

THE DEEPEST CANYON TO THE HIGHEST DUNES
3 Weeks Namibia - 1000 Miles of silence and wide open spaces

Day 1	<p>Arrival at Hosea Kutako International Airport. Transfer to Windhoek. Short sightseeing tour with the possibility of doing some last shopping before we begin our safari. Drive along the Auas Mountains via Dordabis to Guest Farm KIRIPOTIB (von Hase family), 160 km's southeast of Windhoek.</p> <p>Accommodation: Guest Farm KIRIPOTIB. HB Distance/Travel Duration: app. 200km/2hrs</p>
Day 2	<p>The first day is set aside for relaxation on Guest Farm KIRIPOTIB and acclimatization to Africa. We will visit the African KIRIKARA Art workshops including the Karakul carpet weavery, jewellery design studio and KIRIKARA gallery. In the afternoon you may join an informative drive across Farm KIRIPOTIB, with sundowners in the Game Camp.</p> <p>Accommodation: Guest Farm KIRIPOTIB. FB Distance/Travel Duration: none</p>
Day 3	<p>We drive via Uhlenhorst and Hoachanas to Bagatelle Kalahari Game Lodge. In the late afternoon we participate in a sundowner drive through the typical Kalahari dune landscape, which is marked by ancient, gnarled Camelthorn Trees and populated by Oryx and Springbok antelopes among many other game species.</p> <p>Accommodation: Bagatelle Kalahari Game Lodge. HB Distance/Travel Duration: app. 160km/2h</p>
Day 4	<p>We have a long road ahead of us today and thus will leave the lodge early. We travel along the Auob Valley until we are just north of Mata-Mata, from where the road then leads us over steep Kalahari Dunes to Koës. The Quiver Tree Forest and the Giant's Playground (northeast of Keetmanshoop) are the main attractions on this day. We will enjoy a picnic lunch on the road. Driving alongside the Karas Mountains we will finally reach our destination: the Cañon Lodge, in close proximity to the Fish River Canyon.</p> <p>Accommodation: Cañon Lodge HB Distance/Travel Duration: app. 550km/7hrs</p>
Day 5	<p>We visit the Fish River Canyon, the second largest canyon in the world, which is topped in scale only by the Grand Canyon. For the physically apt there is the possibility of climbing down into the Canyon (dependent on seasonal conditions).</p> <p>Accommodation: Cañon Lodge HB Distance/Travel Duration: app.70km/4hrs</p>

Day 6	<p>From Cañon Lodge we continue our journey via Seeheim to the small town Aus in western Namibia. Here we might be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of the wild horses of the Namib Desert. A picnic lunch will be served en-route.</p> <p>Accommodation: Klein Aus Vista – Eagles Nest HB Distance/Travel Duration: app. 330km/5hrs</p>
Day 7	<p>Today we join a day drive through the Gondwana Sperrgebiet Rand Park and are introduced to the fascinating flora and fauna of the Succulent Karoo.</p> <p>Accommodation: Klein Aus Vista, Eagles Nest. FB Distance/Travel Duration: only day excursions</p>
Day 8	<p>Drive from Aus along the Tiras Mountains through the NamibRand Nature Reserve to Sesriem. On the way we will visit Duwiseb Castle. Picnic lunch en-route.</p> <p>Accommodation: Sossusvlei Lodge HB Distance/Travel Duration: app. 355km/7hrs</p>
Day 9	<p>In the early morning we enter the NamibNaukluft Park to reach the highest dunes in the world at Sossusvlei. We climb one of the dunes and marvel at the magnificent desert colours. On the way back we view the Sesriem Canyon.</p> <p>Accommodation: Sossusvlei Lodge. HB Distance/Travel Duration: app. 160km/day excursions</p>
Day 10	<p>The road takes us through the canyons of the Gaub- and Kuiseb River into the gravel plains of the Namib Desert. From there we drive via Arruvlei, Amigab to Ganab until we reach the Moon Landscape in the Swakop Valley, where you will also have the chance to be introduced to the legendary Welwitschia Mirabilis. In the late afternoon arrival in Swakopmund.</p> <p>Accommodation: Meike's Guest House. HB Distance/Travel Duration: app. 370km/7hrs</p>
Tag 11	<p>You have a day in Swakopmund at your disposal to be spent sightseeing, visiting the museum, the Kristallgalerie or the aquarium. On top of that a variety of interesting and adventurous activities are possible in and around Swakopmund, including quad biking, desert trips, scenic flights or boat trips on the lagoon in Walvis Bay (not included in the package).</p> <p>Accommodation: Meike's Guest House. HB Distance/Travel Duration: none</p>
Day 12	<p>Today we join a half-day desert safari with Living Desert Adventures. Traveling into the dunes between Swakopmund and Walvis Bay, our quest for the 'Little Five' enlightens us about the lives and survival techniques of these little desert dwellers.</p> <p>Accommodation: Meike's Guest House. HB Distance/Travel Duration: Half day excursions</p>

Day 13	<p>After breakfast we depart from Swakopmund, driving along the coast via Henties Bay to Cape Cross, home to app. 40 000 Cape fur seals. From there we head into the interior, pass the Brandberg and reach Twyfelfontein. At Twyfelfontein we climb the sandstone rock formations to pay our respect to century old rock paintings and engravings. Picnic lunch en-route.</p> <p>Accommodation: Mowani Mountain Lodge. HB Distance/Travel Duration: app. 320km/8hrs</p>
Day 14	<p>Today we visit the 'Burnt Mountain', the 'Organ Pipes' as well as the incredible 'Petrified Forest', natural monuments that bear witness to a prehistoric opulent natural environment, which today is desert landscape. We continue to Huab Lodge. Picnic lunch en-route.</p> <p>Accommodation: Huab Lodge. HB Distance/Travel Duration: app. 145km/4hrs</p>
Day 15	<p>Excursions on the Huab Lodge terrain provide a fascinating introduction to the environment. Our mission is to find the elusive desert elephants.</p> <p>Accommodation: Huab Lodge. FB Distance/Travel Duration: none</p>
Day 16	<p>Today we enter the Etosha National Park through its western gate at Otjivasando, reaching our destination Rest Camp Okaukuejo in the late afternoon. First game viewing impressions. In the evening we can view game at the floodlit waterhole. Picnic lunch en-route.</p> <p>Accommodation: Camp Okaukuejo. HB Distance/ Travel Duration: app. 300km/8hrs</p>
Day 17	<p>Further game drives through the Etosha National Park. During the course of the day we will head in eastern direction, eventually reaching Camp Halali in time for a light lunch. From there we drive on to Namutoni and exit Etosha National Park in the early evening.</p> <p>Accommodation: Onguma Plains Camp. FB Distance/Travel Duration: app. 180km/day excursions</p>
Day 18	<p>At sunrise we return to Etosha National Park to enjoy some more interesting game viewing in the Namutoni area. Light lunch will be served at Fort Namutoni. In the afternoon we will join a game drive on the grounds of Onguma Plains Camp.</p> <p>Accommodation: Onguma Plains Camp. FB Distance/Travel Duration: app. 100km/half day excursions</p>
Day 19	<p>From Onguma we travel via the mining town Tsumeb and Grootfontein to see the largest Meteorite in the world, located close to Hobas. The journey leads us on through the picturesque Otavi valley and then via Otjiwarongo to the Waterberg.</p> <p>Accommodation: Waterberg Wilderness Lodge. HB Distance/Travel Duration: app. 380km/7hrs</p>

Day 20	Today we explore the Waterberg with its red sandstone plateau and its abundant flora and fauna. The conservation area located at the southeastern mountainside is known to be a paradise for hikers, game viewers, birders and plant lovers. Accommodation: Waterberg Wilderness Lodge. HB Distance/Travel Duration: none
Day 21	After sleeping in and an extensive breakfast we head back to Windhoek . En-route we will stop at the Okahandja woodcarver's market – the perfect opportunity to purchase some beautiful souvenirs to remind you of this safari. In the evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner. Accommodation: Pension Palmquell. HB Distance/Travel Duration: app. 270km/4hrs
Day 22	Time for a little stroll around town in Windhoek . Depending on departure time, transfer to Hosea Kutako International Airport for the return flight to Europe. Distance/ Travel Duration: app. 50km/¾hrs

AB = Accommodation incl. breakfast
HB = Half Board
FB = Full Board

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL AND GENERAL ADVICE:

Our price offer of N\$ 45.500.00 **per person** (1.00 Euro roughly corresponds to 9-10 N\$) includes all suggested activities and accommodations as well as all meals mentioned on the travel itinerary. **The fixed price does not include the return flights to Namibia.** All further costs generated by Safari - bound activities **like permits and special taxes are included.**

We provide **lunchpacks** and refreshing drinks for longer drives.

All **vehicle costs** as well as the charge for **personal guides**, who are qualified, knowledgeable and in command of necessary languages, **are included.**

Excluded are all **alcoholic beverages as well as non-alcoholic beverages** that are not provided by the tour guide during long drives and **all personal expenses** of our guests.

Luggage is limited to a maximum of **20 kg** per person in **soft bags**. It is ideal to take a small backpack/bag for cameras and amenities. Hand luggage is limited to **10 kg** per person.

It is recommended that guests arrange for a **Travel Insurance** as well **insurance for loss of luggage or accidents** before the trip. Your travel agent can advise you on the best options for travel insurances.

The **deadline** for booking a safari is two (2) months before the start of the safari. If there are not enough participants for a safari or the safari has to be cancelled according to other obstacles, we will do our best to organize an alternative for you. Should you decline our suggested alternatives, we will refund you entirely for payments that have already been made.

Transactions with a **Credit Card** are not always possible.

For your safety and comfort **african KIRIKARA safaris** reserves the right to:

- **Change aspects of a safari** and substitute these with equally interesting/valuable experiences in case of bad weather or unforeseen circumstances. Game viewing is dependent on weather circumstances as well as time of day, year, season and cannot be guaranteed.

- **exclude a member of a safari** if the logistics as well as peace and harmony of the trip are repeatedly being disturbed by the member's behaviour and/or attitude. In this case **african KIRIKARA safaris** will charge the full price of the trip.

During our Safaris we sometimes cross through **uncharted territory**, which is not indicated on a map. Having to turn around and **choose another route** is part of the excitement of being on Safari. Apart from the major tarred roads, most roads in Africa hold a surprise or two.

We take every **precaution** to assure that our vehicles are in **perfect mechanical condition**. We can also assure you that the roads that we choose to travel are the best suited ones under any circumstances. We can, however, not guarantee that **technical problems** may not occur altogether or that we don't have to effect a **change of route** due to unforeseen circumstances. In case of these inconveniences we cannot be held **responsible**.

Please note that our **services** are limited to the **itinerary offered**.

Our Travel groups have a limit of **four and a maximum of fourteen members**. More than seven people requires the use of **a second vehicle**. We only make use of 4x4 vehicles such as **Land Rovers, Land Cruisers or VW Kombis**.

In the case of **currency fluctuations african KIRIKARA safaris reserves the right to adjust prices**.

CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT:

20% of the full fee has to be paid when booking. The rest needs to be paid **eight weeks prior to first day of the booked tour**.

CANCELLATION BY CLIENTS/ CHANGES OF ITINERARY:

(Only cancellations forwarded in written form will be processed)

Cancellation fees:

- Up to 31 days before beginning of scheduled tour maximum of 10%
- 30 to 21 days before beginning of scheduled tour maximum of 25%
- 20 to 11 days before beginning of scheduled tour maximum of 40%
- 10 to 0 days before beginning of scheduled tour maximum of 60% of full booking fee.
- Clients who do not turn up on the day of the beginning of the scheduled tour will be liable to pay 100 % of the booking fee

In individual cases higher cancellation fees than the ones given above may also be charged - the tour operator reserves the right to do so if he can prove it necessary.

If a cancellation occurs due to medical reasons, a doctor's certificate is necessary to process the cancellation.