

Othithiya Namibia 2016



Number of Days: 15
Dates: 08/02-22/02 Dates are flexible
Number of Kilometres: +/- 4000

Places: Namib Naukluft Park, Sossusvlei, Sesriem Canyon, Walvis Bay, Swakopmund, Cape Cross, Damaraland, Opuwo (Kaokoland), Epupa Falls, Etosha National Park, Waterberg, Erindi Game reserve

Price per person:

1 470 EURO PER PERSON (2 Person in the car)

1 090 EURO PER PERSON (4 Person in the car)



Price Includes:

4x4 Car hire with zero excess fees, accommodation costs with breakfast in hotels, lodges, airport transfers, Camping equipment's, roof top 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, & all items not specified.

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



Day 1

08-02-2016

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

On the first day – We will pick you up from the airport and then transfer you to Windhoek. We will discuss the itinerary; get fully briefed on the vehicle and camping equipment. We will then do the last minute grocery shopping. First overnight accommodation will be determined according to your wishes. This will be either in Windhoek or just outside Windhoek in the surrounding areas. After shopping, the entire afternoon you will free to rest or visit the city of Windhoek.

Day 2 & 3

09 & 10-02-2016

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

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

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

Day 4 & 5

11 & 12-02-2016

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

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 focus on places other than the most popularly seen attractions. We will begin with places such as Zebra Lord, where we will encounter desert animals.

Swakopmund, beautiful town characterised by 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 6/7

13 & 14-02-2016

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 your own leisure. The journey will then continue, driving on a salt road along the Atlantic Ocean coast. Our first stop will be at the place near Henties Bay, where we can explore historic rusted shipwrecks. This is a sign that 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 derived 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. Leaving Misty Coast and depart to Damaraland passing by 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 a typical Herero village. These people eradicated in 1904 when they 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 8

15-02-2016

Time: 6h Distance: 244km Damaraland – Kaokoland (Opuwo)

Kaokoland is one of the last remaining wilderness areas in Southern Africa. It is a world of incredible mountain scenery, a refuge for the rare desert dwelling elephants, black rhinos and giraffes and the home of the Himba people. Although it is harsh and offers little respite at midday, the rugged landscape is especially attractive during the early morning and late afternoon when it is transformed into softly glowing pastel shades. The topography in the south of the area is characterised by rugged mountains which are dissected by numerous watercourses, but north of the Hoarusib River the scenery is dominated by table-top coppices. Still further north, the Otjihipa Mountains rise abruptly above the Namib floor to form the eastern boundary of the Marienfluss, while the west of the valley is defined by the Hartmann Mountains. The Marienfluss valley is very scenic and relatively greener than the Hartmann's valley. Hartmann's valley is closer to the Atlantic and yet much more arid. However, it does have a strange atmosphere when the sea mists drift inland. In the morning we will drive to 'Opuwo, the capital of the Kunene Region and Kaokoland. We will visit the Himba, a semi-nomadic tribe, living in scattered settlements throughout the region. They are characterized by their proud yet friendly stature and the women are noted for their unusual beauty, enhanced by intricate hairstyles and traditional dress. We will learn about their marriage customs, traditional food and the mysteries of the 'Holy Fire' religion.

Follow black rhino cow and her calf in typical Damaraland 'melkbos' terrain. Together, Damaraland and Kaokoland are known as the Kaokoveld. Highlights of the area include: The Brandberg, Twyfelfontein, Spitzkoppe, The Petrified Forest and The Vingerklip. In addition to the incredible views, Damaraland is home to many animals, which still reside in the wild without any human control.

Day 9

16-02-2016

Travel Time: 3h Distance: 178km Kaokoland (Opuwo) - Epupa Falls

The route to Epupa Falls includes spectacular landscapes, baobab trees and Himba Villages, which we can also visit, as they differ then the ones at 'Opuwo region.

Epupa Falls - a series of cascades that drop a total of 60 m over a distance of about 1.5 km, reaching a maximum width of 500 m. Nowhere else in the world you can find a waterfall contrasted with such wild, arid desert landscape and is likely to make up one the most beautiful and memorable experiences during your trip to Namibia. Other possible activity in it's a guided (at your own expenses) or unguided walk: offers superb photographic and bird watching opportunities. Our camp is next to the Kunene River and falls will be heard through the night.

Day 10, 11 & 12

17, 18 & 19-02-2016

Travel time: 8h Distance: 527km Epupa Falls – Etosha National Park

After breakfast we will proceed to Etosha National Park where we enjoy our first game drive. On our way we stop in town of Outjo for a small shopping. We will spend our days in Etosha on exceptional game drives through the park as well as resting by the pool in one of the camps. The game viewing in Etosha National Park is excellent - we can expect to see elephant, giraffe, rhino, lion and many buck species. If we are lucky, we will see leopard and cheetah. It is also the home of several rare and endangered species of game, including one of the largest populations of black rhino in the world, as well as thousands of antelope.



Etosha National Park is situated in the Kunene Region of northwest Namibia and was established back in 1907 when Namibia was a German colony called South West Africa. Back then the park covered a huge 35, 500 square miles but today it is just a quart of its original size. If you are a budding photographer, Etosha National Park, with its remarkable landscape, is one of the most perfect places for you to practice those photography skills. The park is dominated by an enormous shimmering salt pan measuring 80 miles long and 31 miles wide. In the early morning and late afternoon the vast expanse of pans go through an amazing range of colour changes; from pink to orange and purple to deep blue. These stunning colour changes are a fantastic and unique sight and provide the perfect drop back images of wildlife or make beautiful pictures by themselves. The sensational rain clouds for you also provide an interesting contrast against the dry and hostile desert landscape. Most lodges and camps here have carefully designed seating areas that overlook the numerous waterholes. In such a dry area, these waterholes attract a vast array of thirsty animals including impala, zebra, gemsbok, wildebeest and herd of elephants and lion. Without doubt, African wildlife makes for some of the most beautiful photographs.

After breakfast we will depart Epupa falls in the direction of Kunene River and as far as the 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 13

20-02-2016

Travel time 4hours **Distance:** 280km **Etosha – Waterberg Plateau**

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, re-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 14

21-02-2016

Travel time 3hours **Distance:** 240km **Route:** Waterberg Plateau - Erindi

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Day 15

22-02-2016

Travel time 2.5 hours **Distance:** 180km **Route:** Erindi – Windhoek

Last stretch of the journey will be 3 HRS drive from Erindi via Okahandja where we will stop in town for photography and refreshments; The distance from Okahandja to Windhoek is less than 80km therefore it will take us only one hour to get there; Last day we can also take a walk around Windhoek Independence Avenue where you will have a great opportunity to take some photos of People of Namibia.



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.

Date	Day	Place	Accommodation
08-Sep-2016	1	Windhoek	Arebbush Travel Lodge
09-Sep-2016	2	Namib Naukluft	Sesriem Campsite
10-Sep-2016	3	Namib Naukluft	Moon Mountain Lodge
11-Sep-2016	4	Swakopmund	Desert Breeze
12-Sep-2016	5	Swakopmund	Desert Breeze
13-Sep-2016	6	Damraland	Spitzkoppe Campsite
14-Sep-2016	7	Damaraland	Mowani Campsite
15-Sep-2016	8	Opuwo	Opuwo Country Hotel
16-Sep-2016	9	Epupa Falls	Epupa Falls Campsite
17-Sep-2016	10	Etosha	Etosha Campsite
18-Sep-2016	11	Etosha	Etosha Campsite
19-Sep-2016	12	Etosha	Etosha Campsite
20-Sep-2016	13	Waterberg Plateau	Waterberg Lodge
21-Sep-2016	14	Erindi	Erindi Game Reserve
22-Sep-2016	15	Windhoek	Flight to