



**PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR WE ARE AFRICA  
8 DAY NATURALIST GUIDED AND FLY-IN BEST OF NAMIBIA SAFARI  
SUNDAY 24 APRIL TO SUNDAY 1 MAY, 2016**

Namibia is a vast country, even by African standards, covering an area approximately four times the size of the United Kingdom but with a population of a mere 2 million - one of the lowest densities in the world. It is also an 'ageless land'; visible through our heritage of rock art created by stone-age artists and geological attractions such as the petrified forest where fossilised tree trunks have lain for over 280 million years. Added to the space and silence, these all contribute to a feeling of antiquity, solitude and wilderness.

The climate is typical of a semi-desert country. Days are warm to hot and nights are generally cool. Temperatures are modified by the high plateau in the interior and by the cold Benguela Current that runs along the Atlantic coastline. Except for the first few months of the year, the country is generally dry with very little rain.

This Naturalist Guided Overland and Fly-in Namibia Safari affords you the chance to experience this magnificent and memorable country in a very personal way. You will have your own professional and experienced naturalist guide who will enhance your enjoyment of this unique country by making it a fascinating and stress-free journey of discovery amidst very dramatic scenery. The knowledge, experience and attitude of our guides are critical to a successful safari which is why we ensure that they are both personable and very professional.

Your Ultimate Safaris guide will have an intimate knowledge of each area and camp/lodge that you visit, allowing them to share the local highlights whilst adding continuity and depth to your safari. It goes without saying that they know exactly what a "True African Safari" is all about. Not only are our guides highly qualified, each has a specific area of expertise. Together they possess the breadth and depth of knowledge to allow them to answer questions and satisfy the particular interests of each of our guests. Your Ultimate Safaris guide will turn your safari into a life enriching journey!

The fly-in portion of this safari will afford you the opportunity to experience part of this magnificent and varied country from the air. The great expanse of Namibia and the distances between many of the most iconic destinations mean that travelling overland can take more time than there is available, although the journeys involved are still fascinating for those who are able to make the most of them. You will be accompanied by your own professional and experienced pilot as well as a senior Ultimate Safaris staff member, who will enhance your enjoyment of this portion of the safari by making it a fascinating and stress-free journey of discovery amidst very dramatic scenery. The opportunity to experience part of Namibia from the air in a state-of-the-art aircraft (Kodiak) will make for a very special experience.

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### **SAFARI HIGHLIGHTS**

- Travel with an Ultimate Safaris naturalist guide.
- Visit the world renowned AfriCat Foundation.
- Track leopard from the safety of a vehicle.
- Track cheetah on foot.
- Track for desert-adapted elephants.
- Walk amongst pre-historic rock art at the UNESCO World Heritage Site at Twyfelfontein.
- Visit an authentic and remote Himba settlement.
- Track the endangered black rhino within the Palmwag Concession.
- Fly in a state-of-the-art Quest Kodiak aircraft for the second portion of your safari.
- Explore one of Africa's largest private nature reserves, NamibRand Nature Reserve.
- Explore and photograph the beautiful, towering red dunes of Sossusvlei.
- Revel in what is the green luxury that is Wolwedans.

## ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Day 1	Arrive Windhoek, onto Okonjima Plains Camp, AfriCat Foundation
Day 2	Damaraland Camp, Damaraland
Day 3	Mowani Mountain Camp, Twyfelfontein, Damaraland
Day 4 & 5	Desert Rhino Camp, Palmwag Concession
Day 6	Sossusvlei Desert Lodge
Day 7	Wolwedans Dune Lodge
Day 8	Departure from Windhoek International Airport

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## DETAILED SAFARI ITINERARY

### Day 1 (Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2106)

#### Windhoek to Okonjima, AfriCat Foundation

This morning your Ultimate Safaris naturalist guide will collect you at your hotel, before departing in your private safari vehicle, and making your way through Windhoek and head north via Okahandja to Okonjima and the AfriCat Foundation. Here you can enjoy the welcoming atmosphere, superb accommodation and fantastic activities of the Okonjima Bush Suite and Villa; starting with a guided afternoon excursion, normally leopard tracking, and a possible visit to the night hide after dinner.

*AfriCat Foundation:* Okonjima is home to the AfriCat Foundation, a wildlife sanctuary which focuses on the research and rehabilitation of Africa's big cats, especially injured or captured leopard and cheetah. Close encounters with leopard and cheetah are an unforgettable highlight. Activities include leopard tracking by vehicle, a visit to the cheetah welfare project and a visit to the night hide where nocturnal animals such as porcupine, caracal, honey badger and even leopard may be seen.

*Okonjima Villa:* Okonjima Villa is located within the private Okonjima Game Reserve and overlooks a small waterhole that attracts game close to the villa. The villa has two separate private suites, together with a main house containing two en-suite bedrooms. The lovely main house comprises of a large lounge and dining area, complete with an open, wood-burning fireplace. Outside is an inviting infinity swimming pool, surrounded on three sides by expansive wooden decking and a walkway to an open, shaded 'sala' with a roof fan for days when the air is still. The two separate and very stylish thatched suites each stand about 40 to 50 m from the main house; one on each side. Large, glass-panelled folding doors look out onto spectacular panoramic views of the surrounding area. Each suite offers internet connection, a work space and well stocked mini bar. The en-suite bathrooms have inside and outdoor showers. A personal host and chef run the villa, and there's a dedicated guide and 4WD vehicle for all guided activities.

*Okonjima Bush Suite:* Overlooking a waterhole and with the sandstone Omoroko Mountains as a backdrop, the Okonjima Bush Suite is nestled in the open Acacia thorn veld amidst a secluded wilderness area. The Okonjima Bush Suite consists of 2 separate, private, en-suite bedrooms under a magnificent thatched roof, with a fully equipped kitchen. The living space boasts a spacious lounge, a dining area under-roof or outside under natural shade, and an open wood-burning fireplace. There is also a uniquely designed pool (13m in length). The bedrooms have high roofs with fans, air-conditioning and when needed, heating facilities. Each room has 2 Queen-size beds, of which one can be wheeled outside onto the terraces for a night under the stars! The doorways have an elegant but practical, 'scroll-down' canvas partitioning that contains heavy-duty gauze screens; on either side, 2 large glass-paneled windows enhance your 180° vista. The zip-fastened, secure, tent-style canvassing not only provides sufficient light, but also contributes to the impression of living in the wild by delivering the audible ambience of your surroundings, while still maintaining a degree of comfort and safety. Each bathroom has both an inside shower and a spectacular, outside bush-shower, together with a beautiful, colonial, bath-with-a-view. Each bedroom has a Wi-Fi or dial-up, internet connection with ample work space. A personal host / hostess and chef attend to your needs whilst you enjoy the exclusive guide and game-drive vehicle, thus setting the leisurely pace that bests your family during your stay at Okonjima's unique Bush Suite.

**Please note:** The drive from Windhoek International Airport to Okonjima takes approximately 4 hours, so please ensure that your flight into Windhoek International Airport arrives no later than 08h00 in order to make it to Okonjima Plains Camp in time to join the afternoon activity. We strongly recommend spending the night prior in Windhoek and please feel free to contact us for these arrangements. We will offer complimentary airport transfers and have limited space available at Galton House.

**Overnight:** Split between Okonjima Villa & Bush Suite

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**Lunch & Dinner**

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**Day 2 (Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016)**  
**AfriCat Foundation to Damaraland**

This morning is spent on another exciting activity, normally cheetah tracking, before returning to camp for brunch. Continue on your safari, heading north and west into the wonderful and diverse region of Damaraland. Take time to view game and absorb the vastness of the scenery along the way. Damaraland is typified by displays of colour, magnificent table topped mountains, rock formations and bizarre-looking vegetation. The present day landscape has been formed by the erosion of wind, water and geological forces which have formed rolling hills, dunes, gravel plains and ancient river terraces. It is the variety and loneliness of the area as well as the scenic splendour which will reward and astound you, giving one an authentic understanding of the word 'wilderness'. You will have a picnic lunch en route and stop off to visit Twyfelfontein, the Organ Pipes and Burnt Mountain before making your way to Damaraland Camp if time allows; if not there is plenty of time to do so tomorrow.

*Twyfelfontein:* Strewn over a hillside at Twyfelfontein in the southern Kaokoveld, boulders and slabs of red sandstone hold some 2 500 prehistoric engravings that depict wildlife, animal spoor and abstract motifs. It is perhaps the largest and finest collection of petroglyphs in Africa.

The engravings show animals such as elephant, giraffe, kudu, lion, rhinoceros, springbok, zebra and ostrich that once used to drink from a fountain at the bottom of the hill. In some cases footprints were engraved instead of hooves or paws. The abstract motifs feature mainly circles. Stone tools and other artifacts found at Twyfelfontein suggest that hunter-gatherers occupied the site over a period of perhaps 7 000 years. The exact age of the engravings is unknown, but the patina on individual figures the darker, the older does give an idea of their relative age. Guides take visitors to view the rock art. The engravings lie along two circular routes, one an hour's climb and the other 40 minutes longer. The engravings are best seen in the softer light of early morning or late afternoon. Twyfelfontein is a national monument situated about 100 km south – west of Khorixas in a valley among flat-topped mountains of red sandstone.

*Burnt Mountain:* A rounded hill south-west of the Petrified Forest, Known as the Burnt Mountain, seems to catch fire again at sunrise and sunset. Its fantastic range of colours comes from a chemical reaction that took place 132 million years ago when molten lava penetrated shale and limestone deposits. In ordinary sunlight it is a dull black. Blackened rubble lies to one side like cinders from the original fire.

*Organ Pipes:* The Organ Pipes are another geological curiosity in the area consisting of a mass of perpendicular dolerite columns that intruded the surrounding rocks also about 125 million years ago and have since been exposed in a ravine due to river erosion.

*Damaraland Camp:* Damaraland Camp is situated in the rugged beauty of the northern slopes of the Huab River. This private paradise offers stunning silence, beauty and tranquility with ten large en-suite, adobe-style thatched units, which are raised off the ground, each with a walk-in dressing area and a deck on which to sit and contemplate the desert. The spacious living area comprises a dining area, and swimming pool, with an open campfire prepared during calm evenings.

**Overnight: Damaraland Camp**

**Lunch, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast**

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**Day 3 (Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016)**  
**Damaraland**

After an early breakfast you will be treated to an exciting 4x4 excursion with your Ultimate Safaris guide along the ephemeral Aba Huab River valley to explore this remarkable region and to search for game, including the elusive desert adapted elephants if they are in the area. Damaraland is home to a variety of desert adapted wildlife and hidden desert treasures.

After what should be a successful morning, you will then head for Camp Kipwe, where you will stop off for lunch. After lunch you will head to Mowani Mountain Camp where you will be staying for the night. This afternoon you may take a walk with your guide into the local area around camp, or relax and enjoy some well-deserved leisure time. If you would like to see the pre-historic rock engravings at Twyfelfontein and there was not time to do so on the way into the camp or yesterday, there is an option to include that as part of the day's activities

*Desert Adapted Elephant:* In habitats with sufficient vegetation and water an adult elephant consumes as much as 300 kg of roughage and 230 litres of water every day of its life. Consider what a herd of them would eat and drink in a week or a month or a year. Finding an African elephant in a desert? Well, yes and not only elephant, but other large mammals as well, such as black rhinoceros and giraffe. Their ranges extend from river catchments in northern Kaokoveld as far south as the northern Namib. Apart from the Kunene River, seven river courses northwards from the Ugab provide them with possible routes across the desert, right to the Skeleton Coast. The biggest are the Hoarusib, the Hoanib, the Huab and

the Ugab Rivers. Desert adapted elephant in Kaokoland and the Namib walk further for water and fodder than any other elephant in Africa. The distances between waterholes and feeding grounds can be as great as 68 km. The typical home range of a family herd is larger than 2,000 km<sup>2</sup>, or eight times as big as ranges in central Africa where rainfall is much higher. They walk and feed at night and rest during the day. To meet their nutritional and bulk requirements they browse on no fewer than 74 of the 103 plant species that grow in their range. Not a separate species or even a subspecies, they are an ecotype unique to Namibia in Africa south of the equator, behaviorally adapted to hyper-arid conditions. Elephant in Mali on the southwestern fringe of the Sahara Desert are the only others known to survive in similar conditions.

*Mowani Mountain Camp:* Mowani Mountain Camp is ideally located a short drive from the local attractions in the area. The Camp is nestled amongst giant granite boulders, overlooking the ephemeral Aba Huab riverbed where desert adapted elephants often traverse. The thatch dome-shape structures echo the shape of the rough textured granite boulders amongst which they are built, a theme complemented by African wood carvings and artifacts. Mowani's main complex consists of a reception area, bar, spacious alfresco dining room, lounge overlooking a waterhole and an inviting fireplace nearby to relax beside in the evenings. A refreshing swimming pool and fantastic sundowner viewpoint with its own bar also complement the Camp. Guests are accommodated in luxury East African style en-suite safari tents built on raised wooden platforms, each with a private verandah and splendid views over the Aba Huab valley.

**Overnight: Mowani Mountain Camp**

**Lunch, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast**

[www.mowani.com](http://www.mowani.com)

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#### **Day 4 (Wednesday, 27 April 2016)**

##### **Damaraland to Palmwag Concession**

After an early breakfast you make your way to Desert Rhino Camp. Along the way your guide will take you on a detour to visit a local Himba settlement – you may have to search for a while as the semi-nomadic Himba people sometimes move location with no notice. They are one of the last most traditional peoples of Namibia and have little time for conventional practices. Here you will learn about the customs and traditions of this very proud nation, and will be given insight into their beliefs, way of life and everyday routine. After your visit you will enjoy a picnic lunch before visiting a local school, supported by Ultimate Safaris' 'Conservation Travel Foundation' (do note it will be school holiday, so there won't be any pupils at the school). After this visit you will head into the Palmwag Concession giving you a taste of this exceptional area and the many different (and some endemic) species of flora and fauna that can be found here.

The landscape is a breathtaking mix of flat top mountains, peaks, and basalt plains dotted with euphorbias and greenery filled river courses. Wildlife in the area includes Hartmann's mountain zebra, giraffe, desert adapted elephant, ostrich, lion, Oryx, spotted and brown hyena, cheetah, kudu, leopard, and in particular this area is home to one of the world's largest natural populations of the rare black rhino. This is a remote camp with plenty of atmosphere and charm... a real nature experience.

*The Himba:* The Himba, Tjimba and other Herero people who inhabit Namibia's remote north-western Kunene Region are loosely referred to as the Kaokovelders. Basically Herero in terms of origin, language and culture, they are semi-nomadic pastoralists who tend to tend from one watering place to another. They seldom leave their home areas and maintain, even in their own, on which other cultures have made little impression. For many centuries they have lived a relatively isolated existence and were not involved to any noteworthy extent in the long struggle for pasturelands between the Nama and the Herero.

The largest group of Kaokovelders is the Himba, semi-nomads who live in scattered settlements throughout the Kunene Region. They are a tall, slender and statuesque people, characterized especially by their proud yet friendly bearing. The women especially are noted for their unusual sculptural beauty, enhanced by intricate hairstyles and traditional adornments. They rub their bodies with red ochre and fat, a treatment that protects their skins against the harsh desert climate. The homes of the Himba of Kaokoland are simple, cone-shaped structures of saplings, bound together with palm leaves and plastered with mud and dung. The men build the structures, while the women mix the clay and do the plastering. A fire burns in the headman's hut day and night, to keep away insects and provide light and heating. A family may move from one home to another several times a year to seek grazing for their goats and cattle. Men, women and children wear body adornments made from iron and shell beads.

A Himba woman spends as much as three hours a day on her toilette. First she bathes, then she anoints herself with her own individually prepared mixture not only protects her skin from the harsh desert sun, but also keeps insects away and prevents her body hair from falling out.

She uses another mixture of butter fat, fresh herbs and black coals to rub on her hair, and 'steams' her clothes regularly over the permanent fire. Men, women and children adorn themselves with necklaces, bracelets, anklets and belts made from iron and shell beads. With their unusual and striking designs, these items have gained a commercial value and are being produced on a small scale for the urban market. Sculptural headrests in particular are sought-after items.

**Day 5 (Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016)****Palmwag Concession**

Today is a full day of guided excursions and meals as arranged by Desert Rhino Camp. You will spend an exciting and memorable morning out rhino tracking, followed by a picnic lunch if the weather is desirable, before returning to camp in the early afternoon with time to relax at camp during the heat of the day.

Later in the afternoon you head out again for a scenic nature drive or walk to explore this vast and astounding ecosystem, before returning to the camp to enjoy your final night in Namibia around the campfire.

*The Palmwag Concession:* The Palmwag Concession spans 4,500km<sup>2</sup> of arid wilderness transected by Ephemeral River courses which, along with the occasional natural spring, provide an oasis to the wildlife that have adapted to this harsh environment. The rugged mountains and river courses provide a refuge for some of the continent's most unique wildlife such as the legendary desert elephant, lion and the last free-roaming black rhino population on earth. In fact seventy-five per cent of Namibia's endemic species inhabit this last bastion of the wilderness. Experience the wilder side of Africa where only the sporadic roar of lion or cackle of hyena punctuates the silence of the night.

*Desert Black Rhinoceros:* Namibia is home to the larger of two subspecies of the black rhinoceros found in southern Africa. The only population that remains in the wild, unfenced and outside reserves occupies an arid range in the western Kaokoveld. Their preferred habitat is the mountainous escarpment, but they follow ephemeral rivers into the northern Namib as well, especially when conditions are favourable after rains. They are the only black rhinoceros in Africa that are internationally recognized as a "desert group". Like desert-adapted elephant, they cover great distances. They walk and feed at night and rest during the day. To meet their nutritional and bulk requirements they browse on no fewer than 74 of the 103 plant species that grow in their range. One of the few animals to eat fibrous *Welwitschia* leaves; they even feed heavily on the milkbush (*Euphorbia virosa*) with its sharp spines and toxic latex, presumably because of the high water and fat content. They are physical defenses of dryland plants without apparent harm. Once widespread in the subcontinent, black rhinoceros are an endangered species. The smaller subspecies, *Diceros bicornis minor*, does not range into Namibia.

Overnight: Desert Rhino Camp

Lunch, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast

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**Day 6 (Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016)****Palmwag to Sossusvlei Area**

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airstrip where you will board a flight to the Sossusvlei area. En route you will stop off at Swakopmund to re-fuel and from there you will continue to Sossusvlei. Upon your arrival you will be transferred to Sossusvlei Desert Lodge which is located within the NamibRand Nature Reserve. You will stay at Sossusvlei Desert Lodge for one night. You arrive in time for lunch and the afternoon can be spent on any one of the activities on offer. Highly recommended is eco-quad-biking in the dunes, enjoying a sundowner afterwards and returning to the lodge for dinner. After dinner can be spent in the company of the lodge astronomer exploring the night sky.

*NamibRand Nature Reserve:* The breathtaking NamibRand Nature Reserve, one of the largest private nature reserves in Southern Africa, begun as a conservation initiative in 1984 and now extends over 180,000 hectares of pristine Namib Desert, restoring land that was once used for Karakul sheep farming. The reserve shares a common border of nearly 100 km with the Namib-Naukluft National Park to the west, while the imposing Nubib mountain range forms a natural border to the east. The particular attraction of NamibRand is its diversity of different desert landscapes, representing virtually all facets of the Namib Desert and there are expansive sand and gravel plains and endless stretches of grass savannah alternate with majestic mountain ranges and vegetated dune belts of deep red sand. The variety of flora and fauna is as fascinating as the colour nuances of the landscape, which change continuously as the day progress. Before NamibRand became a private nature reserve, it consisted of sheep farms, surveyed and allocated in the early fifties to ex-soldiers of World War II. Today visitors to the NamibRand can admire nature in its original state, as indigenous animals and plants are flourishing back where they belong.

*Sossusvlei Desert Lodge:* Sossusvlei Desert Lodge, situated in the northern foothills of the NamibRand Nature Reserve, is designed to make the most of its breathtaking surroundings whilst providing a sophisticated and luxurious stay. The lodge consists of glass and stone curves, where walls and windows fold away completely to open out to the grassy plains, distant dunes, and mountain ranges. Each spacious, air-conditioned suite features a shaded deck, split level bedroom and living room with fireplace for cool evenings, en-suite glass encased bathroom and outdoor shower. Star gazing is a highlight with a star-viewing sky light in each room and an observatory with a powerful telescope. Guided activities on



offer to explore the local reserve include scenic 4x4 nature drives, fascinating walks and exhilarating quad-biking excursions.

**Overnight:** Sossusvlei Desert Lodge

**Lunch, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast**

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**Day 7 (Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016)**

**Sossusvlei Desert Lodge to Wolwedans**

This morning you will rise early for a magical excursion into the Namib Naukluft National Park, entering the Park gates at sunrise to capture the dunes whilst the light is soft and shadows accentuate their towering shapes and curves. This area boasts some of the highest free-standing sand dunes in the world. Your local lodge guide will give you an insight on the formation of the Namib Desert and its myriad of fascinating creatures and plants that have adapted to survive these harsh environs. Once you have explored to your heart's content you can enjoy a relaxing picnic breakfast under the shade of a camel thorn tree. Return to Sossusvlei Desert Lodge in the late morning.

You are then transferred back to the airstrip for a short flight across to the Wolwedans airstrip. From here you will be transferred to the Wolwedans Dune Camp for a late lunch and siesta.

In the afternoon you'll partake in an activity at Wolwedans, which could be one of a variety of scenic drives amidst the dramatic scenery of the NamibRand Nature Reserve, as run by Wolwedans. Emphasis will be on late afternoon excursions in order to be able to take advantage of the light conditions then, but the programme will be confirmed after discussion with your guide from the lodge.

*Sossusvlei:* This most frequently visited section of the massive 50,000 km<sup>2</sup> Namib Naukluft National Park has become known as Sossusvlei, famous for its towering apricot coloured sand dunes which can be reached by following the Tsauchab River valley. Sossusvlei itself is actually a clay pan set amidst these star shaped dunes which stand up to 300 meters above the surrounding plains, ranking them among the tallest dunes on earth. The deathly white clay pan contrasts against the orange sands and forms the endpoint of the ephemeral Tsauchab River, within the interior of the Great Sand Sea. The river course rises south of the Naukluft Mountains in the Great Escarpment. It penetrates the sand sea for some 55 km before it finally peters out at Sossusvlei, about the same distance from the Atlantic Ocean. Until the encroaching dunes blocked its course around 60,000 years ago, the Tsauchab River once reached the sea; as ephemeral rivers still do in the northern half of the Namib. Sand-locked pans to the west show where the river previously flowed to before dunes shifted its endpoint to where it currently gathers at Sossusvlei. Roughly once a decade rainfall over the catchment area is sufficient to bring the river down in flood and fill the pan. On such occasions the mirror images of dunes and camel thorn trees around the pan are reflected in the water. Sossusvlei is the biggest of four pans in the vicinity. Another, famous for its gnarled and ghostly camel thorn trees, is Deadvlei which can be reached on foot over 1 km of sand. Deadvlei's striking camel thorn trees; dead for want of water, still stand erect as they once grew. They survived until about 900 years ago when the sand sea finally blocked the river from occasionally flooding the pan.

*Wolwedans Dune Camp:* Positioned at the edge of 250- meter high dunes the camp consists of six accommodation units and the lapa area. Tents are pitched on wooden platforms and overlook panoramic vistas in all directions. Each tent has a private spacious veranda and an en- suite bathroom fitted with hot shower, water basin and flush toilet. Dune camp is ideal for getaway for nature lovers who want to photograph the beauty and the spectacular landscapes of this part of the Namib Desert.

**Overnight:** Wolwedans Dune Camp

**Lunch, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast**

[www.wolwedans.com](http://www.wolwedans.com)

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**Day 8 (Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016)**

**Departure**

This morning after a possible last activity (with site-inspections) and also a visit to the Wolwedans Village for a 'behind the scenes' tour of this phenomenal operation, you will be transferred to the airstrip for your flight to the Windhoek International Airport. PLEASE NOTE the flight from will be late morning, so please book a later international flight out of Windhoek (both South African and Air Namibia offer flights between Windhoek and Cape Town). Upon arrival at the Windhoek International Airport you will be met by a representative of Ultimate Safaris who will assist you with the checking in of your departure flight and returning your excess luggage.

This is officially the end of your Namibian Safari. We hope to see you again soon, Bon voyage...!

**Breakfast**

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**\*\*\* End of Services \*\*\***

## PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTION

US\$ 1,600.00 per person sharing

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHARE ACCOMMODATION WITH PARTICIPANTS OF THE SAME GENDER.

SURCHARGE FOR DEPARTURE FROM SOSSUSVLEI DESERT LODGE AT LUNCHTIME ON 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016

US\$ 530 per person (minimum 2 pax)

### INCLUDED:

- Accommodation as stated above.
- Transportation in a luxury air-conditioned safari vehicle.
- Meals stipulated above.
- Services of a registered and experienced English-speaking naturalist safari guide where stipulated.
- Entrance fees and excursions as described in above itinerary.
- Return airport transfers from Windhoek International Airport – Windhoek – Windhoek International Airport.
- Flights from Desert Rhino Camp to Sossusvlei Desert Lodge to Wolwedans to Windhoek International Airport.
- Mineral water on board the safari vehicle and aircraft.
- Welcome pack.

### EXCLUDED:

- International flights to Namibia and airport taxes.
- Any meals not included in the above itinerary.
- Any entrance fees and excursions not included in the above itinerary.
- All beverages.
- Laundry (laundry service available at lodges at extra cost).
- Gratuities.
- Items of personal nature (telephone expenses, curios, medicines etc.).
- ENTRY VISA FEES.
- BANK CHARGES (as per bank or 3.5% commission for VISA/MASTER and 4.5% commission for AMEX).

### NOTES:

- **Services subject to availability at the time of booking.**
- Rates subject to change without prior notice due to circumstances beyond our control e.g. fuel increases, currency fluctuation etc.
- Terms and conditions apply.

### HANDY TIPS:

- **Visas/Passports:** Please ensure: 1) that you have pre-arranged your entry visa if required; 2) that your passport is valid for at least six months after your scheduled departure date from Namibia; 3) that you have a minimum of 2 consecutive clear pages. If this is not the case, there is a danger of being turned away by the Immigration Service on arrival at the airport – assuming your airline has agreed to bring you and risk a fine in the first place.
- **Health:** No vaccinations are mandatory but please consult your doctor for medical advice. Parts of Namibia are considered to be malarial so we recommend the use of anti-malarial prophylactics (normally Malarone), especially if visiting during the Namibian summer (December to April) – subject to advice from your own doctor.
- **Vehicles:** Vehicles used are normally specially modified 4x4 Toyota Landcruisers, equipped with air-conditioning and fridges for drinks and snacks.
- **Luggage allowance:** Guided portion: Luggage is normally restricted to **20 kg per person** including photographic equipment and hand luggage - in soft; hold all type bags which should not have any wheels, frames, or rigid structures as these may not be able to fit in the plane's luggage compartment. For the fly in portion (day 02 – 04 & day 09 - 12) a max luggage limit of **10 kg per person in soft bags** (any excess luggage can be stored at our office in Windhoek and returned to you on day 14 when departing Windhoek).
- **Luggage Dimensions :** The maximum dimensions for soft bags that can be easily accommodated are as follows : 25 cm (10 inches) wide, 30 cm (12 inches) high, and 62 cm (24 inches) long
- **Excess Luggage:** If you need to bring luggage with you that exceeds this allowance we can store this at our office. When doing the fly-in portion of your itinerary our back up crew can bring this excess luggage along in your safari vehicle with him & we are very happy to store any excess luggage for you and return it to you at the end of your Namibian safari ex Windhoek Int Apt.
- **Passenger weights:** Please note that passengers weighing over 100 kg may be required to pay for a second seat when flying on scheduled seat rate flights. This should not be applicable very often and it would rarely be the case if travelling on private charter flights when some of the seats are not filled. This is more a matter of the pilot

being able to balance the plane for safety reasons than because of the seemingly arbitrary weight limit. However, please let us know in advance if this restriction is likely to apply to you so we can do whatever is possible to minimize the likelihood of it becoming an issue or leading to any significant extra costs.