



NAMIBIA TRACKS & TRAILS

TRAVEL NORTH!

Booking ref: G04

19 Days / 18 Nights

This nineteen day guided safari combines the diverse northern region of Namibia with the most fertile part of Namibia, the Caprivi. Visit the Afri-Cat Foundation at Okonjima, enjoy the rugged landscapes of Damaraland before you continue to the world famous Etosha National Park. Experience the upper course of the Okavango River and the abundant wildlife of the Mahango- and Mudumu Game Parks. Enjoy a visit to the Popa Falls and the "Okavango Delta" at Lianshulu and Susuwe Island Lodge on the untouched island in the remote Kwando River.

Day 1:

Arrival at Hosea Kutako (Windhoek International) airport, where you will be met by your guide. Subsequent transfer to the capital of Namibia for check-in to Olive Grove Guesthouse. After check-in at the accommodation establishment, you will be taken on a city tour. Windhoek is a city of many contrasts. Modern skyscrapers blend with historic buildings dating from the turn of the century. Several buildings from the German colonial era have been preserved and restored to fulfil useful functions in the community today. Some of the sights you will see on your tour are the Ride Memorial, the Old Fort, the Parliament Building (also known as the "Ink Place"), the Lutheran Church, the Railway Station and many more.

Overnight stay at Olive Grove Guesthouse - bed & breakfast.

Day 2 and 3:

After breakfast departure from Windhoek and drive in a northerly direction via Okahandja to Okonjima Lodge, home of the Africat Foundation, a non-profit organisation dedicated to the conservation and protection of Namibian wild cats, in particular leopard and cheetah. Enjoy the opportunity to admire and photograph these predators.

Two overnight stays at Okonjima Lodge. Fullboard incl activities.

Day 4:

Departure from Okonjima via Otjiwarongo, Outjo and Khorixas to Camp Doro Nawas. In the afternoon we visit Twyfelfontein, which means "doubtful fountain" and resembles a large, open-air art gallery. This treasure house of rock engravings left by stone-age artists is regarded as one of the richest collections of rock engravings in Africa. South of Twyfelfontein is the Burnt Mountain, a panorama of desolation with coloured rocks contrasting vividly against the grey-black surroundings. The Organ Pipes, a mass of basalt slabs in a ravine gouged out by a river, is another geological curiosity in the area.

Overnight stay at Doro Nawas Camp - dinner, bed & breakfast.

Day 5:

After breakfast, we head for our next destination being Palmwag Lodge. The afternoon is at own leisure. Relax at the swimming pool under shady palms or discover the neighbouring nature on one of the well-situated hiking trails.

Overnight stay at Palmwag Lodge - dinner, bed & breakfast.

Day 6:

Enjoy a full day tour in open 4 x 4 game-viewing vehicles into the concession area of the lodge, search for desert elephants in the Hoanib River or physically track amongst a wide variety of game – the mighty desert elephant and the threatened black rhino by 4x4 vehicle.

Overnight at the Palmwag Lodge on dinner, bed & breakfast basis.



Day 7:

Leaving Palmwag Lodge, we travel via the Grootberg Pass to Kamanjab and further on the tarred road to the Etosha National Park. Afternoon arrival at the Okaukuejo Restcamp in the Etosha National Park. At the heart of this National Park is the Etosha Pan, a vast dry shallow depression. Perennial springs feed the waterholes along the southern verge, which attract a myriad of animal species.

Overnight stay in a bungalow in the Okaukuejo restcamp - dinner, bed & breakfast.

Day 8:

Discover the mysteries of the African bush in Etosha National Park. We are spending the day doing game drives in the park and visit the numerous waterholes that attract a large diversity of animal and bird species, many of these being endemic to the country.

Overnight stay in a bungalow in the Okaukuejo Restcamp - dinner, bed & breakfast.

Day 9:

From east to west past Fort Namutoni to the Mushara Lodge, where we spend one night. En route, we stop at the numerous perennial springs found along the edge of the salt pan in search of Lion, Leopard, Elephant and Black Rhino.

Overnight stay at the Mushara Lodge on a dinner, bed & breakfast basis.

Day 10:

Early departure from Mushara Lodge for Hakusembe River Lodge on the banks of the Okavango River. When entering the Kavango District, we will be driving past various small townships. Enjoy a sunset cruise on the Okavango as an optional activity.

Overnight stay at Hakusembe River Lodge - dinner, bed & breakfast.

Day 11 and 12:

Today's destination is Ndhovu Lodge nearby the Popa Falls and the Mahango Game Reserve. Mahango, is a small national park, but it protects great diversity. With the western side being pure dry Kalahari bush, the eastern side is riverine forest, open floodplain and papyrus swamps of the Okavango River. This tremendous variation allows it to boast more bird species than any other Namibian park as well as an array of larger mammal species too. We will spend our time here going on game drives and exploring the area.

Two overnight stays at Ndhovu Lodge - dinner, bed & breakfast.

Day 13 and 14:

Today we continue eastwards via the Caprivi Strip to Lianshulu Lodge in the Mudumu National Park, which is a wedged-shaped intrusion into northern Botswana. The park was proclaimed in 1990 and shares the Kwando River as its western border. Hundred of elephants, large herd of buffalo and several other species cram the Kwando floodplains just before the onset of summer rains. A varied cultural experience adds to the region's attraction with an optional visit to one of the traditional villages, which provides an insight into the history and lifestyle of the Caprivian people.

Two overnight stays at Lianshulu Lodge - dinner, bed & breakfast.

Day 15 and 16:

Today's destination is the beautiful Susuwe Island Lodge, which offers the opportunity to experience closely a wild and untouched island in the remote Kwando River. From here we undertake game expeditions in open 4x4 vehicles in the Bwabwata National Park. Game sightings in this river cradle could include vast herds of roaming elephant and buffalo, lions, hippos, leopards, sable, roan, lechwe and puku. Night drives at Susuwe offer an even closer insight into the intrigue of the African bush. There is outstanding bird watching in this area in a variety of riverine, floodplain and grassland habitats. Boating, nature walks, picnics or infinite relaxation in the cool respite of Susuwe Island Lodge are all possible.

Two overnight stays at Susuwe Island Lodge - Fullboard.

Day 17:

Today we are leaving the Caprivi- as well as the Kavango area and travel south to Grootfontein, where we spend the night at Roy's Camp.

Overnight stay at Roy's Camp - dinner, bed & breakfast.

Day 18:

Return journey via Otavi, Otjiwarongo and Okahandja to Windhoek. Okahandja is an important centre for woodcarvers from the north. They practice their ancient skills at the Woodcarvers Market next to the main road. This is a good place to pick a last souvenir.

Overnight stay at Olive Grove Guesthouse on bed & breakfast basis.



Day 19:

Spend the day in Namibia's capital. In time for check-in on your outbound flight, road transfer from Olive Grove Guesthouse to Hosea Kutako Airport. Bid farewell to Namibia!

INCLUDED:

- All transport as per itinerary routing
- Accommodation on shared basis
- Meals as specified in itinerary
- Activities and park fees as specified in itinerary
- Mineral water en route

EXCLUDED:

- Expenses of a personal nature, i.e. laundry, telephone expenses, gratuities and other personal purchases
- All drinks
- Personal- as well as medical- and evacuation insurance
- Additional activities

DEPARTURES:

05.06.2009 - 23.06.2009

28.08.2009 - 15.09.2009

16.10.2009 - 03.11.2009
