

Cash: The Namibia dollar is not an international currency and therefore can only be obtained in country. Namibia Cash is available at ATM machines using credit card and pin number. There is FX bureau upon arrival at International Airport for those arriving by air and can be worth obtaining prior to arriving in city. The South African Rand and US dollars are usually accepted, but no preferred.

It is customary to tip in Namibia, usually, around 10% at restaurants.

A tip box is normally found in the reception in lodges.

Safety: As with every destination safety tips needs to be adhered to; we strongly recommend you use a safe in a hotel/lodge or lock up your valuables when you are not in the room; when in a vehicle do not leave valuables on display but tucked away and out of sight. It is also better to have copies of passports, money; cards etc split between travellers so if anything unexpected happens and a bag is lost or stolen then other funds/cards are available, you may also wish to consider using a money belt/neck wallet. We suggest you leave valuable jewellery at home – you won't need it while travelling. A padlock for your luggage is also recommended

Luggage: We recommend just 1 bag/suitcase and 1 hand luggage. There are not always porters at your accommodation so be prepared to carry your luggage on occasions to keep it to around 15kg

Dietary: We can assist with booking of various dietary requirements or food allergies but we appreciate your details when you book with us (or with your agent) and we will advise the appropriate lodges. Please be aware that the choice and options may not be as varied as your home country.

Weather: Namibia has around 300 days of sunshine each year and is a year-round destination, although some may prefer to avoid the heat of high summer.

Coastal areas: The cold Benguela current keeps the Atlantic coast of the Namib Desert cool and rain-free for most of the year, with a thick coastal fog. January and February are the hottest and as such the coast is often much cooler than inland.

Summer months (Nov-Feb) daytime temperatures can exceed 40°C (104°F) though generally around 30-38c, and nights outside of high summer are cooler. Namibia has summer rains (short rains Nov-Dec, main rainy season Jan-March) though it rarely rains for long, a rain jacket is useful and during this time the desert blooms. Many of the young animals are also born this time in game viewing areas. The rain may also affect road conditions.

Winter nights can be cold and may be near freezing, but days are generally warm and pleasant. Layering of clothes during this time is recommended.

Climate: The African sun is very strong. Please use a factor 30 sunscreen and wear a hat. You should drink 2-3 litres of water per day to avoid dehydration.

Electrical: plugs are 220V and are 3 pin (round pin as opposed to square pin). Adaptors can be purchased in Windhoek and most international airports; they are the same as South Africa if you are shopping in home country or at airport. Some lodges will also offer 2pin sockets or adaptors but please do not rely on this, it is much better to bring your own. It is possible to re-charge batteries at most lodges but clients must be responsible for security of their possessions

Insurance: It is essential that you purchase comprehensive personal travel insurance before you embark on your holiday, medical insurance is insufficient. Travel insurance is for your own protection and should include

evacuation and cancel any reason/covid policy; we also recommend full cover for baggage loss etc and consider it to be an essential part of modern international travel.

Health: Namibia is a low-risk malarial destination, but we recommend that seek professional medical advice to enable you to make decisions on personal malaria protection. Note Etosha is officially a malarial area (low risk), please discuss with your doctor and obtain any necessary protection before departing your home country. No vaccinations are required by law for the countries being visited on this tour though we recommend clients are up to date with vaccinations of TB, hepatitis, polio etc

Covid: no regulations are currently in place..

Water: All tap water in Namibia has been purified or comes directly from boreholes and is safe to drink. Tap drinking water is generally safe to drink but bottled mineral water is easily available at shops and rest camps should you prefer to drink this, at some lodges it is provided

Visas: The onus is on the client to organize all visas required for clients prior to departure. Please ensure that your passport is valid for at least six months after your scheduled departure date country of travel and has sufficient empty pages. If this is not the case, there is a danger of being turned away by the Immigration Service on arrival at the airport – assuming your airline has agreed to bring you and risk a fine in the first place. The Company cannot be held liable for any necessary visas or other travel documents not held by the clients. Please also note that if your passport requires a visa for the countries you visit and multiple entries if necessary, you will need to carry your passport with you during the trip. If travelling with children birth certificates will be required. Further details are on pre-departure information

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