



CHARLY'S DESERT TOURS

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ROUNDRIP OF NAMIBIA ("The land of contrasts")

3 Weeks (21 Days / 20 Nights)

Best time to travel: April – Oktober

DAY ROUTE

- 1 – Windhoek Area
- 2 – Kalahari
- 3 – Kalahari
- 4 – Sossusvlei
- 5 – Sossusvlei
- 6 – Swakopmund
- 7 – Swakopmund
- 8 – Damaraland
- 9 – Damaraland
- 10 – Damaraland
- 11 – Etosha West
- 12 – Etosha West
- 13 – Etosha East
- 14 – Etosha East
- 15 – Tsumkwe
- 16 – Tsumkwe
- 17 – Okonjima
- 18 – Okonjima
- 19 – Okonjima
- 20 – Windhoek
- 21 – End of Safari/ Departure

HIGHLIGHTS OF TOUR

Kalahari Environment, Landscapes
Sossusvlei, Sesriem, Dunes
Swakopmund and environment
Damaraland, Twyfelfontein, Petrified Forest, Ugab Terraces
Etosha National Park, Wildlife and birds
Bushmanland, Bushmen
Big Cats, Savannanahs
Windhoek

KILOMETER:

WDH Airport – Windhoek Area = ca. 90 km
Windhoek – Kalahari = ca. 350 km/
Kalahari – Sossusvlei = ca. 350 km (via Mariental, Maltahöhe & Tsaris Pass)
Sossusvlei – Swakopmund = ca. 365 km
Swakopmund – Damaraland = ca. 335 km (via Henties Bay & Uis)
Damaraland – Etosha West = ca. 345 km (via Petrified Forest, Khorixas, Outjo)
Etosha West – Etosha East = ca. 145 km
Etosha East – Tsumkwe = ca. 440 km
Tsumkwe – Okonjima = ca. 535 km
Okonjima – Windhoek = ca. 240 km
Windhoek – WDH Airport = ca. 40 km

ACCOMMODATION:

Windhoek Umgebung
Auas Game Lodge
Alternative: Olive Grove Guesthouse
Kalahari
Anib Kalahari Lodge
Alternative: Bitterwasser Lodge
Sossusvlei
Desert Homestead
Alternative: Hammerstein Lodge
Swakopmund
Rapmund Hotel Pension
Alternative: The Stiltz
Damaraland (1)
Xaragu Camp

Alternative: Aabadi Mountain Camp
Damaraland (2)
Vingerklip Lodge
Alternative: Ugab Terrace Lodge
Etosha West
Okaukuejo Rest Camp
Alternative: Etosha Safari Camp
Etosha East
Etosha Aoba Lodge
Alternative: Onguma Bush Camp
Tsumkwe
Tsumkwe Country Lodge
Alternative: Nyae Nyae Safari Camp
Okonjima
Okonjima Main Camp
Alternative: Mount Etjo Safari Lodge
Windhoek
Hotel Thule
Alternative: Olive Grove Guesthouse

ITINERARY:

Day 1)

Arrive at the International Airport, Hosea Kutako at Windhoek.
Meet and Greet by a Charly's Desert Tours Representative or your Tour Guide.
First overnight stop is in Windhoek
Overnight at the Olive Grove Guesthouse (Alternative: Hotel Thule)
After check-in at the guesthouse/ lodge, the rest of day is spent at leisure.
If you are staying in Windhoek: Visit the capital of Windhoek, museums, shops and places of interest.
Dinner can be booked at the Gourmet Restaurant; alternatively you can have dinner at the guesthouse/ hotel.
If you are staying at the lodge: Take part in the optional activities offered from the lodge.
DBB – Auas Game Lodge
Dinner, Bed & Breakfast – included
Dinner at the lodge (Dinner in Windhoek is not included)
Lunch – at own costs
Optional activities – at own costs

Auas Game Lodge
Location: The 10.000 ha large Auas Game Lodge is located 45 kilometers from Windhoek and ± 55 kilometer from the International Airport, in the Auas Mountains.
Accommodation: The lodge offers 16 comfortable double rooms, each having its own en-suite bathroom and Television. Each room has its own
Facilities: Restaurant and swimming pool.
Activities: Experience wildlife either by hiking, Mountain-Bike trails or game drives

Alternative:
Olive Grove Guesthouse
Location: Olive Grove is a small, up market establishment situated close to the Windhoek city centre in a quiet, peaceful area. The friendly and efficient staff is always on hand to ensure that the visitors' stay is a comfortable and enjoyable one.
Accommodation: There are 10 en-suite rooms and 1 executive suite. Whilst each room caters for the every need or the most discerning traveler, the emphasis remains one of simplicity and elegance. After all, luxury should be subtle.
Facilities: One of Olive Grove's main features is the large verandah in front of every room, with table and chairs for al fresco dining. The open-air lounge, spa bath, plunge pool and tranquil garden all invite the visitor to unwind and relax under Namibia's open skies. The inside lounge is tastefully decorated, with comfortable chairs and a fireplace in front of which to relax. The stunning open plan kitchen creates a homely feel while providing tasty meals.

Day 2)

Today your journey takes you to the Kalahari in southwestern part of Namibia to the area of Mariental.
En-route you can visit the museum in Rehoboth or the Hardap Dam near Mariental
Overnight in the Kalahari Anib Lodge (Alternative: Bitterwasser Lodge)
FB (Full Board) – Anib Kalahari Lodge
Bed, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner – included
Optional activities – included
Guided Safari: Entrance fees (Rehoboth Museum & Hardap Dam Resort) – included
Self-Drive Safari: Entrance fees (Rehoboth Museum & Hardap Dam Resort) – at own costs

Anib Kalahari Lodge
Location: In the midst of the red dunes of the Kalahari in eastern Namibia, Kalahari Anib Lodge rises like a lush green oasis.
Accommodation: The chalets are arranged around a shaded courtyard with a large swimming pool. For larger groups 36 rooms in the courtyard are offered and for individual travelers 19 rooms which are located off-side offer a panoramic view over the steppe. Then there are 3 exclusive camping sites each with its own shower and toilet for the nature lover.
Facilities: Meals from the excellent kitchen are served in the dining area or on the terrace. Enjoy a long drink after a fulfilling day near the fireplace or enjoy a refreshing swim in the pool.
Activities: Nature drives through the Gondwana Kalahari Park, Hiking Trials either guided or self-guided, and day trips to Stampriet or the Hardap dam.

Alternative:
Bitterwasser Lodge
Location: Like a green island at the edge of the Kalahari Desert the Bitterwasser Lodge is ideal located to explore the region

and undertake various forms of trips.

Accommodation: 22 air-conditioned thatched bungalows, carefully designed in the African ambience and style offer a place of rest and relaxation.

Facilities: Restaurant, Swimmingpool and terrace and good service

Activities: For example: Flights with gliders and motorized gliders; Round trips with Ultra-light and motor planes, Biking trails; Walks; Game drives; Spectacular sundowner walks or drives

Day 3)

Day at own leisure. Take part in the activities offered from the lodge, for example: Scenic Drives in the morning or sundowner drives in the afternoon, hiking trails or day trips.

Overnight at Kalahari Anib Lodge (Alternative: Bitterwasser Lodge)

FB (Full Board) – Anib Kalahari Lodge

Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner – included

Optional Activities – at own costs

Mariental

Mariental is the administrative capital of the Hardap Region in southern Namibia, which stretches from the coast to Botswana Standing on the edge of the [HYPERLINK "http://www.namibian.org/travel/namibia/kalahari.htm"](http://www.namibian.org/travel/namibia/kalahari.htm) Kalahari Desert, in an area which has long been a centre for the [HYPERLINK "http://www.namibian.org/travel/namibia/population/nama.htm"](http://www.namibian.org/travel/namibia/population/nama.htm) Nama people. Unfortunately for the town as yet it has failed to make the mark as a tourist attraction, although the nearby [HYPERLINK "http://www.namibian.org/travel/lodging/hardap.htm"](http://www.namibian.org/travel/lodging/hardap.htm) Hardap Dam does attract a few tourists. Mariental's name originated from the area's first colonial settler, Herman Brandt, who named it Marie's Valley, after his wife. As this area of Namibia receives very little rain traditional farming techniques are being abandoned and farming is moving towards game animals. Mariental is also the centre of Namibia's ostrich farming industry as these birds cope well with the arid conditions. An ostrich abattoir has been established in Mariental to process this popular the meat for export around the world.

Hardap Dam Resort

This resort is situated at the Hardap Dam, Namibia's biggest dam. The Hardap Dam is close to [HYPERLINK "http://www.namibian.org/travel/namibia/mariental.html"](http://www.namibian.org/travel/namibia/mariental.html) Mariental in southern Namibia and is surrounded by a game park which is home to several antelope species, zebra and birds. As there are no dangerous predators you can walk freely around the park, there is a 15km hiking trail, which can be shortened to a 9km loop. Probably the most prominent (and only redeeming) feature of Hardap is the location of its restaurant, which juts out from a rocky outcrop above the dam. From the veranda overlooking the water you can see the dassies (rock rabbits) play, while you wait for service. Service include a restaurant overlooking the dam, shop, swimming pool, aquarium, fresh water fishing farm, conference facilities, game drive, canoeing, fishing and walking trail.

Day 4)

Today's journey takes you the Namib Desert, near the area of Sesriem and Sossusvlei.

You will be driving thorough an ever-changing landscape with savannas and mountains, via Mariental, the Tsaris Pass and desert to your next destination.

Spend the rest of the day at own leisure; optional taking part in the activities offered from the lodge.

Overnight at the Desert Homestead (Alternative: Hammerstein Lodge)

DBB – Desert Homestead

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast – included

Lunch (Picnic) en-route – included

Optional activities – at own costs

Desert Homestead

Location: The Desert Homestead lies three kilometres northwest of the C19 and D854 roads junction, approx. 32km south-east of Sesriem. The wide grassy valley is sheltered by the Nubib, Tsaris and Naukluft mountains with a view reaching the distant dunes of the Namib Desert in the west.

Accommodation: Desert Homestead offers 20 thatched, en-suite chalets, all luxuriously decorated in pale linens and dark wood riempie furniture. Each unit has its own verandah under a latte canopy with Northern views extending to the Rotterkaum Mountains... the ideal retreat after a busy day in the dunes.

Facilities: Verandah where meals are served, cozy lounge, satellite television in separate room, internet facilities and curio shop.

Activities: Sundowner nature drives, and horse riding with different horse-back trips on offer.

Alternative:

Hammerstein Lodge

Location: Hammerstein Lodge is located ca. 60 km from the Sesriem Gate, the entrance to the Namib Naukluft Park.

Accommodation: Accommodation consists of bungalows, some established to accommodate Self-caterers or to be booked on full board basis. Camping sites are also available.

Facilities: Restaurant, Bar and Swimmingpool

Activities: Here you can experience wild cats. Hammerstein has a Leopard, Cheetahs and Caracals.

Day 5)

Today you can undertake a full day visit to Sossusvlei, the dunes and vleis and the Sesriem canyon.

Picnic lunch in the dunes.

In the afternoon you have the option in taking part in other activities offered from the lodge.

Overnight at Desert Homestead (Alternative: Hammerstein Lodge)

DBB – Desert Homestead

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast – included

Lunch (Picnic) en-route – included

Optional activities – at own costs

Guided Safari – Entrance fees (Sesriem/ Sossusvlei) – included

Self-Drive Safari – Entrance fees (Sesriem/ Sossusvlei) – at own costs

Sossusvlei

The Sossusvlei, Namibia's famous highlight in the heart of the Namib Desert, is a huge clay pan, enclosed by giant sand dunes. Some of the spectacular hills of sand are, at a height of 300 metres, the highest in the world. Only after a heavy rainfall, which is a rare event in this area, does the vlei fill with water. As the clay layers hardly allow any water infiltration, a turquoise lake will remain for quite some time. The dunes of the Namib Desert have developed over a period of many millions of years. It is thought that the vast quantities of sand were deposited into the Atlantic Ocean by the Orange River.

This material was subsequently moved northwards by the Benguela current to be dumped back onto the land by the surf. The coastal dunes developed as a result of this and were shifted further and further inland by the wind. Wind continuously reshapes the patterns of the huge dunes of the Namib Desert. It timelessly forces the grains of sand on the flat windward slope upwards to the crest of the dune. Here they fall down in the wind shade. The leeward slope is therefore always considerably steeper than the windward side.

Day 6)

Optional: Before departing to Swakopmund, take part in an early morning Hot-Air Balloon Flight.

Today's journey takes you to Swakopmund. You drive via the Gaub and Kuiseb Pass, and Walvis Bay along the coast to the town of Swakopmund.

Here you will overnight at Hotel Pension Rapmund (Alternative: The Stiltz)

In the evening you have the option to dine in one of the local restaurants.

BB – Rapmund Hotel Pension

Bed and Breakfast – included

Lunch (picnic) en-route – included

Dinner – at own costs

Rapmund Hotel Pension

Location: The pension is three minutes away from the centre of town and from the beach, the museum, library, heated indoor swimming pool and aquarium.

Accommodation: All 25 Rooms have their own bathrooms and heating facilities.

Facilities: A breakfast room, small garden with a view over the Promenade and ocean.

Alternative:

The Stiltz

Location: This new accommodation establishment is unique in every aspect and offers the most spectacular views in Swakopmund overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, the Swakop river-bed, the sand dunes and the bird rich lagoon at the river mouth.

Accommodation: The architecture of these wooden bungalows built on stilts each private has been attended to in the finest detail and is interlinked by wooden walk-ways. Each Bungalow has its own balcony which offers spectacular views of the dunes, the lagoon and the sea.

Facilities: A breakfast room, reception and little library.

Day 7)

Day in own leisure.

There is a lot to do in and around Swakopmund.

Optional: Take part in a Namib Desert Tour or a Combo of Ocean and Desert.

Overnight at Hotel Pension Rapmund (Alternative: The Stiltz)

BB – Rapmund Hotel Pension

Bed and Breakfast – included

Lunch (Picnic) – included

Dinner – at own costs

Namib Desert Tour

At 9h00 a.m. in the morning, your guide will collect you from your hotel with a 4x4 vehicle. Your first destination on tour is the old steam locomotive, the "Martin Luther", where you will be informed of past histories of the Namib and Swakopmund. As you pass Nonidas and other small holdings in the arid Swakop riverbed, your guide will lead you through interesting canyons to expose you to spectacular rock formations and minerals. He will also introduce you to some interesting plant life, for example the Welwitschia mirabilis, the edible Narafruit, the "Living Stones" and the Quiver tree, just to mention a few. With a bit of luck, you will be able to spot the "Klipspringer" which has adapted remarkably to its harsh environment. Your next destination is Goanikontes - a desert oasis which served as a police station during colonial times. Towards the direction of the dunes, you'll head to the lookout point at the moonlandscape with its breathtaking view before you reach the Swakop dunes which will leave you awestruck as you marvel at the beauty of textures and tones before you. Once you head back to Swakopmund, with the simplicity and beauty of the Namib etched in your mind, your guide will bid you farewell back to your starting point.

Dolphin & Desert

Experience the beauty of the Atlantic Ocean and the Namib Desert in one day. At 08h15 you will be collected at your hotel accommodation in Swakopmund. Depart to Walvis Bay where you will check onto one of the boats from which your tour on the ocean starts. (Your Ski-boat departs from either Swakopmund or Walvis Bay) You will proceed to Pelican Point where a large colony of Cape Fur Seals has established themselves. This offers you the advantage of viewing seals while you are the centre of attraction for them as well. Experience the thrill of feeding a few seals that will join you on the boat as well. Best of all, you will be highly exhilarated to see dolphin riding the bow of your boat. Relax and enjoy a complimentary glass of champagne with fresh oysters and snacks. After returning to land, you will embark on your next journey into the Namib Desert. Visit the sand dunes, the moonlandscape and a some interesting plant life, for example the Welwitschia mirabilis, the edible Narafruit, the "Living Stones" and the Quiver tree, just to mention a few. With a bit of luck, you will be able to spot the "Klipspringer" which has adapted remarkably to its harsh environment. Your last destination on tour is the old steam locomotive, the "Martin Luther", where you will be informed of past histories of the Namib and Swakopmund. Once you head back to Swakopmund, with the simplicity and beauty of the Namib etched in your mind, your guide will bid you farewell back to your starting point.

Swakopmund

Swakopmund was of major importance as a harbour during the German colonial era even though the water at the coast is actually too shallow and the bay is unprotected. But Lüderitz was too far away and the seaport of Walvis Bay was in British possession in those days. The appearance of the town, with its 30 000 + inhabitants, is characterized by numerous colonial buildings with the Woermann House from 1905 as its landmark. The former trading house in Bismarck Street with its 25 meter high Damara Tower and its courtyard bordered by arcades today houses the city library, an art gallery and the office of the Namibia Wildlife Resorts. Swakopmund is a popular seaside resort with a slightly nostalgic atmosphere, many tourist attractions and a pleasant climate in summer. Especially around Christmas the town is full of people from Windhoek and accommodation

is extremely hard to find. Driving along the stunning dune-lined coastline is particularly attractive, whether you go south to Walvis Bay (30 km) or to the National West Coast Recreation Area in the north. The road (slippery when there is fog) goes right along the beach and leads to the Ugab river mouth and further to the fishermen's resort of Henties Bay and Cape Cross on the way. North of the Ugab, the Skeleton Coast National Park starts, for which a permit is required.

Day 8)

Today your journey takes you into Damaraland to the Twyfelfontein area.

Optional: As a detour visit Cape Cross, a seal reserve, about 120 km north of Henties Bay.

Ihr heutiger Tagesablauf der Reise, führt Sie in das Damaraland zur Umgebung von Twyfelfontein.

En-route you will pass the Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain, near Uis.

DBB – Xaragu Camp

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast – included

Lunch – en-route – at own costs

Optional activities – at own costs

Guided Safari: Entrance fees (Cape Cross Reserve) – included

Self-Drive Safari: Entrance fees (Cape Cross Reserve) – at own costs

Xaragu Camp

Location: Camp Xaragu lies 2 km from the main road C39 Khorixas - Torra Bay, hidden in a small valley where beautiful landscape and rest will find you a place.

Accommodation: 10 large camping sites all have their own barbeque (Braai) and enough shade where you can park your vehicle. En-suite chalets for self catering or booked on different meal basis.

Facilities: At the main building where light meals are also served, a bar is available, a small shop, where all the basic necessities are available, like firewood, etc. As well as a small souvenir corner. A swimming pool and a small fish pond.

Activities: Camp Xaragu offers full day guided trips to the Brandberg, guided hiking trails, guided nature drives – either half day or full day, guided trips to Twyfelfontein/ Burnt Mountain/ Organ Pipes and a "Sunset Drive".

Alternative:

Aabadi Mountain Camp

Location: Aabadi Mountain Camp is located only 20 km from Twyfelfontein and about 325 km from the famous Etosha National Park. A good stop-over between the coast and Etosha or en-route to Kaokoveld.

Accommodation: 10 Double Safari tents en-suite, camping sites and a separate camping site for larger groups.

Facilities: Restaurant, Terrace as well as a Sundowner terrace offers you a view over the landscape. A small shop is also available.

Activities: Safari Hiking trails, Picnic „in the bush“, Photography, walking trails and a nature safari.

En-route:

Cape Cross

The main attraction for tourists at Cape Cross is the seal colony and an interesting history of this place. The first European landed on Namibian soil was Portuguese explorer Diego Cao (1486) who erected the first stone cross in honour of King Johannes of Portugal. It was the tradition of the Portuguese to build a cross where ever they landed. These crosses had various functions: symbol of Christianity, documentation of the rights of possession and landmark for passing ships. Approximately over 100 000 seals have made this place their home.

Brandberg

The Brandberg with its highest peak Königstein (2606 m above sea level) is the highest mountain in Namibia and a National Monument. The geological history of Brandberg is just as interesting as the thousands of rock art paintings and engravings on the mountain and its surroundings. The Brandberg itself is not a volcano but is a granite plug which was pressed out of the volcano's pipe and stopped at about 10 000 meters under the surface. That is why the granite of the Brandberg is younger than the Dolorite which lies around the Brandberg. The Brandberg is an isolated massif reaching 2,606 meters (8,550 feet) which rises much higher than any other feature for hundreds of kilometers around. It is composed of a single mass of granite that rose through the Earth's crust some 120 million years ago. The Brandberg is better known for its rock paintings and carvings, of which the "White lady" is the best known. This painting, located in the Tsisab Ravine, is about 2000 years old and can be reached after about 1.5 hours walk. The visit to the painting is best to be done early in the morning or late afternoon to avoid extreme heat of the midday. The "White Lady" was presumably painted by San people.

Day 9)

Today you have the opportunity to visit the Twyfelfontein engravings, as well as the Burnt mountain and organ pipes.

The rest of the day is spent at leisure.

Overnight a Camp Xaragu (Alternative: Aabadi Mountain Camp)

FB – (Full Board) – Xaragu Camp

Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner – included

Guided Safari: Entrance fees (Twyfelfontein area) – included

Self-Drive Safari: Entrance Fees (Twyfelfontein area) – at own costs

Optional activities – at own costs

Twyfelfontein

This rock art site can be reached taking the following roads: C39 from Khorixas, turn left on the road 3254 and right on 3214. There are signs along the route. The name means "Doubtful fountain" as was given by local farmer who was in doubts that a spring which existed in the area can support cattle for a long enough time. Recommended time for a visit is early morning or late afternoon on account of high temperatures and the fact that engravings are not easy visible under direct sunlight. Twyfelfontein is the largest known concentration of Stone Age petroglyphs in our country. Although the area was declared a national monument in 1952 some engravings were damaged and even removed. There are approximately 2 500 engravings around Twyfelfontein. The age of engravings has not been determined precisely but there is evidence that area was occupied as early as 6 000 years ago.

„Organ Pipes“

Returning on the road 3254 site of Organ Pipes can be reached in about 3 kilometres on. This mass of perpendicular dolerite pillars is located down the river bed. Formed by the intrusion of volcanic rock dolerite about 120 million years ago.

Day 10)

Today you drive further to the area of the Ugab terraces and Vingerklip.

Overnight at the Vingerklip Lodge (Alternative: Ugab Terrace Lodge)

En-route you have the opportunity to visit the Petrified Forest.

In the afternoon you can take part in optional activities offered from the lodge.

DBB – Vingerklip Lodge

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast – included

Lunch – at own costs

Optional activities – at own costs

Guided Safari: Entrance fees (Petrified Forest) – included

Self-Drive Safari: Entrance Fees (Petrified Forest) – at own costs

Vingerklip Lodge

Location: The Vingerklip Lodge is a piece of paradise, nestled in the ancient landscape known as the Ugab Terraces. Vingerklip Lodge is ideally located en-route from Swakopmund to Etosha or vice versa. The 35m high Vingerklip rises as a single pillar above the surrounding landscape blending into the terraces in the horizon.

Accommodation: 11 thatched double bungalows all with en-suite bathroom, WC, balcony and air-condition. 5 rooms are equipped for families with loft accommodation for children.

Facilities: Enjoy the breathtaking view from the thatched verandah, enjoy a sundowner or just simply relax at the swimming pool. The restaurant offers delicious meals, gourmet cuisine, as well as a fine collection of different wines.

Activities: Short to longer hiking trails are on offer. Day trips can also be done – to be booked at the lodge.

Alternative:

Ugab Terrace Lodge

Location: Ugab Terrace Lodge is located on top a hill overlooking the valley of the Ugab Terraces and the surrounding landscape.

Accommodation: 10 furnished bungalows each with their own showers and veranda. Here you can escape from the huzz and buzz of daily life and be part of the surrounding silence and peace.

Facilities: Meals are taken in at the restaurant. Most of the food is produced locally at the lodge, such as fresh vegetables and herbs. Enjoy a sundowner in the lounge or at the bar. Cool-off on a hot summer's day in the pool.

Activities: Mountain-Biking, horse riding and hiking.

En-route:

Petrified Forest

The turn off to the site of Petrified Forest is signposted 42 kilometres from Khorixas on the road C39. Please note that a sign is in Afrikaans. The site was declared a national monument in 1950 but suffered the same damaging attacks of souvenir hunters. Now it is strictly prohibited to remove or damage even small pieces of petrified wood! The trees are about 250 million years old and were deposited in the area by the flood which came down from areas further north. The fact that trunks do not have any branches or roots suggest that these trees grew somewhere else and were carried to its present location by rivers or floods. The trunks were deposited in silica rich environment and were excluded from contact with oxygen which prevented decay. During the course of time molecules of silica penetrated the wood and replaced wood molecules. At present around 50 trunks can be seen on the site with the longest being more that 30 meters long

Ugab Terraces and the Fingerklip

Driving along the C39 from Khorixas to Outjo, you should make the effort to stop off at certain special nature sights. 45 kilometres behind Khorixas, you turn right on to Pad D2743 to the sign-posted Fingerklip. The peculiarly shaped 35 meter high rock lies on the farm Bertram. The rock was only climbed for the first time in 1970. Since then, many people have been up there and even in 1973, a freeclimber. One can walk up to the foot of the rock and enjoy the spectacular view over the Ugab River's wide valley with its perfectly smooth table mountains; a dramatic scene that strongly resembles Monument Valley in Arizona.

Day 11)

Today your journey goes to the Etosha National Park.

Overnight at the western part of the park at Okaukuejo Camp in the park

(Alternative: Etosha Safari Camp – outside the park)

After checking in at Okaukuejo you have the opportunity to take a rest at the nearby waterhole for some game-viewing.

Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

BB – Okaukuejo Camp

Bed & Breakfast – included

Lunch & Dinner – at own costs

Guided Safari: Entrance Fees (Etosha National Park) – included

Self-Drive Safari: Entrance Fees (Etosha National Park) – at own costs

Optional activities – at own costs

Okaukuejo Resort Camp

Location: Okaukuejo is located 17km from the southern entrance, Andersson Gate, of the Etosha National Park. It is famous for its night-lit waterhole.

Accommodation: The accommodation which is offered caters for every ones budget. From Double rooms, Bush Chalets, waterhole Chalets, Family Chalets each have coffee/ tea making facilities and Minibar. A Camping Site for the adventurous is also available.

Facilities: Restaurant, small Souvenir shop, swimming pool as well as a shop and fuel station.

Activities: Namibia Wildlife Resorts, including Okaukuejo, offer guided game drives into the park. They can be booked directly at the camp for in the morning, afternoon or at night.

Alternative:

Etosha Safari Camp

Location: Etosha Safari Camp is located 10 km south of the Andersson Gate, outside the Etosha National Park.

Accommodation: 25 Chalets all equipped with mosquito nets, own bathroom and small veranda

Facilities: Restaurant, Bar and Swimmingpool

Activities: Hiking trails in the camp as well guided game drives into the Etosha National Park

Day 12)

The day offers you either relaxing in the sun at the pool, or going on game drives either guided or by yourself throughout the western part of the park.

Enjoy game-viewing and birdwatching at the different waterholes.

BB – Okaukuejo Camp

Bed and Breakfast – included

Lunch & Dinner – at own costs

Guided Safari: Entrance fees (Etosha National Park) – included

Self-Drive Safari: Entrance Fees (Etosha national Park) – at own costs

Optional activities – at own costs

Etosha National Park

The Etosha National Park is one of the very well known parks in the world. Translated as the "Place of Mirages", "Land of Dry Water" or the "Great White Place", Etosha is an apparently endless pan of silvery-white sand, upon which dust devils play and mirages blur the horizon. As a game park, it excels during the dry season when huge herds of animals can be seen amidst some of the most startling and photogenic scenery in Africa. A visit to the Etosha National Park is one of the highlights of travelling Namibia.

Etosha, which was declared a game reserve by the German colonial administration back in 1907, covers an area of more than 22 000 sqkms. In its centre lies a vast saltpan surrounded by grass and thorn savannah, Mopane bushland in the west and dry forest in the north-east. About two million years ago, this area was an enormous lake, fed by the Kunene River. However the lake slowly dried up because over time, the river changed its course. The Etosha National Park has a good infrastructure. Well-maintained gravel roads lead to the waterholes, where game viewing is at its best. In the three restcamps Okaukuejo, Halali and Namutoni, restaurants, stores and swimming pools are available as well as fuel. The main entrance to the park is called the "Andersson Gate" at Okaukuejo in the south, where the park administration is also situated. The "Von Lindequist Gate" lies in the east near Namutoni. A new gate, the "Nehale Iya Mpingana Gate" (King Nehale Gate) was opened at the beginning of 2003 in the north-east.

Day 13)

Today you drive to the other side of the park, via the park.

En-route you can visit the different waterholes for game viewing and birdwatching

For lunch you have the opportunity to stop at either Halali or Namutoni and book a table at the camps restaurant.

Overnight at Etosha Aoba Lodge (Alternative: Onguma Bush Camp)

DBB – Etosha Aoba Lodge

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast – included

Lunch – at own costs

Guided Safari: Entrance fees (Etosha National Park) – included

Self-Drive Safari: Entrance Fees (Etosha national Park) – at own costs

Optional activities – at own costs

Etosha Aoba Lodge

Location: Etosha Aoba Lodge lies in a 36000 ha large, private game reserve, bordering the Etosha National Park. It is like an oasis in the middle of the wilderness, if you are searching for nature and rest.

Accommodation: 10 thatched bungalows in African style offer comfortable accommodation. All bungalows have their own terrace and are equipped with a mosquito netting, shower/ bathroom, fan as well as tea/ coffee making facilities.

Facilities: Lapa, Restaurant, Swimmingpool

Activities: From sundowner drives to game-viewing and birdwatching, photography, guided nature trails and guided game drives in to the Etosha national Park are offered from the lodge.

Alternative:

Onguma Bush Camp

Location: Onguma Game Ranch borders on the eastern side of the Etosha National Park. It is located approximately 9 km from the Von Lindequist Gate to Namutoni. A short drive along the eastern side of the parks fence until one reaches the camp.

Accommodation: 3 air-conditioned rooms, 3 en-suite bungalows and 1 family room are offered.

Facilities: Meals are served at the deck or enjoy an evening next to a bonfire. Swimmingpool.

Activities: A lot of animals are at home here. Game-viewing, birdwatching, guided game drives to the Etosha National park, and guided walking trails.

Day 14)

Day spent at own leisure.

Take part in the activities offered from the lodge or explore the eastern part of the Etosha National Park.

Overnight at Etosha Aoba Lodge (Alternative: Onguma Bush Camp)

DBB – Etosha Aoba Lodge

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast – included

Lunch – at own costs

Guided Safari: Entrance fees (Etosha National Park) – included

Self-Drive Safari: Entrance Fees (Etosha national Park) – at own costs

Optional activities – at own costs

Day 15)

Today's journey will be a long drive to Tsumkwe in bushmanland.

After breakfast you depart via Tsumeb and Grootfontein. En-route you have the opportunity to visit the Otjikoto Lake and the Tsumeb Museum.

If time allows it you can also visit the Hoba Meteorite near Grootfontein.

Overnight at the Tsumkwe Country Lodge (Alternative: Nyae Nyae Safari Camp)

DBB – Tsumkwe Country Lodge

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast – included

Lunch en-route – at own costs

Dinner at the lodge

Optional Activities – at own costs

Entrance fees to places of interest – at own costs

Tsumkwe Country Lodge

Location: The Lodge is located in Tsumkwe in Bushmanland, the north eastern part of the country.

Accommodation: 3 Double rooms of which 2 have a double bed and the other with a double bed and single bed. The rooms don't have any air-conditioning as well as no electricity.

Facilities: There are no fuel stations in Tsumkwe, so it is advisable to take additional fuel with you in a separate tank.

Activities: Cultural experience activities can either be done on a half day or full day basis at the Ju/'hoansi Village, Full day trips to the Nyae Nyae Pan, Holboom (Giant Baobab Tree) and Ju/'hoansi Village, Full day activity including a „Bush Walk“ and „Cultural Experience“ bei der Ju/'hoansi Village.

Alternative:

Nyae Nyae Safari Camp

(At this stage we cannot provide any further detailed information as it has not been published yet. Below is a description of what you can expect in the near future.)

Tsumkwe Country Lodge & Nyae Nyae Safari Camps in Tsumkwe, Bushmanland. Tsumkwe Country Lodge has been taken over beginning 2008 and can be booked already. Building of the Nyae Nyae Safari Camps will commence in 2008 and we envisage the following for our guests: Arrive at base camp in Tsumkwe and depart by custom built Landrover Safari vehicle on a two day minimum stay safari through one of the last remaining real wilderness areas of Namibia. Day one will take you through the game rich Southern part of the conservancy, whilst day two will be spent through interaction with the Bushmen. Walk with the Bushmen and observe gathering and preparation of traditional foodstuffs, traditional hunting methods, dances, handicraft, religions and healing. Accommodation will be provided in two luxury-tented Bush-camps with dinner prepared on the campfire and only the canvas of your tent between you and nature.

Otjikoto See

25 kilometres north-west of Tsumeb lies the Otjikoto Lake, around which many a story and myth is woven. The lake has a diameter of only 100 metres and is - together with Lake Guinas in the vicinity - the only natural lake in Namibia. At 120 metres, the Otjikoto Lake is extremely deep and is actually a collapsed cave. The indigenous Ovambo believe that nobody can get out of the lake alive. In fact, a man drowned in the Otjikoto Lake in 1927 and his body was never found. In July 1915 the German Schutztruppe threw their last canons and guns into the lake before surrendering to the South African troops. Some of these arms were recovered from the lake towards the end of the 80s and today, have been meticulously restored and can be seen in the Tsumeb Museum.

Tsumeb Museum

The museum lies in Main Street. It is a must for all those interested in geology or history. It informs extensively about the mining industry in Tsumeb and the town's history. The museum also organizes tours of the mine. Opening hours: Mondays – Fridays: 09h00-12h00 & 15h00-18h00 Saturdays: 15h00-18h00

Hoba Meteorite

Grootfontein has something very special on offer: On the farm "Hoba", 24 kilometres from town, lies one of the largest meteorites ever found. It is 3 meters long and one meter wide, weighs 50 tons, has a volume of 9 cubic meters and hit the ground here some 80 000 years ago. The meteorite in Hoba consists of 82% iron, 16% Nickel, 1% Cobalt and various trace elements.

Day 16)

Optional: Today you can take part in the one of the many activities offered.

Learn more about the cultural ways in which the Bushmen live.

Overnight at the Tsumkwe Lodge (Alternative: Nyae Nyae Safari Camp)

DBB – Tsumkwe Country Lodge

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast – included

Lunch en-route – at own costs

Dinner at the lodge

Optional Activities – at own costs

Bushmen

The San (Bushmen) are the oldest ethnic group in Namibia having inhabited Southern Africa for an estimated 20.000 years. The South African "homeland" policy forced them to settle in remote "Bushmanland", a desert-like area between Khaudom Park and Omaheke. It can be accessed on the C44, which turns off the B8 north of Grootfontein and leads 250 km to Tsumkwe, the former district capital of Bushmanland. Every now and then, narrow sandy paths turn off the road and lead into the bush. Following them one gets to spread-out Bushmen settlements. The friendly people still live a traditional life as hunters and gatherers. Whereas the women collect wild fruits, berries and wild onions rich in starch, the men pursue hunting. The San have a deep understanding of nature and ecology. They are able to identify hundreds of plant species and are known to be excellent animal trackers. An estimated 30.000 Bushmen live in Namibia, but only 2.000 of them still follow a traditional way of life.

Day 17)

After breakfast you embark on your next drive further to the area of Otjiwarongo and Waterberg.

En-route you can take a break, in Otjiwarongo; optional here you can visit the Crocodile ranch if time allows it.

Thereafter depart further to Okonjima where you will spend the next 3 nights.

Overnight at Okonjima Main Camp (Alternative: Mount Etjo Safari Lodge)

DBB – Okonjima Main Camp

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast – included

Lunch en-route – at own costs

Dinner at the lodge

Optional Activities – at own costs

Okonjima

Location: Okonjima lies ca. 40 km south of Otjiwarongo.

Accommodation: Different camps with different price category are offered. There is the Main Camp, Bush Camp, Bush Suite and the Villa. A campsite is also available.

Facilities: Each camp has its own facilities to offer ranging from a restaurant, dining room, terrace and swimmingpool.

Activities: Home of the AfriCat, Okonjima has a lot to offer involving the big cats. Activities range from cheetah/ leopard tracking, to bush walks, a visit to the AfriCat Foundation Project
Unfortunately no children under the age of 12 years are allowed.

Alternative:

Mount Etjo Safari Lodge

Location: Mount Etjo Safari Lodge is located 225km from Windhoek in the Okongwati Wilderness Reserve.

Accommodation: 15 luxury rooms all decorated in African ambiance are furnished with 2 double beds, en-suite bathroom and a Jacuzzi. Camping sites are also available, each with own shower and toilet as well as a lapa.

Facilities: Restaurant, Swimmingpool, Boma

Activities: Located in a beautiful landscape, here you can experience nature and wildlife. Game Drives, lion feeds and bird-watching.

Day 18)

Day at own leisure.

Take part in the scheduled activities from the lodge.

Overnight at Okonjima Main Camp (Alternative: Mount Etjo Safari Lodge)

FB & Activities – Okonjima Main Camp

Full Board: Bed, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner as well as scheduled activities – included

Day 19)

Today you have the opportunity to take part in the other activities or just relax at the swimming pool.

Overnight at Okonjima Main Camp (Alternative: Mount Etjo Safari Lodge)

FB & Activities – Okonjima Main Camp

Full Board: Bed, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner as well as scheduled activities – included

Day 20)

Today you depart for Windhoek.

En-route you can stop in Okahandja at the Woodcarvers' Market. Here you can buy different souvenirs made from wood to baskets and jewellery.

Optional for lunch or dinner you can choose one of the various restaurants in Windhoek or dine at the hotel.

Overnight at Thule Hotel (Alternative: Olive Grove Guesthouse)

BB – Hotel Thule

Bed and Breakfast – included

Lunch & Dinner at own costs

Hotel Pension Thule

Location: High up on a hill above the city of Windhoek, the hotel offers unsurpassed views from all rooms, restaurant and the terrace, which is a famous place for sundowners.

Accommodation: Comfort is the keynote in the air-conditioned guest rooms which are fitted with a work area, channel television, a mini-bar, safe, coffee and tea-making facilities, hairdryer, and heated bathroom floor and towel rails.

Facilities: An a la carte restaurant offers international style cuisine with a Namibian flavour. On a fine day you can see forever and an adjoining balcony is perfect for alfresco dining with the starry sky above, or a leisurely breakfast. A sparkling pool with a view is teamed with a shady thatched Lapa.

Alternative:

Olive Grove Guesthouse

Location: Olive Grove is a small, up market establishment situated close to the Windhoek city centre in a quiet, peaceful area. The friendly and efficient staff is always on hand to ensure that the visitors' stay is a comfortable and enjoyable one.

Accommodation: There are 10 en-suite rooms and 1 executive suite. Whilst each room caters for the every need or the most discerning traveler, the emphasis remains one of simplicity and elegance. After all, luxury should be subtle.

Facilities: One of Olive Grove's main features is the large verandah in front of every room, with table and chairs for al fresco dining. The open-air lounge, spa bath, plunge pool and tranquil garden all invite the visitor to unwind and relax under Namibia's open skies. The inside lounge is tastefully decorated, with comfortable chairs and a fireplace in front of which to relax. The stunning open plan kitchen creates a homely feel while providing tasty meals.

Windhoek

With 250 000 inhabitants, Namibia's capital of Windhoek is the biggest city in the country. The attractive town lies at an altitude of 1650 metres in a beautiful valley bordered by the Eros Mountains in the north and the Auas mountains in the south. Towards the west, stretches the Khomas Highland to the Namib and the coast. Windhoek combines the modern city architectural style with that of the German colonial era. The city is - for an African town - very clean and a bit provincial, although the city does have cosmopolitan flare as well. The influence of the German language and culture is, in many ways, still present. There are German restaurants where one can have traditional German dishes, bread and beer, and even celebrate the German carnival. Although English is the official language, one can use German just about anywhere. The city centre of Windhoek lies on both sides of the Independence Avenue, and can be explored by foot. The busy main road (formerly known as the "Kaiserstrasse") starts at the Ausspannplatz in the south and stretches up to the former township Katutura in the north.

Worth a visit are the "Tintenpalast" ("Ink Palace"), which houses Namibia's parliament, the Christuskirche (Christ Church) of the Lutheran parish from the year 1896, the "Reiterdenkmal" from 1912 and the "Alte Feste" (Old Fort); former headquarters of the Schutztruppe and today, Namibia's National Museum. Since 1997, the historical buildings of Windhoek are overshadowed by the monumental Supreme Court building.

Day 21

In time for your connecting flight, you depart to the International Airport and check in for your flight.

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This tour can also be reverted, starting in the north, then travel lastly through the south.