



## 2021 & 2022 - SCH 7 day Northern Adventure Camping safari (Schedule Fri departure)

Okonjima Nature Reserve - Okahandja - Onguma Game Reserve - Etosha South - Etosha East - Etosha National Park - Palmwag - Twyfelfontein - Swakopmund

7 Days / 6 Nights

Group Size: Minimum 1 guest Maximum 14 guests



### Introduction

Visit the home of the AfriCat Foundation, journey through the world famous Etosha National Park – a game viewing delight. Experience the communal conservancy areas of Damaraland before arriving at the Skeleton Coast and town of Swakopmund which nestles between the Namib Desert and Atlantic Ocean.

**Departs:** from Windhoek selected Friday mornings.

**Ends:** in Windhoek on a Thursday evening.

### 2021 Departure dates

Nov	Dec	Jan 21	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
06	04	08	05	05	02	14	11	09	06	03	01
	20	18	22	19	19	16	28	25	23	20	17
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Rates valid: 01 November 2020 - 31 October 2021: NAD18 700.00

**2022 Departure dates**

Nov	Dec	Jan 22	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
12	10	07	04	04	01	13	10	08	05	02	14
26	17	21	18	18	15	27	24	22	19	16	28
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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: Yes, it can!

- The 7 day Southern Swing which departs on selected Fridays, would make our 14 day Experience.
- Include Botswana and Victoria Falls by joining the 9 day Delta falls – departs on selected Fridays.

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Day 1	Okonjima's Omboroko Campsite	Okonjima Nature Reserve	L&D	1x Campsite	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 2	Onguma Tamboti Campsite	Onguma Game Reserve	FB	1x Campsite	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 3	Etosha Village Campsite	Etosha South	FB	1x Campsite	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 4	Hooda Campsite	Palmwag	FB	1x Campsite	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 5	Madisa Camp	Twyfelfontein	FB	1x Campsite	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 6	Prost Hotel Swakopmund	Swakopmund	B,B&L	1x Twin room	<b>1 Night</b>

**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: Okonjima's Omboroko Campsite, Okonjima Nature Reserve

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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.

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### Day Itinerary

#### Day 1 - Friday

Route: Windhoek to Okonjima Game Reserve

Distance: 225 km

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

Journey: leaving Windhoek we travel 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. South of Otjiwarongo lies Okonjima, home to the AfriCat Foundation, as our first night on tour this is a great place to become attuned to camping along with the sights and sounds of the bush. Afternoon track cheetahs and leopards through the 20 000ha Okonjima Nature Reserve with a guide, this Reserve is home to and runs extensive research projects on rare and endangered species, big and small.

#### 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, track leopards and cheetahs, 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.

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### Activities

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.

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**Included**

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

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**Day 2: Onguma Tamboti Campsite, Onguma Game Reserve**

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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.

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**Day Itinerary****Day 2 - Saturday**

Route: Okonjima to Onguma Game Reserve (outer border of Etosha National Park)

Distance: 350 km

Journey: we continue northwards via the town of Otjiwarongo, the next stop being the mining town of Tsumeb. We aim to arrive at the private reserve mid-afternoon, set up camp and head off for some game viewing.

**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.

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**Included**

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

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**Day 3: Etosha Village Campsite, Etosha South**

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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.

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## Day Itinerary

### Day 3 - Sunday

Route: Through Etosha Onguma to Okaukuejo region (Taleni Etosha)

Journey: Up before dawn, we need to be at the Von Lindequist 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.

#### 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.

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#### Activities

Morning	Etosha East
Morning	Etosha Pan

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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.

#### 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.

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### Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

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## Day 4: Hoada Campsite, Palmwag

Palmwag is a nature reserve idyllically located along a palm-lined tributary of the Uniab River, halfway between Swakopmund and Etosha, providing an ideal base from which to see the sights of the Kunene region or embark on one of the many local hiking trails. Water is scarce in this area, so the river's presence often lures elephants closer to the camps. The reserve is notable for its unusual species of palm tree, the hyphaene petersiana, and for being home to the largest population of southwestern black rhinos in Africa. Animal lovers can also get a peek at leopard, lion, cheetah, mountain zebra, Angolan giraffe, springbok, kudu, and African bush elephant.

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### Day Itinerary

#### Day 4 - Monday

Route: Taleni Etosha to Hoada campsite

Distance: 275 km

Journey: Today's travels take us to a Himba Village situated on a local cattle farm, a guided tour around an authentic Himba village will not only give you an in depth insight into the life and ways of this traditional tribe but an amazing photographic opportunity as well. A stop to buy supplies before we head off to our campsite, hidden among large grey granite boulders and mopane trees, the sites were designed to minimize the impact on the environment. After a day on the road refresh oneself in the sparkling splash pool and enjoy your sundowners on the natural wooden decks surrounding it.

#### Overnight: Hoada Campsite

pani trees, Hoada Campsite offers travellers a serene home in the wilderness of Namibia. Accommodation includes six luxury campsites with ample designated areas for tents or vehicles with rooftop tents, and permanent tents are available for hire. Each campsite boasts its own braai area and kitchen facilities with running water. There are also ablution facilities, with flush toilets, hidden amongst the rocks.

#### Campsite

Currently, there are seven campsites & 1 group campsite, each with its own well equipped bathroom facilities including showers and toilets.

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### Activities

Omapha Himba Village
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#### *Omapha Himba Village*

Omapha Himba Village in Etosha South, Namibia, is home to the indigenous Himba tribe, who are half-nomadic people. The people are famous for maintaining the traditional way of life of their ancestors up to recent times. External influences

have not polluted them, and this reflects in the way they dress, cook, trade, interact and live. An array of wildlife can be seen roaming freely close to the village. Guided tours are offered, and guests can look forward to exploring the village in its natural environment.

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### Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

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## Day 5: Madisa Camp, 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.

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### Day Itinerary

#### Day 5 - Tuesday

Route: Hoada campsite to Madisa campsite

Distance: 190 km

Journey: We drive along the Grootberg Pass through Damaraland, an area characterised by its rocky and rugged landscapes of rough, fascinating beauty. A visit to the Damara Living Museum before we view the rock engravings and rock paintings at Twyfelfontein, a UNESCO World Heritage Site before setting up camp for the night.

#### Overnight: Madisa Camp

Madisa Camp is situated on the D2612 road to Twyfelfontein, a very popular route. The camp is hidden between amazing rock formations which are scattered with Bushman Paintings and has privy to an ancient Desert Elephant route that often gets visited by these beautiful giants.

Each spacious campsite has an exquisite view of the Gauntegab River bed and rock formations. The campsites have individual ablution facilities situated on stilts hidden in the tree tops. The braai facilities also double up as a heater (donkey system) for hot running water at each open air shower.

#### Overland Site

These sites are large and each have a circle braai area with seating, a wash up basin and water supply. The ablution facilities are shared.

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### Activities

Twyfelfontein
Damara Living Museum

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**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.

Open daily.

**Included**

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

**Day 6: 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 6 - Wednesday**

Route: Twyfelfontein to Swakopmund

Distance: 385 km

Journey: Destination = Swakopmund. Today we continue our travels through southern Damaraland, passing the Brandberg Mountain to arrive at the old mining town of Uis before heading off across the gravel plains to reach the Atlantic Ocean and the Skeleton Coast. Here we travel north 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". Arrival in the coastal town of Swakopmund will be mid-afternoon.

**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.

**Activities**

Afternoon	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 – camping style.

**Excluded**

Dinner for guests own account.

**Day 7: End of Itinerary****Day Itinerary****Day 7 – Thursday**

Route: Swakopmund to Windhoek

Distance: 352 km

Journey: All guests have the morning at leisure to explore this coastal town or participate in one of the many morning activities available in the Swakopmund vicinity and in Walvis Bay. These optional activities may include kayaking or a marine cruise from Walvis Bay. Alternatively explore the desert surrounding Swakopmund on the Living Desert Tour, do a township tour or for those seeking some adventure quad biking and dune boarding is also offered.

Departure from Swakopmund will be around lunch time (or just thereafter), we head due east through the sun-baked town of Usakos and return on the main road to Windhoek. Arrival will be late afternoon / early evening so please do not book any outbound flights on this day.

**Included**

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch – camping style.