

# NAMIBIA



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EXPLORE THE LAND OF CONTRAST!

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Namibia is known as the land of contrast. Every stop we planned on this tour will be in a completely different environment!

Starting from Windhoek you will make a circle around Namibia, taking your through the Kalahari Desert, the Namib Desert, the Skeleton Coast, Damaraland, Etosha National Park and the Waterberg area.

- Day 1 & 2 | Kalahari Desert
- Day 3 & 4 | Namib Desert / Sossusvlei
- Day 5 & 6 | Skeleton Coast / Walvis Bay
- Day 7 to 9 | Spitzkoppe & Damaraland
- Day 10 & 11 | Ongava & Etosha Park
- Day 12 & 13 | Etosha Park & Onguma
- Day 14 & 15 | Waterberg - Okonjima
- Day 16 | Departure from Windhoek



Your 4x4 pickup will have a 160L Diesel tank, 40L fridge fully insured with high quality tyres ready to offer you a comfortable and safe ride around Namibia >





# DAY 1 & 2 | KALAHARI

Welcome to Namibia! We will welcome you at the airport and bring you to Windhoek, where we hand over your rental 4x4. After a few last tips and instructions you will be ready to get going!



## Windhoek - Intu Afrika Kalahari Reserve ( $\pm 245$ km $\pm 3$ hours)

Your first part of this amazing journey starts in the Kalahari Desert. An easy drive of only 245 km takes you into this amazing part of Africa!

Here you will stay at **the Zebra Kalahari Lodge** on the Intu Afrika Reserve. Next to the cosy rooms and the wonderful service, **Intu Afrika Kalahari Reserve** is especially known for its great abundance in Wildlife!

Relax by the Pool with a view over the Kalahari Desert and the orange dunes or jump on a guided **4x4 safari** to discover the reserve. Make sure you book the **Bushmen Walk** the next morning and discover how these San People survive in the harsh Kalahari climate.





# DAY 1 & 2 | KALAHARI

## EXPLORE THE KALAHARI

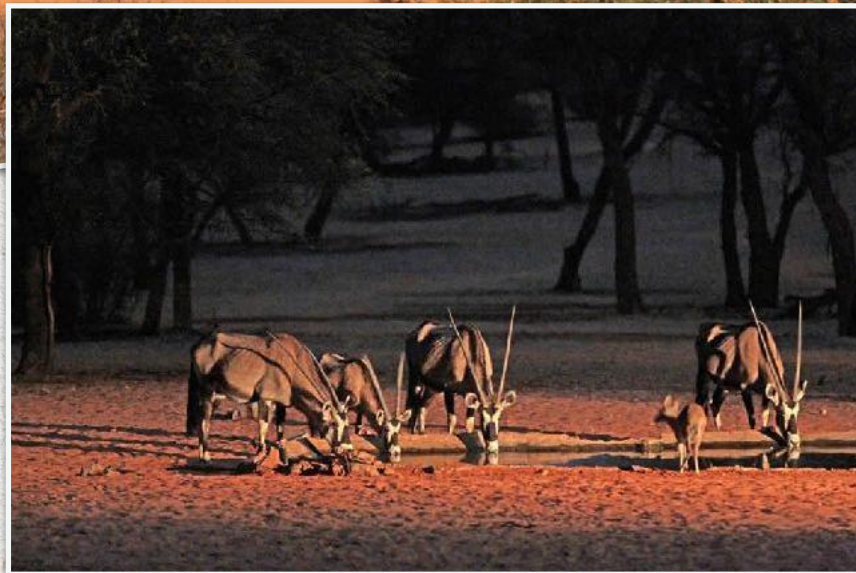


### WALK WITH THE BUSHMEN ( incl. )

Go early morning for an our on walk in the Kalahari Desert with the Bushmen or San People who will explain you all the secrets of this wonderful desert waste-land.

### GAME DRIVE aka. 4x4 GUIDED SAFARI

Go morning or afternoon on a Game Drive in the 4x4 around on the 10ha Private Reserve and see Giraffes, Zebra, Lion, Kudu, Springbok, Oryx and many other antelopes.





## DAY 3 & 4 | THE NAMIB



**Next up: The Namib Desert**, also known as the oldest desert in the world! With amazing highlights, like the Sossusvlei & Deadvlei and Sesriem Canyon. To explore this area we suggest you stay at Le Mirage.

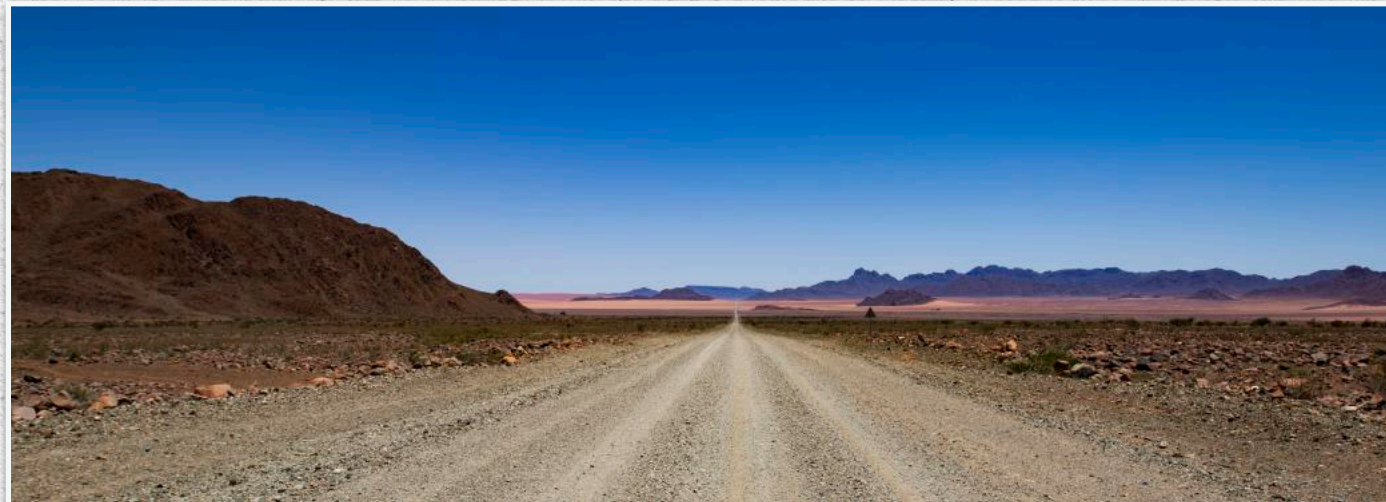
**You drive from Intu Afrika to Le Mirage Desert Lodge**  
( ± 360km ± 4 hours )

We have chosen Le Mirage Desert Lodge as your base. It is ideally located close to the national park and offers quality service and spacious rooms.

After arrival you may enjoy a small lunch whereafter you can relax by the pool, enjoy a massage or book a quad-bike drive on the domain around the lodge. The **quad-bike drive** takes you into the hills and sand dunes, a guide will give you more info on the surroundings. The tour leaves two hours before sunset.

**Le Mirage Desert Lodge & Spa** is an oasis in the middle of the desert. The lodge is a harmonious blend of African Charm and nature with each room offering a spectacular view of the Namib Desert.

A highlight at the lodge is the Spa, wellness centre which is specialized in massages, pedicures, manicures, aroma massages and de-stress treatments. In the large courtyard guests can retreat at the swimming pool sheltered from the desert in an oasis of palm trees.



LE MIRAGE DESERT LODGE & SPA





## DAY 4 > SELF-DRIVE TOUR IN THE NAMIB

### VISIT SOSSUSVLEI, DEADVLEI & SESRIEM CANYON

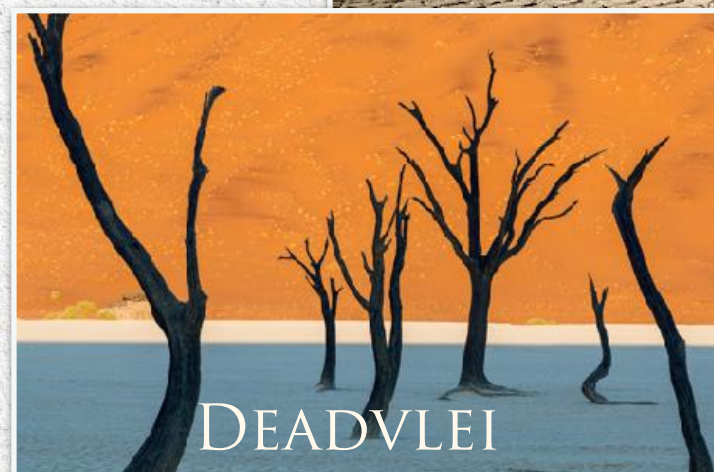
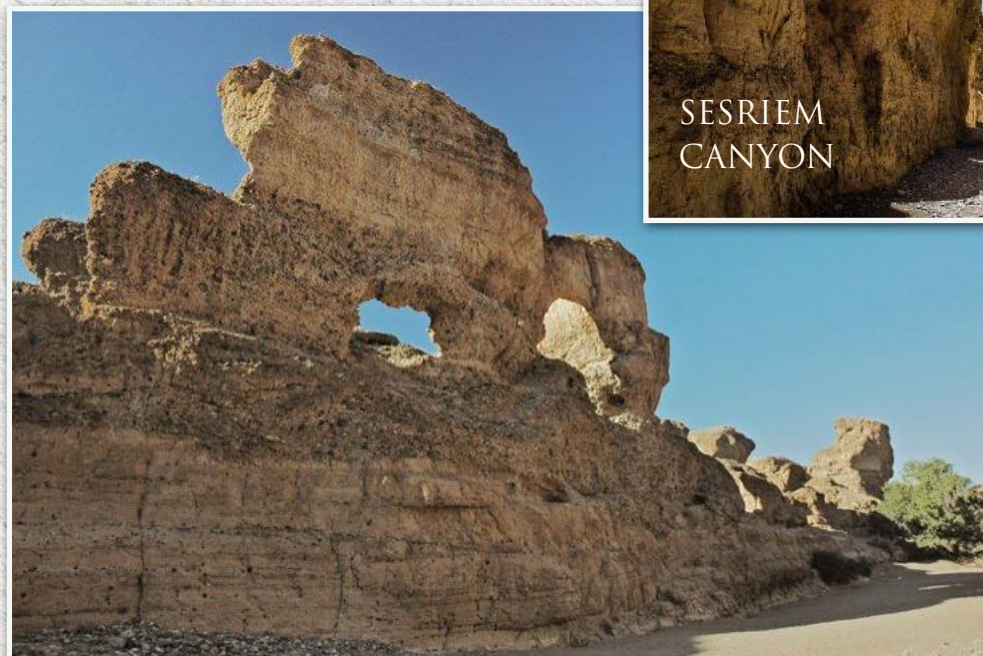
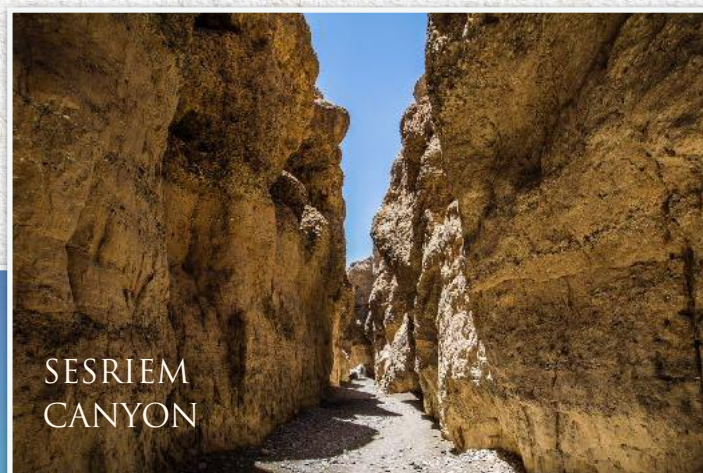


Today you have the opportunity for an excursion to **Dead Vlei** inside the **Sossusvlei**, a clay pan surrounded by some of the highest sand dunes in the world. The ever-changing kaleidoscope of scenery, colors and shades is most impressive in the first day light or late afternoon. Early morning you leave the lodge to go in to this National Park.

As you drive into the park from Sesriem gate you will have 60km of tarmac road, taking you past the famous **Dune45** and into the **Sossusvlei area**, from where you continue by foot into the **Deadvlei**. In the vlei you can climb "**Big Daddy**" to enjoy a fantastic view of the dune sea and walk to Dead Vlei. On the way back to the lodge you can stop at **Sesriem Canyon**.

You can take a whole day to do this excursion or move a bit faster and do it in half that time.

The rest of the afternoon the lodge is a great place to sit back, relax and enjoy the view ( and the pool )







DAY 4 OR 5 | GLIDE OVER THE NAMIB AT SUNRISE



Ballooning ends with a CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST  
This is a possible morning activity before sunrise.







## DAY 5 & 6

### WALVIS BAY & PELICAN POINT

This morning you drive from the Namib Desert to the Skeleton Coast of Namibia. The coastline of Namibia is one of the largest protected areas in the world and stretches from the south of Angola to the North of South Africa. Due to the "Benguela current" building up sand against the coast, the shore is filled with shipwrecks, hence the name "Skeleton Coast"

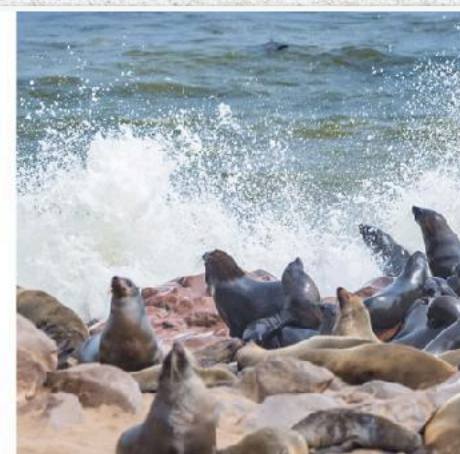
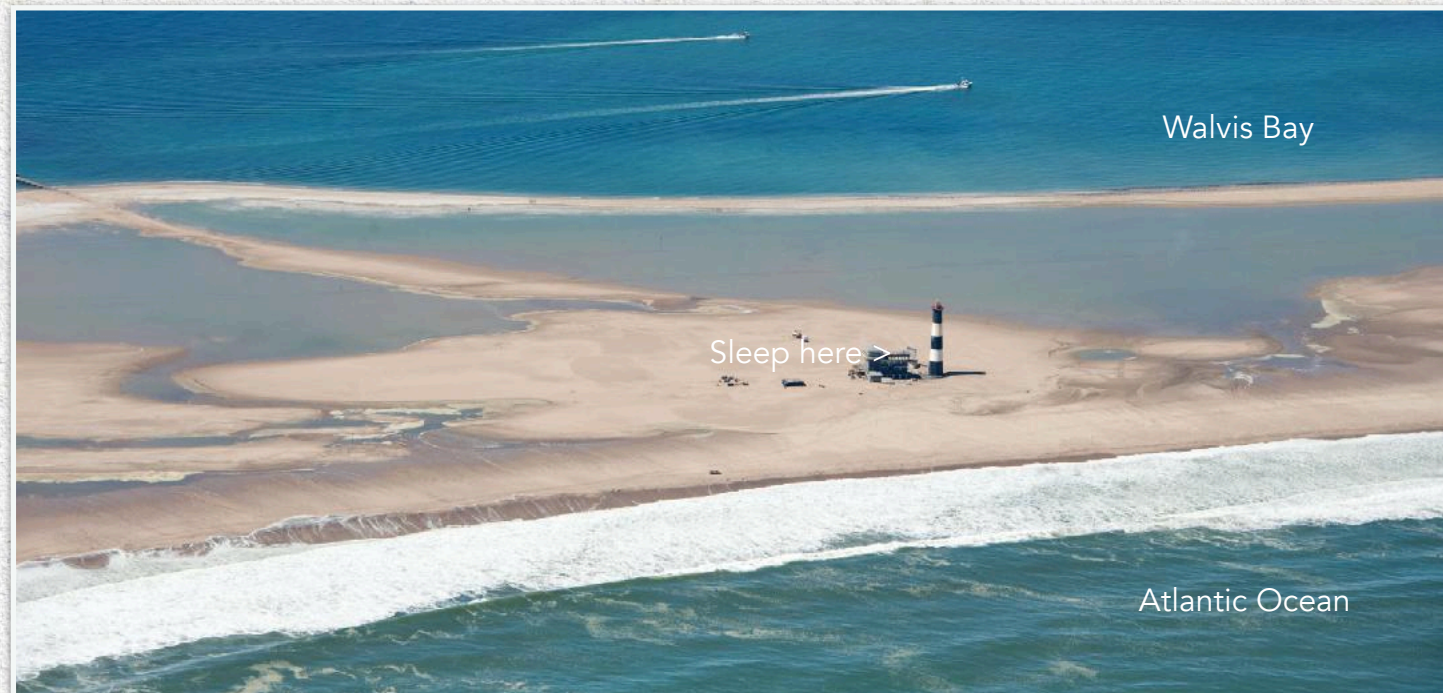
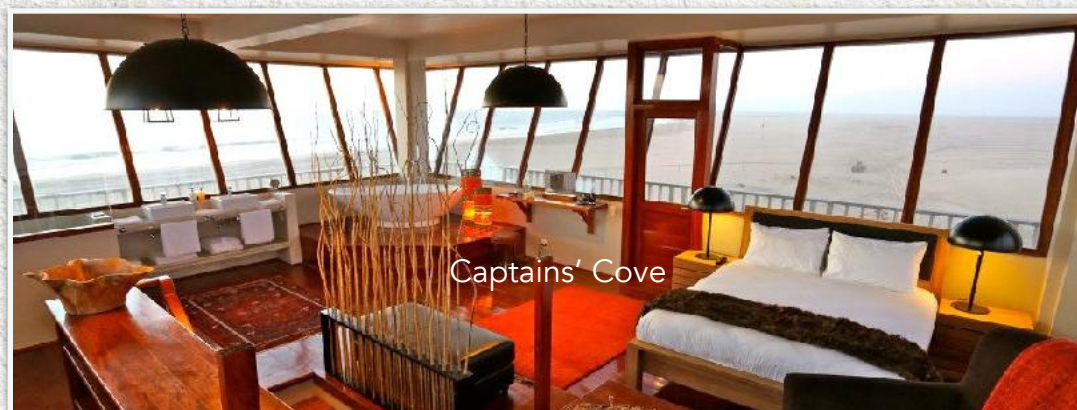
To explore the area you'll stay at Pelican Point Lodge, situated on a unique stretch of land, the remote peninsula of Walvis Bay!

**Sossusvlei > Walvisbay >> 4x4 trip to Pelican Point**  
**± 320km ± 4 hours + a 1 hour 4x4 excursion to the lodge.**

With the untouched beaches of the Atlantic Ocean on the one side and the Lagoon of Walvis Bay on the other, the lodge provides you with an unique experience that demands nothing much of you, but to arrive, relax, reflect and unwind in one of the most enchanting and unique settings in Namibia!

From your own private deck, expect to enjoy the antics of hundreds of seals surfing the ocean waves, or just their basking in the sun, spot the Dolphin's, Whales and Mola-Mola, hearing the distinctive call of the jackal roaming close by the lodge, observing their playful nature.

**2 nights at Pelican Point Lodge includes two activities**  
(incl. 4x4 Safari on the Peninsula + Boat Safari around the Bay)







## DAY 7 | MORNING GO ON A BAY SAFARI!

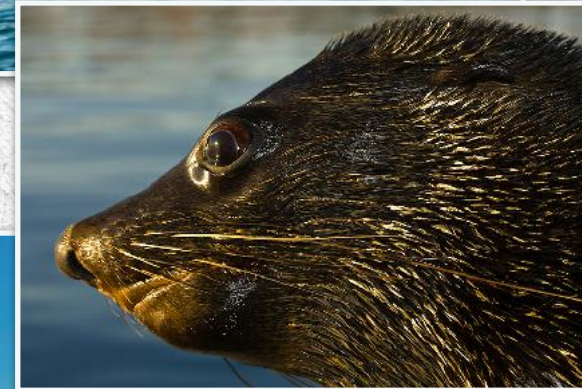
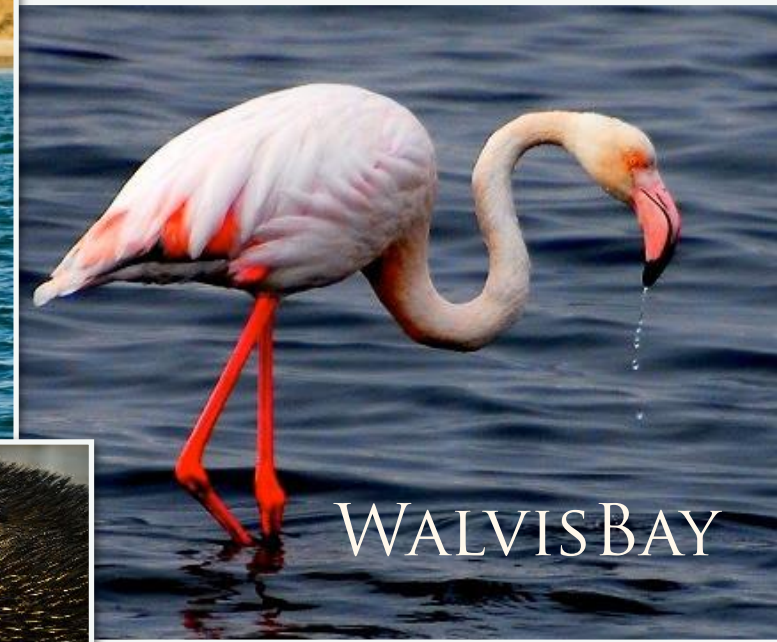
### WALVIS BAY BY BOAT

**You will be brought back by BOAT to WALVISBAAI**  
**Along the way you can see the Dolphins, etc..**

Today you have time to explore the peninsula around Pelican Point, from the lodge you can also go out and Kayak between the seals (not yet included in the Quotation)

Inquisitive **seals jump between the kayaks**. This offers guests an opportunity to make contact with these **amazing sea animals**. The kayaks are **often accompanied by dolphins** and sea birds.

At Pelican Point large colonies of Cape fur seals can be seen at a very close range.





## DAY 7 | WALVIS BAY > SPITZKOPPE



From the coast you drive back in-land towards the most amazing mountains of Namibia. The Spitzkoppe, or “pointy-heads” are stunning to hike in and to explore! Get ready to stretch those legs!

**Walvis Bay > Swakopmund > Spitzkoppe: ±1h30 (±150km)**

Although not Namibia's highest mountains these giant granite domes with their amazing rock formations are for sure the most famous mountains!

To explore this area you'll spend one night at the Spitzkoppen Lodge.

### Spitzkoppen Lodge

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.

The buildings are linked with elevated walkways all constructed to be wheel chair friendly and minimise the impact on the environment. The development and operations are integrated with nature.

Sensitivity towards wildlife and heritage was paramount in all the stages of the development. The tented roof shapes simulate the surrounding rock formations and soften the square building plan form.





## DAY 8 & 9 DAMARALAND



**Spitzkoppe > Twyfelfontein (± 260 km, ± 3 hours )**

Continue further north and you will arrive in the area known as Damaraland. Where we suggest you spend two night at the amazing Mowani Camp giving you time to visit the area.

### **Mowani Mountain Camp | Twyfelfontein | Elephants**

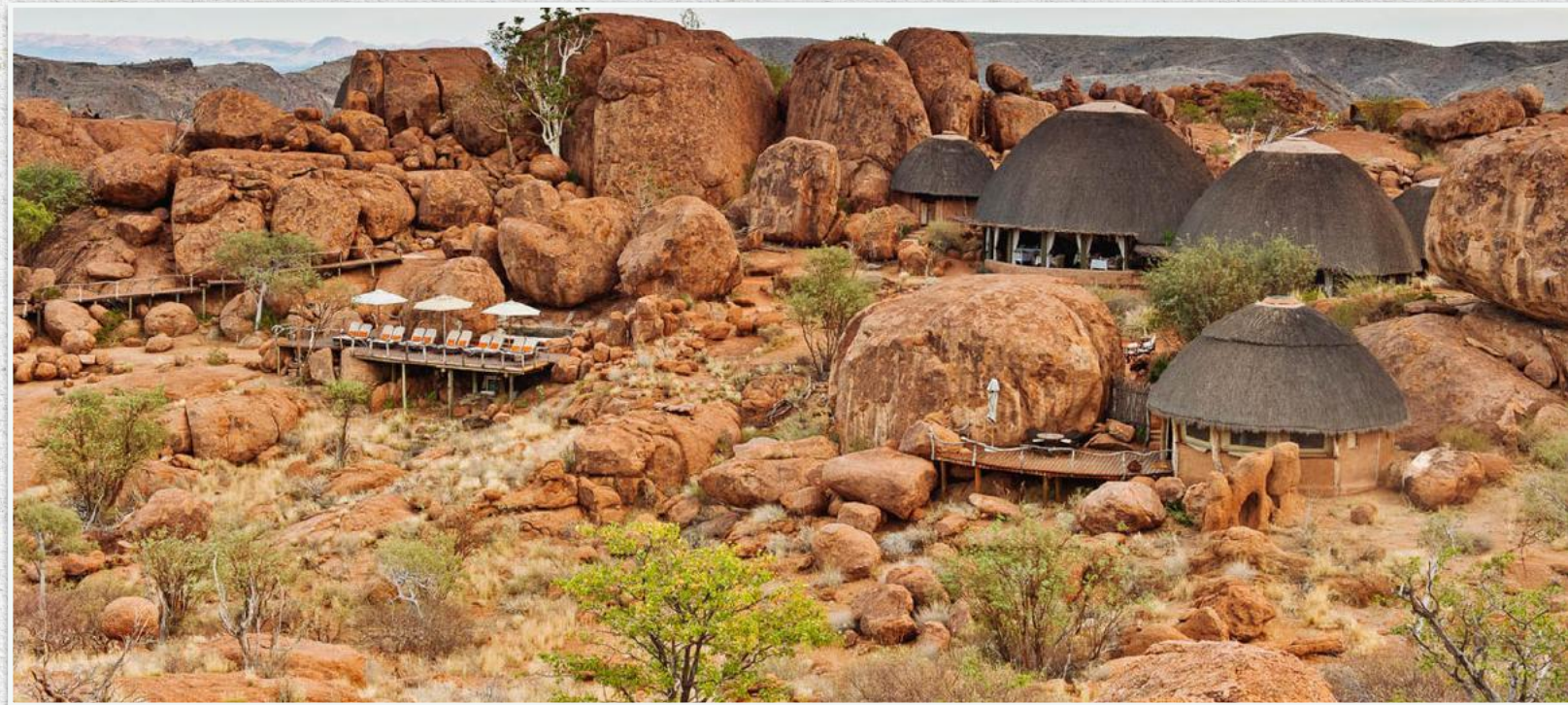
Mowani Mountain Camp is distinguished by its thatched dome-shaped structures, a mirror-image of the granite boulders amongst which they are built.

Mowani is taken from the word M'Wane, meaning 'Place of God', indicating a high level of peace and tranquility.

This lodge is one of the finest in the Damaraland region of Namibia, and it lies in a vast and unspoilt wilderness, between the Ugab and Huab Rivers.

In these rives you will be able to find the “Desert Dwelling Elephants” or desert adapted elephants. Go out on a game drive with the lodge to track them down and make sure you also visit the first UNESCO heritage site of Namibia, called Twyfelfontein at only a few km from the lodge.

**Accommodation is including Dinner, Bed & Breakfast.**



### **Desert Adapted Elephants**

<< Although not a separate species or different from other savannah elephants, these desert-dwelling elephants are special in their behaviour and they have been designated as top priority for protection.





## DAY 10 & 11 | ETOSHA PARK

**Damaraland > Ongava Private Reserve**  
(±290km ± 3,5 hours)

**The must-see of Namibia has to be the Etosha National Park, home to hundreds of different species of wildlife, all roaming in a very dramatic setting of low savannah and salt pans!**

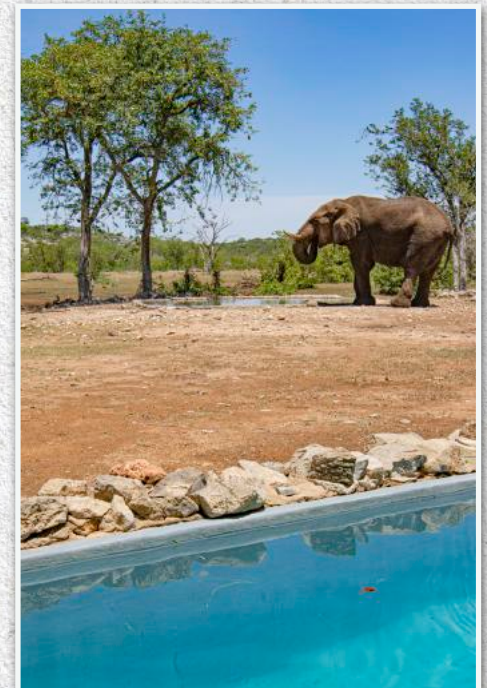
To explore this area we suggest you stay at a lodge nearby the entrance of the park. One of our favourites here is the Ongava Tented Camp, where the safari never ends. The wildlife roams around and between the tents here!

Ongava Tented Camp only has 9 tents in the middle of the bush of the Ongava Reserve. The reserve is situated right next to the entrance of the Etosha National Park.

The 30.000 hectare Ongava Reserve has some of the best accommodation in Namibia, but the highlight has to be the high lion and rhino population.

There is a very good chance you will see these beautiful carnivores and prehistoric mammals in their natural environment.

The reserve has a total of 4 camps, we love the Ongava Tented Camp because it is so small and "closest" to Nature,... here you'll spot wildlife from the doorstep of your tent or even from the pool! At night you'll spot a lot of visitors right at the waterhole in front of the lodge.







## DAY 10 TO 14 VISIT ETOSHA PARK



### *Etosha National Park*

Namibia's greatest wildlife sanctuary



The next days you have time to explore Etosha and loop around inside the park from the Ongava Reserve, you will also have time to explore the reserve itself en route from Ongava to Ongava

Because you cover the full park there is a good chance that you will see plenty of wildlife along the road. The route takes you to all the best waterholes scattered all over Etosha Park.







## DAY 12&13 | EAST-ETOSHA

### ONGUMA RESERVE & TENTED CAMP

Etosha is such an amazing national park to visit, with so many hidden corners to explore we suggest you spend around 3 full days in this area and overnight on both sides of the park. That is why for the next two night we plan your stay at the Onguma Reserve.

**Ongava Reserve > Etosha Park > Onguma Reuserve**

(about 220km |  $\pm$  4 to 5 hours of Safari - (Full day)

**Onguma** is located right at the edge of the **Etosha National Park** and the bush camp has a view of the waterholes **attracting many animals throughout the day and night.**

After your long drive inside the park, you can unwind by the pool, enjoy a gin & tonic with a stunning view over the wilderness!

Inside the Onguma Reserve are various types of accommodation. We are a big fan of the **Onguma Tented Camp**. When you sleep in a tented room you can enjoy the sounds of the bush at night and listen to the birds singing at daybreak from the comfort of your bed!





# DAY 14 & 15 | OKONJIMA & AFRICAT

## Onguma Reserve > Okonjima Reserve & AfriCat Foundation

(± 350km | ± 3,5h)

From Etosha National Park you now start to move back south towards Windhoek. Along the way, in the area of the Waterberg Plateau you make one last stop on the amazing Okonjima Reserve, the home of the AfriCat Foundation.

Situated halfway between the capital Windhoek and the Etosha National Park, the 55,000 acre Okonjima Game Reserve has some of the best accommodation in Namibia, but the highlight has to be their cheetah and leopard population.

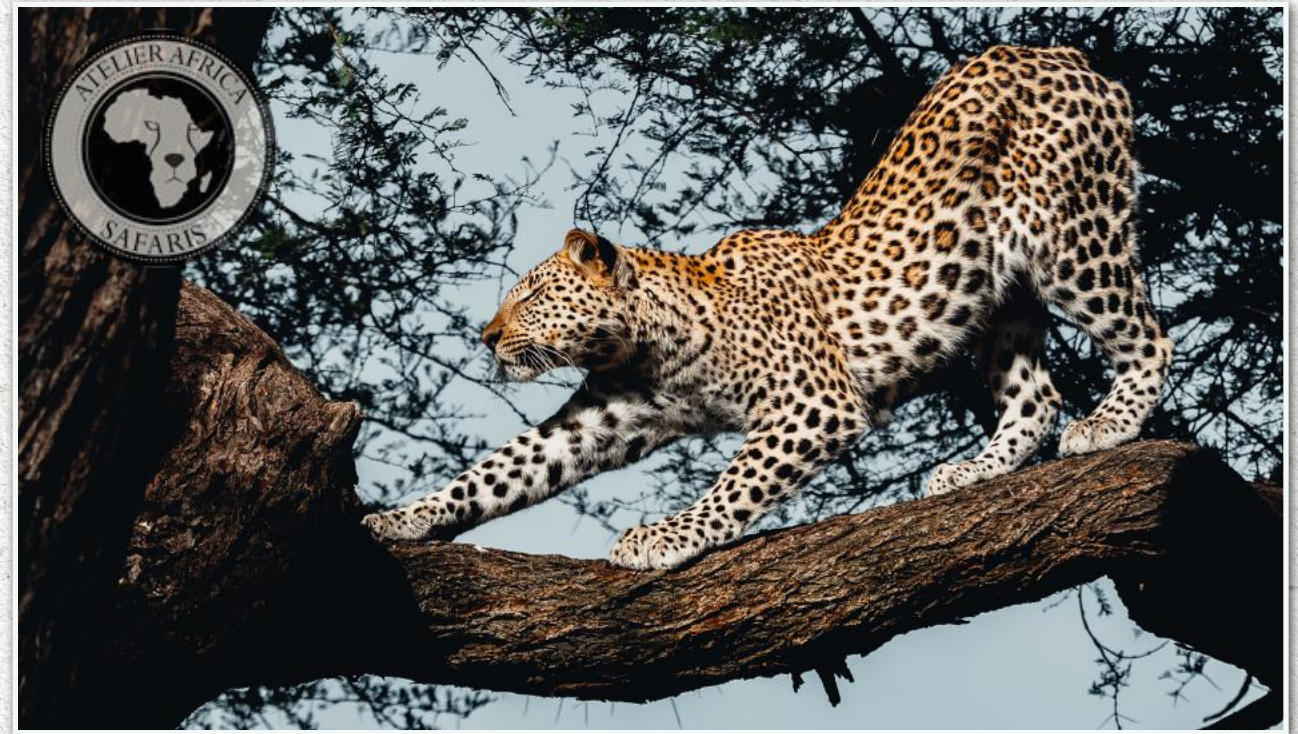
The reserve is used by the successful AfriCat Foundation who rehabilitates lions, cheetahs, wild dogs, hyaenas and leopards.

There are plenty of safari opportunities to see these beautiful carnivores in their natural environment that is this enormous reserve.

Stay in one of their fantastic lodges or private houses for your last nights in Namibia and take part in as many of their activities as possible.

Okonjima has some of the best rangers in Namibia, so you'll be in great hands approaching the many wild cats on the reserve!

**One of the most unique experiences in the whole of Africa must be the Pangolin tracking project at night, a great finale to an amazing tour!**







“YOU CAN LEAVE AFRICA,  
BUT AFRICA WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU”

## DAY 16 | THE END.

Driving from Okonjima to Windhoek takes about 3 hours,  
So you have time to enjoy breakfast and then head back to Windhoek where you had in your rental car.  
We will wait for you in Windhoek and bring you back to the airport in time for your flight home.

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