



NAMIBIA - THROUGH THE COUNTRY OF THE WIDE HORIZONS

itinerary specifically created for photographers - exploring some of the most impressive landscapes of the world: the red dunes of the Namib, the Etosha national park, the land of the San and Himba, the Skeleton Coast...

With the comfort of very special accommodation in handpicked Lodges

1st day WELCOME TO NAMIBIA

Arrival in the late morning and transfer to Na´ankuse Lodge, located in a private reserve at only 20 km from Windhoek airport. Optional participation in one of the activities of the reserve in the afternoon, as for example **meeting with a San group** in their traditional village, bush walk and introduction into a thousand years old culture. **Walk a cheetah or a caracal!** These wonderful, tame felines will allow you to accompany them during their excursions into the bush and to take breathtaking close up pictures. For those not participation in an excursion the reserve offers great opportunities of landscape and animal pictures just during the walks around the lodge.

During the evening presentation of the group members and dinner.
included meals: dinner (excursions are not included)

2nd day ERINDI private reserve for great animal pics!

Drive to Erindi near the Erongo mountains. It is home to more than **12 000 wild animals**, among them many endangered species. Erindi is a perfect example of how nature conservation and tourism can be combined and it matches perfect into our photographic tour giving us lots of wonderful occasions to take close up wildlife pictures. Optional tours include the "sundowner", **game drives** or the guided walks in the fascinating landscapes that take you, accompanied by an experienced San guide, to ancient rock paintings and give you an introduction into the nature, flora and fauna of Namibia.

included meals: breakfast and dinner (optional excursions are not included)

3rd and 4th day ETOSHA NP

Drive towards the Etosha National Park which will be reached in the afternoon. The peculiarity of the Etosha is its vast salt pan, a huge white plain forming the background for the most **stunning wildlife** pictures. Infact, among **professional wildlife photographers**, this is one of the most favourite safari spots.

Our travel period has been chosen with purpose: it's the end of the dry period, water can be found only in the waterholes and so chances are good for **fantastic animal sightings**. Among them the famous **white elephants and rhinos whos pictures one several times the "Wildlife photographer of the year"**! One of the most scenic waterholes is the one of our camp, Okaukuejo, where we observe animals during sunset and, who wants, even the whole night. We will stay here for the next two nights in the spacious chalets near the Waterhole. For **optimal light conditions** and sightings we get up very early and luckily we will meet groups of lions, elephants, giraffes and, of course, many antelopes. On these first two days in the Etosha Park we will explore the eastern part of the park.

included meals: breakfast. Lunch and dinner free.



5th day ETOSHA NP WESTERN PART

Safari in the Western part of the Etosha national park that only recently has been opened to the public. The landscape changes, becomes more hilly and the white background of the salt pan is replaced by the red soil and rocks of the Damaraland. This is the home to some different animals to those seen over the past days - here can be encountered, for example, the rare Hartmann-Zebra. Accommodation in the Dolomite Camp, a new Lodge inside of the National Park, beautifully set on a hilltop overlooking a scenic landscape.

included meals: breakfast. Lunch and dinner free.

6th day THE BREATHTAKING LANDSCAPES OF THE DAMARALAND

On the drive towards Kamanjab there is the occasion to visit a **Himba village** where the photogenic women will explain their live and showcase their particular jewellery and body decoration (optional stop). On the way to the next destination **breathtaking landscapes**, like the Grootberg-Pass, are crossed. In the afternoon the **Etendeka Mountain Camp** will be reach, a spectacular accommodation created in harmony with nature. It is situated in the land of the **desert elephants**. In this place, especially chosen for our photographic journey you will enjoy different activities to explore the environment - one of the most beautiful and wild landscapes of the country. You'll have the choice to join one of the hikes or the game drives. The sunsets should not to be missed and the location is also perfect for astrophotography.

included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner in Etendeka as well as all offered activities.



8th day SKELETON COAST - CAPE CROSS - SWAKOPMUND

Drive along the skeleton coast, so called because of the dozens of shipwrecks that grounded here over the centuries. Around midday we will reach Cape Cross to visit one of the **biggest seal reserves** of Southern Africa (the number varies but it can reach up to 250.000 animals). The cubs are born in november and we will have enough time to observe these animals and their little ones. We will reach Swakopmund in the late afternoon. Our accommodation is a **charming, organic guesthouse very close to the town centre**.

included meals: breakfast.

9th day SWAKOPMUND - OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Day for optional tours departing from Swakopmund. Among the numerous activities offered we particularly suggest the **"living desert"-tour**: it takes you in the dunes directly outside town, which seem, at first sight, completely uninhabited. Our guide will show you instead, in a very sympathetic way, how populated this habitat is. Find with him **geckos, lizards, spiders** and with luck also a viper or a chamaeleon.

That's the reason to carry a Macro-Lens with you! "The scenic flight" over the Namib-Desert, the Kuseb-Canyon and the skeleton-coast, about 40 minutes in a small aircraft. "Cruise in the Lagoon of Walvis Bay" where you can observe flamingos, dolphins, whales, cormorans and sometimes even penguins or sharks.

included meals: breakfast. Accommodation at the guesthouse.

10th day DRIVE THROUGH MOON LANDSCAPE TOWARDS THE GAMSBERG

Drive through the incredible **"moon landscape"** and the Kuseb Canyon at best light in the early morning towards the Gamsberg, famous for its observatory. Infact this night has been introduced for your astrophotography-fans. Hakos farm, where we will stay, offers **two private observatories** and guided professional tours about the night sky. Remember - Namibia is certificated dark sky reserve for its excellent possibilities to observe the night sky without any light pollution.

included meals: breakfast and dinner.





11th - 12th day TOWARDS THE ANCIENT NAMIB DESERT

Today we move to the Namib Desert and reach our accommodation the Namib Desert Lodge. Complementing the magnificence of a **red sand sea**, the Lodge lies at the foot of ancient fossilised dunes. Make some space for **wonder**. A sunset or early morning drive through the red dunes exploring the sand masterpiece is breath-taking. Atop the ridge as the sand begins to glow deep rich sienna, a view of utter beauty is illuminated in gold, extending from the soft dunes around you to the green ribbon of riverine trees in the distance and the purple-blue mountains. Tolkien would be taken aback - and inspired, I'm sure, by such fantastical scenery!

included meals: breakfast and dinner.

13th day SOSSUSVLEI

Very early departure for a whole day of the exploration of the **dune's landscape of Sossusvlei**: climb "Big Daddy" or "Dune 45", walk to the death vlei with the picturesque dead trees and much more. In the afternoon possibility for the exploration of the **Sesriem Canyon or the Elim Dune**.

included meals: breakfast and dinner. Accommodation at the Sossusvlei Lodge.

14th day NAMIB DESERT (OPTIONAL BALLOONING) - WINDHOEK

Don't miss the **ballooning over the Namib Desert** and the fantastic red dunes at sunrise - a unique photographic opportunity! (optional activity)

We continue our journey in late morning and reach Windhoek in the afternoon to catch the evening flights.



Price per person € 4.690,00

23rd November- 6th December 2019

single supplement € 380,00

small-group-supplement € 700,00 (4/5 people)

The prices have been calculated with an exchange rate of 1 NAD = 0,062 Euro

Included services: the trip will be accompanied by an expert travel photographer, private bus with English speaking driver-guide for all transfers as by the program. All entrance fees for national parks and other sites as by the program. Accommodation in lodges, hotels or guesthouses in en-suite dbl rooms. Meals as by the program.

not included: international flight, drinks, insurance. Optional tours and activities. Every meals and other thing not mentioned under "included services".

minimum of participants: 6 people/max. 12 people

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Subsequent to the present itinerary we offer an optional extension trip to Southern Namibia. There you will be visiting the **famous ghost town of Kolmanskop**, the wild and very beautiful landscapes of the **Tiras Mountains**, the impressive **Fishriver Canyon** and the **Kalahari desert** of Western Namibia. Also a walk in the beautiful quiver tree forest and the "giant's playground" should not be missed.

Being a personalized extension trip the rate depends on the number of joining guests and the duration.

