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## Discover Namibia

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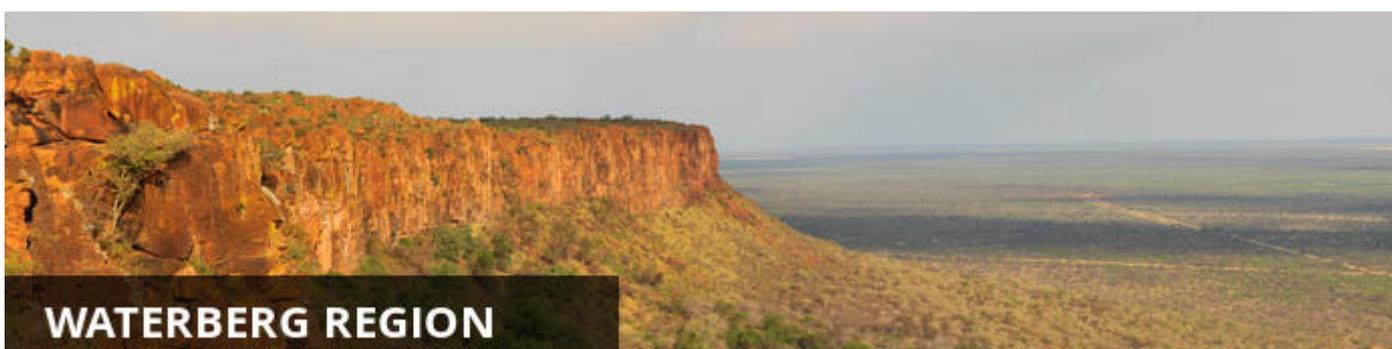
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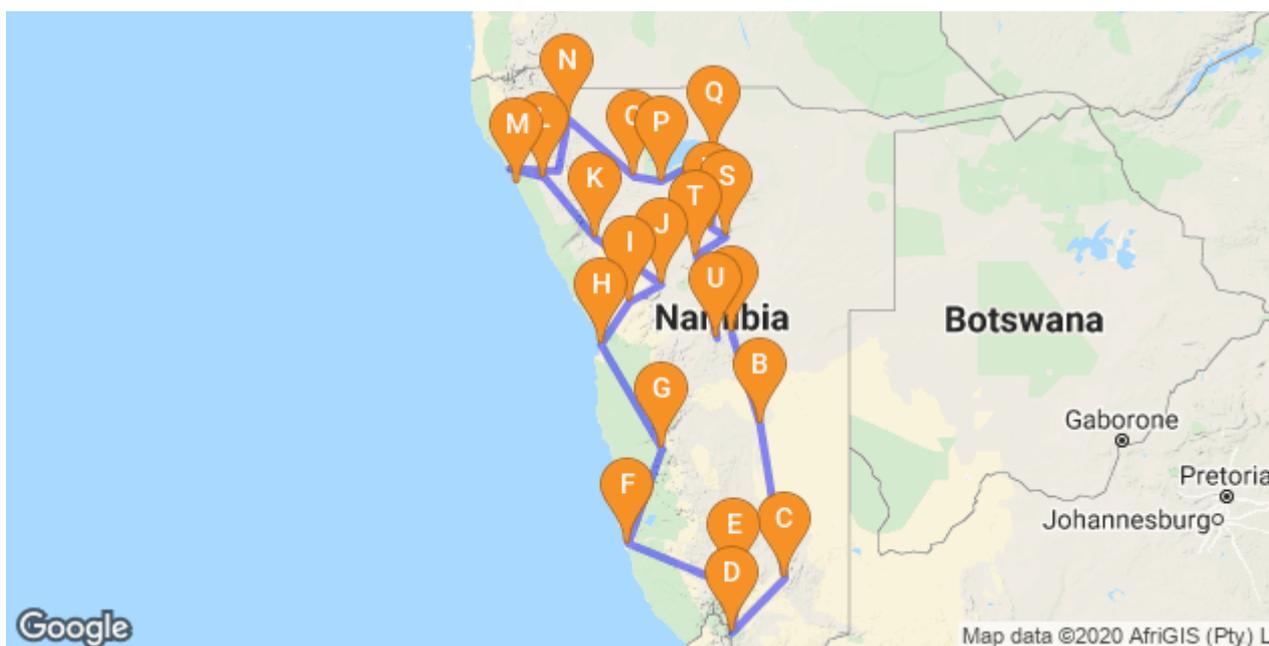


## Namibia

*Zannier Reserve - Mariental - Southern Namibia - Orange River - Fish River Canyon - Luderitz - NamibRand Nature Reserve - Swakopmund - Spitzkoppe - Erongo Mountains - Twyfelfontein - Kaokoveld - Skeleton Coast - Opuwo - Etosha Heights Private Reserve - Ongava Private Game Reserve - Onguma Game Reserve - Waterberg Region - Waterberg Plateau National Park - Okonjima Nature Reserve - Windhoek*

*22 Days / 21 Nights*

*Minimum: 2 Persons*



## Introduction

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Omaanda	Zannier Reserve	FI	1x Double Room	<b>1 Night</b>
Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch	Mariental	D,B&B	1x Double Room	<b>1 Night</b>
Goibib Mountain Lodge	Southern Namibia	D,B&B	1x Double Room	<b>1 Night</b>
Norotshama River Resort	Orange River	D,B&B	1x Double Room	<b>1 Night</b>
Fish River Lodge	Fish River Canyon	D,B&B	1x Double Room	<b>1 Night</b>
Luderitz Nest Hotel	Luderitz	D,B&B	1x Double Room	<b>1 Night</b>
andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge	NamibRand Nature Reserve	FI	1x Double Room	<b>1 Night</b>
Desert Breeze Lodge	Swakopmund	B&B	1x Double Room	<b>1 Night</b>
Spitzkoppen Lodge	Spitzkoppe	D,B&B	1x Double Room	<b>1 Night</b>
Erongo Wilderness Lodge	Erongo Mountains	D,B&B	1x Double Room	<b>1 Night</b>
Mowani Mountain Camp	Twyfelfontein	D,B&B	1x Double Room	<b>1 Night</b>
Hoanib Valley Camp	Kaokoveld	FI	1x Double Room	<b>1 Night</b>
Skeleton Coast Shipwreck Lodge	Skeleton Coast	FI	1x Double Room	<b>1 Night</b>
Opuwo Country Lodge	Opuwo	D,B&B	1x Double Room	<b>1 Night</b>
Etosha Heights Safarihoek Lodge	Etosha Heights Private Reserve	D,B&B	1x Double Room	<b>1 Night</b>
Ongava Lodge	Ongava Private Game Reserve	D,B&B	1x Double Room	<b>1 Night</b>
Onguma The Fort	Onguma Game Reserve	D,B&B	1x Double Room	<b>1 Night</b>
Frans Indongo Lodge	Waterberg Region	D,B&B	1x Double Room	<b>1 Night</b>
Waterberg Wilderness Lodge	Waterberg Plateau National Park	D,B&B	1x Double Room	<b>1 Night</b>
Okonjima Plains Camp	Okonjima Nature Reserve	D,B&B	1x Double Room	<b>1 Night</b>
The Olive Exclusive All-Suite Hotel	Windhoek	D,B&B	1x Double Room	<b>1 Night</b>

**Key**

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

D,B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

FI: Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

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## Day 1: Omaanda, Zannier Reserve

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### Zannier Reserve

Situated just 30 minutes east of Namibia's Windhoek International airport, Zannier Reserve stretches for 900 square kilometres. It is known for its scenic savanna-covered landscapes inhabited by a vast variety of wildlife. Commonly spotted species include: leopard, giraffe, warthog, antelope, ostrich and jackal. It is also home to the Shiloh Wildlife Sanctuary which provides a refuge for injured or abandoned rhinos and elephants. Visitors can look forward to spotting an array of wildlife, soaking up the beautiful views, and enjoying a guided safari to track the animals.

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### Overnight: Omaanda

Omaanda, meaning rhinoceros in Oshiwambo, is a five-star lodge set within the Zannier Reserve by N/a'an ku sê, an incredible private animal conservation reserve of 9000 hectares in the countryside surrounding Windhoek. Overlooking the boundless savannah, the lodge offers 10 comfortable round thatched huts, paying tribute to the traditional architecture of Ovambo. It also features a restaurant and a cosy bar, overlooking a heated infinity pool. A spa and a boma complete the lodge facilities, offering a typically local place to meet and mingle by the fire. For safety reasons Omaanda only welcome children from 6 years onwards. The close proximity to Windhoek and the International Airport make Omaanda the perfect choice for the first and last nights of guest's stay in Namibia, promising a locally authentic experience.



### Meet and Greet

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### Activities

Omaanda - Nature Drives

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## Directions - Hosea Kutako International Airport [WDH] to Omaanda

**Distance:** 60.38km      **Travel Time:** 1:02 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for Omaanda:** S 22° 27' 3.440" E 17° 24' 20.500"

- Exit the airport and turn right onto B6 road Detmont to Windhoek (West direction)
- After 9.5 km, turn right onto the D1510 (gravel road)
- After 8.45 km, turn right onto M53 at the four ways intersection (gravel road)
- After 9 km, you have reached the Omaanda lodge gate on the right hand side



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### Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities  
All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

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## Day 2: Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch, Mariental

### Mariental

Situated in south central Namibia, fringing the Kalahari Desert, the city of Mariental lies along the TransNamib railway and serves as the Hardap Region's commercial and administrative capital. It provides an important petrol stop before heading west to Sesriem to view the red-orange dunes of Sossusvlei. Mariental is located close to magnificent the Hardap Dam, which is the largest reservoir in Namibia. The Hardap Irrigation Scheme has breathed life into this arid terrain, which is now fertile with farmlands covered in citrus, melons, lucerne, wine and maize, and dotted with ostrich farms. The dam is a popular holiday resort which draws city slickers from Windhoek and offers an array of watersports, scenic walks, and abundant wildlife in a 20000-hectare nature reserve set on its western bank; where visitors can spot rhino, ostrich, antelope, springbok and a variety of bird species.

### Overnight: Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch

The lodge lies on the edge of the Southern Kalahari in the mixed tree and shrub Savannah.

The ranch is characterized by huge red sands dunes running parallel, and in a northern-westerly to south-easterly direction. This 'Spirit of Africa' atmosphere, coupled with service, delivered with graciousness and charm, in an unashamedly luxurious setting, will be the hallmarks of this establishment, providing excellent value and unforgettable memories for the discerning traveller.



### Activities

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Bushmen Walk

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Star Viewing

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Afternoon Drive

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Horseback Safari

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Night Game Drive

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Morning Scenic Drive

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Combination Drive

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Morning Cheetah Viewing

### ***Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Bushmen Walk***

Located in Mariental, South Africa, the Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch offers guests a Bushmen Walk activity. Guests can join in a relaxing walk with Bushmen from the San tribe to the demonstration village. Guests can learn ancient survival skills as well as Bushmen secrets inherited from forefathers. On arrival at the traditional Bushman village, guests will meet a family who will demonstrate the way water is stored in ostrich egg shells, plants for medicinal use, setting up traps, as well as the making of ostrich and bead jewelry.

### ***Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Star Viewing***

The Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch, situated in Mariental, South Africa, offers guests star viewing. Guests can view the spectacular Southern Hemisphere sky from the Bagatelle Observatory using a state-of-the-art computerized telescope. Planets, brilliant star clusters, galaxies and the moon will be revealed to guests by the resident astronomer.

### ***Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Afternoon Drive***

The Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch, situated in Mariental, Namibia, offers guests an afternoon game drive. The activity includes a game drive in the reserve, viewing a variety of game such as giraffe, kudu, zebra, oryx, blue wildebeest and eland. Guests are able to experience breathtaking views of the reserve that has some of the highest dunes in the region, with views over the pan.

The Kalahari has more than 150 bird species for guests who are bird enthusiasts. The well-known suricate, more commonly known as a meerkat can also be seen. As the day draws to a close, guests are treated to a sundowner on the dune, complemented by refreshments and a Namibian snack, while enjoying a breathtaking sunset over the Kalahari.

### ***Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Horseback Safari***

The Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch, situated in Mariental, South Africa, offers guests a variety of horses suitable for children, beginners, intermediate and advanced riders. Guests can experience the Kalahari 's silence on the well-trained quarter horses also known as cowboy horses accompanied by a guide. Once halfway guests can enjoy a refreshing drink on the dune before heading back to the ranch.

### ***Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Night Game Drive***

The Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch, situated in Mariental, South Africa, offers guests a night game drive. After dinner, the drive commences and guests who are adventurous at heart are offered the opportunity to spot animals by use of a large, strong spotlight. Animals that can be seen are the aardwolf, wild cats, and owls. The night game drive will be accompanied by a hot sherry in winter or something refreshing in summer.

### ***Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Morning Scenic Drive***

Located in Mariental, South Africa the Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch offers guests a morning scenic drive in the reserve. Guests are able to catch glimpses of a variety of game such as giraffe, kudu, zebra, oryx, blue wildebeest and eland. The reserve has some of the highest dunes in this region with views over the pan, characteristic of the Kalahari. The Kalahari has more than 150 bird species for guests who enjoy birdwatching. The well-known suricate can also be seen.

### ***Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Combination Drive***

The Combination Drive offered by the Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch is a game drive, cheetah feeding, and sundowner on the dunes. The game drive is in a reserve where guests can see a variety of game such as giraffe, kudu, zebra, oryx, blue wildebeest, eland and much more. The reserve has some of the highest dunes in the region with views over the pan, characteristic to the Kalahari. The Kalahari has more than 150 species of birds. The well-known suricate (meerkat) is also to be seen, although they are very scarce.

Cheetah feeding allows guests the opportunity to come up close to the cheetah and offers a great opportunity for taking photos. The guides will provide guests with interesting facts about this incredible cat and the history of the cheetahs in the game ranches care. After this, a sundowner on the dune will await guests, with refreshments and a Namibian snack, while guests can enjoy a breathtaking sunset in the Kalahari.

### *Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Morning Cheetah Viewing*

The Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch, situated in Mariental, South Africa, offers guests a morning cheetah viewing. The activity allows guests to get up close to the cheetah, a perfect opportunity to take photos. Guests will be shown how the cheetahs are fed while listening to the guides provide interesting facts and information about the cheetah. A brief history of the cheetah will be shared with the guests.

## Directions - Omaanda to Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch

**Distance:** 263.08km    **Travel Time:** 3:13 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch:** S 24° 18' 0.742" E 18° 01' 58.569"

- Head southwest (1.5 km)
- Turn left (0.6 km)
- Turn right (1.2 km)
- Turn left (0.4 km)
- Turn right (0.8 km)
- Turn left onto M53 (4.8 km)
- Turn left onto D1510 (8.6 km)
- Turn right onto B6 (4.8 km)
- Turn left onto C23 (62.2 km)
- Turn right onto C15 (101 km)
- Turn left to stay on C15 (27.2 km)
- Turn right onto C21 (9.9 km)
- Turn left onto D1268 (40.3 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



## Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

## Day 3: Goibib Mountain Lodge, Southern Namibia

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### Southern Namibia

Southern Namibia offers a harsh but beautiful environment stretching from the Orange River up to the Central Namibian highlands, Southern Namibia is epitomised by vast, slowly changing landscapes. The breathtakingly beautiful landscape features the Naukluft mountains, Namib desert dunes, and the Fish River Canyon. Southern Namibia is dotted with quiver trees, covered in golden grasslands, and crowned with burnt red dunes fringed by blue sky-lines. A spectacular array of wildlife roams freely including klipspringer, oryx and kudu. Visitors can soak up the breathtaking views of the Fish River Canyon, discover the wild desert horses near Aus, and explore the famous ghost town of Kolmanskop. Don't miss the ancient ochre dunes of Sossusvlei.

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### Overnight: Goibib Mountain Lodge

Goibib Mountain Lodge is a tranquil hideaway in the heart of the Great Karas Mountains in Southern Namibia easily accessed via the main B1 tar road from either north or south. Our comfortable accommodation, warm hospitality, tasty traditional meals and ideal location enable you to experience the very essence of Namibia and its people. Goibib Mountain Lodge offers Guests a dream holiday, but with a difference. Here, you will not be pursued by the Big Five or chased by stampeding herds . . . Instead you will have the chance to peacefully view many species of antelope and other wildlife that inhabit the veld



### Activities

Goibib Mountain Lodge - 2 hour game drive
Quiver Tree Forest
Giant's Playground

### *Quiver Tree Forest*

Some 14 kilometres from Keetmanshoop is a striking natural phenomenon that is well worth a visit: a natural forest of roughly 200 quiver trees, set on a large outcrop of blackish dolerite rocks. Named for the pliable bark that was once used by bushmen to craft quivers for their arrows, quiver trees are in fact not trees at all, but unusually large succulents with scaly bark and twisted branches topped with spiky, fleshy leaves. The most mature specimens here are between 200 and 300 years old, and some measure as high as nine metres. The forest, which was declared a

national monument in 1955, is best viewed at sunrise or sunset, when the soft, warm light further enhances this already captivating sight.

### *Giant's Playground*

The Giant's playground gets its name from the way in which the massive dolerite boulders appear to have been purposefully placed on top of one another by a gigantic hand. The manner in which the boulders are stacked creates fascinating rock formations and a series of mazes where one can easily lose one's bearings if one is not careful. Hiking between these rock formations will entertain visitors for a couple of hours and is guaranteed to present great photo opportunities.

This fascinating rock formation is located on the farm Gariganus and visitors need to buy their tickets at the farm office before setting out.

## Directions - Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch to Goibib Mountain Lodge

**Distance:** 387.04km    **Travel Time:** 3:40 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for Goibib Mountain Lodge:** S 27° 19' 49.769" E 18° 34' 7.626"

- Head south on D1268 (23.4 km)
- Turn right onto C20 (12.1 km)
- Turn left onto B1 (234 km)
- Keep left to stay on B1 (6.9 km)
- At the roundabout, take the 1st exit and stay on B1. Destination will be on the right (110 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



## Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

## Day 4: Norotshama River Resort, Orange River

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### Orange River

Rising from the beautiful Drakensberg Mountains in Lesotho, forming part of the international border between South Africa and Namibia, the Orange River is the longest river in South Africa. The Orange River Basin extends into Namibia and northern Botswana. The river snakes its way through one of Southern Africa's harshest environments bringing life to an area of sheer rugged beauty. Aside from vineyards in the desert the river also creates a mobile playground from which to explore the area. This spectacular river created the diamond dune fields along Namibia's coast, by washing diamonds downstream from the Kimberly region over millions of years. Visitors can look forward to excellent whitewater rafting, canoeing, kayaking, and wonderful river cruises.

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### Overnight: Norotshama River Resort

This malaria-free retreat is framed by Namibia's breathtaking natural landscape on the banks of the Orange River. Be sure to pack your camera as the route will expose you to stark contrasts of sky, water and sand unlike anything you have witnessed before. Not only will the landscape leave you breathless, but you may well come across the indigenous wild Namib horses that roam this untamed wilderness. To complete a truly memorable day, stop off at the A La Carte Restaurant and indulge in a candle-lit dinner while soaking in a larger-than-life sunset. At Norotshama River Resort there is a choice of luxury thatched chalets or floating bungalows. Riverside camping sites equipped with individual barbeques, electricity and ablution facilities are available. Norotshama Resort is located inside a private reserve, known as Aussenkehr Nature Park. You can experience the many unique features of the Park by making enquiries at Norotshama reception.

Activities at Norotshama River Resort include:

- Excursions to local canyons, wild Namib horses and Nature Park
- Canoeing
- Fishing and Fly Fishing
- Bird Watching
- Hiking
- Sport Rock Climbing of various grades
- Swimming.



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## Activities

Orange River Rafting
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Orange River Canoeing
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### *Orange River Canoeing*

Flowing through an endlessly beautiful and rugged desert landscape, the mighty Orange River is an idyllic place for travellers seeking a tranquil and secluded water-based experience. Canoeing and river rafting tours combine relaxation and excitement, and are a wonderful way to experience the serenity of life on a desert river.

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## Directions - Goibib Mountain Lodge to Norotshama River Resort

**Distance:** 236.38km    **Travel Time:** 2:14 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for Norotshama River Resort:** S 28° 23' 38.606" E 17° 24' 38.806"

- Head southwest on B1 toward D203 (188 km)
- Turn right onto C13 (46.6 km)
- Sharp left (2.0 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



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## Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 5: Fish River Lodge, Fish River Canyon

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### Fish River Canyon

Carving out an epic rocky wonderland in the south of Namibia, the Fish River has created Africa's largest and the world's second largest canyon. Hot, dry and stony, the Fish River Canyon measures a whopping 160 kilometres in length, at times 27 kilometres in width and 550 metres in depth. The awe-inspiring natural beauty of this ancient geological marvel draws visitors from around the globe. For those looking for adventure, the intense 85 kilometre Fish River Hiking Trail through 1.5 billion years of geological history will definitely thrill avid adventure enthusiasts, and for visitors looking to relax, head over to the canyon's southern end to enjoy a soak in the mineral waters of the renowned hot springs of Ai-Ais, or take in the spectacularly scenic views from Hobas Restcamp as well as numerous other viewpoints along its rim. Other popular activities include: scenic chartered flights, horse riding, nature drives and seasonal kayaking.

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### Overnight: Fish River Lodge

Fish River Lodge in southern Namibia is the only lodge perched directly on the rim of the Fish River Canyon offering guests breathtaking views of the canyon from sunrise to sunset. Experience first hand the geological forces that unfolded 300 million years ago, when the Fish River began to etch its way through hard quartzite forming a Canyon 90 kilometres long, 549 metres deep and 28 kilometres wide in some places, making it the world's second largest Canyon. The 45 000 hectare Canyon Nature Park is a natural sanctuary for Karoo succulent flora and endemic wildlife.

Incredible hiking trails meander down into the heart of the canyon affording guests spectacular scenery combined with 75 km river frontage made up of permanent water holes and rock pools that attract Hartmans Zebra, Kudu, Oryx, Springbok and many other smaller wildlife species and endemic birdlife.



### Activities

Fish River Canyon Viewpoint
Fish River Hiking Trail

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### *Fish River Canyon Viewpoint*

Located in Southern Namibia The Fish River Canyon is the largest canyon in Africa and draws many visitors each year. This viewpoint has a beautiful panoramic view of the canyon where visitors can witness the Fish River flow through sharp corners amidst rocky terrain.

### *Fish River Hiking Trail*

The Fish River Canyon was formed when the plates of the African continent split, and gradually deepened by the flow of water, over the course of hundreds of millions of years. Today, in the midst of rugged plains and mountains, travellers can look down into its depths and see the geological history of Namibia written in its layers. And for the brave and fit few, there is an opportunity to do one of the most challenging hikes in Africa - a gruelling five-day trail from Hobas to Ai-Ais.

## Directions - Norotshama River Resort to Fish River Lodge

**Distance:** 259.87km    **Travel Time:** 3:50 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for Fish River Lodge:** S 27° 31' 38.402" E 17° 32' 13.417"

- Head east toward C13 (2.0 km)
- Slight left onto C13 (108 km)
- At the roundabout, continue straight to stay on C13 (35.9 km)
- Turn right (11.7 km)
- Slight right onto D463 (82.9 km)
- Turn right to stay on D463 (19.4 km)
- Turn right. Destination will be on the right (9 m)
- Directions supplied by Google



## Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

## Day 6: Luderitz Nest Hotel, Luderitz

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### Luderitz

Sandwiched between the rugged and stark Atlantic Coast and the arid Namib Desert, the town of Luderitz is set in an incredibly unique geographical setting. This seaside town is something of an anomaly frozen in time – a piece of 19th-century Bavaria bordering the pinkish sand dunes of the Namib Desert. Lutheran churches, German bakeries, and colonial buildings boasting German art nouveau architecture are dotted about the settlement, while its windswept beaches are home to flamingos, ostriches, seals and penguins. The nearby ghost town of Kolmanskop, which has been taken over by the desert dunes, is one of the most fascinating area attractions, located approximately 10 kilometres from Luderitz central. Visitors can also take a trip to discover the wild desert-adapted horses located near the small town of Aus.

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### Overnight: Luderitz Nest Hotel

The Lüderitz Nest Hotel enjoys a superb on the rocks and sea location, with far reaching uninterrupted views. The hotel's private tidal beach with walk-on jetty, unique in Namibia, allows the guest to get close-up to the sea. All rooms and suites have direct sea views. The outdoor sparkling residents' pool with sun-loungers and parasols is surrounded by verdant gardens. Facilities include free Wi-Fi throughout, complementary full-buffet breakfasts, free sauna and free secure parking. The hotel delivers a friendly service in a relaxed environment.

Since 1998, management and staff have hosted guests from around the world and very much look forward to welcoming you. Hospitality Association of Namibia (HAN) Excellence Awards 2016 winner.



### Activities

Kolmanskop
Coastway Safaris Pomona/Bogenfels Tour
Shark Island Luderitz
Luderitz Nest Halifax Island Catamaran Tour
Garub Desert Horses

### *Kolmanskop*

Amongst the sands of the Namib, the crumbling buildings of a small, once-luxurious town emerge from the drifting dunes. This ghost town is Kolmanskop, a reminder of the wealth of a time when diamonds could be picked by hand from the desert, and a remarkable photographic opportunity with few equals anywhere on earth.

### *Coastway Safaris Pomona/Bogenfels Tour*

Bogenfels is a famous rock arch that is about 60m high, standing with one foot in the sea and the other on land.

The Pomona/Bogenfels Tour is a day tour in the Sperrgebiet area where De Beers are still mining. The tour includes the old ghost towns of Pomona and Bogenfels where visitors will see old mining equipment from the 1910-30's when the Germans discovered the first diamonds in the area.

### *Shark Island Luderitz*

Shark Island is located on Shark Peninsula in Luderitz Bay, in southwest Namibia. The resort overlooks the bay, town and harbor. Onlookers can spot the seals and pelicans that frequent the rocky areas around the site. The resort is an excellent central point for exploring the town of Luderitz, the Kolmanskop Ghost Town and Diaz Point the historic landing spot of 17th century explorer Bartholomeu Diaz. The resort also runs it's own signature trip, Sand Roses, into the Diamond Area at Agate beach. Visitors get to see the sand roses formed from crystallized gypsum, which are a stunning natural marvel.

### *Luderitz Nest Halifax Island Catamaran Tour*

Luderitz Nest Halifax Island Catamaran Tour features an insight into one of Africa's largest Marine Protected Areas. Halifax Island is home to Namibia's second largest African Penguin colony and the only spot in Namibia to see penguins in the wild.

### *Garub Desert Horses*

Garub Desert Horses are found on the very barren eastern fringe of the Namib Desert and have adapted to the harsh conditions and the arid land which now fulfills all their needs. Research has determined that the horses are a harmonious part of the desert ecosystem and have found their home at Garub.

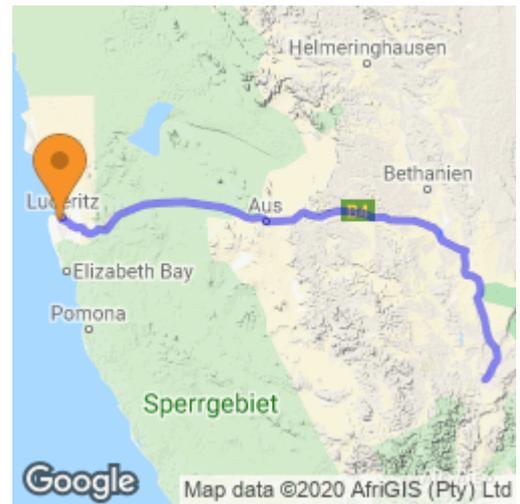
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## **Directions - Fish River Lodge to Luderitz Nest Hotel**

**Distance:** 323.69km    **Travel Time:** 3:33 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for Luderitz Nest Hotel:** S 26° 39' 10.427" E 15° 08' 58.055"

- Head northeast toward D463 (9 m)
- Turn right onto D463 (55.8 km)
- Turn left onto D462 (25.3 km)
- Turn left onto B4 (241 km)
- Continue straight onto Bay Rd (0.1 km)
- Slight left onto Nachtigall St (0.2 km)
- Turn left onto Dias St (0.6 km)
- Slight right (0.1 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



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## Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 7: andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge, NamibRand Nature Reserve

### NamibRand Nature Reserve

Spanning an area of 172,200 hectares and encompassing four distinct ecosystems, the Namib Rand Reserve is among the largest privately owned game parks in Southern Africa. Founded to conserve the unique environment and wildlife species of the south-western Namib Desert, the park's mix of dunes, mountains, rocky outcrops, sandy flats and gravel plains provides habitats for a diversity of mammals – including hyenas, jackals, foxes, antelopes and various wild cats – as well as a plethora of bird species, reptiles, insects, frogs and flora. Visitors can discover the mysterious 'fairy circles', which dot the landscape and sip on sundowners while watching the sunset over this unspoilt ancient landscape. Having been named Africa's first International Dark Sky Reserve, it is one of the least light-polluted areas in the world, so don't miss this excellent star gazing opportunity.

### Overnight: andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge

One of the most pristine areas on Earth, the Namib Desert is a world of vast spaces, endless horizons, dramatic landscapes and jagged mountain heights. Cradled against the ancient mountains, andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge is renowned for its luxurious accommodation overlooking the starkly beautiful Namib Desert. Designed to capture the splendour and solitude of the desert, just ten stone and glass suites spread out along the curve of the escarpment, allowing absolute privacy. Each air conditioned suite is furnished to complement the majestic hues of the desert and features a private veranda, split-level bedroom and living room with fireplace, ensuite glass-encased bathroom and outdoor shower. The suites are equipped with a star-viewing skylight, discrete music system and custom-stocked personal bar. The guest area, where walls have become windows that fold away completely, boasts unimpeded desert vistas. The split-level lodge boasts a fire-lit bar, comfortable sitting room, wraparound veranda and Safari Shop. A fine selection of wines from an impressive walk-in wine cellar complements the delicious meals. Guests can escape the desert heat with a revitalising midday dip in the pool, fed by water from an underground spring. At sunset, animals are drawn to a nearby waterhole, enhancing desert sundowner drinks. A state-of-the-art observatory and resident astronomer provide insight into the magnificent constellations of Africa's first International Dark Sky Reserve.



### Activities

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and Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge - Quad Bike Excursions

and Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge - Sossusvlei Excursion

and Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge - Nature Drives
and Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge - Star Gazing
Sesriem Canyon
Sossusvlei - The Vlei
Dead Vlei
Dune 45
Namib Sky Balloon Safaris

### *Sesriem Canyon*

Sesriem Canyon, a deep chasm carved through the rocks by water, is a striking natural feature of the area that is best explored on foot. Stony walls rise up sharply on both sides of the canyon, while birds roost in its crags and lizards dart along the ledges. The canyon's name was coined when early settlers used it as a water source, using six lengths of leather ('ses riem – six thongs) tied together to lower buckets into the water at the base of canyon.

### *Sossusvlei - The Vlei*

This is the vlei itself where, for now, the waters of the Tsauchab River disappear into the red sands of the Namib.

### *Dead Vlei*

This ancient clay pan was once an oasis, studded with acacias and fed by a river that suddenly changed course, leaving the earth to dry up along with the trees it previously supported. So dry were the climatic conditions that the trees never decomposed – instead they were entirely leached of moisture so that today, 900 years later, they remain as desiccated, blackened sentinels dotting the pan's cracked surface. Surrounded by the red-pink dunes of the Namibia Desert, they create a surreal spectacle that is a photographer's dream.

### *Dune 45*

Named for its location 45 kilometres past the town of Sesriem, Dune 45 is renowned for its elegant shape, which – along with its position close to the road – have earned it the distinction of 'most photographed dune in the world'. If you're not keen for the strenuous hike to the top of Big Daddy, Dune 45 is a more forgiving alternative, standing at only 80 metres and featuring a much gentler gradient.

### *Namib Sky Balloon Safaris*

Situated in the heart of the Namib Naukluft Park, Sossusvlei, one of the most fascinating landscapes in Namibia, is a photographer's dream. Gigantic orange dunes, dramatic shadows, undulating plains and rocky mountains create a magical kaleidoscope of colours and shapes.

To the east, Namib Rand Nature Reserve vast sandy plains are surrounded by towering granite mountains and rolling dunes.

Here, in the oldest desert on the planet, amazingly adapted animals and plants come together to form one of the most visually stunning ecosystems in the world. And truly the best way to experience the heart of the Namib desert is with a hot air balloon safari.

Watching the spectacular sunrise over this magnificent landscape from a silent hot air balloon is the experience of a lifetime, never to be forgotten

At landing, you come back to earth with an “Out Of Africa” style Champagne breakfast set up in the middle of nowhere.

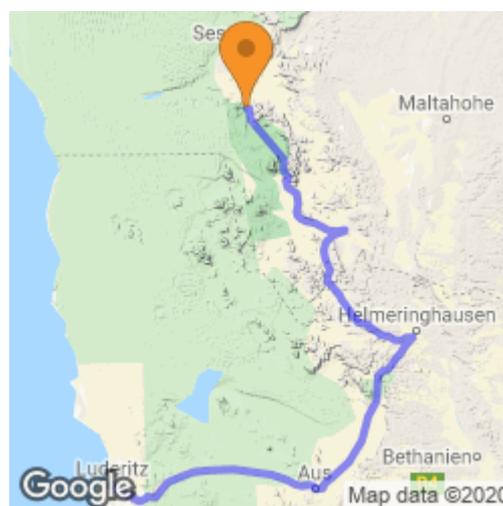
Your pilot will present you with a flight certificate before you take a leisurely nature drive back to the pick-up point.

## Directions - Luderitz Nest Hotel to andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge

**Distance:** 428.40km    **Travel Time:** 5:24 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge:** S 24° 46' 46.698" E 15° 53' 19.564"

- Head northeast (0.1 km)
- Slight left (0.3 km)
- Continue onto Dias St (0.3 km)
- Turn right onto Nachtigall St (0.2 km)
- Continue onto Bay Rd (1.1 km)
- Continue onto B4 (126 km)
- Turn left onto C13 (101 km)
- Turn left onto C27 (99.1 km)
- Turn left onto D831 (98.6 km)
- Turn left (0.8 km)
- Continue straight. Destination will be on the left (0.8 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



## Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

## Day 8: Desert Breeze Lodge, Swakopmund

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### Swakopmund

Set along Namibia's spectacularly scenic coast, the seaside town of Swakopmund is known for its wide-open avenues, colonial architecture, and its surrounding otherworldly desert terrain. Founded in 1892 as the main harbour for German South West Africa, Swakopmund is often described as being more German than Germany. Now a seaside resort town, Swakopmund is the capital of the Skeleton Coast tourism area and has plenty to keep visitors happy. The quirky mix of German and Namibian influences, adventure options, laid-back atmosphere and cool sea breeze make it a very popular Namibian destination. Visitors can look forward to a number of exciting activities including: quad biking, horse riding, paragliding, fishing, sightseeing and fascinating desert tours.

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### Overnight: Desert Breeze Lodge

Staying at Desert Breeze it will feel like you are part of the Namib desert. You will be living "in the view" of the oldest desert in the world. Total peace and silence so close to Swakopmund. Surrounded by colourful and very unique architecture contrasting but yet fitting in with the desert landscape will soothe any soul. Big basalt sculptures stand guard over the desert landscape. The luxury bungalows with the creative feeling and friendly staff will make your stay very special.

Desert Breeze offers 12, all en-suite, luxury bungalows and one exquisite villa, each with a private sun deck to admire the breath-taking view of the dunes.

Expressing sophisticated style and luxury from our accommodation right through to our breakfast facilities, we endeavour to make our guests feel pampered and spoiled.

Each bungalow and the villa are equipped with wireless internet, mini bar, coffee and tea making facilities and digital safes. The breakfast facility serves only the freshest of produce for breakfast. Seating is available indoors or on the deck for guest to enjoy the view and peaceful atmosphere. Secure parking as well as laundry facilities are available.



### Activities

Kuiseb Pass
Guab Pass
Skeleton Coast Scenic Flight

Catamaran Charters
Desert Explorers Quad Biking 2 Hour Explorer Tour
Tommy's Tours and Safaris Living Desert Tour
Swakopmund Tandem Skydiving Tour
Sandwich Harbour 4x4
Desert Explorers Sand Boarding

### ***Kuiseb Pass***

Kuiseb Pass takes you through the Kuiseb Canyon, the watercourse of which only flows occasionally but often enough to halt the advance of the red sands of the Namib.

### ***Skeleton Coast Scenic Flight***

Our property is located in a safe and secure area in Cape Town, near to some of the best shopping centres like the V&A Waterfront and minutes away from Cape Town International Airport.

### ***Catamaran Charters***

The Catamaran Charters Team invites you aboard the 45ft Royal Cape Sailing Catamaran Silverwind, or the 60ft Simon Sailing Catamaran Silversand, or the 40ft Admiral Motorised Catamaran Silvermoon, to enjoy an adventure packed tour to Pelican Point and Walvis Bay's beautiful bay area.

The chances of encountering dolphins, whales, turtles, seals and Mola Mola (sunfish) make the search for the marine big 5 and adventurous tour by enjoying sparkling wine, fresh oysters and other mouth-watering snacks aboard the spacious and comfortable catamarans.

### ***Desert Explorers Quad Biking 2 Hour Explorer Tour***

Located in Swakopmund, Namibia. Desert Explorers Quad Biking 2 Hour Explorer Tour takes visitors on a pleasant guided quad bike tour to explore the different plant and animal life of the Namib Desert. During a variety of stops along the way, visitors can learn a little about the creatures of the desert.

### ***Tommy's Tours and Safaris Living Desert Tour***

The Living Desert Tour, originally developed by Tommy himself in the 1990's, is a unique 4x4 adventure drive through the dunes outside Swakopmund, Namibia. Just the drive in the dunes is an amazing experience, but Tommy will show you a lot more than sand. The tour takes you from the vegetated, life-rich eastern side of the dunes, right through the dunes to the Atlantic Ocean on the western side of the dune belt.

### ***Swakopmund Tandem Skydiving Tour***

Swakopmund Skydiving Club offers a tandem jump from 10 000 ft for those with no previous sky-diving experience. This includes a briefing before the jump, a scenic flight over the famous Namib Dune Fields, a 35 second free fall, a 5 minute canopy ride, and a safe landing back at the club house.

### ***Sandwich Harbour 4x4***

Sandwich Harbour 4x4 is a safari company based in Walvis Bay, Namibia, offering 4x4 excursions to Sandwich Harbour, Marine Dune Days, Kayak Combos and Bird Watching Activities in the Wetlands around Walvis Bay.

### *Desert Explorers Sand Boarding*

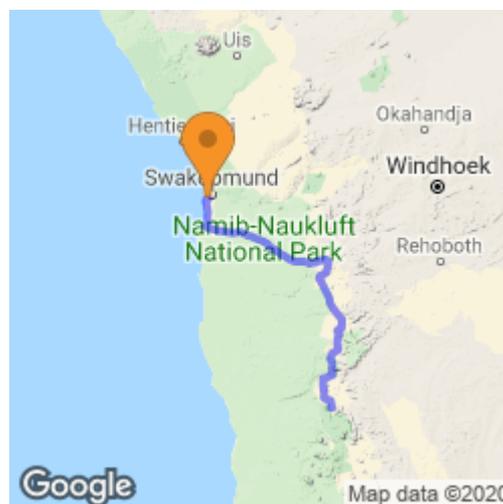
Desert Explorers offer a range of activities in the desert, including lie-down or stand-up sandboarding. No experience is needed for either and six different slopes are included in the lie-down option. Speeds of up to 80km/h can be reached for the maximum adrenaline buzz. Stand-up sand boarding is snowboarding with a difference. Two slopes are on offer with various runs on either. This awesome full morning outing is guaranteed to get the adrenaline pumping.

## **Directions - and Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge to Desert Breeze Lodge**

**Distance:** 387.83km    **Travel Time:** 5:12 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for Desert Breeze Lodge:** S 22° 40' 49.563" E 14° 33' 10.572"

- Head southeast toward C27/D826/D831 (1.6 km)
- Turn left onto C27/D826/D831. Continue to follow C27 (38.3 km)
- Continue onto D826 (11.8 km)
- Turn left onto C19/M36. Continue to follow C19 (71.1 km)
- Turn left onto C14 (230 km)
- At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto B2 (1.0 km)
- Continue straight (0.2 km)
- Continue onto B2 (31.1 km)
- Turn right onto Rhode Allee (0.6 km)
- Continue onto Moses Garoeb St (65 m)
- Turn right onto Anton Lubowski Ave (0.8 km)
- Turn right at Aukas. Destination will be on the right (1.3 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



## **Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

## Day 9: Spitzkoppen Lodge, Spitzkoppe

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### Spitzkoppe

Situated in Namibia's spectacularly scenic Namib Desert, between Usakos and Swakopmund, the Spitzkoppe are a group of bald granite peaks forming one of Namibia's most recognizable and dramatic landmarks. These enormous towering domes provide a paradise for hikers and mountaineers, from beginners interested in guided historic walks to professional climbers eager to ascend some challenging slopes. Other popular activities include exploring the many bushmen rock paintings and camping in some of the area's scenic secluded campsites or rustic tented camps.

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### Overnight: Spitzkoppen Lodge

"A sense of place in an archaeological landscape"

The Barnard Family is honoured to welcome you at Spitzkoppen Lodge. The same owners and developers of Kalahari Bush Breaks Lodge, have the privilege to share their dream come true of an exclusive destination on the edge of the Namib Desert, which started some 14 years ago. You are invited to indulge in the pleasure and passion of a friendly service in a relaxed ambiance.

The lodge is situated on the northern periphery of the Spitzkoppe inselberg, between huge granite boulders, which were created more than 150 million years ago, with breath-taking views onto the Brandberg and Erongo Mountains. The stylish, private accommodation consists of 15 spacious, tastefully furnished chalets, each with private bathroom and outside viewing deck, which connects the guest with the vast stretches of untouched sand and boulders beyond.

Situated on the inland edge of the Namib Desert, the climate of the Spitzkoppe Conservation Area is arid, with a mean annual rainfall of 50mm and a high evaporation rate of 3200mm per annum. Most rainfall occurs between January and April, and with the granite outcrops being impermeable, rainfall runoff collects at the foot of the outcrops creating unique micro-habitats for woody plants to grow in an otherwise arid area.



### Activities

Gross Spitzkoppe
Klein Spitzkoppe

## Directions - Desert Breeze Lodge to Spitzkoppen Lodge

**Distance:** 160.20km    **Travel Time:** 1:59 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for Spitzkoppen Lodge:** S 21° 48' 50.094" E 15° 10' 27.585"

- Head southwest toward Anton Lubowski Ave (1.3 km)
- Continue onto Aukas. Go through 1 roundabout (0.4 km)
- Continue onto Daniel Tjongarero Ave (0.9 km)
- Turn right onto Henties Bay Rd/Nordring (0.3 km)
- Turn right onto Mandume Ya Ndemufayo (1.4 km)
- Turn right onto Nelson Mandela Ave (0.8 km)
- At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Sam Nujome Ave (1.5 km)
- At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Sam Nujome Ave/B2. Continue to follow B2 (118 km)
- Turn left onto D1918 (17.9 km)
- Turn right onto D3716 (11.7 km)
- Turn left onto D1925 (3.2 km)
- Slight right (0.9 km)
- Keep left. Destination will be on the left (1.9 km)
- Directions supplied by Google




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### Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 10: Erongo Wilderness Lodge, Erongo Mountains

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### Erongo Mountains

Conveniently located only a few hour's drive from Namibia's capital city of Windhoek, the Erongo Mountain Range stretches across the plains between the towns of Omaruru and Karibib, and is home to a remarkably rich natural heritage. This expanse of rugged wilderness serves as one of Namibia's most popular tourist drawcards, attracting visitors with its spectacularly scenic landscapes, magnificent caves and rock painting sites, and its impressive array of wildlife species. These include, among others: rhino, elephant, cheetah, leopard, giraffe, wildebeest, impala, blesbok, waterbuck, kudu, warthog, mountain zebra, oryx, eland, springbok and over 200 species of bird. Visitors can look forward to enjoying a variety of adventurous activities such as hiking, rock climbing, games drives, horse riding safaris and mountain biking.

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### Overnight: Erongo Wilderness Lodge

Erongo Wilderness Lodge

#### The Natural Place to Stay

There is a special wilderness area, encircled by the Erongo Mountains, where the desert, mountain, and bushveld ecosystems combine. Here, in a secluded valley, you will find twelve luxury tented chalets in a dramatic setting of granite boulders and breathtaking views.

Nature provides the compelling reasons for visiting this unique environment. Many rare, endemic, and special species of animal, bird, and plant life thrive here, making this one of Namibia's most diverse and wildlife-rich areas. This wealth of natural and cultural history can be enjoyed by joining a guided nature drive, visiting one of the Bushman rock art sites, or walking among the mountains with one of our knowledgeable guides. Or make the experience a more personal one by simply exploring on your own, or just soaking up the atmosphere from the private deck of your tent.

Luxuriate in this richness of nature!



### Activities

Erongo Wilderness Nature Drive/Paula's Cave

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### *Erongo Wilderness Nature Drive/Paula's Cave*

Located within the Erongo Mountain Nature Conservancy near Omaruru, The Erongo Wilderness Lodge offers a variety of leisure activities to its guests. One of these is a scenic 4X4 drive through the wilderness to Paula's Cave; one of six sites of rock paintings in the massive granite outcrops known as the Klippdachs on the western edge of the conservancy. It takes about an hour and a half to reach the site and the drive can be done in the morning or afternoon. The afternoon drive includes a sundowner at the rock art site and a slow drive back searching for nocturnal animals with the help of a spotlight.

## Directions - Spitzkoppen Lodge to Erongo Wilderness Lodge

**Distance:** 126.06km    **Travel Time:** 2:02 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for Erongo Wilderness Lodge:** S 21° 27' 40.281" E 15° 52' 27.606"

- Head north (2.1 km)
- Sharp left (0.9 km)
- Slight left (3.5 km)
- Sharp left onto D3716 (8.2 km)
- Turn right onto D1930 (18.8 km)
- Turn left onto D1927 (20.8 km)
- Turn left onto D2306 (24.8 km)
- Turn right onto D2315 (46.1 km)
- Turn right (0.7 km)
- Turn left. Destination will be on the left (0.2 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



## Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

## Day 11: Mowani Mountain Camp, Twyfelfontein

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### Twyfelfontein

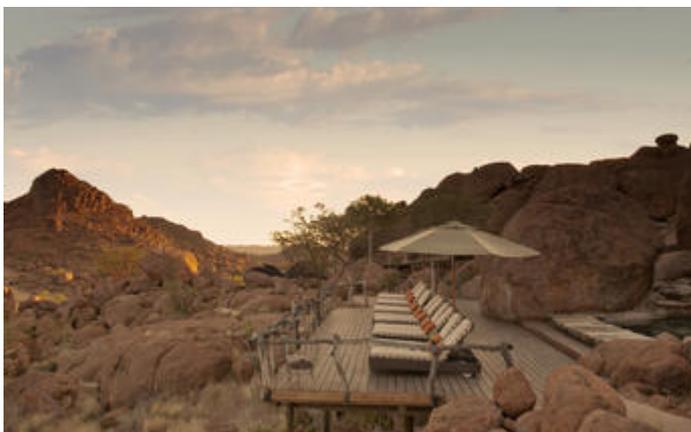
Set in the Kunene Region of northwestern Namibia, Twyfelfontein is a spectacularly scenic area, featuring one of the largest and most important concentrations of rock art in Africa. The name 'Twyfelfontein' translates to 'Fountain of Doubt', which refers to the perennial spring situated in the impressive Huab valley flanked by the slopes of a sandstone table mountain. It was this spring that attracted Stone Age hunters over six thousand years ago, and it was during this time that the extensive group of rock engravings and paintings were produced. Visitors can look forward to basing themselves at some wonderfully shady campsites along the Aba-Huab riverbed, while exploring over thirty different sites of these sacred records of ritual practices relating to traditional hunter-gatherer communities.

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### Overnight: Mowani Mountain Camp

Mowani Mountain Camp offers luxury tented accommodation with magnificent desert views. Open air en-suite bathrooms and private decks give you great views of Damaraland and the reliability of nearby Twyfelfontein with its San engravings and paintings is contrasted by the elusive desert adapted elephants.

The Twyfelfontein conservancy has been protecting the southern most roaming ground of the black rhino and elusive desert elephant. Sustainable eco-tourism and community upliftment is of the utmost importance at Mowani. Guides from the local tribes compliment day-time game drives to track mountain zebra, kudu, springbok, klipspringer and if you are fortunate enough... the leopard! The adventurer in me took over at Mowani. Days were filled with game drives, hot air balloon trips over the Aba-Huab Valley, champagne breakfasts and al fresco meals amidst the dusky landscape beneath Mopani trees.



### Activities

Twyfelfontein Rock Art
Petrified Forest
Organ Pipes
Burnt Mountain

### *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.

### *Petrified Forest*

Situated approximately 50 kilometers west of the town of Khorixas, in an area of open veld, lies a large deposit of massive tree trunks that have "turned to stone" through a process of diagenesis. These petrified tree trunks are up to 34 metres long, 6 metres in circumference and are approximately 260 million years old. Due to the lack of root or branch remains, it's believed that the trees were washed down an ancient river to the site in a massive flood.

### *Organ Pipes*

The Organ Pipes are located near Twyfelfontein and a few kilometres to the Burnt Mountain in Damaraland, Namibia. It is a 100m long feature of unusual dolomite columns these rocks were formed by volcanic activity and after erosion, the rocks have remained in the form of organ pipes.

### *Burnt Mountain*

Burnt Mountain is a small hill located near Twyfelfontein and just a kilometre from the Organ Pipes in Damaraland, Namibia. This national monument displays an intense variety of colours formed by volcanic activity interacting with organic material that transformed into a sedimentary bed over 125 million years ago.

## Directions - Erongo Wilderness Lodge to Mowani Mountain Camp

**Distance:** 223.59km    **Travel Time:** 3:13 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for Mowani Mountain Camp:** S 20° 30' 16.733" E 14° 25' 24.322"

- Head northeast (0.2 km)
- Turn right (0.7 km)
- Turn right onto D2315 (2.3 km)
- Turn left (6.3 km)
- Slight left (0.2 km)
- Turn right (0.1 km)
- Continue straight (0.9 km)
- Turn left toward C33 (22 m)
- Turn left onto C33 (1.6 km)
- Turn left onto C36 (3.5 km)
- Continue onto C36 (3.6 km)
- Turn right onto D2344 (115 km)
- Turn right onto C35 (27.1 km)
- Turn left onto D2612 (58.4 km)
- Turn right. Restricted usage road. Destination will be on the right (3.4 km)



- Directions supplied by Google

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**Basis**

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 12: Hoanib Valley Camp , Kaokoveld

### Kaokoveld

Straddling the Angola/Namibia border, the Kaokoveld is a dry, mountainous and relatively undeveloped region that takes in the harsh beauty of Namibia's Skeleton Coast and the copper sands of the northern Namib Desert. The area is inhabited by three main ethnic groups – the Damara, Herero and Himba people – each with their own unique customs, traditions and rituals. The coastal Kaokoveld Desert stretches over 45000 square kilometres and is home to the renowned prehistoric welwitschia plant. A diverse variety of wildlife can be found in the desert including: giraffes, desert-adapted elephant, black rhino, a variety of endemic reptiles and many different bird species.

### Overnight: Hoanib Valley Camp

Located in one of the most beautiful areas of Namibia, the camp and its surrounds are truly breathtaking with many visitors feeling time spent here is a life affirming experience. The north western area, Kaokoland, is identified by its vast open desert wilderness, towering dunes and swathes of rocky mountains. Tucked into the backdrop are six guest tents exuding a modern safari style that reflects their surrounds in the furnishing and design.

Your days are spent exploring this spectacular area, understanding its unique geology, wildlife and culture. Home to one of the last great nomadic tribes, the iconic Himba, as well as the indentifiable Herero, there is plenty of opportunity for cultural interaction. The Giraffe Conservation Foundation, with whom this is a joint venture, add a wealth of specialist knowledge to your morning and afternoon drives, searching for the desert adapted elephant, giraffe, lion, black rhino and mountain zebra. Alternatively there are few better places to spend restful time contemplating the beauty around you than from the privacy of your veranda before enjoying exceptional hosting and dining.



### Activities

Himba Village visit

Elephant Nature Drive

Rhino Tracking

### *Rhino Tracking*

The Matobo Hills is one of the last bastions of both black and white rhino in Africa. Rhino tracking by vehicle or on foot, with skilled and knowledgeable guides, is one of the most unforgettable safari experiences to encounter.

**Basis**

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

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## Day 13: Skeleton Coast Shipwreck Lodge, Skeleton Coast

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### Skeleton Coast

Stretching from the Swakop River to southern Angola, the Skeleton Coast is known as the 'Land God Made in Anger' and is remoteness at its best. Thousands of miles of sandy desert dotted with shipwrecks meet with the cold waters of the Atlantic and somehow an amazing array of wildlife and flora manages to survive in this harsh but beautiful environment. Ocean fog creeps over the shoreline caused by the warm dry air of the Namib Desert colliding with the cold Benguela current. This otherworldly area is home to a diversity of wildlife including seabird colonies, Cape fur seals, zebra, gemsbok, desert-adapted elephant, lion and much more. Surfing enthusiasts are drawn to these powerful waves and photographers flock from around the globe to snap a shot of this eerie shipwreck graveyard and for the unrivalled maritime photographic opportunities. This coast is desolate but breathtakingly beautiful.

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### Overnight: Skeleton Coast Shipwreck Lodge

The lodge is located in the famous Skeleton Coast Central Concession between the Hoarusib and Hoanib Rivers in the Skeleton Coast Park, only 45 km north of Möwe Bay. The lodge is situated on the southern bank of the Huarusib River Mouth, nestled between the dunes with a view of the Atlantic

Ocean where the cold Benguela current pushes a refreshing breeze over the shipwreck shaped cabins. The size of the concession area is approximately 146,600 hectares situated in North Western Namibia.

#### Parking and Pick-up point

Vehicles of self-drive guests are parked under cover at the pickup point situated at Möwe Bay. Fly-In guests will also be picked up at Möwe Bay. You will then be transferred the 45km north to the Shipwreck Lodge in a closed game drive vehicle.

Möwe Bay GPS co-ordinates: 19°03'52,3" S & 12°35'03,4" E

Lodge emergency contact number: +264 (0)81 260 0830.

#### Pick-up times

The Pickup times from Möwe Bay to the Lodge will be at:

11:00 OR 15:00

Departure times from Shipwreck Lodge to Möwe Bay will be at:

09:00



**Activities**

Quad biking
Full day Möwe Bay Excursion
4x4 Hoarusib River
Beach Lunch

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**Basis**

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

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## Day 14: Opuwo Country Lodge, Opuwo

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### Opuwo

Opuwo, meaning 'the end' in Herero, lies in the north western Kunene region of Namibia. It serves as the capital of the region and is known as the gateway to the magnificent Epupa Falls. The surrounding landscape is characterised by low-lying hills, and vast dry desert plains inhabited by a wealth of desert-adapted wildlife. It serves as the central hub for the Himba culture. The town provides a perfect base for visitors wishing to explore the Kaokoland area and visit the local villages of the itinerant Himba people. The town and the Opuwo surrounding area is known as one of the cultural highlights of a trip to Namibia as it features an incredibly rich cultural heritage. Don't miss an opportunity to learn about the fascinating Himba community within this starkly beautiful landscape.

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### Overnight: Opuwo Country Lodge

Opuwo Country Lodge is situated on a northwest facing hilltop just outside the town of Opuwo.

An awe-inspiring 360° view of the surrounding area gives visitors a spectacular vantage point of the surrounding area.

With luxury and standard accommodation, air conditioning, as well as well-appointed camping sites — the Lodge is the ideal base from which to explore the Kaokoland. Deck chairs and umbrellas set the scene for a relaxed day around the pool or a welcome respite from the heat after a hard day's drive. Next to the pool is the Bar and Restaurant where guests can enjoy ice cold refreshments and mouth-watering meals. The lodge is within easy reach of Kaoko-Otavi, Epupa Falls and Swartbooisdrift, popular destinations for visitors to the area.

Road conditions between Kamanjab and Opuwo are in excellent condition (tarmac). The 85 km to Ruacana is also a tarmac road and in excellent driving condition.

Fly-in guests are welcome. Please be sure to arrange for pickup before your arrival. The lodge is unfortunately not suitable for guests in wheel chairs.



## Activities

Epupa Falls

### *Epupa Falls*

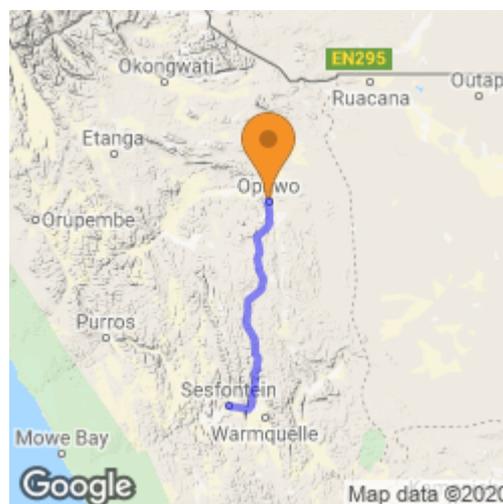
Situated in the Kaokoland area of Namibia, Epupa Falls is set near the border of Angola. Named by the Herero people after the spray it creates, Epupa means 'water falling'. The falls consists of a series of little waterfalls created by the Kunene River as it drops 60 metres, creating hundreds of natural pools that provide the Himba people and visitors with a fantastic recreation spot. These incredibly beautiful falls create a spectacular contrast to the arid desert and rugged surrounding mountains. Visitors can look forward to discovering the unspoilt environment, the majestic baobabs and wild fig trees dotting the surrounds. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy world-class birdwatching and spot an array of species including the bee-eaters, hornbills, kingfishers, fish eagles, flycatchers, and herons.

### Directions - Fort Sesfontein Lodge to Opuwo Country Lodge

**Distance:** 149.26km    **Travel Time:** 2:20 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for Opuwo Country Lodge:** S 18° 02' 41.015" E 13° 50' 0.343"

- Head east toward D3707 (0.4 km)
- Turn left onto D3707 (11.1 km)
- Turn left onto C43 (134 km)
- Turn right to stay on C43 (0.8 km)
- Turn left (0.5 km)
- Turn left (0.8 km)
- Keep left (1.2 km)
- Turn left (73 m)



### Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

## Day 15: Etosha Heights Safarihoek Lodge, Etosha Heights Private Reserve

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### Etosha Heights Private Reserve

Set just outside the south-western border of Etosha National Park, Etosha Heights Private Reserve offers enthralling landscapes, a huge variety of flora and fauna, and a wide range of thrilling activities. Vast savannah, rivers, forests, Mopani woodland, salt pans and dolomite hills spread themselves over the 60,000-hectare area. Numerous safaris and game drives offer the chance to see kudu, lion and the elusive mountain zebra (in the hills) and sable, black-faced impala, giraffe, aardvark, elephant and many more (around the waterholes). Visitors can also take night drives and bush picnics. A double-storey photography hide allows close-up encounters with an incredible diversity of gorgeous birdlife and animal life. Fantastic luxury facilities are provided by the accommodation options.

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### Overnight: Etosha Heights Safarihoek Lodge

Safarihoek Lodge is located on Etosha Heights Private Game Reserve and is part of a 60,000ha reserve which shares borders, for about 65kms, with Etosha National Park. It consists of 9 farms that were originally used for domestic farming. Over a period of time, acquired and combined to create a stunning wildlife reserve that they are now privileged to be part of.

With an array of animals which include various species of antelope, predators, birds as well as others. Guests can be assured their time spent at Safarihoek Lodge will make for an interesting and memorable safari.

Etosha Heights Namibia partakes in various conservation efforts and projects that are currently operational and many more still to come. The main goal and vision is to encourage and develop sustainable eco-friendly tourism, all to the benefit of the area, animals as well as the community.



### Activities

Etosha Heights Safarihoek Game Drives

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#### *Etosha Heights Safarihoek Game Drives*

Etosha Heights Safarihoek Game Drives takes place on an impressive 60 000 hectares of classic Etosha landscape, dominated by vast flat savanna, interspersed by Mopani woodland, riverine forest and scattered salt pans. Visitors can choose from a variety of options including Morning Game Drives, Afternoon Sundowner Drives, Night Drives, Interpretive Bush Walks, and Private Game Drives. Visitors will see elusive mountain zebra, kudu and lion, as well as

numerous species of antelope including sable, black-faced impala, giraffe, and other plains game. In winter, aardvark and elephant sightings are not infrequent.

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### Directions - Opuwo Country Lodge to Etosha Heights Safarihoek Lodge

**Distance:** 337.81km    **Travel Time:** 3:53 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for Etosha Heights Safarihoek Lodge:** S 19° 14' 33.000" E 15° 17' 9.000"

- Head south (73 m)
- Turn right (2.0 km)
- Turn right (0.5 km)
- Turn left onto C43 (0.5 km)
- Turn right onto C41 (56.2 km)
- Turn right onto C35 (196 km)
- Turn left onto D2763 (13.4 km)
- Turn right onto D2695 (19.9 km)
- Turn left onto D2696 (38.8 km)
- Turn left (3.7 km)
- Turn right (6.8 km)
- Directions supplied by Google




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### Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 16: Ongava Lodge, Ongava Private Game Reserve

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### Ongava Private Game Reserve

Sharing the southern boundary with Etosha National Park, the prolific 30 000-hectare private Ongava Game Reserve is considered one of the top private game reserves in the region, enjoying global recognition for exceptional conservation, groundbreaking research and exciting safari experiences. The landscape is characterised by vast open plains dotted with salt pans and abundant wildlife. Visitors can easily access Etosha through Andersson's Gate in the south.

Known for its luxury lodges made out of natural materials, Ongava is a popular destination for those looking to immerse themselves in nature. The reserve offers visitors the perfect combination of wildlife safari experiences within and around the Etosha National Park. One of Ongava's top attractions is its rhino population and guests can experience the thrill of getting close to these majestic creatures. Popular activities include: night game drives, guided nature walks, bird watching and 4x4 guided game drives.

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### Overnight: Ongava Lodge

Ongava Lodge is one of Namibia's premier lodges on one of the country's most important private game reserves.

The well-established Ongava Lodge is situated in the privately owned Ongava Game Reserve along the southern boundary of Etosha National Park. Placed as it is close to the top of a hill in the foothills of the Ondundozonanandana range, the vantage point is beautiful and overlooks a well-frequented waterhole and the plains beyond.

Ongava Lodge offers luxury accommodation in 14 rock-and-thatch en-suite chalets. There are impressive views over the camp's waterhole from the main lounge and dining areas and there is also an inviting pool to cool off in the heat of the day. Meals are either served in the main dining area under thatch or on the dining deck under the stars.

Activities include game drives into Etosha, spending time in the camp hide, and nature drives and walks on the reserve. Ongava has resident white and black rhino, giving guests staying at Ongava the opportunity to see both species.



### Activities

AM Etosha National Park Game Drive
PM Ongava Reserve Game Drive

## Directions - Etosha Heights Safarihoek Lodge to Ongava Lodge

**Distance:** 91.25km      **Travel Time:** 1:29 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for Ongava Lodge:** S 19° 20' 59.900" E 15° 52' 17.000"

- Head southwest (6.8 km)
- Turn left (3.7 km)
- Turn left onto D2696 (1.2 km)
- Continue onto D2697 (10.5 km)
- Turn left onto D2695 (47.4 km)
- Slight left (3.9 km)
- Turn left (5.5 km)
- Turn right (2.0 km)
- Turn left (2.2 km)
- Turn right (7.8 km)
- Turn right (0.3 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



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### Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

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## Day 17: Onguma The Fort, Onguma Game Reserve

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### Onguma Game Reserve

Situated east of Etosha, bordering Fisher's Pan, Onguma Game Reserve is one of Namibia's best-kept secrets. The reserve offers visitors the opportunity to experience Africa in all her beauty and diversity. Onguma Game Reserve features over 34000 hectares of protected land scattered with a variety of wildlife including plains game, black rhino, kudu, giraffe, zebra, lion, cheetah, leopard and more than 300 bird species. The seasonal rains attract thousands of migrating birds to the Fisher's Pan wetland area. The neighbouring Etosha National Park is home to a rich array of wildlife, including four of the Big 5. Visitors can enjoy game drives, guided walks and rhino research drives within the private reserve as well as wildlife safaris into Etosha National Park to view abundant game in the largest national park in Namibia.

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### Overnight: Onguma The Fort

Onguma The Fort is unlike any other, the only one of its kind in Namibia.

It is built in exactly the right spot to give guests probably one of the best sunset views in the whole of Namibia - overlooking the beautiful scarceness of the Etosha Pans, decorated only with its wild animals and hundreds of Camel Thorn trees.



### Activities

Etosha Game Drive
Onguma Nature drives
Onguma Etosha Game Drive
Onguma Interpretive Bush Walks

### *Etosha Game Drive*

Game drive through Etosha National Park searching for predators, plains game, reptiles & birds.

Game drives are conducted in custom built safari vehicles with a pop-up roof and large opening windows to maximize photographic opportunities.

Depending on the time of year, these game drives take many different routes, but most often focus around the waterholes where you are most likely to see a variety of wildlife taking the chance to get a drink and swim.

### *Onguma Etosha Game Drive*

Onguma Etosha Game Drive takes guests into the Etosha National Park in the mornings and afternoons, accompanied by experts tour guides in open-sided vehicles. Guests will have an opportunity to see about 114 species of mammal in Etosha. They include the black-faced impala and the threatened black and white rhino. There are however no buffaloes, hippos, crocodiles or monkeys, but there is enough to keep guests enthralled on the game drive.

### *Onguma Interpretive Bush Walks*

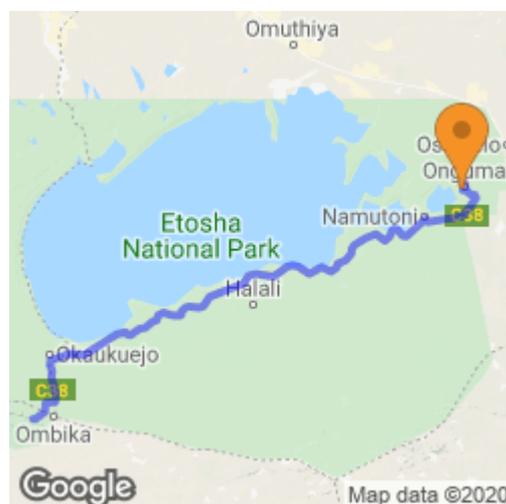
Onguma Interpretive Bush Walks features a unique physical, mental and spiritual adventure through nature. Visitors will experience the sights, smells and sounds of the Namibian bush by conducting an early morning leisurely walk accompanied by experienced armed rangers. The interpretive walks will bring visitors closer to nature by exposing them to the intimate detail of the surroundings.

## Directions - Ongava Lodge to Onguma The Fort

**Distance:** 181.41km    **Travel Time:** 3:21 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for Onguma The Fort:** S 18° 44' 10.202" E 17° 02' 34.540"

- Head east (0.5 km)
- Turn left (3.6 km)
- Turn left (70 m)
- Turn right (2.5 km)
- Turn right (2.8 km)
- Turn left onto C38 (145 km)
- Turn right to stay on C38 (11.4 km)
- Turn left (0.6 km)
- Turn right (6.2 km)
- Turn left (1.0 km)
- Turn left at the 1st cross street (4.5 km)
- Continue straight (0.9 km)
- Sharp left (2.5 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



## Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

## Day 18: Frans Indongo Lodge, Waterberg Region

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### Waterberg Region

Situated just south of the renowned Etosha National Park, the Waterberg Region encompasses the magnificent Waterberg Plateau National Park and the farming districts from Outjo and Otjiwarongo in the west, to Grootfontein and Tsumeb in the east. Tranquil, vast, and breathtakingly beautiful, the Waterberg region is known for its natural attractions including undulating bushveld hills, deep gorges, clear streams, and magnificent mountains. The area features many game reserves which are home to an array of wildlife including the endangered roan and sable antelopes, rhino, blue wildebeests, Cape vulture and much more. Visitors can look forward to hiking through spectacular landscapes, jumping on a safari to the Waterberg Plateau and immerse themselves in the local Herero culture.

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### Overnight: Frans Indongo Lodge

WELCOME TO FRANS INDONGO LODGE

Is your heart yearning for Africa? For the savannah and the scent of grasses and acacias? For silence and wide horizons? And at the same time you want to enjoy all modern comforts? Then Frans Indongo Lodge warmly welcomes you.

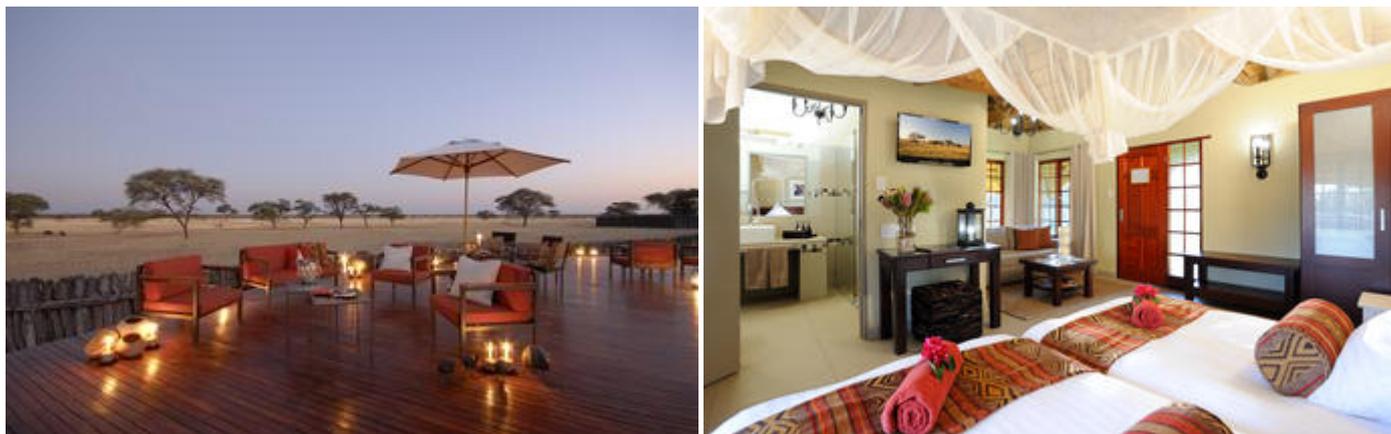
You can truly relax with us. Let us pamper you – after all, you are on holiday. Relax on the sundeck at the swimming pool and watch a succession of Sable Antelope, Black Springbok and Nyala quench their thirst at the nearby water hole. Relish the special African atmosphere: the lodge and the interior decoration feature stylish traditional elements from the Ovambo culture in northern Namibia – the birthplace of Frans Indongo.

You can't afford to miss this! Watch cheetahs sprinting and learn more about the fastest terrestrial animal on the planet at the nearby Cheetah Conservation Fund or explore Waterberg Plateau Park, where water is plentiful.

While staying with us you will also experience purest nature, of course. The 170 km<sup>2</sup> farm boasts an extraordinary abundance of game, including White and Black Rhino, Black Wildebeest and Hartebeest. We take you game-viewing on sundowner drives. For active holidaymakers we have laid out trails which meander through the bush savannah and lead onto a hill with a magnificent look-out point.

We are right on your way. Frans Indongo Lodge is located north-east of Otjiwarongo and north-west of Waterberg Mountain. Thus it is ideally suited as a stop-over on your way from Windhoek to Etosha, the far north, to Bushmanland or the Caprivi. We are close to the tar road but nevertheless in the midst of the African bush savannah. [map]

One little hint: take your time. Our guests keep complaining that they would have liked to stay longer...



## Activities

Cheetah Conservation Fund

Cheetah Conservation Fund Cheetah Run

Cheetah Conservation Fund Cheetah Drive

### *Cheetah Conservation Fund*

The Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF) was founded in 1990 by Dr. Laurie Marker. CCF's mission is to be an internationally recognized center of excellence in research and education on cheetahs and their eco-systems, working with all stakeholders to achieve best practice in the conservation and management of the world's cheetahs. As Namibia has the largest and healthiest population of cheetahs left in the world, CCF's International Research and Education Center is based in Namibia, near Otjiwarongo. The large modern Education Center houses a museum that provides visitors and students the opportunity to learn more about the behavior and biology of the cheetah, and the Namibian ecosystem that supports Africa's most endangered cat species. The excellent graphics and interactive displays in the center bring the visitor through the history of the cheetah from pre-history to modern times, and explain how their range and numbers have diminished. A small fee for visiting the center is required, the funds go back into the conservation efforts of the CCF. Monday through Sunday from 9.00am to 5.00pm.

### *Cheetah Conservation Fund Cheetah Run*

Visitors can experience a 30-minute duration thrill of close up views of cheetahs running as the animals commence with their morning exercise at the Cheetah Ecolodge, located in Otjiwarongo, Namibia. The cheetahs will be 'hunting' the reserve's specially made lure, during this time one will have the chance to capture memorable photos and videos of their magnificent speed. The country has earned the nickname "Cheetah Capital of the World" for having the greatest density of wild cheetahs of any area on Earth.

### *Cheetah Conservation Fund Cheetah Drive*

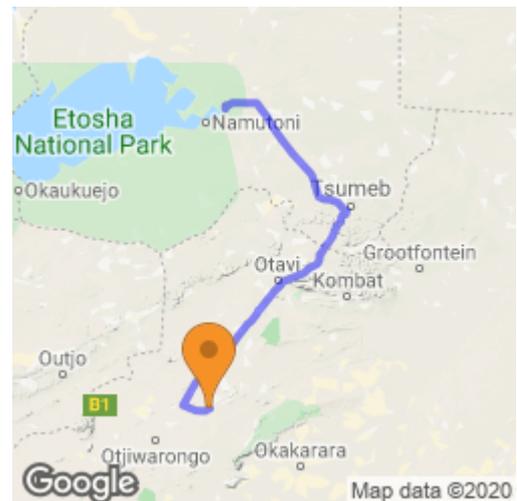
Guests at Cheetah Ecolodge can enjoy a 1-hour game drive into a cheetah camp at the main center to meet some of the beautiful wildlife who live at the reserve, it is a great photo opportunity. The reserve is located at the Cheetah Conservation Fund in the vast tranquil bushveld of Otjiwarongo, Namibia. The country has earned the nickname "Cheetah Capital of the World" for having the largest population of wild cheetahs than any other area on Earth.

## Directions - Onguma The Fort to Frans Indongo Lodge

**Distance:** 274.33km    **Travel Time:** 2:56 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for Frans Indongo Lodge:** S 20° 17' 21.478" E 16° 57' 30.635"

- Head east (2.5 km)
- Sharp right (0.9 km)
- Sharp left (18.1 km)
- Turn right (3.3 km)
- Continue onto B1 (81.1 km)
- Turn right to stay on B1 (152 km)
- Turn left onto D2433 (16.3 km)
- Turn right (48 m)
- Directions supplied by Google



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### Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 19: Waterberg Wilderness Lodge, Waterberg Plateau National Park

### Waterberg Plateau National Park

Situated in north central Namibia and named for the springs that emanate from its foothills, the Waterberg Plateau National Park is a fascinating geological site featuring compressed sandstone crags, 200 million-year-old dinosaur footprints, and petrified sand dunes. The area's natural water sources make it far more fertile than its environs, and the park is blessed with a plethora of plant and animal species, including leopards, rhinoceros, vultures, cheetahs, bush babies, ferns and fig trees. Visitors can enjoy a wide selection of activities including: learning about the local Herero culture on an informative village tour, tracking rhino on a guided safari, exploring the Waterberg's 50-kilometre-long and 16-kilometre-wide sandstone plateau, dubbed 'table mountain', and catching a glimpse of the rare and endangered sable and roan antelope.

### Overnight: Waterberg Wilderness Lodge

Situated in a fairy-tale valley of the Waterberg: Huge trees, mighty bamboo and a spring turn the farmhouse-style lodge into an oasis at the edge of the Kalahari. There are two pools, a garden café and a restaurant & bar. European dishes from the typically Namibian farmhouse kitchen are served for dinner (set menu).

The lodge is part of the private nature reserve Waterberg Wilderness, offering a world of experience at the Kalahari's table mountain:

Guests can join guided hikes onto the plateau (8:00) or enjoy an exclusive guided hike just for themselves ("honeymoon sundowners", 16:00). Rhino drives (16:00) and Rhino tracking tours (8:00) offer the opportunity to encounter rhinos and other game at eye-level. There are cultural tours to Hereroland (8:00), not to forget five nature trails including a "Botanical garden" and a History Path with information boards reviving and explaining the past.



### Activities

Waterberg Plateau National Park

Waterberg Wilderness Rhino Drive

waterberg wilderness Lodge - Honeymoon Sundowner

Waterberg Wilderness Lodge - Cultural Tour: Everyday life of the Herero

Waterberg Wilderness Lodge - Plateau Hike: tour onto the table mountain (no park entrance fee)

### ***Waterberg Plateau National Park***

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### ***Waterberg Wilderness Rhino Drive***

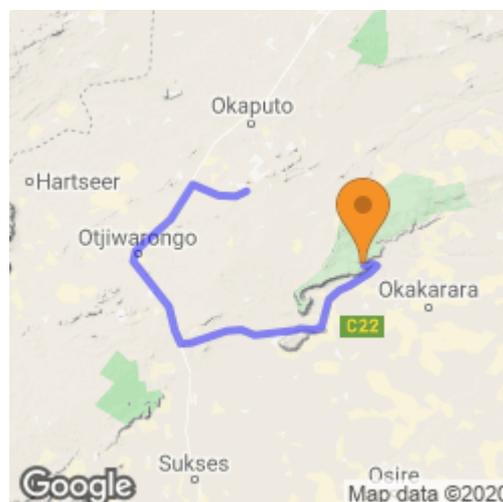
Waterberg Wilderness Rhino Drive is an approximately 3 hours activity, taking visitors on a round trip through the African bush savannah at the foot of the Waterberg. Visitors will almost always rub shoulders with rhinos. With a little luck, visitors will have an encounter with animals such as the giraffe, oryx, eland, red hartebeest, blue wildebeest and kudu.

## **Directions - Frans Indongo Lodge to Waterberg Wilderness Lodge**

**Distance:** 143.08km    **Travel Time:** 1:50 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for Waterberg Wilderness Lodge:** S 20° 28' 50.639" E 17° 16' 46.890"

- Head northwest toward D2433 (48 m)
- Turn left onto D2433 (16.3 km)
- Turn left onto B1 (56.0 km)
- Turn left onto C22 (41.3 km)
- Turn left onto D2512 (25.4 km)
- Turn left. Destination will be on the left (4.1 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



## **Basis**

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

## Day 20: Okonjima Plains Camp, Okonjima Nature Reserve

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### Okonjima Nature Reserve

Midway between the spectacular Etosha National Park and the capital city of Windhoek, lies the well-known Okonjima Nature Reserve. The 22 000 ha nature reserve is home to AfriCAT, a carnivore sanctuary, which gives the captive cats a second chance to be released back into the wild and become completely independent hunters in a protected area right in the middle of commercial cattle farmland. Visitors can enjoy a stay at a variety of excellent accommodation options including everything from luxury villas to secluded camping. Enjoy thrilling cat tracking guided safaris, leopard-spotting, off-road night drives and learn about local San culture along the Bushmen trail.

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### Overnight: Okonjima Plains Camp

Plains Camp honours the Hanssen's family cattle-farming heritage with its three-tier accommodation facility of 10 spacious View Rooms, 14 spacious Standard Rooms and six affordable Garden Rooms.

It is family-friendly and wheelchair accessible.

The Plains Camp is 700m from the airstrip within the secluded wilderness area of Okonjima Nature Reserve and has majestic sunset views. Its design honours the Hanssen's family cattle-farming history with its three-tier accommodation facility of 10 large View Rooms, 14 spacious Standard Rooms and six affordable Garden Rooms. It is family-friendly and wheelchair accessible.

Okonjima was a cattle farm since the early 1920s that was bought by Brahman breeders Val (VJ) and Rose Hanssen in 1970. By the time Namibia gained its independence in early 1990, they needed to address increasing livestock losses and growing interest in Namibia as a tourist destination. Three years later their herds of Brahman and Jersey cattle were sold and Okonjima's attention turned to recovering the grass plains and transforming it into a nature reserve, with a primary focus on carnivore conservation through The AfriCat Foundation. Today it's a luxurious African safari destination in the heart of Namibia that's ideal for wildlife photography and famed for its cheetah, brown hyena and leopard sightings.



### Activities

Activities will delight, entertain, and educate even the most experienced traveler. Visit the AfriCat Foundation and learn about Namibia's carnivores. Track leopard, hyaenas, Hike, bike, or go for a swim. The activities are endless at Okonjima

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## Directions - Waterberg Wilderness Lodge to Okonjima Plains Camp

**Distance:** 112.34km    **Travel Time:** 1:40 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for Okonjima Plains Camp:** S 20° 51' 34.465" E 16° 38' 26.919"

- Head east toward D2512 (4.1 km)
- Turn right onto D2512 (25.4 km)
- Turn right onto C22 (41.3 km)
- Turn left onto B1 (18.8 km)
- Turn right (17.4 km)
- Turn left (5.4 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



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### Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 21: The Olive Exclusive All-Suite Hotel, Windhoek

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### Windhoek

Situated in Central Namibia, the cosmopolitan city of Windhoek serves as the capital of the country. It is 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. Windhoek has an interesting mix of historical architecture and modern buildings, many of which are worth a look, including the Alte Feste an old fort, the 1896 Christuskirche Christ Church, and the more contemporary Supreme Court.

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### Overnight: The Olive Exclusive All-Suite Hotel

The Olive Exclusive – elegant, inspired, never formal

The first ultra-luxurious sanctuary of its kind in the Namibian capital – is cool, contemporary and stylish but with a warm heart and authentic African soul. Its sleek, modern lines are complemented by organic textures, natural furnishings, an eco-friendly approach and dedicated personal service.

The seven suites are individually decorated so each reflects a different region in Namibia, and each has its own lounge area with fireplace and dining room, for private dining. Wide glass doors open onto spacious decks where you can relax on a shady daybed, enjoy al fresco lunches or, if yours is a premium suite, take a dip in your own private plunge pool.

Such are the creature comforts that you may find it hard to leave: sink into an extra-length bed dressed in crisp, pure-cotton linen, or indulge in a bubble bath in a freestanding tub with sweeping mountain views. Air-conditioning & satellite TV are standard, as is a computer with free WiFi access. Then there's a fully stocked mini bar, complete with a premium wine selection, so you can toast the setting sun in fine style.

The Olive Exclusive boasts a quality restaurant featuring a seasonal menu, with inventive signature dishes.



### Activities

Okahandja Craft Market - South
Windhoek City Tour
Katutura Township Tour

### *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.

### *Windhoek City Tour*

City Tour of Windhoek's historical buildings & monuments as well as the suburbs of Khomasdal, Katutura & Ludwigsdorf.

### *Katutura Township Tour*

The town of Katutura falls under the Windhoek municipality and was founded in the late 1950's. The population of Windhoek is currently around 200 000 people of which about 60% live in Katutura. Katutura has many suburbs with interesting names such as Havana, Soweto, and Babylon.

Several tour operators offer tours of this fascinating township and a typical tour will include a visit to Eveline Street - the longest street in Katutura, also known as 'the street that never sleeps', the meat market, and Penduka Women's Centre on the shore of the Goreangab Dam. Some tour operators also offer cycling tours through the township.

## **Directions - Okonjima Plains Camp to The Olive Exclusive All-Suite Hotel**

**Distance:** 223.54km    **Travel Time:** 2:25 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for The Olive Exclusive All-Suite Hotel:** S 22° 33' 12.018" E 17° 05' 25.489"

- Head northeast (5.4 km)
- Turn right (17.4 km)
- Turn right onto B1 (128 km)
- Turn left to stay on B1 (68.9 km)
- Take the exit toward B1 (0.8 km)
- Turn left onto B1 (0.6 km)
- Continue straight (0.2 km)
- At the roundabout, take the 1st exit (1.8 km)
- Continue onto Robert Mugabe Ave (0.1 km)
- Turn left onto Liliencron Street (0.1 km)
- Turn left onto Langenhoven St (0.2 km)
- Turn right onto Promenaden Rd. Destination will be on the left (0.2 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



**Basis**

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 22: End of Itinerary

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### Directions - The Olive Exclusive All-Suite Hotel to Hosea Kutako International Airport [WDH]

Distance: 43.98km      Travel Time: 33 minutes

GPS co-ordinates for Hosea Kutako International Airport [WDH]: S 22° 29' 32.697" E 17° 27' 54.773"

- Head southeast on Promenaden Rd toward Ngami Street (0.5 km)
- Turn right onto Schanzen Street (50 m)
- Turn left at the 1st cross street onto Uhland Street (0.5 km)
- Turn left onto Metje Street (0.2 km)
- Turn right onto Nelson Mandela Ave (1.6 km)
- Slight left toward Sam Nujoma Dr (64 m)
- Slight left onto Sam Nujoma Dr (1.7 km)
- Turn left onto B6 (38.7 km)
- Turn left (0.6 km)



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### Basis

Bed and Breakfast

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## Transport

### Flight Information

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### Travel Information



Located in southwestern Africa, Namibia boasts a well-developed infrastructure, some of the best tourist facilities in Africa, and an impressive list of breathtaking natural wonders. Visitors can explore the capital of Windhoek and discover the lovely coastal town of Swakopmund boasting remnants of the country's German influence, reflected in the architecture, culture, cuisine and the annual Oktoberfest celebrations. To properly appreciate this extraordinary country, you will have to venture out of the cities to explore the remarkable natural landscapes Namibia has to offer. These include: the impressive Fish River Canyon; the vast Etosha National Park teeming with abundant wildlife, such as lions, desert-adapted elephants and the Hartmann's Mountain Zebra; the hauntingly beautiful Kalahari Desert; and of course the Namib Desert stretching for over 2000 km along the magnificent Atlantic Coast. Namibia is an ideal destination for travellers seeking an unforgettable African experience in a uniquely beautiful untamed wilderness.

### *Banking and Currency*

#### Currency

Namibia uses the Namibian Dollar (N\$) this is linked on a one to one exchange with the South African Rand. The Rand is legal tender in Namibia, but the N\$ cannot be used in South Africa.

If you are wishing to purchase currency before arriving in Namibia, it is easiest to buy Rand as the Namibian Dollar is seldom available in banks outside of Namibia.

#### Banking

Banks are found in most towns, and are generally open from 09h00 to 15h30 on weekdays and 08h30 to 11h00 on Saturdays. Closed on Sundays and public holidays. Most of them offer foreign exchange services - with cash, bank and credit cards as well as travellers cheques.

You can also obtain cash from many of the ATMs. Several international banks have branches in main city centres. Always advise your bank that you are travelling outside of the country as they might block your purchases if they have not been informed.

### *Travel, Transport and Getting Around*

Public transport in Namibia is geared towards the needs of the local populace, and is confined to main roads between major population centres. Although cheap and reliable, it is of little use to the traveller as most of Namibia's tourist attractions lie off the beaten track.

It is easy to travel around Namibia by car, and a 2WD vehicle is perfectly adequate for most journeys. However, long distances, poor mobile phone coverage outside of main towns and infrequent petrol stations that only accept cash mean that planning ahead is vital.

There are major airlines that fly into Windhoek and Swakopmund. Other destinations are reachable by car or charter flight.

Namibians drive on the left and all signposts are in English. Seat belts must be worn at all times and talking in a mobile phone while driving is prohibited. The general speed limit is 120km/h on tarred roads outside of towns and 100km/h on gravel roads. In built up areas, the speed limit is 60km/h.

### *Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice*

Traditional Namibian cuisine is rarely served and so the food at restaurants tends to be European in style and is, generally, of a very high standard.

Namibia is very meat-orientated, and many menu options will feature steaks from various animals. However, there is usually a vegetarian and seafood section offered by most camps and restaurants.

In the supermarkets you'll find pre-wrapped fresh fruit and vegetables (though the more remote the areas you visit, the smaller your choice), and plenty of canned foods, pasta, rice, bread, etc. Most of this is imported from South Africa.

The water in Namibia's main towns is generally safe to drink, though it may taste a little metallic if it has been piped for miles. Natural sources should usually be purified, though water from underground springs and dry riverbeds seldom causes any problems. However, filtered and bottled water are readily available in most towns and all camps, lodges and hotels.

### *Climate and Weather*

Partially covered by the Namib Desert, one of the world's driest deserts, Namibia's climate is generally very dry and pleasant – it's fine to visit all year round. Namibia only receives a fraction of the rain experienced by countries further east. Between about **December to March** some days will be humid and rain may follow, often in localised, afternoon thunderstorms. These are more common in the centre and east of the country, and more unusual in the desert.

**April** and especially **May** are often lovely months in Namibia. Increasingly dry, with a real freshness in the air, and much greenery in the landscape; at this time the air is clear and largely free from dust.

From **June to August** Namibia cools down and dries out more; nights can become cold, dropping below freezing in some desert areas. As the landscape dries so the game in the north of the country gravitates more to waterholes, and is more easily seen by visitors. By **September and October** it warms up again; game-viewing in most areas is at its best, although there's often a lot of dust around and the vegetation has lost its vibrancy.

**November** is a highly variable month. Sometimes the hot, dry weather will continue, at other times the sky will fill with clouds and threaten to rain – but if you're lucky enough to witness the first rains of the season, you'll never forget the drama.

### *Clothing and Dress Recommendations*

Namibians have a somewhat relaxed attitude to dress codes. A jacket and tie is very unusual. In fact, long trousers and a shirt with buttons are often quite adequate for a formal occasion or work wear. A pair of sensible shoes, jeans and a t-shirt is recommended.

During the day it is generally hot, so pack light weight loose fitting clothes in natural fabrics, such as linen or cotton, that will keep you cool and are easy to wash and dry.

Avoid blue clothing - the tsetse flies are drawn to the colour blue, and their bite can give you African Sleeping Sickness.

Long sleeved shirts and long trousers will protect you against mosquitoes at night.

### *Electricity and Plug Standards*

Current is 220/240 volts at 50 cycles per second. A three-point round-pin adapter plug should be brought for your electrical appliances. Such adapters are also available at major airports.

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