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NAMIBIA

TOUR CODE: NA0708

7 DAY – NORTHERN NAMIBIAN SAFARI

SAFARI TYPE: Scheduled Tour – Accommodated – Guided Safari  
DURATION: 7 Days / 6 Nights  
DEPARTURE DAYS: Fridays (weekly)  
DEPARTURE LOCATION: Windhoek – Namibia  
TOUR ENDS: Windhoek – Namibia  
VEHICLE: Vehicle type/size dependant on number of participants  
Min / Max Persons: 2 / 14

ROUTING HIGHLIGHTS:

Windhoek – Okonjima – AFRICAT Foundation – Etosha National Park – Brandberg – Damaraland – Swakopmund - Windhoek

On this tour you will experience savanna, Desert Mountains and sea, the Himba people, ancient rock engravings and a petrified forest. All within just a little more than one week. This safari can be combined with our 3-day Namib Desert to make an unforgettable 10-day combination tour.

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Day 1

Windhoek – Okonjima – AFRICAT Foundation (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.

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 will 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.

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.

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".

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.

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

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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.

Day 7

Swakopmund – Windhoek – (360 km)

Today we drive to Windhoek 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).

TOUR SUMMARY:

Day	Destination	Accommodation	Meals
1	Okonjima	Lodge	L/D
2	Etosha National	Lodge	B/L/D
3	Etosha National	Lodge	B/L/D
4	Himba village/Kaokoland	Lodge	B/L/D
5	Brandberg/Damaraland	Lodge	B/L/D
6	Swakopmund	Lodge	B/L
7	Windhoek		B/L/