

## **ETOSHA, DAMARALAND, SKELETON COAST & DESERT NAMIBIA**

### HIGHLIGHTS:

ETOSHA; RHINO SANCTUARY, OVAHIMBA VILLAGE, DAMARALAND; CAPE CROSS, SWAKOPMUND, ECO DUNE TOUR & SOSSUSVLEI



Tour Information			
<b>Tour Days / Nights</b>	9/8	<b>Drop off</b>	Windhoek
<b>Min Pax</b>	2	<b>Category</b>	Standard/Luxury

### **DAY 1, SASA SAFARI CAMP & TOURS OR SIMILAR**

We await for your arrival at Windhoek International Airport, where we will welcome you and brief you on the journey. You can sit back and relax and enjoy the scenery. During the 4-hour drive to Sasa Safari Camp & Tours, we have enough stopovers for meals and coffee breaks.

On arrival on at Sasa Safari Camp & Tours, our friendly staff will warmly welcome you, where after you can freshen up, before we take you for an afternoon drive to a nearby Rhino Sanctuary Farm, offering a variety of endangered wildlife species. Enjoy sundowners at our beautiful lodge.

### **DAY 2, SASA SAFARI CAMP & TOURS OR SIMILAR**

After breakfast we depart for a full day game drive to Etosha National Park. On our way we will visit Omapaha Himba Village. The project's main focus is to give the orphaned Ovahimba children a chance to grow up in their traditional fashion, lifestyle and culture. During this tour you will get an in depth insight on the origin of this project, as well as have the opportunity to interact with this ancient, indigenous tribe of Namibia. We proceed to Etosha National Park. Okaukuejo camp is the oldest tourist camp in Etosha National Park. Its main attraction is the infinite viewing area around a permanent waterhole, which is floodlit at night to

better appreciate the nocturnal activities. Even during the day a wide diversity of wildlife congregate and interact naturally right before your eyes. We will visit a variety of waterholes in the park and a picnic lunch out in the bush. We will leave the park in time for sundowners at our lodge.

### **DAY 3, TWYFELFONTEIN LODGE OR SIMILAR**

Leaving Sasa Safaricamp & Tours, our journey proceeds to Damaraland towards Twyfelfontein. On our way we will visit the Petrified Forest. We continue to the red valley of Twyfelfontein Lodge, where we will enjoy lunch. This afternoon we will visit the rock engravings and the geological formations called the Organ Pipes and the Burnt Mountain. Follow the history of these ancient people as you explore the rock art they left behind.

This evening we can relax for dinner at the lodge.

### **DAY 4, CAPE CROSS LODGE**

After breakfast we continue through the desert to the Skeleton Coast. On your way to Cape Cross you will stop at shipwrecks and visit the ancient, endemic plant – *Welwitschia mirabilis* (between 1000 and 3000 years of age!) amongst interesting spots, this remarkable oldest desert in the world has to offer.

Your journey for today will end at Cape Cross.

### **DAY 5, SWAKOPMUND - DESERT BREEZE LODGE OR SIMILAR**

After breakfast today we visit the seal colony, before we depart for Swakopmund. You have a day of leisure. Choose amongst a variety of optional excursions or just go shopping!

### **DAY 6, SWAKOPMUND - DESERT BREEZE LODGE OR SIMILAR**

This morning we take part in a half day Eco Dune Tour, which take place along the eastern part of the major dune belt lying between Walvis Bay and Swakopmund. The professional guide will explain the evolutionary aspects and uniqueness of all ecological adaptations of the Namib Desert, the oldest desert in the world. The main animals looked for are the Namib Sand diving Lizard, Web-footed Gecko, Namaqua Chameleon, Peringuey's Adder(Sidewinder), Namib Sand Snake, Namib thicktailed Scorpion, the fog basking Tenebrionid Beetle and several other insects only found along the dune belt. This afternoon is a day of leisure – you can go shopping if you like, perhaps visit the Chrystal Gallery or just relax at your hotel.

### **DAY 7, SOSSUSVLEI - DESERT CAMP OR SIMILAR**

Today's drive is through the gravel plains of the Namib, via Solitaire, Gaub and Kuiseb Pass and Canyon into the Namib Naukluft Park, passing fantastic rock formations en-route. We arrive at our lodge late afternoon. You will experience the true desert, no fences and miles of desolate but beautiful Namib Desert view. Enjoy that first 'sundowner' drive to the fossil dunes.

#### DAY 8, SOSSUSVLEI - DESERT CAMP OR SIMIAR

Depart early in the morning for your Sossusvlei excursion. You have the opportunity to climb some of the highest sand dunes in the world; admire the picturesque scenery and the desert's fauna and flora. Visit the rugged Sesriem canyon before returning to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon join or relax at the lodge with a typical Namibian 'sundowner' on the veranda and enjoy a spectacular sunset.

Optional: Consider a balloon Safari over the dunes. € 500 per person.

#### DAY 9, DEPARTURE DAY / WINDHOEK

After breakfast depart for your journey to Windhoek. We either take you to the airport or to your preferred hotel in Windhoek (Windhoek accommodation not included).

#### Including:

- Guide,
- Transport,
- Park fees,
- All meals;
- All Accommodation as specified;
- Halve day Rhino Sanctuary Tour; Halve day eco dune tour; Himba Village Tour
- 2% Government tax;
- 15% VAT

#### Excluding:

- Travel to and from Namibia;
- Visa and exit fees;
- Airport taxes;
- Gratuities;
- Travel and cancellation insurance;
- Beverages;
- Optional excursions and activities not included in the itinerary.