

HIKING ENTHUSIAST

VAST LANDSCAPES OF NAMIBIA



DESERT DIVE
EXPERIENCE NAMIBIA



ITINERARY

PART 1 ERONGO MOUNTAIN EXPERIENCE

- Day 1. Travel to Airport , Flight
- Day 2. Arrival Windhoek, Urban Camp / Utopia Boutique Hotel
- Day 3. Travel to Erongo, Afternoon Walk with SAN Bushmen, Erongo Rocks Mountain Campsite
- Day 4. Day Hike through volcanic landscape past ancient rock engravings. Sleep out in set up Camp
- Day 5. Day Hike through granite landscape and riverbeds to Erongo Rocks, Mountain Campsite

PART 2 DESERT ELEPHANT EXPERIENCE

- Day 6. Travel to Ugab Valley, Ondjamba Hills / Madisa or Hais Ra Camp - Rest day
- Day 7. Desert Elephant Excursion



PART 3 ETENDEKA MOUNTAIN EXPERIENCE

- Day 8. Travel to Palmwag, Palmwag Lodge
Scenic Drive to Etendeka, Hike to River Camp
- Day 9. Full Day Hike to Chrystal Mountain, Overnight Camp on Hill Camp
- Day 10 Morning Hike to Etendeka Mountain Camp, Scenic Drive to Palmwag, Travel back to Outjo Sasa Safari Camp . Sundowner Hike (optional)
- Day 11. Travel back to Windhoek
Return Flight from Hosea Kutako Intl. Airport or 1 extended night at Okapuka Ranch with Morning Safari (Rhino, Giraffe, variety of antelopes)
- Day 12. Arrival back home or Day 13 with extended night.



ITINERARY

Day 1 begins with travel to the airport and your international flight to Namibia, launching the start of your southern African adventure.

Day 2. Today marks your arrival in Windhoek, Namibia’s capital city. Upon landing, you’ll head to your accommodation for the night - either **Urban Camp** or the Utopia Boutique Hotel - where you can rest and recover from the journey or explore the surrounding neighborhood, soaking in the first impressions of Namibia.Windhoek,

Day 3 takes you on the road as you depart Windhoek and head northwest to the Erongo region. In the afternoon, you’ll meet the SAN Bushmen for a guided walk, learning about their ancient knowledge of nature, tracking, and survival. Tonight, you’ll stay at the **Erongo Rocks Mountain Campsite**, surrounded by dramatic granite formations.

Day 4 is spent on foot, hiking through a stunning volcanic landscape dotted with ancient rock engravings. You'll immerse yourself in the silence and raw beauty of the Erongo Mountains. This evening, you'll sleep out under the stars in the pre-set wilderness **Camp Starling**, enjoying the peaceful solitude of the African night.

Day 5. Continue your hike, this time weaving through granite outcrops and dry riverbeds as you make your way back to the **Erongo Rocks Mountain Campsite**. The journey offers not only remarkable scenery but also opportunities to spot unique wildlife and appreciate the geology of this rugged region.

Day 6 begins with a scenic drive further northwest into Damaraland as you make your way to the Ugab Valley. You’ll stay at either Ondjamba Hills, **Madisa Camp**, or Hais Ra Camp. After days of hiking, today is a rest day to relax and enjoy the tranquility of the desert surroundings.



Day 7 is dedicated to an unforgettable **Desert Elephant excursion**. You’ll set out in search of these iconic animals, specially adapted to survive the arid terrain of Namibia. The experience is both humbling and exhilarating, offering close-up views of wildlife in a unique and harsh environment.

Day 8 continues the adventure with a drive to Palmwag, where you’ll stop at Palmwag Lodge before beginning the journey to the remote Etendeka concession. A scenic drive brings you closer to nature, and a hike leads you into the wild to the **Etendeka River Camp**, where you’ll spend the night surrounded by untouched wilderness.

Day 9 features a full-day trek to Crystal Mountain. The path takes you over vast, open landscapes with incredible panoramic views. That evening, you’ll stay at **Hill Camp**, an elevated site offering sweeping views of the rugged terrain - a perfect spot for stargazing and reflection.

Day 10 starts with a morning hike toward Etendeka Mountain Camp, followed by a scenic drive back to Palmwag. From there, you'll travel onward to Outjo, where you'll stay at **Munsterland Guestfarm** or Sasa Safari Camp. If time and energy allow, you can opt for a sundowner hike to close the day with breathtaking views and golden-hour light.

Day 11 sees you returning to Windhoek for your outbound flight from Hosea Kutako International Airport. **For those extending their stay**, an additional night at **Okapuka Ranch** awaits, complete with a morning safari the next day to spot rhinos, giraffes, and various antelope species.

Day 12 If you chose the extended stay, this will instead be your day at Okapuka Ranch, featuring a final Namibian safari experience and concluding your journey with the airport transfer in the late afternoon, bringing your Namibian expedition to a memorable close with your **night flight** back.

Day 13 marks your return back home with lots of great memories.



DAYS 1-2: ARRIVAL IN WINDHOEK

WELCOME TO NAMIBIA'S CAPITAL WINDHOEK

Today you arrive in Windhoek, Namibia's capital city. Upon landing, you'll head to your accommodation for the night – either Urban Camp or the Utopia Boutique Hotel – where you can rest and recover from the journey or explore the surrounding neighborhood, soaking in the first impressions of Namibia, Windhoek.





HIKING THE ERONGO

DAY 3: ERONGO MOUNTAINS ARRIVAL

Day 3 takes us out of Windhoek as we drive northwest toward the Erongo region. Along the way, the scenery gradually shifts from city outskirts to wide open plains and rocky outcrops.

In the afternoon, we meet with the San Bushmen for a guided walk, where they share their traditional knowledge of nature, tracking, and survival. It's an engaging experience that gives us a deeper understanding of their way of life and their close relationship with the environment.



We end the day at the Erongo Rocks Mountain Campsite, set among striking granite formations. The campsite's quiet surroundings and dramatic landscape offer a peaceful place to unwind after the day's activities. Here, we settle in for the evening and enjoy the calm atmosphere of the Erongo wilderness.



DAYS 4–7: EXPLORING ERONGO ON FOOT

Over the next few days, we settle into the rhythm of Erongo and explore the mountains more deeply. Our experience begins with a sundowner at one of the Erongo Rocks viewpoints—such as Yoga Rock—where we enjoy sweeping views as the light shifts across the landscape. Afterward, we share dinner at the Farmhouse before continuing to Camp 360, our comfortable camping spot for the night. Here, we get ready for the hike ahead by preparing our gear and settling into the quiet pace of the mountains.

The following morning, we leave camp at 7am and stop at the Farmhouse for coffee, rusks, and fruit before meeting our guide, Didi, for the start of our two-day mountain hike and sleep-out. We cover roughly 12 km of challenging terrain, carrying lunch packs and plenty of water as we make our way toward ancient rock engravings and the summit of Liewe Hexi. By late afternoon, we reach Camp Starling – our wilderness sleep-out site already set up with tents, a toilet, and a bucket shower. A sundowner, dinner, and a campfire round off the evening as we sleep under a sky full of stars.

The next morning begins with breakfast in camp before we continue our hike with Didi, weaving through massive boulders and rocky corridors. This section covers about 10 km with moderate elevation and includes a visit to ancient rock paintings tucked away in secluded spots. With snacks and water provided, we walk at a steady pace and return to reception by early afternoon. After lunch at the Farmhouse, the rest of the day is ours: we can return to the campsite for a relaxed afternoon or choose from a selection of optional activities.

On Day 7, we enjoy breakfast at the Farmhouse before packing up and departing by late morning. The past few days on foot give us a real sense of Erongo’s volcanic history, breathtaking scenery, and quiet wilderness – an experience that stays with us long after we leave.





DAMARALAND – DESERT ELEPHANT EXPERIENCE

An impressive drive through the barren yet fascinating landscape takes us to Damaraland. The Mopane forests in the north, semi-deserts, and the vast sandy area of Huab are home to Namibia's desert elephants, which have uniquely adapted to this harsh environment. The Bergdamara people, along with the San, are among the original inhabitants of Namibia, and here you can find ancient rock engravings that tell stories from the past, like chalkboards from another time.

I recommend taking a safari vehicle guided by one of the knowledgeable locals who knows the area like the back of their hand and can help us seek out these almost mythical creatures. We will be in a remote location where the desert elephants wander through the broad sandy dry riverbed in search of shade and food beneath the beautiful Ana trees. It evokes memories of childhood treehouse hideouts as we patiently wait for our encounter.

DAMARALAND – DESERT ELEPHANT EXPERIENCE – ACCOMMODATION

Ondjamba Hills is nestled within some of the most iconic landscapes in Damaraland, 40km northwest of Uis next to the Ugab River.

Madisa Camp, situated in Sorris Sorris Conservancy, offers an eco-friendly escape for nature lovers amidst stunning landscapes and ancient Mopane trees, where guests can enjoy comfort while observing desert-adapted wildlife, including majestic Desert Elephants, in a setting designed to protect the area's sensitive fauna and flora.

Malan's Rus Tented Camp is a serene retreat in Damaraland, featuring nine luxurious en-suite guest tents nestled under shady Mopane trees, providing privacy, stunning views of granite "koppies," and easy access to the remarkable sites of the Twyfelfontein area.



THE DESERT ELEPHANTS



During your desert drive, you may witness these gentle giants moving gracefully through wide, open valleys or resting in the shade of ancient and trees. Observing their family interactions offers a rare and intimate look at how elephants communicate, care for their young, and navigate the challenges of desert life.

Local conservation efforts ensure that these iconic animals continue to thrive, allowing your safari not only to provide unforgettable sightings but also to contribute to the protection of a truly remarkable desert-adapted species.

DAMARALAND - DESERT ELEPHANT EXPERIENCE

Desert elephants in Namibia are among the country's most extraordinary wildlife treasures, and encountering them on a Desert Drive Namibia Safari is a truly memorable experience. These elephants have adapted to survive in some of the driest landscapes on Earth, roaming the riverbeds and rocky plains of the Kunene Region in search of food and water. Their long daily journeys, sure-footed movement across soft sand, and remarkable knowledge of seasonal water sources make them uniquely suited to this rugged environment.



3 DAYS ETENDEKA HIKING TRAIL

Join our passionate and experienced guides for an exhilarating journey through Namibia's breathtaking landscapes. From the ancient Etendeka basalt flows to the striking flat-topped mountains, prepare to push your limits in this rugged terrain.

Discover a diverse array of desert-adapted plants and wildlife that await your exploration. Our knowledgeable guides will share captivating stories and insights about this geologically rich environment, igniting your adventurous spirit.

Embark on thrilling hikes through dry riverbeds shaded by Mopani trees and navigate surreal rock formations. Together with our guides, track the footprints of native wildlife and identify unique flora and bird species. This walking exploration is more than just an adventure—it's a profound connection between human and nature.

The Highlight of this adventure will be walking amidst big and stunning quartz crystals on Chrystal Mountain with exquisite rock formations and sleeping on Hill Camp with a spectacular sunset view into the valley below!



Sleep Under the Stargazing Skies of Namibia!

Namibia boasts some of the darkest skies in the world, making it a prime destination for stargazing. Experience the thrill of sleeping under the vast Namibian sky in our rustic elevated camps. Each elevated platform offers safety and comfort as you drift off to sleep beneath the mesmerizing sounds of the wilderness. Cozy beds with luxurious cotton linens, down blankets, and pillows ensure a restful retreat after a day of adventure.

The sleeping platforms feature shaded areas perfect for a well-deserved afternoon siesta, but the shade lifts at night, allowing you to drift off under the stunning open sky. Communal open-air bathrooms, including the popular Etendeka Bucket Shower, are conveniently located between the platforms.



ETENDEKA

DAY 8 -10 ETENDEKA HIKING TRAIL

On day 8 your adventure continues as you journey toward Palmwag, where a pause at Palmwag Lodge offers the perfect moment to stretch your legs and soak in the scenery before heading deeper into the wild. From here, your route takes you into the remote Etendeka concession—a landscape where nature remains beautifully untouched. A scenic drive sets the tone for the day, bringing you ever closer to the raw beauty of the region. You'll then set out on foot for a guided hike into the wilderness, arriving at Etendeka River Camp. Nestled in a quiet valley, this camp provides a truly immersive night under the stars, surrounded by the rhythms and stillness of nature.

Day 9 promises one of the most memorable experiences of your journey: a full-day trek to the striking Crystal Mountain. Your path winds across wide, open plains where the silence is broken only by your footsteps and the sweep of the wind. With each ascent, the panorama opens further, revealing dramatic views that stretch across the rugged landscape. By late afternoon, you'll arrive at Hill Camp—an elevated hideaway offering sweeping vistas of the surrounding wilderness. As night falls, this is a perfect place to unwind, share stories, and gaze up at the brilliant Namibian night sky.

Day 10 begins with a gentle morning hike toward Etendeka Mountain Camp, allowing you to enjoy the early light and the quiet majesty of the terrain. Afterward, a scenic drive brings you back to Palmwag before you continue your journey to Outjo. Here, you'll settle in at either Munsterland Guestfarm or Sasa Safari Camp—both warm, welcoming bases after days spent in the rugged outdoors. If you still have some energy in reserve, you may choose to join a sundowner hike. It's a beautiful way to close the day, watching the landscape glow in golden hues as the sun dips below the horizon.



DAY 11-12 OKAPUKA RANCH

On day 11 your journey circles back to Windhoek today, where you'll catch your outbound flight from Hosea Kutako International Airport. If you've chosen to linger a little longer in Namibia, your adventure continues with an additional night at the peaceful Okapuka Ranch.

Settle into the tranquil surroundings and look forward to a refreshing morning safari the next day -an opportunity to spot rhinos, elegant giraffes, and a variety of antelope species in their natural habitat.

For guests enjoying the extended stay day 12 is your serene day at Okapuka Ranch. Take in the calm atmosphere, savour the last moments of wilderness, and head out for your final Namibian safari experience. In the late afternoon, a comfortable transfer will take you to the airport, where your night flight marks the gentle close of your unforgettable Namibian expedition.



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PART 1 KHOMAS HIGHLAND EXPERIENCE

- Day 1. Travel to Airport , Flight
- Day 2. Arrival Windhoek, Düsternbrook Guestfarm (1 h)
Afternoon Safari Drive optional
- Day 3. Day Hike Düsternbrook to Otjiseva Campsite
16 km level easy
- Day 4. Day Hike Otjiseva to Onduno Campsite , 9 km, uphill
- Day 5. Day Hike to Monte Christo Tree House, 16 km , moderate
- Day 6 Morning Hike back to Düsternbrook Guest Farm, 14 km
alongside the Otjiseva Riverbed, easy. After Lunch travel
to Outjo Base Camp or Sophienhof (3,5 h)



PART 2 WILDLIFE & ETENDEKA MOUNTAIN EXPERIENCE

- Day 7. Travel to Palmwag, Palmwag Lodge (3,5h)
Safari Game Drive in search for Elephant, Lion and
more at Palmwag.
- Day 8. Scenic Drive to Etendeka, Hike to first
Overnight Camp, 2-3 hours easy terrain over stony area
- Day 9. Full Day Hike to Chrystal Mountain, ca 17 km, 6-7 hours
moderate, Overnight Camp on Chrystal Mountain
- Day 10 Morning Hike to Etendeka Mountain
Camp, 2 hours, Scenic Drive to Palmwag,
Travel to Okahandja Country Lodge or Okapuka Lodge
- Day 11. Morning Hike on Okapuka Game Farm
Return Flight from Hosea Kutako Intl. Airport
- Day 12. Arrival in Italy



4-DAYS KHOMAS HIKING TRAIL

Join our passionate and experienced guides for an exhilarating journey through Namibia's breathtaking vast landscapes. Dive deep into the bushland savannah while finding your feet on rugged terrain. You conveniently walk with a daypack - bigger luggage will be transported to the Overnight Camp.

Discover a diverse array of adapted plants and animals that await your exploration. Our knowledgeable guides will share captivating stories and insights about this geologically rich and beautiful environment, igniting your adventurous spirit.

On day 1 and 2 you follow a trail passing dry riverbeds, shady Acacia trees, narrow gorges and rocky waterfalls. Refresh at a dam after climbing mountains with stunning endless views over the soft Highland hills. Track the footprints of native wildlife and identify unique flora and bird species. This walking exploration is more than just an adventure—it's a profound connection between human and nature. (16km, easy fitness level, 9 km moderate, mostly up and downhill over the Highland Mountains.



Day 3 offers the highest point on 2000m above sea level with best views all round of the whole trail and a breathtaking high waterfall with 5 secured wooden ladders to climb down. (16 km, moderate up and downhill)

Day 4 awaits you with a pleasant 14 km walk along the Otjiseva River with a number of river crossings back to the starting point at Düsternbrook.

Sleep Under the Stargazing Skies of Namibia in different Hiking Shelters!

Namibia boasts some of the darkest skies in the world, making it a prime destination for stargazing. Experience the thrill of sleeping under the vast Namibian sky in your rustic camps and listen to the sounds of nature at night!

At the shelters you will find flush toilets and cold water showers. Your well deserved Breakfast and Dinner will be prepared on gas burners and served under the stars.

One of the Highlights of this adventure will be sleeping on Monte Christ Tree House, built around and in a massive big Ana Tree, with double decked 5 star toilets, a lookout and braai area on the first floor, overlooking wildlife visiting a dam below.

