

NORTHWESTERN NAMIBIA 14 DAY SELF-DRIVE TOUR



for 2 – 4 Guests

Have you always wanted to see **desert-adapted elephants** in their **natural environment**? And, with a little luck, **black rhinos** as well? Then Namibia's northwest is just the destination for you. This 14-day tour by rental car also includes other striking highlights such as the **Erongo Mountains**, the famous rock engravings of **Twyfelfontein**, encounters with the indigenous **Himba** people, the **Kunene** River at the north-western border with Angola and, of course, the fantastic biodiversity of **Etosha National Park**.



Itinerary

Day 1

Arrival Windhoek

Arrival and transfer to the lodge. Relax at the swimming pool/in the gardens. After coffee & cake, you depart on a game drive ending with a sundowner.
Guesthouse Voigtland close to the airport (DBB)

Day 2

Drive to the Erongo Mountains

Drive via Okahandja and a visit to the woodcarvers' market. We continue to the Erongo Mountains close to Omaruru. Our Lodge is nestled between bizarre granite rock formations. You can enjoy an interesting walk to the bushman paintings, or you may decide to visit the bushman "Living Museum". Guided hikes at sunset and sunrise in this wild landscape are included.
Erongo Wilderness Lodge (DBB)



Day 3

Drive via Uis to Twyfelfontein

Via Uis and past the 2573m high Brangberg Mountain we drive to the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Twyfelfontein. The name Twyfelfontein is Afrikaans meaning "doubtful spring" and it lies at the foot of a huge sand stone massif. The sedimentary rocks are the fossilized remnants of a primeval desert that covered large areas of today's Namibia with its sand masses about 180 million years ago.

Sightseeing of the famous Bushman engravings. A geologically fascinating area that includes the stone Organ pipes and Burnt Mountain.

Twyfelfontein Country Lodge (DBB)

Day 4

Palmwag Lodge on the Etendeka Volcanic plateau

We can decide to do a game drive with our lodge along the Huab river in search of desert elephant and other wild animals. Our journey continues into Kaokoveld. At Palmwag Lodge we can eat lunch while we might see some desert elephants at the waterhole. We continue north west to travel up a mountain pass to reach the Etendeka Plateau with its ancient volcanic rocks and bizarre and interesting flora.

We continue to the Khowarib Gorge where we settle into our rustic lodge in the shade of the evergreen Mopane trees. Our chalet project out from the river bank on stilts, with a fantastic view of the cliffs opposite.

Khowarib Lodge at Sesfontein (DBB)



Day 5

Game drive to the desert elephants

The Hoanib River is one of the larger ephemeral rivers that serve as a linear oasis for the desert adapted wildlife found here. After breakfast we go on a Hoanib game drive from the lodge to explore this very wild and beautiful area that is home to a number of herds of Namibia's famous desert adapted elephant and lions. A full day adventure into the wilderness on the edge of the Kaokoland. Except for elephants and lions, we might also see hyenas, giraffes, oryx, springbok and back-backed jackal. We enjoy a picknick lunch under a shady tree and in the afternoon, we return to the lodge. Back at the lodge we savor the delicious dinner under the stars.

Khowarib Lodge at Sesfontein (DBB)

Day 6

Drive to Kunene River / Boarder to Angola

Drive via Opuwo, the centre of the Himbas, here different African cultures collide. We drive north past dozens of Himba Kraals to the Kunene River, which forms the border between Namibia and Angola.

The camp is built into subtropical vegetation. The thundering sound of the Epupa waterfalls is a welcome relief to the heat and dust of the Kaokoland.

Omarunga Camp at the Epupa Falls (DBB)



Day 7

Epupa Falls

A lazy relaxed start to a new day. We can take a hike along the waterfalls or take a refreshing dip in the river (Warning: Crocodile!) Alternatively, we can visit a Himba settlement to observe and learn more about this fascinating tribe. The Himba are related to the Hereros and are cattle herding nomads. They only build temporary shelters with sticks and cattle dung. The Himba women wear only a loincloth and apply red ochre cream against insects and sun radiation. They are not allowed to wash, instead they take smoke baths.

Omarunga Camp at the Epupa Falls (DBB)



Day 8

Kunene River, bird's paradise

We drive east along the Kunene River to our next lodge. The Kunene River Lodge enjoys the shade of the huge trees and Makalani palms along the river's edge. We can sit and relish the peace of the river with views across to Angola or take a fishing trip or canoeing trip down river. It's a birding paradise. In the late afternoon we can book a sundowner boat cruise (water level permitting), where we might view a few crocodiles.

Kunene River Lodge at the Kunene River (BB)

Day 9

Drive to the Dolomite hills in western Etosha

After breakfast, we can't wait to visit the greatest wildlife sanctuary in Namibia, the Etosha National Park. We travel via Ruacana and south to enter Etosha at Otjovasondu. On the drive to our camp we may be lucky to view the first wild animals including various antelope, zebra and rhino. Game viewing at the lodges' waterhole. We may see elephants or possibly lions coming to quench their thirst.

Dolomite Camp in the western Part of the Etosha Park, Deluxe Chalet (BB)



Day 10

Etosha National Park

We travel eastwards through an area with many waterholes where we can stop to view animals like giraffes, kudus, zebra, oryx, black-faced impala, wildebeest, springbok and ostriches. We reach the great white place, Etosha, a huge salt pan of over 4000 sq. km in size. Okaukuejo is well known for its floodlit waterhole where animals come to drink throughout the day and the night, maybe we are lucky and see a rare rhino.

Camp Okaukuejo in the Park, Waterhole Chalet (BB)

Day 11

Etosha National Park

The park is one of the largest game parks in the world and is considered one of the most outstanding wildlife parks in Africa.

The animals are attracted by the Etosha pan, a huge depression, which is rarely filled with rainwater.

Game viewing on your own in the park. After sunset, relax and enjoy sightings of wild animals at the camps' gently floodlit waterhole.

Camp Okaukuejo in the Park, Waterhole Chalet (BB)



Day 12

Drive via Otjiwarongo to Okonjima

In the early morning we have some time to spend sitting at the waterhole and watch hundreds of wild animals coming and going. After a late breakfast we drive via Outjo and Otjiwarongo to Okonjima. Okonjima is the home of the AfriCat Foundation, which researches and rehabilitates cheetahs, wild dogs and hyaenas. We will possibly see leopards and cheetahs during our afternoon game drive.

Okonjima Plains Camp, Standard Room (DBB)



Day 13

Drive to a lodge near Windhoek

Our journey is slowly coming to an end. We travel via Okahandja, where we can visit the wood carvers' market, to reach our lodge between the mountains.

The 120 km² farm host many animal species including rhinos, sable, eland, giraffes, wildebeest, kudu and springbok.

We can relax in the lovely gardens and at the pool while reminiscing on the past few days and rest for the flight back home. In the late afternoon we take a final game drive.

Okapuka Lodge close to Windhoek (DBB)

Day 14

Flight Windhoek - Europe

Departure to Windhoek and returning of the car. Transfer to the airport, departure flight from Windhoek.



Price on request

Included in the price:

Accommodation/ Meals/ Activities as indicated
Toyota Hilux 2.5TD 4x4, double cab vehicle, insure with ZAR 1500 excess (= about CHF 105.-/Eur 95.-)

BB = Bed & Breakfast

DBB = Dinner, Bed& Breakfast FB = Full Board

Not Included:

Flights

Meals not specified

Tips, Entrance fees, permits, drinks and fuel

Note:

Guests can request alternative accommodation or change the itinerary to their individual requirements.

Should some of the lodges be fully booked, we will be able to find suitable alternatives. This could have an effect on the final price of the tour.

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