

**Namibia - Meeting in Himba Land**

**13 days – 12 nights**

**Windhoek, Etosha National Park, Grootberg, Kunene Region, Orupembe, Marienfluss, Purros, Huab, Damaraland**

**Heritage, Safari, Ecotourism, Adventure, Discovery, Culture**

**This program may be operated for individual or for groups  
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize**

*This off-the-beaten-track itinerary is a magnificent adventure in complete privacy. You travel through the desert expanses and mountains of Namibia to reach the most remote corners of the country, up to the border with Angola. Explore the most beautiful Namibian parks and meet one of the most fascinating people. An immersive trip in the Himba villages that will allow you to discover their ways of life in complete privacy, and with the greatest respect for each. You will also meet the Herero people who still retain their traditions despite a troubled past. An immersive stay in Namibia which will reveal the most beautiful landscapes in Africa to you.*

**Day 1: Windhoek**

You will be met at the airport by your guide and transferred to your hotel in Windhoek. Rest of the day free to rest and relax from the trip. Dinner at the hotel. [D]

**Day 2: Windhoek, Etosha National Park**

For this first day of travel in Namibia among the Himba, you will leave for the small towns of Okahandja and Otjiwarongo to reach your camp in Okaukuejo. Lunch en route before arriving at Etosha National Park. This former 5.5 million-acres salt marsh offers immense dry rocky landscapes. It is home to more than 114 species of mammals and more than 340 varieties of birds of all kinds. After settling down, departure on 4x4 for a safari in the park with your guide. [B/L/D]

**Day 3: Etosha National Park**

After breakfast, depart for the plains of Etosha Park for a full day game drive with the vehicle and tour guide. You can see elephants, zebras, lions, springboks, oryx, etc. Lunch, dinner and overnight at the park. [B/L/D]

**Day 4: Etosha, Grootberg**

Breakfast and last morning game drive. Morning is the best time to view wildlife in Etosha Park. Your trip to Namibia continues in the Palmwag region. Lunch on the way to the city of Kamanjab which is the last strategic crossing before the Kunene wilderness. Lunch and continuation to your lodge which belongs to the Khoadi/Hoas conservation organization. This establishment is a sensational experience that overlooks the Etendeka Plateau, where Africa has separated from Latin America. Located at the top of the Grootberg Pass, the words to describe the view it offers are nowhere to be found. Settle down for overnight before dinner. [B/L/D]

**Day 5: Grootberg (Damaraland)**

Breakfast at the lodge. Meet the Rhino Rangers to track desert black rhinos. This stage of your trip to Namibia will be full of surprises. Here, the animals roam freely and sometimes mingle with the local population through these contrasting landscapes of deserts and mountains. Lunch and return to the lodge in the afternoon. Rest then walk at the end of the day to enjoy the magnificent landscapes of the region. You will feel like you are alone in the world! Dinner and overnight at the camp. [B/L/D]

**Day 6: Grootberg (Kunene Region)**

Breakfast prepared by the guide. Departure to Sesfontein, Purros, then Orupembe. This part of the Namibia journey will take you to one of the most remote areas that can only be reached by 4x4 vehicle or by plane. Picnic lunch prepared by the guide. Travel along the Hoarusib river passing through the Karonda Namanga mountains, a landscape steeped in the “great wild west”. Passage through

desolate landscapes, and small Himba villages where only experienced guides can take you. Arrival at the camp at the end of the afternoon for dinner and overnight. You will spend the next three nights immersed in a Himba camp. [B/L/D]

#### **Day 7: Grootberg, Orupembe**

Semi-nomadic pastoralists, the Himba move according to the seasons and the rains. During these two days of travel in Namibia among the Himba, you will take the time to share and live as close as possible to this fascinating people. So that your immersion is spontaneous, authentic, and respectful, the visit will be based on the activities. Visit a traditional village near Onjuva, walk to the water point where the shepherds water their animals. To make the trip to Himba land more participatory, you can count on the presence of a translator to better exchange. Return to camp for lunch. Possibility to dine in a Himba village around the fire or to invite them to the lodge for the evening. [B/L/D]

#### **Day 8: Orupembe (Marienfluss)**

Breakfast prepared by your guide. Head to the border with Angola for an expedition in the Marienfluss Valley, to the banks of the Kunene River, with spectacular scenery. Himba shepherds live in this breathtaking and remote setting. Picnic lunch by the Kunene River. Return to camp at the end of the afternoon. Possibility to dine in a Himba village around the fire or to invite them to the lodge for the evening. [B/L/D]

#### **Day 9: Orupembe, Purros**

Breakfast at the camp prepared by your guide. You will continue your journey through Namibia in one of the most remote areas of Namibia inhabited by a few Himba and Herero herders. Explore the unusual landscapes of this part of Kaokoland, along the Skeleton Coast Park. Lunch, then cultural discovery and meeting with local communities, visit to the primary school and the office of the Community Conservatory of the region. 4x4 ride along the Hoarusib River, an oasis that attracts wild beasts from the Namibian savannah. This is an excellent spot to see the desert elephants coming to quench their thirst. Continue to the camp for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

#### **Day 10: Purros, Huab, Damaraland**

Departure by 4x4 vehicle to Damaraland. This crossing passes through places where animals move freely. Game and predators live in a completely open and wild space. Picnic lunch on the way. Road to Huab and installation at the lodge. [B/L/D]

#### **Day 11: Damaraland**

Go on a safari in the bed of the Huab River in search of elephants, desert lions, antelopes, and more. After the picnic, you will visit a sheepfold and meet local farmers to learn about their lifestyles and products. Go for a walk through a sandstone canyon leading to viewpoints overlooking the valley. Observation of the different species of endemic plants and flowers. Return to camp. [B/L/D]

#### **Day 12: Damaraland, Windhoek**

Breakfast at the lodge then visit the rock carvings of the region. Departure to Windhoek. For the last stop of your Namibia trip, you will stop at a craft market run by Herero women. Of Bantu origin, the Herero are renowned for their image of resistance fighters. Women are recognizable by their traditional clothes and headdresses. They sell dolls with their effigies which are very beautiful memories. Lunch on the way, then you will take the road to reach the capital Windhoek in time for dinner. [B/L/D]

#### **Day 13: Windhoek, USA**

Breakfast at the hotel before taking a cultural stopping at places of interest such as the Alte Feste, Reiterdenkmal, Christus Kirche, Tinten Palast and the old cemetery before continuing to the Katutura district. The municipality of Windhoek developed Katutura, an apartheid district in the late 1950s. However, before Katutura was established, most black Namibians lived in the east of Windhoek in the area now known as Hochland Park. The early Katutura was much smaller than the Katutura of today. Windhoek currently has 200,000 inhabitants, 60% of whom reside in Katutura. The main districts of

Katutura bear evocative names such as Soweto, Havana, Babylon and Wanaheda. The Penduka Craft Center, quietly located on the edge of a dam, is an association of destitute women, victims of physical disabilities who refuse to be fatal. They sew, embroider and create things of incredible quality! We therefore offer a discovery tour for a few hours in this humanly and historically very rich district, to better understand one of the aspects of Namibian reality. In order to support the local economy, stops at craft shops or markets (Penduka Craft Center, Soweto, Single Quarter ...) may take place. Return to the hotel. At the appointed time you'll be transferred to Windhoek International Airport for your connecting flight back home. [B]



[D] = Dinner | [B/L] = Breakfast, Lunch | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

**Your Tour includes:**

- Arrival and departure transfers
- 12 nights' accommodation:
  - Windhoek 2. nights
  - Etosha Water Hole 2 nights
  - Damaraland 3 nights
  - Kaokoland 2 nights
  - Purros 1 night
  - Damaraland 2 nights
- Meals:
  - Daily breakfast
  - 11 lunches
  - 12 dinners
- Safari runs in Etosha National Park
- View the Africa/South America Plates split
- Track desert Black rhinos
- Immersion in a Himba camp
- Visit a traditional village near Onjuva
- Dine in a Himba village around the fire
- Craft market run by Herero women
- Tour to Katutura district in Windhoek
- Safari in Damaraland

- Explore unusual landscapes in Kaokoland
- 4x4 ride along the Hoarusib River
- Entrance fees to parks and reserves
- Appropriate vehicle for the tour
- Transportation in a 4x4 vehicle
- English-speaking guide-driver specializing in fauna, flora and local communities
- Fresh water during trips with the guide
- One map of Namibia per room
- Namibian VAT (15% to date)
- Luggage transport in the lodges
- Contributions to local organizations\*

**Tour does not include:**

- International airfares
- Any taxes related to airfares or airports
- Meals not mentioned under inclusions
- Travel Insurance
- Visas
- Tips to guides or drivers
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Any item not mentioned as "Included"

1. \*Financial contribution of \$6 (100NAD) per person to the TOSCO trust, a non-profit association whose actions work to preserve the environment ([www.tosco.org](http://www.tosco.org)).
2. \*A new metal gourd
3. \*Carbon offsetting 4x4 emissions in partnership with a Namibian nursery by planting 4 trees.



**Hotels in your Tour:**

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
<b>Deluxe</b>		
Windhoek	Windhoek Country Club Resort	4
Etosha Water Hole	Chalet Okaukuejo	4
Damaraland	Grootberg Lodge	4.5
Kaokoland	Etambura Tented Camp	5
Purros	Camp Purros Bush	4.5
Damaraland	Damaraland Adventurer Camp	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

**Tour Prices:**

These programs can be customized for individuals and groups. Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- **Airfare**  
We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares
- **Program**  
You may add or remove;
  - Trip days
  - Cities and sites
  - Meals
- **Other options**
  - The program was designed with private services; however, we may substitute shared sight-seeing where available
  - If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.
- **Quotation**  
Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

**Tour Code:** NA01WDH21FA

**Options:**

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

**Group Quotations**

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.

We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.