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# NAMIBIA

## EXPEDITION TO DAMARALAND AND KAOKOVELD

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### TOUR SUMMARY

- Small Group or Private Safari
- English- and German- speaking tour guide
- 13 Days
- Kaokoveld, Himba Nomads, Desert Elephants, Damaraland, Epupa Falls, Etosha National Park

### INCLUSIVE

- Accommodation in double rooms and double tents of hotels, lodges, camps
- Breakfast
- All transfers
- All entrance fees
- Excursions according to the program

### EXCLUSIVE

- Beverages
- Additional meals
- Visa fee
- International flights

## Overview

(Picture over the page)

A safari focusing on Damaraland and Kaokoveld, the habitat of the semi-nomadic Himba people. On this expedition tour we show you the most remote and pristine landscapes of north-western Namibia. With the four-wheel drive through rugged valleys and sandy riverbeds to table mountains with spectacular views. On road

Sightings of desert elephants, giraffes or black rhinos.

The northernmost target is the Epupa Falls of the Kunene River. The journey concludes with a stay of several days in the animal-rich Etosha National Park, where the abundant animal life can be observed in a relaxed manner at the water points.

## Suggested Accommodation

- Erongo Wilderness Lodge
- White Landy Wilderness Lodge
- Palmwag Lodge
- Khowarib Lodge
- Elephant Lodge
- Opuwo Country Lodge
- Omarunga Camp
- Hobatere Lodge
- Okaukuejo

## Tour Itinerary (Daily Details)

### Program

#### **Day 1: Windhoek - Erongo Mountains**

Arrival in Windhoek. After a short sightseeing tour drive west to a lodge located in the desert area of the Namib.

#### **Day 2: Damaraland**

Drive west across a labyrinth of rugged valleys to the Ugab, whose riverbed is sandy and whose tributaries are lined with trees and shrubs. This is the habitat of desert elephants.

#### **Day 3 - Damaraland**

In a northerly direction it goes on a four-wheel drive to a high plateau with a fantastic view of red-coloured table mountains.

Visit of the rock engravings at Twyvelfontein and arrival in the palm oasis Palmwag.

#### **Day 4- Palmwag**

Visit the Palmwag Concession Area, an approximately 5,000 km<sup>2</sup> privately owned nature reserve in the hilly reddish steppe landscape of the desert region, with occurrences of small and large game, including the endangered black rhino and the desert elephant.

#### ***Optional: Rhino Trekking - must be booked in advance***

This excursion is done with a open game drive vehicle to the location and the tracking is done on foot in search of Rhinos. During this excursion your experienced guide accompanied by an experienced tracker(s) takes you off the beaten track into the vast areas of Damaraland to track and observe the endangered Black Rhino. While this excursion's main focus is on tracking rhino, you might spot other wildlife species such as Mountain Zebra, Giraffe, Kudu, Oryx, Springbok and many more.

**Day 5. - 6 Khowarib - Hoanib - Hoarusib**

Via Sesfontein the route goes on sandy and gravel roads along the Hoanib river then parallel to the skeleton coast we reach the Hoarusib and here there is year-round running water: the area is rich in wildlife. Even in the flat desert terrain we can find springbok, ostrich and with a bit of luck lion.

Where a borehole guarantees permanent water supply, a Himba clan has settled with their cattle for several months a year.

**Day 7 - Hoarusib**

This day is dedicated to exploring the Hoarusib area.

**Day 8 - Opuwo**

Further north to Opuwo - on the way encounters the local Himba tribe. From Kaoko Otavi to Opuwo the route becomes better again.

**Day 9: Opuwo - Epupa**

Continue through the Kaokoland with numerous stops to the Kunene River, where an oasis awaits. At the Epupa Falls, huge Baobabs and Makalani Palm Trees form a dense green vegetation belt.

**Day 10: Epupa**

Hike along the Epupa Falls. Here, the Kunene falls in many small steps 40 m deep into a ravine. Today a local guide will explain the traditions of the Himba.

**Day 11: Epupa - Etosha National Park**

Drive to the west of Etosha National Park. At the centre of the reserve is the Etosha salt pan, which is fringed by waterholes that serve the game as a potion.

**Day 12: Etosha National Park**

In the game-rich Etosha National Park such as the blue wildebeest, kudu and eland, hyenas, lions and even leopards. In the evening observation of game at water points in the immediate vicinity of the rest camp.

**Day 13: Etosha National Park - Windhoek - return flight**

Back to Windhoek via Okahandja's craft market. In the evening return flight to Frankfurt.

# Map

