

NAMIBIA'S NORTHWEST

Kaokofeld – Epupa - Damaraland



- Day 1 Arrival at **Hosea Kutako International Airport**. Transfer to **Windhoek**, where there is the opportunity to do some last shopping before the start of the safari. We drive north to **Okahandja**, where we stop for a light lunch and then continue to **Guest Farm Omaha**, just south of **Otjiwarongo**.
In the afternoon there's the possibility of climbing **Mount Etjo**.
- Accommodation: Guest Farm Omaha. HB**
Distance/Travel Duration: app. 325km/4hrs
- Day 2 After breakfast we hit the road and drive via **Otjiwarongo** to **Kamanjab**. From there the road takes us in northern direction to **Hobaterere Lodge**, located on the **western border of Etosha National Park**. Picnic lunch en-route.
- Accommodation: Hobaterere Lodge. HB**
Distance/Travel Duration: app. 420km/5hrs
- Day 3 A day to relax and unwind at **Hobaterere Lodge**. In the afternoon we join a game drive on the terrain of the lodge, with the possibility of spotting **elephants** next to many other antelopes.
- Accommodation: Hobaterere Lodge. FB**
Distance/Travel Duration: Excursions app. 4hrs
- Day 4 From **Hobaterere** we progress through **Damaraland**. Hidden roads take us through lush **Mopane forests** to the Omunbonde River, one of the rivers leading into the **Hoanib River**. The landscape is dominated by the **dry riverbed habitat**, which eventually gives way to the **Khowarib Gorge**. Particularly inspiring are the **flora** and **fauna** of the area, as well as the striking **geological formations**. Crossing through the **Khowarib Gorge**, we find our way to **Warmquelle**. After a short rest at the hot springs, we continue to **Sesfontein**, our destination of the day. Picnic lunch en-route.
- Accommodation: Fort Sesfontein Lodge. HB**
Distance/Travel Duration: 150km/8hrs
- Day 5 From Sesfontein the journey continues to the **Kaoko Region**. After tackling the **Joubertpass**, we descend into the **Wonderbossie Valley**. From there we make our way through **the valley of sausage trees** to **Opuwo**. Next to the road the first **Himba villages** can be observed. Picnic lunch en-route.
- Accommodation: Opuwo Country Lodge. HB**
Distance/Travel Duration: app. 150km/5hrs
- Day 6 We drive from Opuwo to the **Kunene River**, the northern border of Namibia to Angola. Crossing through the spectacular **Kaokofeld**, we marvel at the remoteness and wide open spaces of this part of the planet. Now and then we see some of the **beautiful Himba people**. After a long, dusty road we finally reach the **lush green oasis** that surrounds **Epupa Falls**. Picnic lunch en-route.
- Accommodation: Omarunga Camp. HB**
Distance/Travel Duration: app. 200km/5hrs

- Day 7 Today we visit the **Epupa Falls** and explore the magnificent **biotope** along the **Kunene River**. We also have the opportunity to visit a **Himba settlement** and to learn about the **life of this ancient tribe**.
- Accommodation; Omarunga Camp. HB**
Distance/Travel Duration: Half day excursions
- Day 8 We head south from Omarunga Camp and then turn in western direction at **Okongwati**. Bumpy roads take us to the notorious **Van Zyls Pass**. After tackling this rather adventurous descend, we are immediately awestruck by the beauty of the **Marienfluss Valley**. The late afternoon sees us back at the **Kunene River**, checking into **Camp Synchro** for the night. Picnic lunch en-route.
- Accommodation: Camp Synchro. HB**
Distance/Travel Duration: app. 200km/8hrs
- Day 9 Today is set aside for exploring the area and experiencing the incredible **silence** and **timelessness** of this grand landscape. On the same note we will watch the daily moves of the **Himba people** around us, observe the **life forms** around the **Kunene River** and are puzzled by the mystery of the **fairy circles**. And in the evening we marvel at the magnificent **starry African skies**.
- Accommodation: Camp Synchro. FB**
Distance/Travel Duration: none/ only excursions
- Day 10 Leaving Camp Synchro we once again tackle adventurous roads following the **Marienfluss** back through **western Kaokoveld**. Passing **Orupembe** and then the **Himba settlement Purros**, we reach our destination Okahirongo Lodge. Picnic lunch en-route.
- Accommodation: Okahirongo Lodge. FB**
Distance/Travel Duration: 240km/7hrs
- Day 11 We want to **spoil** ourselves for a day and just relax and enjoy this **beautiful lodge**. For the more active an excursion into the **Hoarusib valley**, looking for **desert elephants**, is on the agenda.
- Accommodation: Okahirongo Lodge. FB**
Distance/Travel Duration: none/only excursions
- Day 12 After breakfast we drive via Purros to Sesfontein. We continue via **Palmwag** to **Damaraland Camp**, close to **Twyfelfontein**. Picnic lunch en-route.
- Accommodation: Damaraland Camp. HB**
Distance/Travel Duration: app. 355km/8hrs
- Day 13 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 the highest mountain in Namibia, the **Brandberg**. Picnic lunch en-route.
- Accommodation: Brandberg White Lady Lodge. HB**
Distance/Travel Duration: app. 210km/4hrs
- Day 14 In the early morning we make an excursion to the famous rock painting, the **„White Lady“**. From there we continue our journey via **Uis** to **Omaruru**, reaching the Erongo Wilderness Lodge in the early afternoon. Picnic lunch en-route.
- Accommodation: Erongo Wilderness Lodge. HB**
Distance/Travel Duration: 170km/3hrs

Day 15 We swiftly drive via **Karibib** and **Okahandja** to **Windhoek**. In Okahandja we stop at the **Kavango woodcarver's market** to purchase some souvenirs. From Windhoek the road takes us via **Dordabis** to **Guest Farm Kiripotib** (Familie von Hase), app. 160km's southeast of Windhoek. Lunch en-route.

Übernachtung: Gästefarm KIRIPOTIB. HB
Fahrzeit/Distanz: ca. 410km/6h

Day 16 One day to relax and unwind on **Farm KIRIPOTIB** after this magnificent safari. To fill your time, you have the opportunity to visit the farm workshops including the **African KIRIKARA weavery, gallery and jewellery design studio**. In the afternoon you may join an informative drive across **Farm KIRIPOTIB**, with sundowners in the **Game Enclosure**.

Accommodation: Guest Farm Kiripotib - Chalet FB
Distance/Travel Duration: none

Day 17 In time for departure back to Europe drive back to **Hosea Kutako International Airport**.

Distance/Travel Duration: app. 160km/2hrs

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

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL AND GENERAL ADVICE:

Our price offer of N\$ 40.500,00 **per person** (1.00 Euro roughly corresponds to 9-10 N\$) in a group of at least 4 people, 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 amenties. 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.