

# Ongini Namibia 2016 (off the beaten track)



**Number of Days:** 16  
**Dates:** 05/09-20/09, 31/10-15/11, 05/12-20/12  
**Number of Kilometres:** +/- 4000  
**Places:** Namib Naukluft Park, Sossusvlei, Sesriem Canyon, Walvis Bay, Swakopmund, Cape Cross, Damaraland, Kaokoland, Epupa Falls, Etosha National Park

## Price per person:

**1 490 EURO (4 people per car)**

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**2 230 EURO (2 people per car)**



## Price Includes:

4x4 Car hire with zero excess fees, accommodation costs with breakfast in hotels, lodges & campsites, airport transfers, Camping equipment's, roof tents or tent on the ground ( as desired)GPS with maps, refrigerator & detailed itinerary/programme.

## Price does not include:

Airline tickets, meals not specified, park fees, fuel costs, insurance, border fees & all items not specified.

\*Price is subject to the amount of participants, accommodation standard and the duration of the trip.



### Day 1/2

5/6-12-2016

**Travel time** 1 hour      **Distance: 45 km**      **Windhoek Airport – Windhoek**

On the first day – We will pick you up for the airport and then transfer you to Windhoek. We will discuss the itinerary and route; get entirely briefed on car and camping equipment's. We will then do the last minute groceries shopping .First overnight accommodation will determined according to your wishes, this will either in Windhoek or outside Windhoek in the surrounding areas of Windhoek. After shopping the entire afternoon will free to rest or visit the city of Windhoek.

**Travel time** 6 hours      **Distance: 358km**      **Windhoek – Namib Naukluft**

We will depart Windhoek and head towards Sesriem, we will be mostly travelling on gravel roads and certainly the first day of the expedition you will get to see and enjoy Namibia's beautiful surrounding landscape with mountains and contrasts. We will arrive in the afternoon at our campsite in Sesriem, before dinner we shall visit the Sesriem Canyon. The next day, waking up early to catch the sunrise at Sossusvlei which is a salt & clay pan surrounded by high red dunes and is regarded as the highest sand dunes in the world. On the way back we will reach the top of the highest dune- Dune 45.

The first night we planned on camping at Sesriem which is the closest to Sossusvlei and Namib Desert, the oldest desert in the lodge and this way we are also close to Walvis Bay.

### Day 3

07-12-2016

**Travel time: 6hours**      **Distance: 374 km**      **Sossusvlei – Walvis Bay**

We continue travelling on gravel roads in the Namib Desert heading towards Walvis Bay via Kuiseb & Gaub passes. We will be able to see desert wildlife such as Ostriches, Majestic giraffes and sand loving Gemsbok. Since the main aim of this expedition is to explore the Namibian wilderness trails, we will then incline to places that are not mentioned in the popular and most seeing attractions, we will begin with such places like Zebra Lord, where we will encounter desert elephants.

### Day 4

08-12-2016

**Travel time: 1hour**      **Distance: 30 km**      **Walvis Bay - Swakopmund**

In the morning, sails on the ocean are already up and running in search of Dolphins, seals, Pelicans and Whales. Upon boarding the speedboat, you will get a chance to eat seafood, snacks, pop champagne and maybe light a cigar and enjoy Dolphins jump in and out of water of water, an amazing experience not to be missed. After we will visit Sandwich Harbour, beautiful place where the desert meets the ocean. Sandwich Harbour is also a home to many seabird colonies which are estimated to about 70 000 birds. In Swakopmund, a beautiful town with colonial buildings, we will be able to see the museum, National marine Aquarium, Snakes Park or partake in an unforgettable cultural excursion with Hafeni Tours.

### Day 5/6

09/10-12-2016

**Travel time: 4hours**      **Distance: 240 km**      **Swakopmund – Damaraland**

Before we proceed with the tour, we will spend the morning walking in town of Swakopmund buying souvenirs, for those who want to carry Namibia home or simply spend the morning at own leisure. The journey will then begin driving through the salt along the Atlantic Ocean coast. Our first stop will be at the place near Henties Bay, where we can explore the rusted shipwreck. It's a sign we are now on the Skeleton coast, which is the northern part of the Atlantic Ocean coast of Namibia & south of Angola from the Kunene River flowing south to the Swakop River.

The next stop will be at Cape Cross, the name driven from two crosses raised here in 1486 by the Portuguese seafarer & explorer Diago Cao. Cape cross is located between the two coastal towns of Swakopmund & Henties bay. Cape cross is also home to the largest breeding colony of these seals on the planet, with at times up to 200 000 seals present.



We depart the coast in the direction of Spitzkoppe where we will stay. Spitzkoppe is also called the Matterhorn of Africa. The Granite is more than 700 million years old and the highest outcrop rises about 1800 metres above sea level, is the most famous mountain in Namibia. Here the Bushmen artwork can be viewed painted on the rock in the Spitskoppe area; however this can be at an extra fee.

The next day we depart to Damaraland passing via the small town of Uis, a former mining town, whose inhabitants worked in the nearby mine and since the closure in 1990, the town population has depopulated. On the way we will pass by the village of Herero people, who in 1904 were eradicated & rebelled against German colonial rule. Another attraction in Damaraland is Bushmen petroglyphs. Bushmen paintings/ rock engravings have been listed on the UNESCO World Heritage list. We can also visit the Damara village.

### Day 7

11-12-2016

**Travel time** 6 hours      **Distance:** 300km      **Damaraland – Kaokoland (Purros)**

Today the tour will be led by the Damaraland Savanna, Fort Sesfontein to Purros, which lies on the border of the Skeleton coast and Kaokoland. The camp does not have a fence, hence is frequently visited by elephants sometimes strolling among the tents. In Purros there is one bar, one shop and most important tyres service is done under the trees.

### Day 8

12-12-2016

**Travel time** 10 hours      **Distance:** 170 + 200 km      **Purros – Orupembe – Marble Hills**

After breakfast, we will prepare the cars for the journey ahead of us. Throughout the day we will drive through the uncured area along the Hoarusib River. In addition to the beautiful landscape of the most interesting experience, we may also encounter desert elephants wandering around this area.

### Day 9

13-12-2016

**Travel time** 4 Hours      **Distance:** 200 km      **Orupembe – Opuwo Country Hotel**

Today we are passing through the mountains of Kaokoland; we will pass by the village of Himba people a semi-nomadic tribe. Himbas are unique and also friendly by nature. Himba women are distinguished for their beauty, hairstyle and traditional dresses and mostly for using Otjize 'Himba red ochre' leaving their skin light -brown colour. Many people visit 'Opuwo in August because of the beautiful weather climate during that period. Opuwo is a fascinating city with multicultural. There is no supermarket, bus lines, museums and theatres. Herero meet here in their traditional dresses, Himba in all its glory. Drive through will certainly see business stalls namely Herero dolls, raw meats as well as roadside bars. Overnight is planned in Opuwo country Lodge, where we will be able to relax by the pool, sipping a cold draft after a long journey.

### Day 10

14-12-2016

**Travel time:** 3hours      **Distance:** 170 km      **'Opuwo – Epupa Falls**

In the morning we will do the guided visit to the Himba village (that's if we did not do this the day before) after the farm visit, we will then depart to Epupa Falls. This is a fabulous, if it was in Europe surely this place would have contaminated buildings, bustling and noisy hotels but fortunately this place is away from trails & everything. Kunene River is flowing through here and is surrounded by a rock-lined with many different trees. The whole idea is to get the beautiful view especially at sunset; the reddish light makes it an ideal place for photographs.

### Day 11

15-12-2016

**Travel time** 5hours      **Distance:** 240km      **Epupa Falls – Kunene River**

After breakfast we will depart Epupa falls in the direction of Kunene River and as far as weather & road condition permit, we will travel the wilderness along the Kunene River, while enjoying the beautiful natural scenery. At today's accommodation on a farm on the Kunene river, we will do rafting or Kayaking. The next day we will depart to Etosha.





**Day 12/13/14**  
**16/17/18-12-2016**

**Travel time 8 hours Distance: 410km Kunene River - Etosha National Park**

Today we will have the opportunity to see and explore the famous Etosha National Park where we will enjoy the game drive. We will drive into the park from the north gate of Nehale IyaMpingana or Westside which is little known by tourists. But before we get in Etosha, we will go through the most populated part of Namibia, which is Ovamboland which represents almost half of the population of the country. An amazing opportunity to learn a completely different Namibia tribe with busy road in the direction of Etosha. Standard accommodation in Etosha is entirely depending on individual's state of choice but personally I will recommend continuing camping and sleeping in tents as this will give a better contact with wildlife of the park. Sleeping under the stars and listening to animals as they come to the waterhole is the whole idea behind the true experience. Etosha is a paradise for animal lovers and every time I come to Etosha (as I have been here several times) is different but beautiful as always.

**Day 15**  
**19-12-2016**

**Travel time 4hours Distance: 376km Etosha - Otjiwarongo - Erindi**

Erindi is one of the largest private nature reserves in the world. The reserve of 70 000 hectares is home to about 20 000 animals including the various rare and endangered species. Erindi employs lots of people who deeply care about the endangered species that have been preserved and perhaps in the future, "introduced to the world outside the reserve. It is therefore through the great efforts & dedications that the local community is benefiting from tourism and also animal species can be preserved for future generations.

**Day 16**  
**20-12-2016**

**Travel time 3hours Distance: 300km Erindi - Windhoek**

On the last day of our trip, we will drive to Windhoek. Along the way we will have a stopover in Okahandja town for the largest local markets for gifts & souvenirs in Namibia. In addition Okahandja is the oldest and most probably the town with the best shops of Biltong which is a local delicious-dried meat. We plan to arrive in Windhoek in the early afternoon to be on time for shopping before returning home. Windhoek is a small city but it has a lot of interesting shops and malls.



## **General information:**

### **APPLICATION**

- The terms and conditions contained in this document shall apply to the tour booking concluded between the Company and the undersigned client in respect of the tour, as more fully described in the tour dossier provided to the client on confirmation of the booking. All references in these terms and conditions to "client" shall include references to an agent of the client, with such changes as the context may require.

### **BOOKINGS**

- The Company reserves the right not to confirm the booking until the full amount set out in the invoice received by client is paid and has been received by the Company and all the relevant documentation has been signed and completed in full by the client.
- Any amendments to, or cancellation of the booking shall be subject to these terms and conditions.

### **TOUR PRICE, DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT**

- While Bocian Safaris has utilized its best endeavours to ensure the accuracy of the tour price, such price is subject to change as a result of factors beyond Bocian Safaris reasonable control, in which event Bocian Safaris shall utilize its best efforts to notify clients of such change as soon as possible.
- The tour price includes only those services/items that are included as per the itinerary and the tour dossier, and the client shall be responsible and pay for any additional items where, as required by the Company from time to time, such payment is made either directly to a third party service provider or to the Company for settlement with a third party service provider.
- The Company accordingly reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to increase any relevant prices/charges/tariffs to account for any increases and/or fluctuations taking place in the country.
- A non-refundable 25% deposit is required to secure a booking in respect of the tour. This non-refundable deposit shall be set off against the tour price.
- The tour price must be paid by not later than 35 days prior to the departure date for the tour, failing which the Company reserves the right to deem the booking as having been cancelled, and to levy the cancellation penalties set out in these terms and conditions.
- In the event that the client makes a booking within 35 days of the date of departure of the tour, he or she shall, in order to secure the booking, be required to pay the full tour price upfront.

### **CANCELLATIONS**

- Where the booking is cancelled at any time up to 35 days prior to the date of departure of the tour for any reason, the client shall forfeit the non-refundable deposit.
- Where the booking is cancelled less than 35 days prior to the date of departure of the tour for any reason, the client shall be liable to pay the following penalties to the Company:
  - cancellation between 35-15 days prior to the date of departure, a cancellation penalty equal to 50% of the tour price; cancellation between 14-7 days prior to the date of departure, a cancellation penalty equal to 75% of the tour price; cancellation less than 7 days prior to the date of departure or "no shows", a cancellation penalty of 100% of the tour price.
- The Company shall be entitled to apply any portion of the non-refundable deposit paid by the client toward any cancellation penalty payable in terms hereof.
- The Company reserves the right, at any time and for any reason, to cancel the tour on notice to the client. In such event, the Company shall refund the tour price (which includes for the avoidance of doubt, the non-refundable deposit) to the client. It is recorded that refund of the tour price as aforesaid shall be the Company's sole responsibility to the client, and no claim for any damages, howsoever arising, shall accrue against the Company by reason of a cancellation of the tour.

### **PASSPORTS, VISAS AND OTHER TRAVEL PAPERS**

- It is the client's and travel agencies sole responsibility to ensure that passports, visas, health certificates, proof of vaccinations and any other required documentation are all in order for the countries to be visited during the tour. Bocian Safaris cannot be held liable or responsible should a passenger be refused entry into any country for any reason.

### **INSURANCE**

- Comprehensive travel and cancellation insurance is mandatory on the tour. Bocian Safaris shall not be liable for any consequences, damages or loss as a result of the client failing to have the necessary cover.

### **BAGGAGE**

- The client shall be responsible for all baggage and personal effects brought by him or her on the tour, and the Company shall not be liable for any loss or damage to such baggage or personal effects, howsoever arising.
- The client shall be entitled to one bag (being a backpack or soft bag, and not a suitcase) that weighs not more than 20 kilograms, and a daypack. Should the client require a larger baggage allowance, this may be arranged with the Company against payment of a fee that the Company may levy in its sole discretion. Bocian Safaris reserves the right to refuse excess baggage.

### **HEALTH**

- The client accepts that to participate in the tour requires a measure of physical fitness and health and it is the client's obligation to ensure that he or she is medically fit to embark on the tour.

### **AUTHORITY**

- At all times the decision of the Bocian Safaris tour guide will be final on all matters likely to endanger the safety and wellbeing of the group. The client must at all times strictly comply with the laws, customs and foreign exchange regulations of all countries visited. Should the client be detected in any contravention of the law, custom or exchange regulations, or should the client be a nuisance to the group, the guide may order the client to leave the tour without the right of refund.

### **MARKETING**

- Bocian Safaris reserves the right to use any photographs and video taken during the tour for use in marketing or any other advertising material, and the client hereby consents to such use.
- The client further agrees that the Company shall retain copyright over any such photographs and videos taken during the tour and/or used in its brochures and, to the extent necessary, the client hereby assigns copyright in such photographs and/ or videos to the Company

### **INDEMNIFICATION**

- The client accepts that the tour is of an adventurous nature and involves an element of personal risk.
- The Company and its respective employees shall not be liable for any loss or damage of whatsoever nature and howsoever arising which the client or any such other person may incur or suffer as a result of or arising from the clients participation in the tour and any other activities undertaken on or during the tour, and the client irrevocably and forever releases and discharges the Company from any and all such liability.
- The client furthermore indemnifies and holds the Company and its respective employees, representatives and agents harmless from and against any and all loss, damage, actions, proceedings, claims, demands and legal and other costs and expenses (including legal costs on an attorney and own client scale) of whatsoever nature and howsoever arising (including, but not limited to, the client's or any other person's injury or death, or any loss of or damage to the client's or any other person's property) which the client or any such other person may incur or suffer as a result of or arising from the clients participation in the tour and any other activities undertaken on or during the trip.