



Lumona 001

12 Days / 10 Nights

Day 1: Flight Windhoek, Namibia

Arrival of all the participants at the Airport for the flight to the city of Windhoek

Day 2: Windhoek - Otjiwarongo

Flight Details

Arrival at the international airport and welcoming by your guide.

Lunch at own expense

Departure towards the town of Okahandja located about 71kms North of the capital Windhoek. A stop at the craft market in Okahandja (depending on the time of arrival of the flight). Continue to the town of Otjiwarongo the capital of the Otjozondjupa region. Founded by the Germans in 1892 to serve as the administrative town of the region, Otjiwarongo also means "the land of fat cattle", because it is one of the most important areas of meat production for local consumption, as well as for export. It was also in this region that the final battle between the German troops and the Herero people took place in 1904, where the Herero people were massacred.

Check in to the hotel in Otjiwarongo.

Dinner at the hotel.

Duration of travel - approximately 4 - 4 hours 30, 288 kms.

Day 3: Otjiwarongo - Etosha National Park

Breakfast

Departure to Etosha National Park

Lunch en route: Etosha National Park or other restaurant.

After lunch, departure for a safari bus or bus for the Etosha National Park to view lions, elephants, giraffe, zebras, oryx, springboks, impalas, rhinoceros and several species of antelope. There will be many opportunities to observe other species of animals that come to the water holes.

The safari in the Etosha National Park will be either in the an open 4x4 vehicle or another vehicle suitable for safaris drives.

Check in at the Lodge (in the park or other lodges outside the park).

Dinner at the lodge.

Duration of travel – 2.5 - 3 hours

Day 4: Etosha

Breakfast

Full day safari in the park, where you will see the dried lake in Etosha, a salt pan that is completely devoid of vegetation, with a surface area of 4,731 square kms - 120kms long and 72kms wide. During the rainy season it attracts numerous species of aquatic birds.

Lunch

Continuation of the safari drive in the afternoon.

Accommodation at the lodge.

Dinner at the lodge.

Day 5: Etosha Damaraland

Breakfast

Departure for Damaraland

Visit to a Himba village (Otjikandero Kamanjab) and interact with the family. Situated in the province of Kaokoland, the Himbas preserve their ancestral way of life, only a few thousand perpetuate a rough and frugal morality based on the respect of their ancestors, reincarnated in their herds, their rites and customs, which highlight their body beauty, make these peoples a marvel of Southern Africa.

By tradition, Himbas dye their skin red with a paste made from animal fat and powder of ocre. It allows them to protect themselves from the sun, drought and insects. They are dressed in simple leather loincloths.

Lunch at Kamandjab or picnic baskets prepared by the lodge.

Afternoon - departure for the Petrified Forest, in 1950 it was protected, this forest contains about fifty petrified trunks, half buried in the surrounding sandstone. Their lengths sometimes reach 30m and a circumference of 6m, dating back about 260 million years. The absence of roots and residual branches suggest that they were deposited by the water created by the melt ice at the end of the Ice Period in Southern Africa.

Dinner at the lodge - Twyfelfontein or another

Transfer: Vehicle between 5 to 5:30 Hours

Day 06: Twyfelfontein - Swakopmund - Walvisbay

Breakfast

Visit to the formidable site of Twyfelfontein, offering the most spectacular collection of rock engravings in Africa. They were made by the Bushmen people between 2000-6000 years ago. The Bushmen or San people are considered as the first inhabitants of Southern Africa, this site was proclaimed a UNESCO heritage site in 2007. The rock engravings make for a real outdoor gallery.

Stop at Brandberg: Brandberg is home to the highest peak in Namibia, at 2573 meters above sea level. The name means "Mountain of Fire", Brandberg is characterized by a red colour at sunrise and sunset, it is also a spiritual landmark for the San people.

Lunch at Uis or other

Continue on to the town of Swakopmund - a town built on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean, making it a unique geographical situation between ocean and desert. Built by the Germans during the colonization, you will see many distinct German architectural influences.

Continuation to the town of Walvisbay

Transfer: by vehicle between 4 to 4.5 hours.

Accommodation and dinner at the hotel for 2 nights

Day 7: Walvis Bay

Breakfast

Walvisbay borders the Atlantic Ocean, a lagoon and inland by the dunes of the Namib desert. It is the largest producer of salt in Africa, the well sheltered lagoon is on one of the 10 most important humid zones of the African coasts accommodating more than 80,000 birds in summer, including flamingos, pelicans, cormorants, fishing birds, etc. The town also home to the largest harbour port of Namibia.

Departure for the coast to go view a seal colony, pelicans, dolphins and other animals that have made this coastline their habitat.

More or less 3 hours of activities

A light lunch will be offered on the boat - oysters and snacks, as well as sparkling wine and other refreshments.

Drive to Swakopmund where you will get some free time to either rest or walk through the town of Swakopmund. There are other activities on the coast, ask your guide for details.

Back to Walvis Bay

Dinner at the restaurant

Back to the hotel

Day 8: Walvis Bay / Kuiseb Pass / Namib Region

Breakfast

Departure for Namib Desert

Stop at Kuiseb Pass

Stop at the Tropic of Capricorn

Lunch at the Rostock Ritz restaurant or other

Lodging and dining at the lodge for one or two nights

Transfer: Vehicle 5 to 5.30 hours

Day 9: Namib Desert / Sossusvlei Region

Early departure before sunrise

Breakfast at the dunes. Travel by bus or any other car used for the tour to the entrance of the Naukluft National Park, where you will board a 4x4 shuttle to go to the dunes. Here you will discover a fantastic landscape of dunes, some of which rise to more than 300 meters and where one can conquer the valley of the dead acacias nicknamed Deadvlei.

Discovery of the Sesriem Canyon

Lunch at the restaurant

Dinner at the lodge

Transfer: Vehicle 2:30 to 3 hours

Day 10: Solitaire / Maltahohe / Kalahari

Breakfast

Travel by bus or any other car used for the tour to Mariental, on the edge of the Kalahari Desert and ancestral land of the Bushmen. The Kalahari, a 900,000 square kilometre desert, stretches over much of Botswana, South Africa and Namibia.

Lunch at the lodge

Departure for a 4x4 photo safari at sunset, through the red dunes of the Kalahari, looking for oryx, zebra, ostriches and numerous bird species.

Duration will be more or less 2 hours depending on the season

Accommodation and dinner at the lodge

Transfer: Vehicle between 5:30 to 6:00 Hours

Day 11: Kalahari / Windhoek

Breakfast

Departure for a walk with the bushmen to demonstrate of the life of Bushmen - a walk of more or less 2 hours.

Depart to the capital city Windhoek.

Lunch at own expense

City tour and free time (depending on the arrival time)

Dinner at the restaurant

Accommodation at the hotel

Transfer: Vehicle: 4 hours

Day 12: Windhoek / Paris

End of tour.