

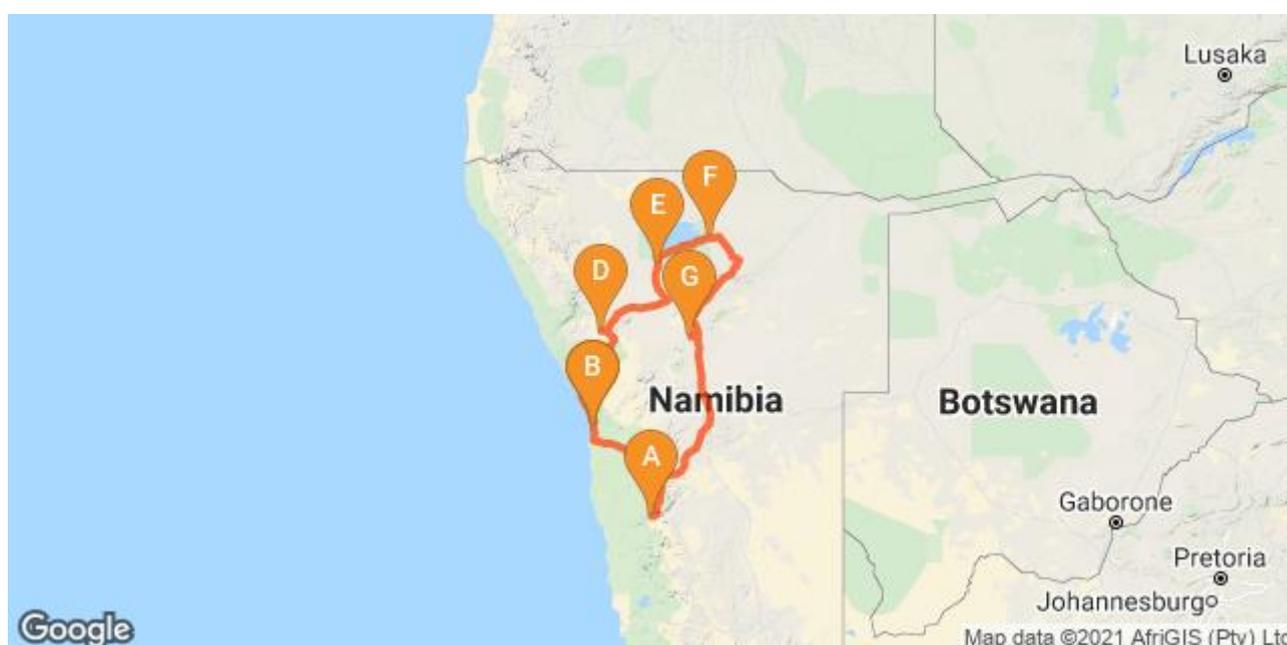


2021 & 2022 - SCH 10 day Family Adventure Schedule (select Sat Departures)

Sesriem - Sossusvlei - Swakopmund - Twyfelfontein - Etosha South - Onguma Game Reserve - Etosha National Park -
Etosha West - Etosha East - Okonjima Nature Reserve - Okahandja

10 Days / 9 Nights

Group Size: Minimum 3 (three) – 2 adults & 1 child Maximum 14 guests



Introduction

This program is designed for those with children five years and above. We've attempted to create a balance of areas of interest to both parents and their children by visiting the Namib Desert at Sesriem, spending time on the Skeleton Coast before heading inland to view the rock engravings at Twyfelfontein. Three nights in Etosha area with morning and afternoon game drives! We return to Windhoek via the Okonjima, home to the AfriCat Foundation.

Departs: from Windhoek selected Thursday mornings.

Ends: in Windhoek on a Monday afternoon

2021 Departure dates

Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
-	21	21	-	-	03	-	-	24	07	-	-

Rates valid: 01 November 2020 - 31 October 2021: NAD25 500.00

Children 12 years and under pay 50% of the adult price

2022 Departure dates

Nov	Dec	Jan 22	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
20	-	-	-	-	04	-	-	25	08	-	-

Rates valid: 01 November 2020 - 31 October 2021: NAD26 780.00

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Pricing is per person sharing – as tours tend to run full, we have limited packing space on the vehicles, tents are bulky items and as such we do require people of same gender to share.

Single tents may be supplied for those with valid health reasons, no single supplement payable.

Can this tour be combined with others: no, this tour does not link to any of our other schedule products.

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Day 1	Sesriem Oshana Campsite	Sesriem	L&D	1x Campsite	2 Nights
Day 3	Prost Hotel Swakopmund	Swakopmund	B,B&L	1x twin	1 Night
Day 4	Prost Hotel Swakopmund	Swakopmund	B&B	1x twin	1 Night
Day 5	Madisa Campsite	Twyfelfontein	FB	1x Campsite	1 Night
Day 6	Etosha Village Campsite	Etosha South	FB	1x Campsite	1 Night
Day 7	Onguma Tamboti Campsite	Onguma Game Reserve	FB	1x Campsite	2 Nights
Day 9	Okonjima's Omboroko Campsite	Okonjima Nature Reserve	B,B&L	1x Campsite	1 Night

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

B,B&L: Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

L&D: Lunch and Dinner

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Included

- Professional guide
- Camp assistant
- All transport whilst on tour
- Meals as specified
- Camping equipment (does not include sleeping bag / pillow / stretcher)
- National Park entrance fees
- Campsite fees

Excluded

- Sleeping bag – can be rented for a daily fee of NAD45.00
- Stretcher - can be rented for a daily fee of NAD55.00
- Pillow

- Alcoholic beverages, soft drinks & bottled water
- Personal travel insurance - **compulsory**

Day 1: Sesriem Oshana Campsite, Sesriem

As there is no accommodation at Sossusvlei, visitors to this desert wilderness are likely to end up staying at Sesriem, 65 kilometres away, where camps and lodges serve as a base from which to explore the dunes. Sesriem Canyon, a deep chasm carved through the rocks by water, is a striking natural feature of the area that is best explored on foot. Stony walls rise up sharply on both sides of the canyon, while birds roost in its crags and lizards dart along the ledges. The canyon's name was coined when early settlers used it as a water source, using six lengths of leather ('ses riem – six thongs) tied together to lower buckets into the water at the base of canyon.)

Day Itinerary

Day 1 - Saturday

Route: Windhoek to Namib Naukluft Park

Distance: 310 km

Collection time: 08h00 – 08h30 from any accommodation within the City of Windhoek

Journey: we leave Windhoek travelling via the gravel roads and the Khomas Hochland mountain range, this area is one of farming communities till we reach the end of the escarpment (crossing the Tropic of Capricorn) where we descend via the Remhoogte Pass to the settlement of Solitaire. The terrain varies dramatically as we travel to our campsite where arrival is due mid to late afternoon. Set up camp and visit Elim dune – a great place for sundowners with the dunes behind us and the Naukluft Mountains in the distance.

Overnight: Sesriem Oshana Campsite

Sesriem offers ten (10) self-catering camping facilities with each campsite having its own private toilet and shower, washup kitchenette with hot and cold water and 220V electricity. Campers have full access to the shop, bar, restaurant and swimming pool at Sesriem (NWR).

Activities

Afternoon	Elim Dune
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Elim Dune

Just five kilometres from the camp at Sesriem, Elim Dune is best viewed at sunset, when the colours deepen, intensifying the contrast between the red dunes and the purple-blue Naukluft Mountains on the opposite horizon. Elim Dune is roughly 100 metres in height and the climb to its zenith takes under an hour.

Included

Meals: Light Lunch and dinner – camping style

Day 2: Sesriem Oshana Campsite, Sesriem

Day Itinerary

Day 2 - Sunday

Route: Sesriem – Sossusvlei - Sesriem

Journey: We'll need to be on the move an hour before dawn as we make our way through a dry riverbed and across the gravel plains towards the Namib Dunes. We'll stop at Dune 45 before making our way to Sossusvlei with age old sands said to be around five million years old. Dead Vlei with its white pan and contrasting black scorched trees is also on our visit list. Whilst this region appears to be lifeless there are a variety of animal species that have adapted to these conditions and if we're lucky may see Oryx antelope, ostrich, springbok and don't forget about the birdlife and reptiles that inhabit the area. Return to our campsite for lunch, late afternoon visit to the Sesriem Canyon where the ephemeral Tsauchab River has shaped the area over millions of years.

Activities

Morning	Dune 45
Morning	Sossusvlei
Morning	Dead Vlei
Afternoon	Sesriem Canyon

Dune 45

Named for its location 45 kilometres past the town of Sesriem, Dune 45 is renowned for its elegant shape, which – along with its position close to the road – have earned it the distinction of 'most photographed dune in the world'. If you're not keen for the strenuous hike to the top of Big Daddy, Dune 45 is a more forgiving alternative, standing at only 80 metres and featuring a much gentler gradient.

Sossusvlei

Located in the scenic Namib-Naukluft National Park, Sossusvlei is where you will find the iconic red sand dunes of the Namib. The clear blue skies contrast with the giant red dunes to make this one of the most scenic natural wonders of Africa and a photographer's heaven. This awe-inspiring destination is possibly Namibia's premier attraction, with its unique dunes rising to almost 400 metres - making them some of the highest in the world. These iconic dunes come alive in morning and evening light and draw photography enthusiasts from around the globe. Sossusvlei is home to a variety of desert wildlife including oryx, springbok, ostrich and a variety of reptiles. Visitors can climb 'Big Daddy', one of Sossusvlei's tallest dunes; explore Deadvlei, a white, salt, claypan dotted with ancient trees; or for the more extravagant, scenic flights and hot air ballooning are on offer, followed by a once-in-a-lifetime champagne breakfast amidst these majestic dunes.

Dead Vlei

This ancient clay pan was once an oasis, studded with acacias and fed by a river that suddenly changed course, leaving the earth to dry up along with the trees it previously supported. So dry were the climatic conditions that the trees never decomposed – instead they were entirely leached of moisture so that today, 900 years later, they remain as desiccated, blackened sentinels dotting the pan's cracked surface. Surrounded by the red-pink dunes of the Namibia Desert, they create a surreal spectacle that is a photographer's dream.

Sesriem Canyon

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Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

Day 3: Prost Hotel Swakopmund, Swakopmund

Set along Namibia's spectacularly scenic coast, the seaside town of Swakopmund is known for its wide-open avenues, colonial architecture, and its surrounding otherworldly desert terrain. Founded in 1892 as the main harbour for German South-West Africa, Swakopmund is often described as being more German than Germany. Now a seaside resort town, Swakopmund is the capital of the Skeleton Coast tourism area and has plenty to keep visitors happy. The quirky mix of German and Namibian influences, adventure options, laid-back atmosphere and cool sea breeze make it a very popular Namibian destination. Visitors can look forward to a number of exciting activities including: quad biking, horse riding, paragliding, fishing, sightseeing and fascinating desert tours.

Day Itinerary**Day 3 - Monday**

Route: Namib Naukluft Park to Swakopmund

Distance: 345 km

Journey: we leave the Sesiem area to the settlement of Solitaire, not far north of this we cross the Tropic of Capricorn. The surrounds of the Gaub and Kuiseb Canyons provide good geological phenomenon, in addition we may see the elusive Mountain Zebra before travelling across the gravel plains of the Namib Desert with its endless horizons, our destination the Atlantic Ocean and coastal town of Swakopmund.

Overnight: Prost Hotel Swakopmund

Prost Hotel is situated in the heart of Swakopmund, giving access to the town's various and excellent restaurants. The hotel offers 28 en-suit rooms, ranging from luxury, family to standard rooms. All rooms are equipped with 43" flat screen TV, DSTV decoder, electronic laptop safe, tea/coffee station, telephone and hair dryer. Facilities include complimentary Wi-Fi, buffet breakfast, secure parking, secure parking, 24 hour reception, conference & events facility and same day laundry service.

Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch – camping style

Excluded

Meal: Dinner

Day 4: Prost Hotel Swakopmund, Swakopmund

Day Itinerary**Day 4 – Tuesday**

Route: Swakopmund (hotel or bed and breakfast)

Journey: We travel the short distance to Walvis Bay where we join our Marine Cruise for the morning. Afternoon at leisure to explore the town, relax and take in the local sights.

Overnight: Prost Hotel Swakopmund**Activities**

Morning	Catamaran Charters
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Catamaran Charters

The Catamaran Charters Team invites you aboard the 45ft Royal Cape Sailing Catamaran Silverwind, or the 60ft Simon Sailing Catamaran Silversand, or the 40ft Admiral Motorised Catamaran Silvermoon, to enjoy an adventure packed tour to Pelican Point and Walvis Bay's beautiful bay area.

The chances of encountering dolphins, whales, turtles, seals and Mola Mola (sunfish) make the search for the marine big 5 and adventurous tour by enjoying sparkling wine, fresh oysters and other mouth-watering snacks aboard the spacious and comfortable catamarans.

Included

Meals: Breakfast.

Excluded

Meals: Lunch and dinner for guests own account.

Day 5: Madisa Campsite, Twyfelfontein

Set in the Kunene Region of north-western Namibia, Twyfelfontein is a spectacularly scenic area, featuring one of the largest and most important concentrations of rock art in Africa. The name 'Twyfelfontein' translates to 'Fountain of Doubt', which refers to the perennial spring situated in the impressive Huab Valley flanked by the slopes of a sandstone table-mountain. It was this spring that attracted Stone Age hunters over six thousand years ago, and it was during this time that the extensive group of rock engravings and paintings were produced. Visitors can look forward to basing themselves at some wonderfully shady campsites along the Aba-Huab riverbed, while exploring over thirty different sacred ritual sites of the traditional hunter-gatherer communities.

Day Itinerary**Day 5 – Wednesday**

Route: Swakopmund to Madisa campsite

Distance: 385 km

Journey: We travel north along the coastline to Cape Cross Seal Reserve, home to between eighty and one hundred thousand Fur seals, endemic to southern Africa they are commonly known as "eared seals". Leaving the coast behind we cross the plains heading to the old mining town of Uis, our travels will take us past the Brandberg Mountain as we head into Damaraland, an area characterised by its rocky and rugged landscapes of rough, fascinating beauty. We arrive into camp with sufficient time before setting off on a sundowner drive which meanders around the surrounding areas with spectacular views of the dunes, open plains and rock formations, ending high up on a koppi for the most spectacular African sunset.

Overnight: Madisa Campsite

Madisa offers 9 private camp sites all with their own ablution facilities. These sites are spacious and are situated on the river bed with a low stone wall around. Each site has a braai area which doubles up as a donkey geyser for hot water. It's a lovely atmosphere to kick back relax around a fire and listen to the nocturnal sounds of the bush. Madisa is also a fantastic place for star gazing, the nights are brilliantly clear. Each site has lights which are powered by generator (hopefully soon by Solar Power).

The generator runs in the evening from sundown till 9pm. We also offer 5 overland sites which are large and each have a circle braai area with seating, a wash up basin and water supply. The ablution block is a communal one with nice clean showers and toilets. The swimming pool and bar area are tucked away at the foot of the spectacular granite koppie providing a great setting. We have also built the elephants a drinking trough which can be viewed from on top of the koppie.

Activities

Morning	Cape Cross Seal Colony
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Cape Cross Seal Colony

This colony of Cape Fur Seals is one of the largest in the world, home to approximately 80 000 to 100 000 of these so-called 'seals', which are in fact a species of sea lion. Day trips to the colony are offered and the seals can be viewed from a walkway at a distance of roughly 200 metres.

Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

Day 6: Etosha Village Campsite, Etosha South

Located just south of the boundary of Etosha National Park in north-western Namibia, Etosha South makes up the southern region of this wild paradise. Ongava Private Game Reserve shares the southern boundary with Etosha National Park and offers an array of luxury lodges overlooking picturesque landscapes dotted with abundant wildlife. The national park can be accessed via the southern entrance at Andersson's Gate. Visitors can catch a glimpse of a variety of wildlife including: lion, giraffe, elephant, white and black rhino, and a multitude of plains game. Popular activities include: game drives, tracking rhinos on foot, guided nature walks, or watching the sunset over the magnificent African landscape.

Day Itinerary

Day 6 - Thursday

Route: Madisa campsite to Taleni Africa (border Etosha National Park)

Distance: 300 km

Journey: This morning we accompany a local guide to view the rock engravings and rock paintings at Twyfelfontein, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Living Museum of the Damara situated nearby allows visitors the opportunity to get to know their traditional culture, this in an attempt to reconstruct the 'lost culture' of the Damara People. By visiting we contribute to the preservation of this culture.

Passing through Khorixas and on to Outjo, a mixture of communal and commercial farming land we arrive on the southern boundary of Etosha National Park, set up camp before heading off on our first Etosha game drive.

Overnight: Etosha Village Campsite

The Etosha Village Camp Site is nestled in the spectacular green and gold Mopani forests surrounding Etosha National Park, and caters for both Groups as well as Individual travellers.

The 2 spacious Group Camp Sites are ideal for larger groups and can accommodate a maximum of 25 – 30 tents. These sites are equipped with Power Outlets, Running Water, Lights, Barbeque area and separate Ladies and Gents Bathroom facilities each featuring toilets, wash basins and showers.

The 4 Individual Camp Sites are also equipped with Power Outlets, Running Water, Lights, Barbeque and a well-kept shared ablution.

Inspiring cuisine can be enjoyed at the Etosha Village Restaurant situated walking distance from the Camp Site. On-site facilities include swimming pools and a bar area with a big-screen television as well as a fully stocked utility and curio shop. Guided excursions to Etosha and sundowner drives can also be booked at reception.

Campsite

Spacious Group Camp Sites are ideal for larger groups. Can accommodate a max of 30 persons. Sites are equipped with Power Outlets, Running Water, Lights, Barbeque area and separate Ladies and Gents Bathroom facilities with showers, toilets & basins.

Activities

Morning	Damara Living Museum
Morning	Twyfelfontein

Damara Living Museum

Observe and experience the traditional Damara way of life right in the heart of their traditional homelands. A unique opportunity to see a way of life that is slowly dying out.

Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

Day 7: **Onguma Tamboti Campsite, Onguma Game Reserve**

Situated east of Etosha, bordering Fisher's Pan, Onguma Game Reserve is one of Namibia's best-kept secrets. The reserve offers visitors the opportunity to experience Africa in all her beauty and diversity. Onguma Game Reserve features over 34000 hectares of protected land scattered with a variety of wildlife including plains game, black rhino, kudu, giraffe, zebra, lion, cheetah, leopard and more than 300 bird species. The seasonal rains attract thousands of migrating birds to the Fisher's Pan wetland area. The neighbouring Etosha National Park is home to a rich array of wildlife, including four of the Big 5. Visitors can enjoy game drives, guided walks and rhino research drives within the private reserve as well as wildlife safaris into Etosha National Park to view abundant game in the largest national park in Namibia.

Day Itinerary

Day 7 - Friday

Route: Through Etosha Okaukuejo region (Talení Etosha) to Onguma Game Reserve

Journey: Up before dawn, we need to be at the Andersson Gate for sunrise which is when the entrance gates open, one of the best times for game viewing is the cooler morning hours and late afternoon. We make use of today on an extensive game drive in search of black and white rhino, elephants, lion, cheetah and the numerous species of plains game. The drive will give you an overview of the National Park including its birdlife, flora and geology. A stop will be made at Halali, the most central of the resorts. Exit the National Park, it's a short journey to our overnight camping on a private nature Reserve.

Overnight: Onguma Tamboti Campsite

The 15 sites are all nestled in the trees of the Onguma Reserve, and each camper is ensured privacy and space to enjoy the bush. Each campsite has a private ablution facility with spacious shower room, separate toilet and covered washing-up areas with lots of space to unpack and organize. Each unit also has ample plugs to ensure cooler boxes keep cool and cameras get charged.

There is a stunning main area with a restaurant where guests can enjoy a hearty meal while looking out across the waterhole. The supply store stocks essentials and the deep verandas ensure there is shade to relax in.

Activities

Morning	Etosha Pan
Lunch	Etosha West

Etosha Pan

Aeons ago, Etosha Pan was the bed of a vast lake; today what remains is a glittering, silvery-green salt pan that stretches across roughly 5000 square kilometres. Etosha is protected by the Etosha Pan National Park surrounded by savannah plains and woodlands supporting large herds of elephants. When dry, the pan sustains little life except for the algae that gives it its distinctive colour, and migratory birds that use it as a pit stop, but with heavy rain it becomes a shallow lake where flamingos breed, pelicans wade and feed, and a variety of mammal species come to quench their thirst, including leopards, lions, white rhinos, hunting dogs and antelopes.

Etosha West

Situated in the western part of Etosha National park, a world-famous wildlife sanctuary in the northwestern part of Namibia, Etosha West is the wilder western region accessed through Galton Gate. Visitors to Etosha West can look forward to exploring the magnificent scenery of this remote north Namibian landscape characterised by lush undulating terrain and a reddish-brown soil, which is a stark contrast to the white dusty clay soil of Etosha East's flat expansive

plains. This area is home to several species not found in the rest of the park: baboons, Mountain Zebra, and Brown Hyena, as well as several unique plants. The area also boasts numerous waterholes attracting elephant, rhino, leopard, lion, a variety of buck, and around 300 bird species.

Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

Day 8: Onguma Tamboti Campsite, Onguma Game Reserve

Day Itinerary

Day 8 – Saturday

Route: Morning and afternoon game drives into Etosha National Park

Journey: we'll be at the Von Lindequist gate for sunrise as we enter Etosha National Park, this day will be run as per the groups requirements, we can either do a morning game drive and return to Onguma for lunch and early afternoon at leisure before heading back into the Park for an afternoon drive OR we can take a packed lunch and spend the day in the Etosha Park, taking a break at Namutoni Resort during the heat of day returning to our campsite just before sunset.

Activities

Morning	Etosha East
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Etosha East

Located in North-western Namibia, Etosha East is a protected sanctuary in the eastern part of the world-renowned Etosha National Park, known as one of the most accessible game reserves in Southern Africa. Etosha East boasts vast open plains scattered with semi-arid savannah grasslands dotted with watering holes and secluded bush camps. An impressive 5000-square-kilometre Etosha salt pan makes up a large area of the eastern side of the park and can even be seen from space. This remote area teems with abundant wildlife such as lions, elephants, black rhinos and giraffes, as well as a variety of birdlife featuring flamingos, ostriches, eagles, hornbills, and owls.

Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

Day 9: Okonjima's Omboroko Campsite, Okonjima Nature Reserve

Midway between the spectacular Etosha National Park and the capital city of Windhoek, lies the well-known Okonjima Nature Reserve. The 22 000 hectare nature reserve is home to AfriCAT, a carnivore sanctuary, which gives the captive cats a second chance to be released back into the wild and become completely independent hunters in a protected area right in the middle of commercial cattle farmland. Visitors can enjoy a stay at a variety of excellent accommodation options including everything from luxury villas to secluded camping. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy thrilling cat-tracking guided safaris, leopard-spotting, off-road night drives and learn about local San culture along the Bushmen trail.

Day Itinerary**Day 9 - Sunday**

Route: Onguma Game Reserve to Okonjima Game Reserve

Distance: 350 km

Journey: continue south via the mining town of Tsumeb, south of Otjiwarongo lies Okonjima, home to the AfriCat Foundation, a perfect place to spend your last night of tour. A visit will be made to AfriCat's Carnivore Care and Information Centre.

Overnight: Okonjima's Omboroko Campsite

Camping in Okonjima Nature Reserve epitomises the African safari experience. Your small group or family can become one with nature as they visit the Carnivore Care Centre (included), learn about the indigenous people during the Bushman trail, and grow attuned to the sights, sounds and ways of Namibia's grassy plains.

The four, partially-equipped, private campsites share a swimming pool at the foot of the Ombokoro Mountains and are located in the 2000ha non-rehabilitation area. All four sites boast spectacular sundowner viewpoints.

Activities

Afternoon	Okonjima Nature Reserve
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Okonjima Nature Reserve

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Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

Day 10: End of Itinerary**Day Itinerary****Day 10 - Monday**

Route: Okonjima Game Reserve to Windhoek

Distance: 225 km

Journey: After breakfast we pack up camp and return to Windhoek via the town of Okahandja, founded around 1800 by two local groups, the Herero and the Nama it is known as the Garden town of Namibia. For those wanting to fly out today, we request flights to be after 14h00.

Activities

Morning	Okahandja
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Okahandja

Located just north of Windhoek, in the central Namibian Otjozondjupa region, the bustling city of Okahandja serves as the main commercial centre of the area, as well as a prominent cultural centre for the local Herero people. The name 'Okahandja', means 'The place where two rivers flow into each other to form one wide one.' These two seasonal rivers are the Okamita and the Okakango. Known as the 'Garden Town of Namibia', Okahandja boasts a rich cultural heritage, numerous historical sites and excellent bird watching in the surrounding areas. Visitors can look forward to a variety of interesting activities including: browsing the colourful arts and crafts market, visiting the nearby Gross Barmen Hot springs for a soak in the rejuvenating thermal waters and enjoying an array of watersports at the nearby Von Bach Dam.

Included

Meals: Breakfast - camping style
