

NEW AFRICAN FRONTIERS NAMIBIA

TOUR CODE: NA 1607

16 DAY – TRIBES OF NORTHERN NAMIBIA & THE SOUTH TOUR

SAFARI TYPE: Scheduled Tour – Accommodated – Guided Safari
DURATION: 16 Days / 15 Nights
DEPARTURE DAYS: Saturdays (Set departure dates)
DEPARTURE LOCATION: Windhoek - Namibia
TOUR ENDS: Windhoek - Namibia
Min / Max Persons: 2 / 14

ROUTING HIGHLIGHTS:

Windhoek - Tsumeb - Tsintsabis - Ombili - Ovamboland – Kunene River – Epupa Falls -
Kaokoland – Etosha National Park – Windhoek- Kalahari Desert – Quiver Tree Forest - Fish River
Canyon – Aus – Lüderitz – Namib Naukluft Desert Park – Sossusvlei - Sesriem - Windhoek

ITINERARY:



Day 1

Windhoek - Tsumeb

You will depart from Windhoek 07:45 to Tsumeb. At Okahandja, a former mission station and the tribal centre of the Herero people, visit some Herero graves, the cemetery of the German "Schutztruppe" and the Kavango woodcarvers market. Via Otjiwarongo and Otavi continue to Tsumeb. At the "Cultural village", an open-air museum, visitors get an insight into the rural life of the Namibian people. The display depicts the life, history and culture of the different population groups and includes an exhibition of the different arts and crafts. A visit to the Tsumeb mine museum concludes the day.

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Accommodation: Makalani Hotel, including Dinner and Breakfast

Day 2

Tsumeb – Etosha National Park

After breakfast depart for the "Treesleeper Camp" near Tsintsabis. It is home to Hei//omn Bushmen, the former inhabitants of Etosha and surroundings, and the !Kung Bushmen. Until recently the Bushmen practiced a lifestyle of hunting and gathering. They will show you their traditional way of life in a "historic living village". After a light lunch or lunch packs (not included) proceed to Farm Hedwigslust, home of the Ombili foundation. The aim of the foundation is to teach the 350 Bushmen living on the farm to become self-sufficient as farmers, to sow, produce and harvest crops as an alternative to hunting game, which has become extinct. The Ombili Foundation relies on donations to finance this project. A gratuity of approximately N\$ 50.00 is much appreciated.

Accommodation: Kempinski Mokuti Lodge, Dinner and Breakfast

Day 3

Etosha National Park - Ovamboland

Continue further north to 4-O region, the most densely populated region of Namibia (approximately 600 000 people). The Ovambo consist of 8 sub-tribes. The Nakambale Museum at Olukondo is the first stop, depicting the past and present role of the Finnish Mission, the church and the local cultures. Visit the Ngonga homestead and observe the different demonstrations on wheat crushing, basket weaving, hair braiding, traditional dancing and music etc. A traditional lunch will be served. Proceed to Oshakati via Ondangwa.

Accommodation: Oshakati Country Hotel, Dinner and Breakfast

Day 4

Ovamboland - Damaraland

Travel through the Omusati region. Flat, sandy plains dotted with Makalani palms, savannah and Mopane woodlands characterize the landscape. Stop at different attractions.

Continue to Opuwo via Ruacana.

Accommodation: Opuwo Country Hotel, including Dinner and Breakfast

Day 5

Opuwo – Kaokoland

This morning demands an early departure in Direction of Epupa Falls. The Epupa Falls (also known as Monte Negro Falls in Angola) are created by the Kunene River on the border of Angola and Namibia, in the Kaokoland area of the Kunene Region. The river is 0.5 km wide and drops in a series of waterfalls spread over 1.5 km, with the greatest single drop being 37 m. The name "Epupa" is a Herero word for "foam", in reference to the foam created by the falling water.

The falls are a major visitor attraction in Namibia, because of the largely unspoiled environment, with fig trees, baobabs, makalani palms, and colour rock walls framing the falls. Lunch packs en route.

Accommodation: Omarunga Lodge, including Dinner and Breakfast

Day 6

Kaokoland

After breakfast we visit a typical Himba settlement. The Himba are a sub-tribe of the Herero people. They are the only tribe still practicing their ancient tradition and culture. They are nomads who roam the area in search of grazing for their cattle. A number of deserted settlements will be seen along the way. A local guide will accompany the group in order to negotiate a visit to a "Kraal" with the headman of the tribe and will explain the lifestyle and the culture of the Himba people. Return to the Lodge. In the afternoon take part on a guided

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excursion to the Epupa Falls. Enjoy a nice sundowner afterwards.
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Day 7

Kaokoland – Etosha National Park

Very early in the morning we are heading southwards. Via Opuwo the journey takes us on the western side of Etosha National Park. Lunch packs en route.

Accommodation: Dolomite Camp, including Dinner and Breakfast

Day 8

Etosha National Park

Travel through the western part of the Etosha National Park. Oryx and other antelopes favour this region. West of Okaukuejo is the well-known “Sprokieswoud”, Phantom or Fairy Forest, the only place where the African Moringa tree grows in a flat area. Game viewing continues till late afternoon. At the floodlit waterhole wildlife can be viewed throughout the day and night

Accommodation: Okaukuejo Camp, including Dinner and Breakfast

Day 9

Etosha National Park - Windhoek

Leave the Etosha National Park after a short game drive in the morning. Return to Windhoek via Outjo, Otjiwarongo and Okahandja. Arrive in Windhoek during the afternoon.

Accommodation: Safari Court, including Breakfast

Day 10

Windhoek – Kalahari Desert

Drive from Windhoek via Dordabis (visit the oldest Karakul weavery of Namibia), Uhenhorst and Stampriet to Gochas. This afternoon you will embark on an Afternoon nature drive.

Accommodation: Preferably Kamelruhe Guest House or Stoney’s Country Hotel, including Dinner and Breakfast

Day 11

Kalahari Desert – Fish River Canyon

Drive to the Kokerboom forest (quivertree), explore the area, continue to Keetmanshoop and proceed past the Naute Dam to the Cañon Lodge which is situated a mere 20 km from the Fish River canyon.

Accommodation: Cañon Lodge, including Dinner and Breakfast

Day 12

Fish River Canyon – Aus

Visit the Fish River Canyon, the second largest canyon in the world. This gigantic ravine, in places almost 500 metres deep, has been gorged out of vast undulating plain in the course of thousands of years. Proceed to Klein Aus Vista via Seeheim and Aus.

Accommodation: Klein Aus Vista - Desert Horse Inn.

Day 13

Lüderitz

Day visit to Lüderitz, the first German settlement in Namibia, named after the merchant Adolf Lüderitz from Bremen in 1883. This drive takes you through intriguing “moon” landscape of endless desert vistas and bizarre rock formations The small harbour town is perched on rugged black rock, offset by the deep blue waters of the bay, and is surrounded by bays, coves and fjords. This morning you will have a morning visit to the “ghost town” of Kolmanskop where

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diamonds were first discovered in Namibia. After your sightseeing in and around Lüderitz you will return to Klein Aus Vista.

Accommodation: Klein Aus Vista - Desert Horse Inn, including Dinner and Breakfast

Day 14

Aus – Namib Desert

Continue through the scenic Neisip Plain and drive along the edge of the Namib Desert, the Tiras Mountains and the Nubib Mountains to Namib Desert Lodge.

Accommodation: Namib Desert Lodge, including Dinner and Breakfast

Day 15

Sossusvlei

In the early morning depart on an excursion to the Sesriem Canyon and Sossusvlei, a large clay pan in the centre to the Namib Desert, surrounded by the highest sand dunes in the world. Arrive round about lunch time at the Namib Desert Lodge. In the afternoon take part in a dune drive.

Accommodation: Namib Desert Lodge, Dinner and Breakfast

Day 16

Namib Desert – Windhoek

Drive via Remhoogte Pass and Rehoboth and visit the Oanob Dam. Return to Windhoek. You will arrive in Windhoek during the late afternoon.

Services included:

- *Overland trips and all sightseeing as per itinerary.
- *Overnight in double rooms with private shower/bath and toilet in hotels and rest camps.
- *Breakfast, Dinner, 1x Lunch and 2 x Lunch packs
- *English speaking tour guide. (Other languages can be spoken on tour)

Not included:

- *Expenses for personal belongings e.g. lunches, 1 x Dinner, drinks and telephone calls as well as tips in the restaurants and for the tour guide.

Departure Dates

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Nov	Dec
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Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
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