



**4x4 GUIDED SELF-DRIVE SAFARI DAMARALAND / KAOKOLAND**

**BOOKING CODE: PTS 011**

**8 days / 7 nights.**

**Day 1:**

This safari starts from Palmwag Lodge and the first part of the trail leads into the 4500 square kilometre private Concession Area of Palmwag Lodge.

Breathtaking landscapes in mountainous area teeming with game welcome the guest - springbok, Oryx, kudu, ostrich, jackal, zebra, giraffe, hyena, occasionally lion, leopard and cheetah provide excellent photographic opportunity for wildlife photography in this vast open infrastructure less wilderness area. With a bit of luck encounter the endangered Black Rhino (*bicornis bicornis*) and the famous desert elephant, which have adapted to these remote and isolated desert areas.

Depending on game activities, camp will be erected in the wild in the Hunkab spring area. Enjoy a refreshing drink while the guide prepares the meal on an open fire and absorb the day's experiences.

**Day 2:**

After breakfast enjoy a short hike for a brief inspection of the night's game activities around camp. The journey continues into the upper Mudoib River with a good chance of encountering black rhino or desert elephant in this dry and harsh desert environment. Arrive in the Hoanib River, a dry river bed densely overgrown with nutritious acacia trees providing the necessary fodder for the desert adapted elephant. Optimal chances to encounter one of the breeding herds of these giant creatures during the following game viewing drives through the valleys and side arms of this unique natural paradise. Camp will be set up in one of the side tributaries of the Hoanib river.

**Day 3:**

Early departure through the narrow gorge of Ampspoort into a northerly direction following the course of the Tsuxub river all along the eastern sceleron coast boundary into the Hoarusib river. Good opportunity to encounter plains game and desert elephant as well as the elusive Kunene lions. Set up camp in the Purros community camp site with sharing ablutions. PM visit to a himba village in the area with sundowner excursion in the scenic and beautiful Hoarusib river.

**Day 4 :**

Today's routing will lead the group all along dry riverbed of the Hoarusib river and continues in a northerly direction into the Khumib river up to the ovahimba settlement of Orupembe. Here the clients have the opportunity to visit various himba villages en route. The journey continues across the Hartmanns pass into the spectacular valley of Marienfluss. Our destination today is the community camp site on the Kunene river at Otjinungwa. Wild camping on the banks of the Kunene river – all this in a tranquil and calm atmosphere under lovely shady acacias and ana trees (*Faidherbia albida*). Relax after a refreshing swim in the waters of the Kunene river.

**Day 5:**

Today guests are indulged with a full day sightseeing tour into the beauty of the neighbouring Hartmanns valley. Enjoy breathtaking views of this unspoilt and isolated part of the north west. A short hike in the gorges and valleys of the Hartmann Valley followed by a visit to a nearby Ovahimba family in the vicinity is planned for the rest of the day before returning back to the Marienfluss camp site. The Hartmann Valley is unique and offers the guests the opportunity to enjoy perfect solitude with pure nature at its best far off the normal tourist track. Camping at the community camp site of Otjinungwa.

**Day 6:**

Early morning departure in a southerly direction, heading back into the central kaoko region. Enjoy the beauty of the upper Marienfluss valley at Rooidrum with excellent opportunity to encounter plains game like zebra, springbuck, oryx, ostrich, giraffe. Enjoy the beauty this spectacular region before the journey continues through the Hartmanns pass. Camp will set up at a community site in the Onjuwa Plains surrounds. Enjoy a warm welcoming shower after another exciting day in kaokoland before settling down for a relaxing drink and Tasty dinner prepared by your guide and team on open fire.

**Day 7:**

Continue on the last stretch to the last camp site of your journey. Heading east towards Opuwo, enjoy the breathtaking surrounds of Sanitatas with yet more opportunity to encounter plains game en-route. Visit a couple of himba villages en route. The banks of the Hoarusib river covered with age old ana and lead wood trees as well as dense makalani palm woods offers the perfect location to set up the camp in the Kaoko-Otavi region. Relax at the open fire and indulge in a refreshing drink while your guide prepares the final nights dinner on open fire.

**Day 8:**

The final stretch of this safari leads the group past Kaoko Otavi with a visit to the monument of the Dorsland trekker ruins before connecting to the main road to Opuwo. Bid your guide farewell at Opuwo as the roads and team part here for your ongoing journey. An adventurous and exciting safari with a lot of highlights comes to an end. Wishing you a wonderful journey as you continue.

**INCLUDED:**

- Knowledgeable guide in own vehicle with camp assistant;
- Full board, refreshment drinks en route, house wine and beer at dinner whilst camping;
- Meet & greet at Palmwag Lodge day prior to tour departure
- VAT and Bed levy.

**EXCLUDED:**

- Expenses of a personal nature, i.e. laundry, telephone, gratuities, souvenirs, etc
- Personal-, medical- and evacuation insurances;
- Additional activities
- Alcoholic beverages and drinks other than mentioned above
- Any one-way vehicle rental charges or additional extra's.
- Pre and post tour accommodation

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- It is compulsory for all guests to have comprehensive cancellation-, default-, baggage-, emergency evacuation- and medical insurance for the duration of the trip;
- Rates are as per scheduled departures on rate sheet;
- Rental vehicle costs have to be added to tour price. These costs have been calculated from arrival day at Palmwag Lodge to final day at Opuwo (total of 9 days). Additional rental days will be an additional charge.
- The operator reserves the right to change the itinerary.