



WORLD DISCOVERY
— HISTORY CULTURE WILDLIFE —

Peoples of Namibia

Private journey – 10 days/9 nights



Meals: 9 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 9 dinners

Waterburg	Wilderness Lodge	1 night
Etosha	Mushara Bush Camp	2 nights
Ovamboland	Ongula Village	2 nights
Opuwo	Country Lodge	2 nights
Damaraland	Vingerklip Lodge	1 night
Okonjima	Main Camp	1 night

DAY 1 – Arrival in Windhoek. Drive to the Waterberg Plateau

On arrival at Windhoek's Hosea Kutako International Airport you will be met by your selected guide who will be with you throughout your visit to Namibia. Set off on your journey to the north with a morning drive to the Waterberg Plateau, arriving around midday. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon amidst stunning scenery.

Meals included: Dinner.

DAY 2 - Etosha National Park.

In the morning drive to the **Mushara Bush Camp**, located close to the Van Lindquist Gate, the eastern entrance to Etosha National Park, Namibia's world-famous wildlife

destination. In the afternoon enjoy a game drive in the park.

Meals included: Breakfast, dinner.

DAY 3 - Etosha National Park.

Spend the day visiting the numerous waterholes and subterranean springs at the Etosha Pan – known as the "Place of Dry Water" – which attracts a diversity of animals including springbok, zebra, gnu, giraffe, kudu and elephant. Etosha also contains endangered black rhino and unusual species like the blackfaced impala, a larger and darker species found only in southwestern Angola and northwest Namibia. Birdlife is absolutely wonderful at Etosha; those to look for in particular are the ground hornbill, the yellow-billed hornbill, and the lilac-breasted roller, whose underwings when they take off in pursuit of an insect give a blinding flash of electric blue. Eagles and vultures cruise high in the warm air currents or perch on branches.

Meals included: Breakfast, dinner.

DAY 4 - Etosha National Park. Ongula.

Another morning in Etosha before heading north into the Ovambo region, where you will stay at the **Ongula Village Homestead** for 2 nights. At Ongula you will be exposed to a history rich in oral, cultural and visual elements, from extracting juice and oil from the marula fruit, to sharing a traditional meal of *oshifima* (millet meal), *onyama* (meat) and *ombidi* (wild spinach). The food will be served in clay pots and baskets, and to drink you will be offered the traditional brew, *oshikundu*.

Meals included: Breakfast, dinner.



DAY 5 - Ongula - the Ovambo Experience.

The Ovambo are Namibia's most numerous ethnic group, living principally in the northern part of the country close to the border with Angola. Spend the day in and around the Ongula Village Homestead, with visits to the nearby community 'corrals', where the traditional ways of life are still maintained. Also drive into the modern town of Ondangwa to browse in the craft and food market and perhaps sample the local food and drink. Watch the women fishing by hand in the shallow rivers, and visit the interesting museum at Nakambale which gives an in-depth history of the Ovambo people. In the early evening, before dinner, why not sample the hospitality in one of the village *shebeens* (pubs)?

Meals included: Breakfast, dinner.

DAY 6 - Drive to Kaokoland.

Head west today into the rugged and unspoilt region of Kaokoland, home to the proud and statuesque Himba peoples. Your stay is at the Opuwo Country Lodge, set on a hilltop with commanding views of the surrounding countryside. Afternoon at leisure, to relax at the lodge, or to spend some time in the town of Opuwo, the most important town in the north-west of Namibia.

Meals included: Breakfast.

DAY 7 - Kaokoland. Epupa Falls and Himba villages.

There are Himba settlements close to Opuwo, but your excursion today will take you away from the town to the remote and little-inhabited north of the region, where you will see the Himbas in more isolated villages and compounds, gaining a more authentic insight into their traditional way of life. Your destination is the Epupa Falls, a dramatic geological fault in the Kunene River on the border with Angola. Enjoy lunch close to the falls, before returning in the afternoon to your lodge at Opuwo.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAY 8 - Drive into Damaraland.

A long road journey today as you head south through the arid landscapes of Damaraland to reach **Vingerklip Lodge**, located in an ancient landscape known as the Ugab Terraces, with flat-topped mountains that are reminiscent of Monument Valley in Arizona. The lodge overlooks the striking Vingerklip (Rock Finger - pictured).

Meals included: Breakfast, dinner.

DAY 9 - Continue to Okonjima.

Today you will head through the Central Highlands to reach Okonjima Lodge, home of the **Africat Foundation**, a non-profit organisation dedicated to the conservation and protection of Namibian wild cats, in particular leopard and cheetah. Enjoy the opportunity to admire and photograph these predators.

Meals included: Breakfast, dinner.

DAY 10 - Return to Windhoek for your homeward flight.

Morning at Okonjima. In the afternoon return to Windhoek's Hosea Kutako International Airport for your homeward flight. En route stop at Okahandja, an important centre for woodcarvers from the north of Namibia. They practice their ancient skills at the Woodcarvers Market next to the main road. This is a good place to pick up a last souvenir.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch.

The price includes:

- Lodge accommodation as listed above in twin-bedded or double rooms (please let us know which you prefer) with ensuite facilities.
- 9 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 9 dinners as shown in the itinerary.
- Private transportation and guide throughout.
- All sightseeing and gameviewing as shown, including guiding and entrance fees.

Not included in the price:

- International flights (see website page). We are happy to discuss the flights with you and give you further guidance.
- International airport taxes.
- Tipping. We will give you guidance in this often sensitive matter

A deposit of £500 per person is required at the time of booking, plus the cost of the international airfare and service charge if World Discovery are booking the flights on your behalf. The balance of the price for your Namibia holiday must be paid at least 8 weeks before your departure date.