



## **NEW AFRICAN FRONTIERS NAMIBIA**

### **Day 1**

#### **Windhoek – Okonjima (300 km)**

You will be collected between 07:30 and 08:00 within Windhoek city. This first day will take us to Okonjima. It is the home of the AfriCat Foundation, a conservation operation that focuses on the African big cats, particularly the cheetah. This afternoon you will be taken on a tour during which you will learn about the program and see some of the animals.

**Overnight Camping at Okonjima, including Lunch & Dinner**

### **Day 2**

#### **Okonjima – Namutoni, Etosha National Park (300 km)**

This morning we have an early start, heading towards the Etosha National Park. We will travel via Lake Otjikoto, which is in fact Namibia's largest permanent natural lake. We take time here to rest a little and learn about the history of this unusual landmark. Having arrived in Namutoni and set camp and familiarized with the surroundings we make our first game drive during the cool of the afternoon. The game viewing is usually excellent with close views of springboks, zebras, impalas, giraffes, gemsboks and plenty of birds. If we are lucky we may also have some close encounters with elephants and lions. Back at the camp we may enjoy a glass of wine and experience a fabulous sunset from the tower of the old German fort before dinner around the campfire.

**Overnight Camping in Etosha, including Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

### **Day 3**

#### **Namutoni – Okaukuejo, Etosha National Park**

Today we will spend most of the day game driving. We will visit a number of waterholes and make a stop at the Etosha Pan, the "place of dry water". The Pan is an extensive flat depression of about 5,000 km<sup>2</sup>. This great, white expanse is a place of shimmering mirages, and seeing large herds of game in this setting makes Etosha a unique experience in Africa. We may stop at Halali middle camp to have lunch and relax before we continue to the southern side of the park and our night camp at Okaukuejo. After dinner a visit to the floodlit waterhole is strongly recommended as there are good chances to see rhinos and lions come to drink.

**Overnight Camping in Etosha, including Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

### **Day 4**

#### **Okaukuejo – Himba Village (320 km)**

We make an early start and begin our day with a game drive before we leave the park and drive into the desert mountains of the Kaokoveld, one of the last true wildernesses of Southern Africa and home of the Himba people. During the afternoon we will be taken to the Oases village where we will meet with the locals. We will have a special guide for the time we are there, who will be able to translate for us and introduce us to this "tribe". We will learn about marriage customs, traditional food and we will visit the "holy fire".

**Overnight Camping, including Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

### **Day 5**

#### **Himba Village – Brandberg Mountain (400 km)**

Today we again have an early start, heading into one of the most beautiful desert regions in Namibia – the Damaraland. We will see the Petrified Forest and rock engravings on the way to Brandberg. The Brandberg mountain is an ancient Bushman spiritual site and tonight we will sleep in the shadow of this giant granite monolith.

**Overnight Camping, including Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner**

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**Day 6**

**Brandberg – Swakopmund, Skeleton Coast (260 km)**

We start early to enjoy the cool of the morning. Our first stop is in the small town of Uis, an old mining town and one of the best places to buy semi-precious stones, for which Namibia is famous. Here rough amethyst, tourmaline and other stones can be found at bargain prices. Having arrived at the coast we drive to Cape Cross and the seal colony with close views of thousands of fur seals. Tonight we may take the chance to try the excellent restaurants in Swakopmund. The seafood in Swakopmund is superb. Your guide will offer to organize a group meal in a local restaurant for this evening. Participation is recommended but by no means required. Dinner is not included in the price of the safari and will be on the client's own account.

**Overnight in Chalets, including Breakfast & Lunch**

**Day 7**

**Swakopmund – Walvis Bay – Swakopmund (60 km)**

Today we drive to Walvis Bay where we stop at the lagoon area to see flamingos and lots of other birds. If we are lucky we may even spot some dolphins. We will visit the salt works before we return back to Swakopmund. During the rest of the day there is plenty of time to explore the town. Swakopmund is a very pleasant seaside town with lots of shops, a good stretch of beach (although the Atlantic is quite cold here) and an open-air curio market. There is also a very good museum and the Namibian National Marine Aquarium is located in Swakopmund. Alternatively, there are various optional activities that can be arranged. These include a half-day boat-tour with chances to see seals and dolphins (and indulge in oysters and champagne!), scenic flights and micro-light flights over the desert, fishing trips (either from the beach or in a boat), quad-bike trips into the desert and over the sand dunes around Swakopmund, sand boarding, skydiving and many other activities. Your guide will discuss all possible optional activities with you and offer to make pre-booking in advance, (N.B. all extra activities in Swakopmund are at the client's own expense).

**Overnight in Chalets, including Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner**

**Day 8**

**Swakopmund – Windhoek (350 km)**

This is the last day of our trip and after lunch we will transfer back to Windhoek, passing by marble and gold mines and Namibia's largest craft market in Okahandja, the administrative centre of the Herero people.

**Includes:**

1. All transport
2. Three meals a day (unless differently specified)
3. Tap drinking water
4. Tea & coffee in camp
5. All camping equipment
6. Park entrance fees
7. Camping fees
8. Professional guide
9. Pick up & drop off from accommodation in Windhoek

**Excludes:**

1. Sleeping bag (can be hired)
2. Alcoholic beverages
3. Soft drinks
4. Personal travel insurance

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### **Useful items to bring with you:**

1. Two litre water bottle
2. Torch
3. Towel
4. Sun hat
5. Pillow

Clients are limited to one soft, barrel type bag per person with maximum weight of 15kg, one medium sized hand luggage bag, one medium sized camera bag and a sleeping bag.

We suggest a sleeping bag range of "3 – 4 season". Sleeping bags can be hired by prior arrangement for the trip. When packing your clothing please be aware that Namibian summer temperatures (December - March) can reach 45°C, and winter temperatures (June - September) can be as low as -5°C. The rainy season is between December and April.

All evening meals on camping safaris, (unless stipulated), are cooked on an open fire by your guide. Salads and fresh vegetables will be served where possible, but please note in some areas this is not necessarily every day. Fresh fruit will also be supplied when possible. Vegetarians can be catered for but please notify us prior to safari departure.

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.

All tap water in Namibia has been purified or comes directly from boreholes and is safe to drink. We supply tap drinking water but bottled mineral water is easily available at shops and rest camps should you prefer to drink this.

Electrical plugs are 220 V and are 3 pin (round pin as opposed to square pin). Adaptors can be purchased in Windhoek. It is possible to re-charge batteries at some campsites.

It is customary to tip in Namibia, usually, around 10% at restaurants. Your guide and assistant can be tipped at your own discretion but we ask that the guide be tipped separately from your assistant.

### **GENERAL NOTES:**

**PASSPORTS** must be carried with you at all times whilst on safari and in the vehicle. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your safari finishes/you leaving the country. You may not be allowed into Namibia if your passport does not have the required 6 months; we cannot accept any responsibility or refund on a safari in this scenario.

**CURRENCY** – The Namibian Dollar (N\$) is tied permanently 1-1 to the South African Rand (SAR). SAR notes and coins are legal tender in Namibia. Credit cards are widely accepted at ATM's. Traveller's cheques can be changed only in major towns but it is advisable to carry a limited amount of cash with you.

**PERSONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE** is not included but is compulsory when travelling on any safari. Travel insurance is for your own protection and we consider it to be an essential part of modern international travel. Please consult your travel agent prior to leaving home or contact us.

**VISA REQUIREMENTS** – Visas are your own responsibility; persons arriving without the relevant visa for their safari will not be refunded in this scenario.

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