

NORTHERN NAMIBIA 4x4 ADVENTURE – 8 DAYS CAS0210

This stunning adventure takes you into the north of Namibia visiting the quaint seaside town of Swakopmund, the impressive and magical inselberg Spitzkoppe, with its collection of rock paintings and strange rock formations. Heading deeper into the country you can enjoy an optional excursion to meet the proud Himba people in the far north. From here to Etosha National Park -recognized as one of the best game reserves in Africa and excellent game viewing with your final night at the base of Waterberg Plateau completes this safari

Day 1 Dunedin Star Guesthouse, Swakopmund

We depart from Chameleon Guesthouse and Backpackers at 8.30am for Swakopmund. After collecting fresh supplies for lunch we drive to the port town of Walvis Bay where we visit the lagoon, which is a protected RAMSAR wetland site. We may see the many species of bird including Greater and Lesser Flamingos, pelicans, avocets, plovers and the endemic damara tern before a short visit to the nearby salt farm. We return to Swakopmund where your guide will assist those wishing to book **optional** adventure activities such as sand boarding, quad biking, scenic flights, parachuting, dolphin cruises to name but a few, which you have time for this afternoon and tomorrow morning. Overnight in comfortable twin/double rooms with en-suite bathroom close to the town centre. Laundry facilities are available here. This evening's meal is a group dinner in a restaurant at client's own expense (L)

Day 2 Spitzkoppe

This morning you have free time to visit the museum and aquarium, explore the town, or partake in optional activities such as sand boarding and quad biking. We depart after lunch, driving along a section of the Skeleton Coast before turning inland for Spitzkoppe, a huge inselberg towering above the dry desert plains and arriving late afternoon to set up camp. We have the opportunity to explore the area and enjoy the wonderful rock formations that have been created by erosion over thousands of years. Dinner prepared by the guide and camp assistant. Evening spent under a million stars. Overnight based at community run bush camp with no toilet/shower facilities. (BLD)

Day 3 Hobatere Camp

This morning we enjoy a walk to Bushmans Paradise, viewing the ancient bushman paintings and vistas of the vast surrounding desert or you may simply wander around the desert floor. From here our drive takes us through some beautiful and dramatic landscapes arriving at camp late afternoon. Hobatere borders western Etosha and the camp is set amongst boulders and trees offering seclusion, however, game, including lion may wander around freely and there are no fences to separate the camp from concession land. Overnight wild camping, dinner prepared by guide and camp assistant (BLD)



Day 4 Hobatere Camp

Today you can relax at the camp, enjoy a walk in the surrounding land or watch the game from the hide come to drink at the waterhole, alternatively join an **OPTIONAL** day trip through to Opuwo and visit the local himba tribes. These remarkable and proud people live in the Kunene region. Formally cattle/goat herders some still live a traditional life style in this harsh environment. You will be accompanied by a local guide who will translate all your questions giving you a chance to find how they survive in today's modern world learn about their fascinating culture. We return to camp late afternoon and you can sit at the waterhole watching the game come to quench their thirst. Dinner prepared by guide and camp assistant (BLD)

Day 5 Okaukeujo, Etosha National Park

We depart for Etosha entering through the western gate and game driving through to Okaukeujo. This massive park is a haven for wildlife and supports one of the most important ecological and wildlife systems on the continent. After setting up our tents we take a late afternoon game drive visiting the surrounding waterholes looking for species such as elephant, lion, rhino, kudu, giraffe as well as the large herds of springbok, zebra and wildebeest that survive in this region. Dinner prepared by guide and camp assistant. Evening viewing at flood lit waterhole, famous for its visits by black rhinos. (BLD)

Day 6 Namutoni, Etosha National Park

Sunrise departure from camp for full morning game drive transiting across the park visiting various waterholes along the way and look out for the many species of animals. We spend the hottest part of the day at Halali camp where we have lunch and enjoy a swim or an afternoon snooze. Late afternoon game drive to Namutoni via the famous Etosha Pan, a vast depression which can even be seen from space and the white shimmering haze disappearing into the horizon. Dinner prepared by guide and camp assistant. Evening viewing at flood lit waterhole. (BLD)

Day 7 Waterberg Bush Camp

We'll enjoy an early morning game drive before departing Etosha on the eastern side. We have a short stop at Lake Otjikoto before collecting fresh supplies at Tsumeb and continuing on to Hoba Meteorite, the largest meteorite in the world for lunch. We arrive late afternoon at Waterberg Bush camp at the eastern end of the Plateau. Witness the fabulous colours of the lichen growing on the rock face of the plateau at sunset from the top of the plateau directly above our camp and enjoy the views across the Kalahari. There are plenty of animals wandering freely in this area such as eland, ostrich, springbok, kudu and impala. Dinner prepared by guide and camp assistant. (BLD)



Day 8 Windhoek

Your guide will lead you on a short hike through the ravine at the base of the plateau. After brunch we return to Windhoek via the Okahandja Craft Markets for those last minute gifts. We arrive at Chameleon Guesthouse where you can enjoy an after safari drink and share your memories of your safari. (BL)

Please note – the itinerary above is a guideline only and whilst we try to adhere to it there may be circumstances when it may change – for example weather and/or road conditions, seasonal daylight hours etc. Overnight stops on occasion may be altered from those indicated above. **IMPORTANT** - Whilst visiting villages and local communities we cannot guarantee activities on offer, it often depends on how they feel on the day, however, it will give you the opportunity to meet and experience life in Namibia in today's society

Approx total distance 2000kms

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