# 23 day

# Tents and Tracks

## Highlights

- · Sunset in Kalahari Desert
- Fish River Canyon world's 2nd largest canyon
- Namib Desert highest dunes and visit to Deadvlei
- Adventure town of Swakopmund
- Damaraland home to elusive desert elephant



#### Day 1 | 50 km WINDHOEK

Upon arrival you collect your fully equipped 4WD vehicle and proceed to Windhoek. Here you have time to stock up on supplies for the following days. Enjoy a scenic walk through the city

Overnight at Hillside Suites.

#### Day 2 | 240 km KALAHARI DESERT

Travelling south after breakfast, your campsite is on a private game reserve in close vicinity to a frequented waterhole. Late afternoon you can experience the Kalahari on a sundowner/nature drive (optional).

Overnight at Jansen Kalahari Guestfarm / Campsite - Breakfast.

#### Day 3-4 | 490 km FISH RIVER CANYON

Your route takes you to the Quiver Tree Forest. Here you find over 250 of these indigenous aloes assembled in a single area. Proceed further south to the Fish River Canyon. This canyon is regarded as one of the rare natural wonders on Earth.

Overnight at Canyon Roadhouse Campsite.

#### Day 5 | 400 km LÜDERITZ

Travelling past the Naute dam, visit the Naute Kristal Distillery. Continue to the edge of the Namibian escaroment and via the Succulent Karoo to the coastal town of Lüderitz. En route, you can stop at Garub to try and find some of the unique Namib Desert Horses that survive in the desert.

Overnight at The Cormorant House (Selfcatering).

#### Day 6-7 | 240 km SOUTHERN NAMIB

Before continuing to the southern Namib Desert, visit Kolmanskop, located just outside of Lüderitz.

Travelling north, your next stop is situated in a more solitude desert landscape along the foot of the stunning Tiras Mountains.

Overnight at Kanaan Desert Retreat Campsite.

#### Day 8-9 | 370 km NAMIB DESERT & SOSSUSVLEI

On this morning you travel north into the Namib Desert. Your lodge is surrounded by the Naukluft Mountains, here you have the afternoon at leisure.

Early the following morning, a visit to Sossusvlei and Deadvlei with its white clay-baked pan. Finish the morning with a visit to the rugged Sesriem Canyon, a gorge created by the force of the Tsauchab River.

Overnight at Sesriem Campsite or Sossus Oasis Campsite.

#### Day 10-11 | 350 km SWAKOPMUND

After breakfast travel to Swakopmund. En route, you will traverse the Gaub and Kuiseb Passes. You can also visit the Welwitschia plains and the Moon landscape (permit required) as you approach Swakopmund.

This town is situated between the Namib Desert and the Atlantic Ocean and offers some unique and fun activities.

Overnight at a guesthouse in Swakopmund Breakfast (day 11).

#### Day 12 | 240 km DAMARALAND

Travel into Damaraland, one of Namibia's most geologically diverse areas. Enjoy dinner along the banks of the Ugab River, where, with some luck, you may be able to view the rare desert elephant

Overnight at Madisa Campsite - Breakfast.

#### Day 13-14 | 350 km KAOKOVELD

Start the morning with an excursion to Twyfelfontein, a World Heritage Site. Travel further north into Kaokoland, home of the Himba.

Your camp for the night is situated along a lush, deeply eroded dry riverbed that is inhabited by a range of browsers such as kudu and duiker.

Overnight at Ongongo Waterfall Campsite.

#### Day 15-16 | 330 km EPUPA FALLS

After sunrise and breakfast travel further north. Once at the Epupa Falls, this spectacular water wonderland in an arid environment will have you gasping in awe.

Optional activities include visits to traditional Himba villages, scenic walks and excellent birding opportunities.

Overnight at Omarunga Campsite.

#### Day 17 | 180 km KAOKOVELD

This morning travel south to the capital city of the Himba's - Opuwo. On your way, you may come across migrating Himba people in search for better grazing for their cattle as well as wildlife species.

Just before reaching Opuwo, you can stop at a Living Museum of the Himbas experiencing this traditional and unique culture.

Overnight at Opuwo Country Lodge Campsite.

#### Day 18 | 250 km ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Today you travel into the Etosha National Park, Namibia's most famous wildlife park. From your campsite, you have access to a floodlit water hole that attracts a vast amount of game in the evening

Overnight at NWR Etosha - Olifantsrus Campsite.

#### Day 19-20 | 500 km ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

After sunrise you again travel through the park to another camp in the national park. The dense stands of Mopani forests support a large variety of browsers and specialised predators such as

Overnight at NWR Etosha Campsite.

#### Day 21 | 300 km WATERBERG NATIONAL PARK

Continue to Waterberg, perfect for walks and game drives. Your campsite lies at the foot of the red sandstone cliffs with magnificent views on to the endless bush plains below.

Overnight at Waterberg area Campsite.

#### Day 22 | 310 km WINDHOEK

Enjoy a pre-breakfast walk before travelling south towards Windhoek. Take time to stroll through one of the large craft markets in Okahandja. Your route takes back to the capital city, Windhoek, where you check into your hotel for the night.

Overnight at Hillside Suites.

#### Day 23 | 50 km DEPARTURE

In time for your outbound flight, travel the short distance to the international airport, where you return your rental vehicle and where your tour ends

Breakfast.

### Live this!

Experience Namibia's entirety from the world's largest sand mass in the Kalahari Desert to the second largest canyon in the world. Let yourself be captivated by the surreal dunes at Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. Discover UNESCO and RAMSAR World Heritage Sites and the ancient San and Damara cultures. Encounter the abundant and diverse wildlife of the Etosha National Park.

Classification: Explorer

**Vehicle recommendation:** Fully equipped 4x4 camping vehicle

#### Inclusions

Accommodation and campsites: As specified Meals: All meals as specified in the itinerary Deluxe Travel Planner

**General:** Tourism levy and government taxes where applicable

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Green Seat: Bishop Kameeta Kindergarden;

Otjimboyo Conservancy

#### **Exclusions:**

All international / domestic flights and taxes, rental vehicle, visas, travel and personal accident insurance, personal expenses, excursions / activities not specified, gratuities

#### Optional extras:

Excursions / Activities on reques