

**NEW AFRICAN FRONTIERS
NAMIBIA**

TOUR CODE: NSA034

12 DAY - KAKO CAPRIVI TOUR (BRONZE)

SAFARI TYPE: Scheduled Tour – Accommodated – Guided Safari
DURATION: 12 Days / 11 Nights
DEPARTURE DAYS: Tuesdays (see departure dates below)
DEPARTURE LOCATION: Windhoek – Namibia
TOUR ENDS: Kasane – Botswana

Vehicles used will be a Microbus / Sprinter / Speedliner
Min 4 pax and Max 13 pax
Languages spoken are English & German

ROUTING HIGHLIGHTS:

Windhoek – Erongo Area – Damaraland – Epupa – Kunene River – Etosha National Park –
Caprivi Area – Kasane, Botswana

Varied geographical features of Namibia have played a significant role in the history of the Namibian People. Namibia has a rich ethnic diversity and cultural heritage, this tour offers real experiences with these different cultures and wonderful photographic opportunities.

ITINERARY:

**Day 1 - Tuesday
Erongo Region**

Starting our journey from Windhoek, we travel North West to Namibia's highest mountain, the Brandberg. This area was inhabited by numerous tribes thousands of years ago, as the volcanic soil sustains vast vegetation for animals to feed on. Our lodge is a serene location to view Kudu, Baboons and agile Klipspringers, while a variety of birds use the huge granite boulders as breeding grounds.

Accommodation: Brandberg White Lady Lodge: app. 390km

**Day 2 - Wednesday
Damaraland**

Heading north, we reach **Twyfelfontein, a heritage site** renowned for its 2500 different bushman rock paintings and engravings. Other geological attractions visited today consist of the **Burnt Mountain**, the aptly named **Organ Pipes** and the **Petrified Forest**. Our lodge lies on the fringe of the Kaokoveld, a harsh area inhabited by the rare Desert Elephant and Black Rhinoceros.

Accommodation: Rustig Toko Lodge: app. 405km

**Day 3
Thursday
Kaokoland**

Today we visit a traditional **Himba Village** to learn more about the culture and traditions of these proud and statuesque peoples, one of the last truly nomadic tribes on earth. Our lodge for the evening awards a stunning view over this untamed and mysterious part of the country, in particular as the setting sun paints the surrounding mountains into different shades of red and orange.

Accommodation: Opuwo Country Lodge: app. 290km

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Day 4 & Day 5

Friday & Saturday

Epupa Falls - Kaokoland

We travel further north into this vast and untouched land to the Kunene River, where the next two nights will be spent at the majestic **Epupa Falls**. Here the Kunene drops 35 meters into a gorge before meandering to the Atlantic Ocean. Activities in this pristinely beautiful environment include scenic walks, canoe trips, excellent birding as well as terrific photo opportunities.

Accommodation: Epupa Camp: app. 200km

Day 6 - Sunday

Oshana Region

Today we travel via the graves of Ovahimba Chieftains and the **Ruacana Falls** into the "Region of the four O's", home to eight Oshiwambo cultural groups. We will visit interesting historical sights, including **war graves**, an **Owambo King's residence** and the **Ongulumbashe Monument**, commemorating Namibia's liberation struggle that began here on 26th August 1966.

Accommodation: Oshakati Country Lodge: app. 420km

Day 7

Monday

Etosha National Park

After breakfast, we have the opportunity to visit a local homestead of the Oshiwambo tribe. Highlights include a **traditional "Kraal"** inhabited by local residents, where we learn about local life and customs. We may even be able to sample some of the local food eaten in this area. Our focal point for the next two days will be the **Etosha National Park**, which we enter in the late afternoon.

Accommodation: Mokuti Lodge: app. 230km

Day 8

Tuesday

Etosha National Park

The Etosha National Park consists of 22'270 km² of pure bliss for nature lovers! 114 different animal species and 340 different bird species will enthuse your senses, as we explore this vast and abundant park. We may come across lion, elephant, rhino, and leopard, and even spot the rare and endangered cheetah, roan and the Damara Dik-Dik, Namibia's smallest antelope.

Accommodation: Mokuti Lodge

Day 9 - Wednesday

Kavango Region

Leaving Etosha, we travel via the mining town of Tsumeb and the "**Maize Triangle**" to Rundu, where our lodge lies along the lush banks of the Okavango River. On our way to Rundu we will stop in **Grootfontein** to visit a small quaint **museum** that offers us unique insight into the cultural, historical as well as the agricultural history of Namibia.

Accommodation: Hakusembe Lodge: app. 365km

Day 10

Thursday

Caprivi Region

Our journey takes us along the Kavango River to Popa Falls, where we stop for a scenic walk along the rapids and surrounding forests, before travelling through the **Caprivi Game Park**. This area is renowned for its rich wildlife and abundant bird variety. Our lodge is situated

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near the **Mudumu National Park**, a riverine environment dominated by forests and extensive grass plains.

Accommodation: Namushasha Lodge or similar: app. 460km

Day 11

Friday

Caprivi Region

Our lodge and its surrounding are home to a vast variety of wildlife, including Lion, Roan, Sable, Elephant and Buffalo. It is also a birders paradise, where 400 different bird species have been identified! A highlight for today will be a visit to a **traditional village**, where we will experience the daily life of the people who live here. We may also take part in game drives or game cruises in the morning or later afternoon (optional).

Accommodation: Namushasha Lodge

Day 12 - Saturday

Drop off Kasane, Botswana

Travelling along the Caprivi Strip, we enter **Katima Mulilo**, situated along the **Zambezi River** that forms a natural boundary to Zambia. Driving along stretches of huge Baobab Trees, we enter **Botswana** and travel via the Chobe National Park, renowned for the highest elephant population on earth, to Kasane, where our tour ends.

Distance: app. 260km

TOUR NOTES:

- Transfers available from Kasane to Victoria Falls, Botswana or Zambia, where you can take part in adventurous activities that range from sunset cruises to White River Rafting to Elephant Back Adventures, bungee jumping and much more.
- Extend your stay in Victoria Falls, Livingston or Chobe.
- Continue with the Botswana Game & Waterways Tour, which takes you back into Namibia via the Okavango Delta, situated in Botswana.

TOUR SUMMARY:

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEAL BASIS	ACTIVITIES	KM
Tuesday	Brandberg White Lady Lodge		Optional Walk to White Lady	390
Wednesday	Rustig Toko Lodge	Breakfast, Dinner	Twyfelfontein, Burnt Mountain, Organ Pipes, Petrified Forest	405
Thursday	Opuwo Country Lodge	Breakfast	Traditional Himba Visit	290
Friday	Epupa Camp	Full Board	Sunset Excursion onto sundowner hill	200
Saturday	Epupa Camp	Full Board	Epupa Falls, optional activities	-
Sunday	Oshakati Country Lodge	Breakfast	Olukonda Traditional Village	420
Monday	Mokuti Lodge	Breakfast	Etosha afternoon Game Drive	230
Tuesday	Mokuti Lodge	Breakfast	Etosha Game Drive	
Wednesday	Hakusembe Lodge	Breakfast, Dinner	Grootfontein Museum	365
Thursday	Namushasha Lodge	Breakfast	Popa Falls	460
Friday	Namushasha Lodge	Breakfast	Optional Activities	-
Saturday	Drop of Kasane	Breakfast	Traditional Village	250

Alternative accommodation may be used

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2007/8 Departure dates:

2007		2008									
Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
13	11	15	12	11	08	06	03	01	12	09	07
27		29	26	25	22	20	17	15	26	23	14
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*Private Group departures: any departure on request / 6 pax and more required.