



GUIDED OFF-ROAD KAOKOLAND AND SKELETON COAST TOUR 2026

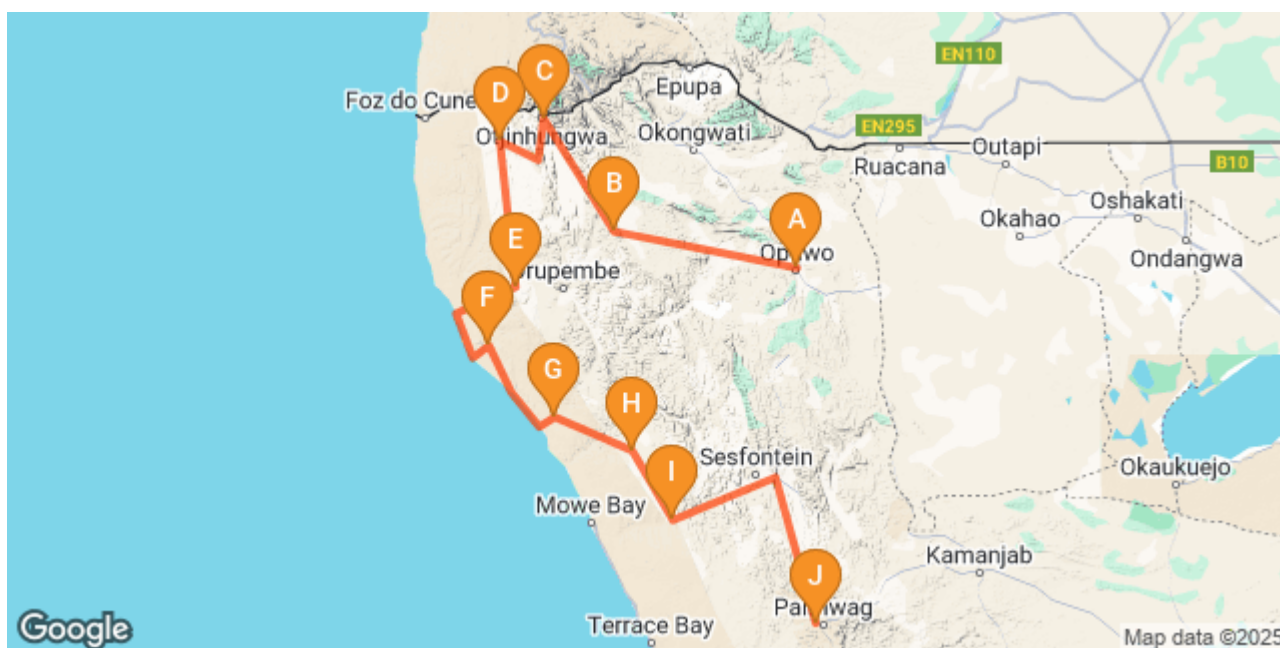
Opuwo - Kunene - Marienfluss Valley - Hartmann Valley - Skeleton Coast - Khumib River - Hoanib River - Palmwag

11 Days / 10 Nights

Group Size: The tour requires a minimum of 4 participants. Important note: If the minimum number of 4 guests is not reached, an additional fee of €1200 per person will be charged.

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Introduction

Kaokoland & Skeleton Coast – The Ultimate Offroad Expedition

Experience Namibia's untamed wilderness on an extraordinary combination tour through **Kaokoland** and the **Skeleton Coast Park**. This journey takes you through some of Africa's most remote and spectacular landscapes – an adventure filled with fascinating nature and unique experiences.

You can choose between a **guided self-drive tour** or joining the **guide's vehicle**. During the day, you'll explore the rugged world of northwest Namibia in a **4x4**, while at night, you can sleep on **public campsites**, in **wild camps**, or optionally in beautiful **lodges**. There's also the possibility of including some exclusive **luxury lodges** in the tour. If you are interested in a tailored trip with added comfort, feel free to ask.

While we bypass the infamous **Van Zyl's Pass**, our route takes us over a more manageable, yet equally impressive **mountain pass** directly into the **Marienfluss** – one of the most beautiful and untouched regions of Kaokoland. The endless plains, red-glowing dunes, and the scenic backdrop of the **Hartmann Mountains** allow us to immerse ourselves in the magic of this remote wilderness.

After the stunning desert landscapes of Kaokoland, another highlight awaits: the **Skeleton Coast**. For **2.5 days**, we'll explore this mythical coastal stretch, one of Namibia's most isolated regions. The terrain alternates between **deep sandy stretches** along the ocean, small **dune passages**, and rugged, **wind-swept plains**. The weather can be unpredictable – cool morning **fog** and strong afternoon **winds** are common, but we also experience perfect, **clear days** where the landscape shines in all its glory.

Few travelers have the privilege of crossing the **Skeleton Coast**, as special **permits** are required for this region. This makes our expedition a truly extraordinary experience. Along our route, we will uncover hidden treasures of this legendary area, where the raw nature reveals its untouched beauty.

The **Kaokoland & Skeleton Coast tour** is ideal for adventurers who want to experience extensive **off-roading**. The daily driving distance is about **5-7 hours**, taking us through the remote **Damaraland** and **Kaokoland** up to the border with **Angola**. **Offroad experience** is not mandatory, as the tour is designed to introduce self-drivers to off-roading with the support of an experienced guide, helping to improve driving skills as the journey progresses. What's essential is a bit of **courage** and plenty of **adventurous spirit**!

This offroad tour is demanding, but not extreme – **driving skills** are required, but your experienced guide will safely lead you through the challenges of the terrain. You'll embark on a **unique adventure** in one of the wildest and most impressive regions of the world!

The **vehicle** plays a crucial role in this tour. The terrain is demanding, so choosing a suitable and well-equipped **4x4** is particularly important.

In cooperation with our partner **Asco Car Hire**, we offer perfectly suited vehicles for this tour. We recommend:

- The new **Asco Landcruiser Bushcamper**
- The **Landcruiser 2.8L Double Cab** with **hard-shell roof tents**
- The **Hilux 2.8L Safari**, also with **hard-shell roof tents**

If you prefer to bring your own vehicle, this can be arranged in advance. We'll be happy to advise you on whether your vehicle is suitable for the requirements of this tour.

The tour described below is a **guided tour with partial accompaniment**, meaning the guide will only accompany you on the specified dates.

We usually create an **individual pre- and/or post-program** for those interested in these tours, tailored to the specific wishes of our clients.

For passengers in the guide's vehicle, this is not possible, as they will be traveling with the guide **from Windhoek before the tour starts** and again **on his return journey to Windhoek after the tour**. However, there is the option to extend the tour by one or two days, allowing the passengers to visit an additional lodge together with the guide.

If self-drivers prefer **not to travel alone**, they can also join the guide for the route from **Windhoek to Opuwo** and later for the return journey from **Palmwag to Windhoek**. Please note, however, that these routes involve **very long travel days of 650–800 km**.

Simply let us know your **specific preferences** when making your booking request – we will be happy to advise you on the different options available.

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	Camping at Opuwo Country Hotel	Opuwo	D	1 Night
Day 2	Van Zyl's Pass Umfahrung	Kunene	FB	1 Night
Day 3	Camp Syncro	Marienfluss Valley	FB	1 Night
Day 4	Hartmann Valley Wild Camping	Hartmann Valley	FB	1 Night
Day 5	Munutum Wild Camping	Skeleton Coast	FB	1 Night
Day 6	Agatberg Wild Camping	Khumib River	FB	1 Night
Day 7	Khumib Skeleton Wild Camping	Khumib River	FB	1 Night
Day 8	Leyland Wild Camping	Skeleton Coast	FB	1 Night
Day 9	Hoanib River Wild Camping	Hoanib River	FB	1 Night
Day 10	Palmwag Campsite Gondwana Collection Namibia	Palmwag	FB	1 Night

Key

D: Dinner

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

Scheduled Departures

Departure Date	End Date	Price (From)
20/04/2026	30/04/2026	€ 3495 Per Person
02/11/2026	12/11/2026	€ 3495 Per Person

Price

Per person as a self-driver (excluding rental vehicle): from €3,495

Additional cost for rental vehicle:

- Toyota Hilux 2.8l Safari: from €150/day (April) | from €218/day (November)
- Toyota Landcruiser Double Cab 2.8l: from €166/day (April) | from €227/day (November)
- Toyota Landcruiser Bushcamper 2.8l: from €231/day (April) | from €245/day (November)

Per passenger in the guide vehicle: from €3,735

Passengers in the guide vehicle will be provided with either a **rooftop tent or ground tent**, depending on space and availability.

Important Note: If the **minimum of 4 participants** is not reached, an **additional fee of €1,200 per person** will be charged.

Included

- **All accommodations** as per the tour itinerary
- **Meals** as per the tour itinerary
- **Airport transfer in Windhoek** (07:00 – 16:30) if the rental vehicle is booked through **Asco Car Hire**
- **Meet & Greet upon arrival**
- **Standard vehicle insurance** (self-drivers have the option to upgrade their insurance)
- **Guide fees**
- **Entrance fees for the Skeleton Coast Park**, including concession fees

Excluded

- **Flights**
- **Personal expenses**
- **Travel health, trip interruption, and cancellation insurance**
- **Activities not booked and invoiced by us**
- **Tips & gratuities**
- **Entrance fees for additional parks/conservation areas**
- **Fuel** (excluded for passengers in the guide vehicle)
- **Beverages**

Day 1: **Camping at Opuwo Country Hotel, Opuwo**

Opuwo

Opuwo, meaning 'enough' in Herero, lies in the north western Kunene region of Namibia. It serves as the capital of the region and is known as the gateway to the magnificent Epupa Falls.

The surrounding landscape is characterised by low-lying hills, and vast dry desert plains inhabited by a wealth of desert-adapted wildlife. It serves as the central hub for the Himba culture. The town provides a perfect base for visitors wishing to explore the Kaokoland area and visit the local villages of the itinerant Himba people.

The town and the Opuwo surrounding area is known as one of the cultural highlights of a trip to Namibia as it features an incredibly rich cultural heritage. Don't miss an opportunity to learn about the fascinating Himba community within this starkly beautiful landscape.

Day Itinerary

Meeting with the Guide and Tour Group in Opuwo

(Before the tour begins, there is the option to customize your program or accompany the guide on their journey from Windhoek to Opuwo.)

In the afternoon, all participants meet with the guide at the campsite or in the **Opuwo Country Lodge**.

We will spend the night at the lodge's campsite. However, if you prefer the comfort of a room, it's also possible to book accommodation at the lodge. Please let us know your preference when you register for the tour.

In the evening, all guests will come together for a **group dinner** at the lodge's restaurant. During this time, the guide will provide a detailed introduction to the upcoming tour. It's the perfect opportunity to discuss the route, address any questions, and get to know your fellow travelers before the adventure begins.

Dinner is included in the tour price, while participants are responsible for their own beverages.

Expert Tips

Final Preparations in Opuwo

Opuwo is the last chance to complete any shopping, check the vehicles, and top up fuel supplies. Ahead of us is 1,000 km of off-road terrain with increased fuel consumption, so all tanks, jerry cans, and supplies must be fully filled.

Make sure that your vehicle has a minimum of 1,000 km range under increased consumption. If not, be sure to bring sufficient additional fuel canisters.

Also, ensure that your **beverage supply** for the entire tour is completed here. Don't forget to stock up on beer, wine, or soft drinks for enjoyable evenings around the campfire – and, of course, plenty of drinking water for the entire trip.

Each vehicle should carry 40-60 liters of **usable water**. The guide vehicle will have an outdoor shower, but each participant should bring their own shower water.

For the campfire and cooking, each vehicle should bring at least two sacks of **firewood**.

Overnight: Camping at Opuwo Country Hotel

Nestled in tranquil surroundings, Camping at Opuwo Country Hotel offers guests a lovely camping experience in Opuwo, Namibia. The establishment features 12 spacious campsites which come equipped with barbecue facilities and power points. Ablution and washup facilities are available. Guests can dine at the nearby hotel restaurant or cook meals using the barbecue facilities. Other hotel facilities include a bar, a swimming pool, a spa and a curio shop. Activities include game viewing, 4x4 drives and bird watching.



Basis

Dinner

Day 2: Van Zyl's Pass Umfahrung, Kunene

Kunene

Bordering Angola in northern Namibia, Kunene is a region as well as the name of a river, which is one of just five perennial rivers in Namibia. The Kunene River is an invaluable source of water for the local Himba people, and it has been the mainstay of their existence for hundreds of years. For travellers, the river's most striking feature is the magnificent Epupa Falls, which cascade over a distance of more than a kilometre downstream, with an impressive vertical drop of around 60 metres. Whitewater rafting and kayaking are both popular pursuits in these areas. Visitors can take sundowner cruises; explore sublime hiking routes; enjoy excellent bird watching opportunities; learn about local culture with a trip to a traditional Himba village; or go canoeing, kayaking, and game viewing.

Day Itinerary

Tour Start and Off-Road Driving Introduction

After a restful night in the rooftop tent or lodge room and a delicious breakfast, our off-road adventure through the remote Kaokoland begins. In convoy, we head towards Van Zyl's Pass. On the first day of driving, you will have the opportunity to familiarize yourself with your vehicle on mostly easy off-road tracks. Thanks to radio communication between vehicles, the guide will provide valuable tips and tricks during the drive.

Kaokoland impresses with rugged mountain ranges, steep slopes, and dry valleys. This untouched wilderness of Namibia captivates with a mix of savannas, gorges, sand slopes, and mountains – a unique habitat where the Himba have survived for centuries.

Our wild camp is located near the famous but challenging Van Zyl's Pass. Instead of taking this demanding route, we will follow an alternative path through a slightly easier pass into the Marienfluss.

Our bush camp offers a mobile shower and bush toilet. Sleeping is in rooftop tents on the vehicles, under a spectacular starry sky – far from artificial lights. Dinner is cooked together over the campfire, where we relax and enjoy the quiet of the desert.

Breakfast, a picnic lunch, and dinner are included in the tour price; guests are responsible for their own beverages.

Overnight: Van Zyl's Pass Umfahrung

Since the **Van Zyl's Pass** is known for its challenging terrain, we have chosen an **alternative route** that still requires off-road driving skills but is **significantly less demanding**.

On this detour, you will need to **maneuver your 4x4 vehicle with skill**, but the pass is **nowhere near as difficult as Van Zyl's Pass**. This way, you can still enjoy a true off-road adventure—just on a slightly more manageable route.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 3: Camp Syncro, Marienfluss Valley

Marienfluss Valley

The Marienfluss Valley is situated in the extreme north west of Namibia's Kunene Region, run through by the beautiful Kunene River. The valley is best known for its mysterious 'fairy circles': rings in the sand between two and 20 metres across, rimmed by grass. The circles are believed to be created by termites, while a local Himba tale tells the story of a dragon blowing fiery bubbles from the earth. Explore the valley's vast grasslands, stunning dunes in the west, and the rugged Otjhipa mountains in the east. Access to the Marienfluss Valley is with a 4x4 vehicle only.

Day Itinerary

The Marienfluss

After a restful first night in our rooftop tents and a delicious breakfast, we pack up our camp and set off. Today, we are greeted by the breathtaking landscape of the Marienfluss – a scene of colorful sand plains and majestic red dunes, framed by the imposing Baines and Hartmann Mountains.

At the end of the route, we reach the idyllic **Camp Syncro**, a shady and welcoming camp right on the Kunene River. Here, we have the chance to spend a relaxing afternoon and evening, reflecting on the experiences of the day and fully immersing ourselves in the tranquility and wilderness of this unique region.

For those who prefer to stay in a luxurious lodge, the **Okohirongo River Camp** is located nearby. Please let us know during booking if you wish to stay at this beautiful lodge. (The lodge is currently closed for renovations. Please inquire about the current status of the renovations if you're interested.)

Breakfast, a picnic lunch, and dinner are included in the tour price; guests are responsible for their own beverages.

Overnight: Camp Syncro

Camp Syncro is located at the northern end of Marienfluss valley (Namibia), right at the edge of the Kunene river, at the border to Angola. It is a remote paradise where you can find a place of recreation, far off civilisation-induced stress.



Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 4: Hartmann Valley Wild Camping, Hartmann Valley

Hartmann Valley

Stunningly remote, the Hartmann Valley is a desolate yet entrancing moonscape of sand and rock. Located in the extreme northwest of Namibia, the region offers a profound sense of wilderness and unusual juxtaposition of habitats, as the Kunene River nurtures a band of lush vegetation amidst one of the driest deserts on earth, while sea mists creep in from the coast, and waves upon waves of dunes beckon to be slid down. The valley is home to the Himba, one of the last true nomads in Africa.

Day Itinerary

Over Mountain Passes into the Heart of the Wilderness

We leave the Kunene River behind and head south through the Marienfluss. Today, we are faced with a more challenging off-road route – we must conquer the **Hartmann Pass**. This demanding trail takes us up into the spectacular **Hartmann Mountains**, offering grand views over the rugged, untouched landscape.

After crossing the pass, we continue through a mix of rocky plains and sandy stretches into the expansive **Hartmann Valley**. This remote desert region is striking with its gentle dunes, vast valleys, and an almost surreal silence.

Here, we set up our wild camp and unwind after an exhilarating day with a cold beer or a glass of wine – in the heart of one of Namibia's most beautiful and untouched landscapes.

Breakfast, a picnic lunch, and dinner are included in the tour price, while beverages are to be provided by each participant.

Overnight: Hartmann Valley Wild Camping

Hartmann Valley Wild Camping is located in the remote northwest of Namibia, within the stunning Hartmann Valley.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 5: Munutum Wild Camping, Skeleton Coast

Skeleton Coast

Stretching from the Swakop River to southern Angola, the Skeleton Coast is known as the 'Land God Made in Anger' and is remoteness at its best. Thousands of miles of sandy desert dotted with shipwrecks meet with the cold waters of the Atlantic and somehow an amazing array of wildlife and flora manages to survive in this harsh but beautiful environment. Ocean fog creeps over the shoreline caused by the warm dry air of the Namib Desert colliding with the cold Benguela current. This otherworldly area is home to a diversity of wildlife including seabird colonies, Cape fur seals, zebra, gemsbok, desert-adapted elephant, lion and much more. Surfing enthusiasts are drawn to these powerful waves and photographers flock from around the globe to snap a shot of this eerie shipwreck graveyard and for the unrivalled maritime photographic opportunities. This coast is desolate but breathtakingly beautiful.

Day Itinerary

The Hartmann Valley – Vast Solitude and Sand Dunes

We continue our exploration of the remote **Hartmann Valley**, crossing open plains and fascinating crescent-shaped dunes as we head south. The scenery alternates between sandy dunes, rocky terrain, and expansive valleys, all shaped by the untouched beauty of this isolated region.

Near the famous **Skeleton Coast Park**, we set up our next camp. Here, we must anticipate strong, cool winds, which typically begin to rise in the afternoon, blowing in from the sea. For this reason, we carefully select our campsites in wind-protected areas and set up additional wind nets to provide some shelter.

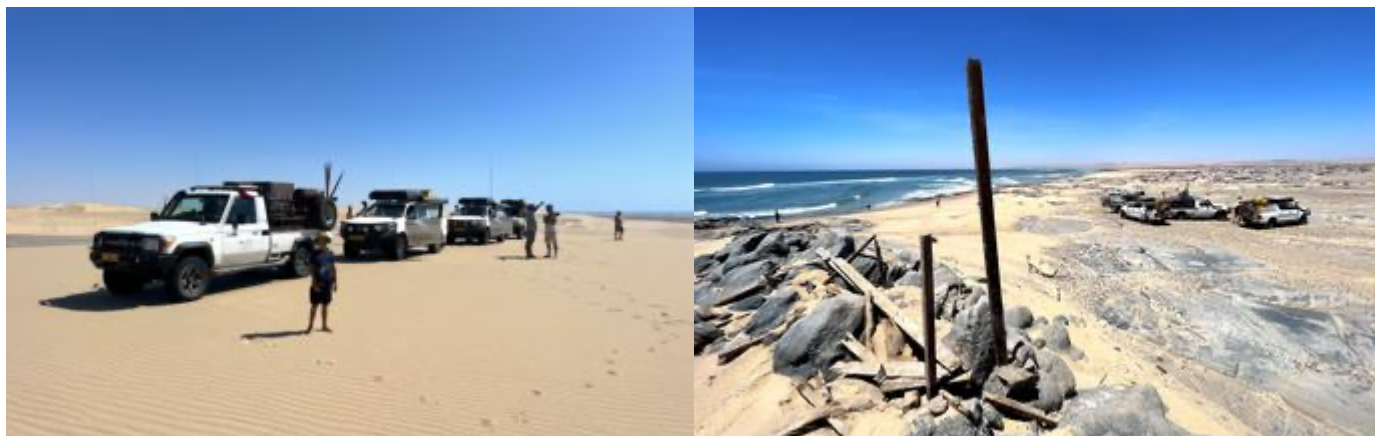
Typically, the wind dies down after sunset, and by morning, we often experience a near-perfect calm – before the natural spectacle unfolds once again in the afternoon.

➡ Please ensure that you bring **windproof, warm clothing** to withstand the chilly nights and occasional foggy mornings.

Breakfast, a picnic lunch, and dinner are included in the tour price, while beverages are to be provided by each participant.

Overnight: Munutum Wild Camping

Munutum Wild Campsite is tucked away in the remote heart of Kaokoland, near the Skeleton Coast Park, offering a unique overnight camping experience. Situated in a sheltered area, the campsite is protected from the strong coastal winds that are characteristic of this wild and untamed region. The tranquil surroundings of this campsite make it a perfect retreat for those seeking to connect with nature and enjoy the peace of Namibia's rugged wilderness. Set against the stark beauty of Kaokoland's desert landscape, the campsite allows visitors to experience the raw, untouched beauty of the area while staying protected from the elements.



Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 6: Agatberg Wild Camping, Khumib River

Khumib River

The ephemeral Khumib River is situated in north-western Namibia's Kunene Region, originating near the Orupembe and flowing westwards to the Skeleton Coast and the Namib Desert. Surrounded by otherworldly rocky plains, dramatic canyons, and mirror-like salt pans, the river, and its environment are unique, and a phenomenal place to lose oneself in nature. During the rainy seasons (November and February), the river does carry water, sometimes reaching all the way to the Atlantic. Visitors to the area can enjoy guided safaris, bird-watching tours, and expeditions to the shipwrecks just off the coast.

Day Itinerary

The Skeleton Coast – Unique Wilderness and Forgotten Shipwrecks

Today, we enter the famous **Skeleton Coast Park**, an exclusive experience reserved for only a few travelers. This region is one of the most remote and rugged landscapes in Namibia – characterized by endless stretches of untouched sand dunes and a haunting silence.

The tracks become increasingly deep-sand, which means we need to drive with reduced tire pressure and increased fuel consumption. Despite the harsh conditions, the **Skeleton Coast** fascinates with its unique landscapes and exceptional experiences.

The wildlife in this inhospitable environment also offers surprises: In addition to **oryx antelopes**, **springboks**, and **jackals**, we may be lucky enough to spot **brown hyenas**, **giraffes**, or even **desert lions** and **desert elephants**.

The **Skeleton Coast** gets its name from the numerous shipwrecks that have occurred here over the centuries. While well-preserved wrecks are rare due to the rough seas and salty air, we are sure to encounter some remnants of past shipwrecks along our route.

Our journey eventually leads us to the sea, where we pass the vast **seal colony** at **Cape Fria**. We then leave the coast and head inland to seek refuge from the cold coastal winds.

Breakfast, a picnic lunch, and dinner are included in the tour price, while guests should bring their own drinks.

Overnight: Agatberg Wild Camping

Agatberg Wild Camping is a hidden gem in the Agatberg Mountains, deep within Namibia's Skeleton Coast Park. This remote campsite offers a rare opportunity to immerse yourself in the stark beauty of an untouched wilderness. Surrounded by rugged mountains, sweeping dunes, and vast desert landscapes, it's a place where the raw power of nature is felt in every breath. The tranquility here is unmatched, with only the sound of the wind and the distant call of wildlife breaking the silence. It's the perfect escape for those looking to disconnect and experience the Skeleton Coast's untamed beauty. The camp offers a unique opportunity to witness desert-adapted wildlife, such as elephants and oryx, as they roam freely in their natural habitat. With every step, the landscape tells a story of survival and resilience, making it an unforgettable place for adventure and peaceful reflection.



Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 7: Khumib Skeleton Wild Camping, Khumib River

Khumib River

As previously described

Day Itinerary

Continuing Through the Skeleton Coast – Between Sand, Sea, and Wilderness

Our journey continues through the mysterious **Skeleton Coast** – sometimes along the beach, sometimes through the rugged inland. The scenery shifts between endless sand plains, jagged rocks, and the untamed Atlantic coast, where the wind often dictates the direction.

By midday, we reach the dry riverbed of the **Khumib**, one of the few lifelines in this barren region. Near a hidden spring, various desert animals often gather, including **oryx antelopes** and **jackals**, all of which have adapted to the harsh life in this wilderness.

In the afternoon, we set up our wild camp again, deep in the untouched nature. Far from any civilization, we enjoy the silence and the unique atmosphere of this landscape – as the campfire crackles and the vast starry sky shines above us.

Note: There is also the possibility, for private groups or with mutual agreement among all guests, to spend one or two nights in the exclusive **Shipwreck Lodge**, which is located nearby. The lodge is known for its extraordinary architecture, reminiscent of stranded shipwrecks, and offers luxurious accommodation amidst the rugged beauty of the **Skeleton Coast**. For more information about the lodge or to book a stay there, please inquire when making your booking.

Breakfast, a picnic lunch, and dinner are included in the tour price, while guests should bring their own drinks.

Overnight: Khumib Skeleton Wild Camping

The Khumib River is a dry riverbed that flows through the heart of the Skeleton Coast Park, located in the remote and rugged terrain of northern Namibia. Although it is usually dry, the riverbed occasionally fills with water during rare seasonal rains, bringing life to the arid landscape. It is one of the few water sources in this desolate region, making it an important area for desert-adapted wildlife, including Oryx, springbok, and desert elephants, who rely on these rare water pockets to survive.

The Khumib River's surroundings are striking, with towering dunes and rocky outcrops that provide a dramatic backdrop to the landscape. The area is known for its vast isolation, where travelers can experience the immense beauty and harshness of the Skeleton Coast's wilderness. This place offers an authentic experience of Namibia's remote deserts, where the harsh environment meets the stunning serenity of nature.



Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 8: Leyland Wild Camping, Skeleton Coast

Skeleton Coast

As previously described

Day Itinerary

Back to Kaokoland – Through the Hoarusib Canyon and the Clay Castles

Today, we gradually leave the Skeleton Coast Park and head back inland. If the terrain allows and the route is not too muddy, we will follow the mighty **Hoarusib River**, a dry riverbed that surprisingly carries water nearly all year round due to groundwater being pushed to the surface before disappearing in other areas.

The drive through the **Hoarusib Canyon** is an adventure in itself. The towering, jagged rock formations rise on both sides, offering spectacular views of red sandstone cliffs, steep drops, and deeply cut gorges. From time to time, we spot tracks left by **desert elephants** and **lions** that move through the riverbed, always searching for water and food.

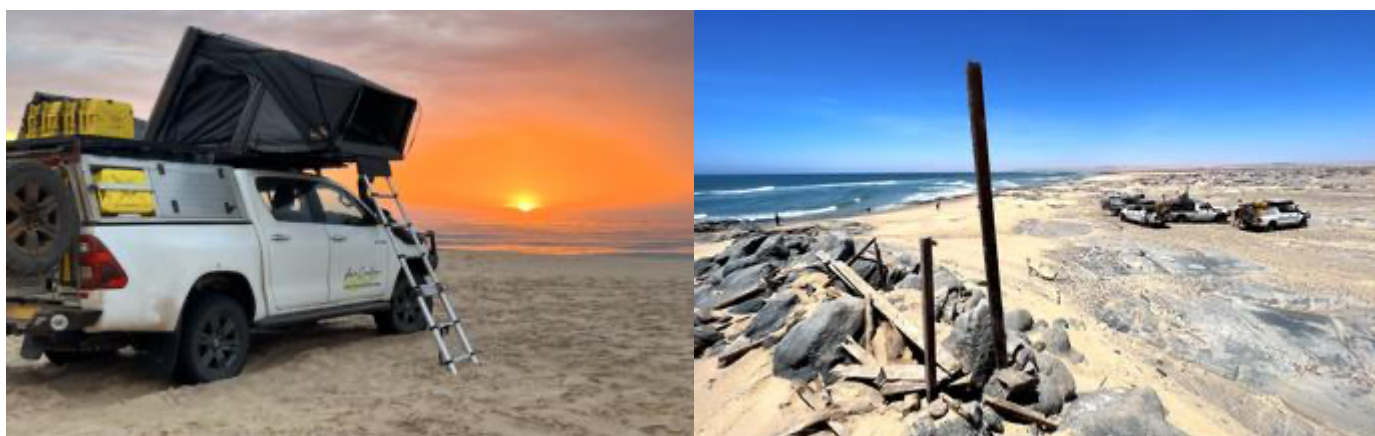
Another highlight along our route is the famous **Clay Castles** – a fascinating natural formation of clay sand deposits, shaped over millennia by wind and water into a surreal landscape of towers and castles. These natural "castles" provide a stunning backdrop and are among the most impressive geological formations in Kaokoland.

In the afternoon, we leave the Skeleton Coast Park for good and set up camp in a remote area of **Kaokoland**. Here, we once again enjoy total isolation, a campfire under the open sky, and the magical silence of this wild landscape.

Breakfast, a **picnic lunch**, and **dinner** are included in the tour price, while guests should bring their own drinks.

Overnight: Leyland Wild Camping

Leyland Wild Camping is located in the scenic Hoarusib Valley in central Kaokoland, northern Namibia.



Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 9: Hoanib River Wild Camping, Hoanib River

Hoanib River

Where Kaokoland meets the Skeleton Coast, in western Namibia, the 270-kilometre-long Hoanib River is one of the last water oases in the country, providing a haven for numerous animals. Home to 75% of Namibia's endemic species, including the largest numbers of desert-adapted, free-roaming elephants, lions, and rhinos in the world, as well as zebra, kudu, and giraffe, this is a truly exceptional and awe-inspiring place. Visitors can enjoy taking a wonderful four-wheel-drive route, going on adventurous hiking trails, running down enormous sand dunes, or climbing massive, strangely shaped rock formations as well as several guided nature walks.

Day Itinerary

The Fascinating Dry Rivers of Kaokoland

Today, we embark on a journey through the vast, dry landscapes, which will later continue into the **Hoanib River** dry riverbeds.

The **Hoanib River** is one of the most impressive dry rivers in Kaokoland, offering a unique opportunity to experience the desert wildlife, including **giraffes, elephants, lions**, and various antelopes, in their natural habitat.

Our final wild camp will be set up today close to the **Hoanib River**, allowing us to enjoy the peace and isolation of this pristine world. Here, far from the hustle and bustle of daily life, we can fully immerse ourselves in the extraordinary beauty of this region.

Breakfast, a picnic lunch, and dinner are included in the tour price, while drinks are to be brought by each guest.

Overnight: Hoanib River Wild Camping

The Hoanib River Wild camp is situated close to the Hoanib River, in a remote region of Africa, where the desert landscapes of Kaokoland meet the Skeleton Coast. The camp provides a relaxed haven from where guests can explore the land. The rugged mountains and canyons of the Hoanib River provide a refuge for some of the continent's unique wildlife.



Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 10: Palmwag Campsite Gondwana Collection Namibia, Palmwag

Palmwag

Palmwag is beautifully located along a palm-lined tributary of the Uniab River. Water is scarce in this area, so the river's presence often lures elephants closer to the camps. Palmwag is situated halfway between Swakopmund and Etosha and is the ideal base from which to see the sights of the Kunene region or embark on one of the many local hiking trails.

Day Itinerary

Continuing the Search for Kaokoland's Desert Wildlife

Today, we continue along the riverbed of the **Hoanib River** for a while. These dry riverbeds are vital lifelines in the desert, providing animals with a crucial source of food and water. The most common inhabitants of the region include the majestic **desert elephants**, elegant **giraffes**, as well as large predators like **lions**, **leopards**, and **cheetahs**. Various antelope species such as **oryx**, **kudu**, and **springbok** roam these wild landscapes, while **zebras** and **ostriches** are frequently spotted.

At midday, we will leave the Hoanib and continue our journey across dusty plains.

Important note: When leaving the Hoanib River, a fee must be paid at the concession gate:

- Vehicle: N\$ 150
- Per person: N\$ 100

This fee is to be paid in cash by each participant on-site.

Our route will take us through the village of **Sesfontein**, before finally reaching our beautiful campsite at the **Palmwag Lodge**. Here, we can top up water and fuel supplies as needed.

We will spend the night at the lodge's campsite, but if you prefer the comfort of a room, there is also the option to book accommodation at the lodge. Please let us know your preference when registering for the tour.

The shared dinner will be served at the lodge's restaurant, where we can wind down the day in a cozy atmosphere.

Breakfast, a **picnic lunch**, and **dinner** are included in the tour price, while drinks are to be brought by each guest.

Overnight: Palmwag Campsite Gondwana Collection Namibia

Palmwag Campsite is set on the Uniab River in northwest Damaraland. The campsites are equipped with a fire pit and plug point. For guests enjoyment, there is an on-site swimming pool, lapa, bar. For daily activities, guests can go on a guided walk or game viewing and may spot some elephants, rhinos, giraffes, zebras and gemsbok.



Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 11: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

Today, the Guide Departs

Today marks the end of our shared journey. After breakfast, you will be free to continue on your own way. You can choose to enjoy more self-drive days through Namibia or, if you wish, you may accompany the guide as they return to Windhoek.

If you'd like, we can also help plan and book any additional activities to make your Namibia adventure even more exciting.

Breakfast is included in the tour price.

We hope you had an unforgettable and adventurous tour through the Skeleton Coast and Kaokoland, and we look forward to hearing your feedback.

Warm regards,

Your Team at MEINE NAMIBIA SAFARIS

Travel Information



Located in southwestern Africa, Namibia boasts a well-developed infrastructure, some of the best tourist facilities in Africa, and an impressive list of breathtaking natural wonders. Visitors can explore the capital of Windhoek and discover the lovely coastal town of Swakopmund boasting remnants of the country's German influence, reflected in the architecture, culture, cuisine and the annual Oktoberfest celebrations. To properly appreciate this extraordinary country, you will have to venture out of the cities to explore the remarkable natural landscapes Namibia has to offer. These include: the impressive Fish River Canyon; the vast Etosha National Park teeming with abundant wildlife, such as lions, desert-adapted elephants and the Hartmann's Mountain Zebra; the hauntingly beautiful Kalahari Desert; and of course the Namib Desert stretching for over 2000 km along the magnificent Atlantic Coast. Namibia is an ideal destination for travellers seeking an unforgettable African experience in a uniquely beautiful untamed wilderness.

Entry Requirements

Passport and driving licence

A journey can only start with a valid passport. Do check if the passports of all participants are valid for 6 more month from the date that you again depart from Namibia or Botswana.

Attention: When flying over and staying in South Africa and/or Botswana with children under 18 years it is required to have a unabridged birth certificate with you for these children. When a child travels with only one parent mentioned on the birth certificate it is required to have a written letter of consent with you of the parent not joining.

When one wants to rent a car the renter has to show a valid driving licence. Valid driving licences are: international drivers license, European Union driving licence, any national driving licence in English. National driving licences without mentioning in English "driving licence" must be accompanied by an officially certified translation in English. A driver needs to be at least 25 years old to be allowed to hire and drive a car.

Banking and Currency

Currency

Namibia uses the Namibian Dollar (N\$) this is linked on a one to one exchange with the South African Rand. The Rand is legal tender in Namibia, but the N\$ cannot be used in South Africa.

If you are wishing to purchase currency before arriving in Namibia, it is easiest to buy Rand as the Namibian Dollar is seldom available in banks outside of Namibia.

Banking

Banks are found in most towns, and are generally open from 09h00 to 15h30 on weekdays and 08h30 to 11h00 on Saturdays. Closed on Sundays and public holidays. Most of them offer foreign exchange services - with cash, bank and credit cards as well as travellers cheques.

You can also obtain cash from many of the ATMs. Several international banks have branches in main city centres. Always advise your bank that you are travelling outside of the country as they might block your purchases if they have not been informed.

Money matters

Master and Visa credit cards are in generally accepted in Namibia. For money withdrawals at ATM's at the different banks (except Bank Windhoek) you can use the normal debit cards (Maestro).

In Botswana the Visa credit card is mostly accepted. Money withdrawals with normal debit cards are usually not possible. For Botswana it is recommended to take USD and/or EUR cash. For crossing the border of Zimbabwe and a visit to the Victoria Falls you will need USD.

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Public transport in Namibia is geared towards the needs of the local populace, and is confined to main roads between major population centres. Although cheap and reliable, it is of little use to the traveller as most of Namibia's tourist attractions lie off the beaten track.

It is easy to travel around Namibia by car, and a 4WD vehicle is perfectly adequate both tarred and gravel roads. However, long distances, poor mobile phone coverage outside of main towns and infrequent petrol stations that only accept cash mean that planning ahead is vital.

There are major airlines that fly into Windhoek and Swakopmund. Other destinations are reachable by car or charter flight.

Namibians drive on the left and all signposts are in English. Seat belts must be worn at all times and talking in a mobile phone while driving is prohibited. The general speed limit is 100km/h on tarred roads outside of towns and 80km/h on gravel roads. In built up areas, the speed limit is 60km/h.

Health and Medical Information

Travel healthy

Beside taking the normal 'travel pharmacy' it is important to get informed about the necessary vaccinations. The DTP vaccination (Diphtheria, Tetanus en Polio) and Hepatitis A vaccination are recommended. The Hepatitis B en typhoid vaccination are only necessary depending on the nature, duration and length of the stay. A Yellow fever vaccination is only mandatory when travellers come from a yellow fever area.

During summer (December – April) the risk of getting malaria is higher than during wintertime (May – October). When you visit the far north of Namibia, the Caprivistrip, the Okavango Delta and/or the Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, it is certainly recommended to take malaria prophylaxis. Also take necessary preventions, such as wearing protective clothes, and using anti-mosquito remedy, preferably with the ingredient DEET.

For professional advice contact your doctor or travel clinic.

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Food and water safety:

Can you drink the tap water: Yes

Fresh fruit and veg: Yes

Ice: Yes

Meat: Yes

Street food: Yes

Local cuisine:

Namibian cuisine features a rich blend of German and South African influences, with a focus on grilled meats and fish. Dishes like Biltong (dried, spiced meat), Kapana (grilled meat from street vendors), and Potjiekos (slow-cooked meat and vegetable stew) are popular. Seafood is also abundant along the coast.

Drinks:

Popular local drinks include Windhoek Lager and Tafel Lager, locally brewed beers.

Tipping: customary, usually around 10-15% in restaurants.

Climate and Weather

Annual rainfall: Varies from under 50 mm in the desert to over 700 mm in the Caprivi Strip

Average temperature: 20°C

Summer:

Average highs: 30°C

Average lows: 15°C

Winter:

Average highs: 20°C

Average lows: 5°C

Best time to visit:

The best time to visit Namibia is during the cooler dry months from May to October when wildlife viewing is at its best in parks like Etosha National Park. The weather is pleasant for exploring the desert landscapes and other outdoor activities.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

Namibians have a somewhat relaxed attitude to dress codes. A jacket and tie is very unusual. In fact, long trousers and a shirt with buttons are often quite adequate for a formal occasion or work wear. A pair of sensible shoes, jeans and a t-shirt is recommended.

During the day it is generally hot, so pack light weight loose fitting clothes in natural fabrics, such as linen or cotton, that will keep you cool and are easy to wash and dry.

Keep in mind that the 'winter'-month will require you to take a warm set of clothes for the cold evenings.

Internet Availability

Internet cafes: Yes

Accommodation options: Yes

Restaurants: Yes

Cafes: Yes

Shopping malls: Yes

Public parks: No

Libraries: Yes

Electricity and Plug Standards

Plug Type: Type D, M, and G

Voltage (V): 220 V

Frequency (Hz): 50 Hz

*Travel plug adapter and voltage converter might be necessary depending on your appliances.

General Guidance

Securities

Explore Africa Travel is an official member of the NTB (Namibian Tourism Board). This is a government institution that oversees the quality of the tourism industry in Namibia. Furthermore, Explore Africa Travel is a member of the TASA (Tourism Association Southern Africa). This organization monitors the observance of all kinds of rules in tourism in southern Africa.

At the moment of booking a 25% deposit is required. The outstanding amount is due 6 weeks prior to arrival in Windhoek. An official invoice will be send to you. This can also be used for arranging a travel and cancellation insurance.

Payment can be done directly on to our European bank account.

Terms and Conditions

Itinerary Terms and Conditions

Changes are subject to the organizer's discretion.

Guaranteed departure with a minimum of 4 participants.

Meine Namibia Safaris/Explore Africa Travel Terms and Conditions

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. General

1. In the context of these conditions the following parties are mentioned:
 1. Booking agency; the company or the person that is working in the name of the company, which offers organized trips, car rental and/or accommodation to the public, private persons or a group of private persons.
 2. Travel agreement; the agreement between the booking agency and the customer of the organization, reservation and/or booking of an organized trip, car rental and/or accommodation for a period of at least 24 hours including at least two of the following services:
 1. Transport;
 2. Accommodation;
 3. Any other item not related to transport or accommodation that is a significant part of the trip.
 3. Main booker:
 1. The contract party of the booking agency, or
 2. The person participating in the offered trip, or
 3. The person who is acting on behalf of the person participating in the trip.
 4. Agent; the company that is acting as an intermediate between the traveler and the booking agency with respect to the travel agreement.
 5. Working days; the days Monday till Friday, excluding official holidays.
 6. Office hours; the days Monday till Friday from 09.00 - 17.00.
2. These conditions apply for all travel agreements between any of the parties as per above. The booking agency can make these conditions applicable for other publications as well, if clearly mentioned in the concerned publication.
3. If the number of days is mentioned in the (published) travel agreement, then the day of arrival and the day of departure are counted as whole days. This could mean that the exact number of days of the actual stay is less than the number mentioned in the (published) travel agreement.
4. The travel agreement is official, valid and binding as soon as the main booker accepts the offer of the booking agency. The acceptance can be made directly or by means of an agent (intermediate). After acceptance of the travel agreement, the main booker will receive the written confirmation electronically, just as confirmation or in terms of an invoice.
5. The main booker:
 1. Has to inform the booking agency before or ultimately at the moment of the acceptance of the travel agreement about all personal details of him/herself as well as the participating travelers that could be important for the acceptance of the travel agreement or its execution.
 2. If the person who is accepting the offer, or who is accepting the offer on behalf of another, fails to do so, and this results in cancellation of one or all participating travelers, the related

costs will be charged to the main booker and he/she is personally liable for all obligations of the accepted travel agreement.

3. All communication, including payment procedures, with the booking agency will be solely dealt with by the traveler or main booker who accepted the travel agreement.
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1. The main booker accepts, that at the moment the travel agreement is in force, a deposit of 25% of the total amount payable has become due immediately.
 2. If the main booker's deposit or payments are not received on time by the booking agency, interest rate of 15% on the amount payable will be calculated, plus any possible (legal) costs.
 3. Full payment of the balance becomes due at least six weeks before the day of departure. If the full payment is not made, then the main booker has failed to meet the conditions of the contract. The booking agency will inform the main booker in writing of a final chance to fulfill the obligations by paying the full amount within seven working days. If the payment is still not received by the booking agency, the travel agreement is considered cancelled by the main booker. The booking agency has the right to keep the deposit as cost of cancellation. No refund will take place.
 4. If the travel agreement is accepted within six weeks before the day of departure, full payment is due immediately.
 5. All rates include VAT, local taxes, car rental including maintenance, unlimited mileage, airport transfers (limited to Windhoek), standard car insurance and accommodation in chalets, hotels and lodges or on campsites as mentioned in the chosen route; unless otherwise and explicitly indicated as EXCLUDING.
 6. The published rates are per person, unless specified otherwise. Included in these rates are all services as described in the publication.
 7. The published rates are based on price levels, exchange rates, levies, taxes, etc. as known by the booking agency at the moment of publishing and are not to be published to third parties or valid for future bookings.
 8. Until the moment the full payment is received by the booking agency, the booking agency reserves the right to increase the rates caused by changes in transport costs, taxes, levies and exchange rates. The booking agency will always strive to inform the main booker about the calculation method of the increase but is not obliged to do so.
 9. If a travel agreement is cancelled by the main booker, additionally to any direct costs of reservation (e.g. prepayments to lodges/hotels/car hires etc.), the following cancellation fees apply:
 1. Cancellation until the 42nd day (excluding) before the day of departure: the deposit of 25%;
 2. Cancellation from the 42nd day (including) until the 28th day (excluding) before the day of departure: 35% of the full amount payable;
 3. Cancellation from the 28th day (including) until the 21st day (excluding) before the day of departure: 40% of the full amount payable;
 4. Cancellation from the 21st day (including) until the 14th day (excluding) before the day of departure: 50% of the full amount payable;
 5. Cancellation from the 14th day (including) until the 7th day (excluding) before the day of departure: 75% of the full amount payable;
 6. Cancellation from the 7th day (including) until the day of departure: full (100%) amount payable.
 10. Cancellation of the travel agreement:
 1. by one of the participating travelers is considered a cancellation of all agreements, resulting in cancellation fees for all travelers as outlined in point 14.

2. If the other participating travelers are willing to continue with the agreement, and the reduced number of participating travelers is possible according to the travel proposal, then the travel agreements are still considered as valid. Point 15c is then applicable.
 3. The travelers mentioned in point b will be liable to pay the rates as mentioned for the (reduced) number of participants.
11. Cancellations submitted outside official office hours are considered to be submitted on the first next working day.
1. The booking agency reserves the right to cancel all agreements due to significant and unforeseen circumstances without specifying any reason. The cancellation must be submitted in writing and within a reasonable term. If this should be the case, the traveler will be refunded with the amount he / she already paid to the booking agency. The travel agency will not be responsible for any expenses made outside the travel agreement e.g. for flights. Cancellation policies apply.
 2. Cancellation of an accommodation:
 1. If the main booker or a traveler causes any cancellation in an accommodation due to the traveler's behavior upon arrival, then all costs related to the cancellation(s) will be charged to the traveler.
 2. If any cancellation of an accommodation is caused by the booking agency, then all cost related to the cancellation(s) will be covered by the booking agency.
 3. The travelers should adhere to all instructions given by the booking agency in order to have proper execution of the travel agreement. The main booker is liable for any damage resulting from not adhering to these instructions.
 4. The traveler who is:
 1. not adhering to the rules of the booking agency or,
 2. is causing trouble of any kind, and therefore causing difficulties in the execution of the travel agreement, can be suspended from the trip, or the booking agency can decide to cancel the travel agreement completely. All costs related to the difficulties or cancellations will be charged to the main booker.
 5. The main booker is obliged to avoid and reduce any possible damage as much as possible.
 6. If during a trip, any unexpected circumstances (such as car accidents, delays, etc.), require changes in the planned travel schedule, then the booking agency will try to make corresponding changes in the travel plan where possible. But the booking agency is not obliged to do so, and all costs related to these changes will be charged to the main booker.
 7. Any mistakes made, in publications, communications, price calculations or else, are not binding to the booking agency and may be corrected. The kind of mistakes referred to here - from the perspective of an average traveler - should be easily recognizable by the traveler.
 8. Acceptance of the agreement:
 1. After acceptance the main booker can request an adjustment of the agreement. Until six weeks before the date of departure these changes will be incorporated as much as possible and confirmed by the booking agency in writing.
 2. The booking agency can charge the main booker an admin fee plus the accommodation / camping site cancellation fee per change as cost of adjustment, when adjustments are made within 6 weeks upon arrival or upon arrival.
 3. Postponement of the date of departure or reducing the number of participating travelers after 6 weeks upon arrival is considered as a (partial) cancellation, as most accommodation have 6 weeks cancellation policy. Cancellation fees will apply.

9. Before the execution of the travel agreement, the main booker is allowed to replace a participant traveler by another person. For this, the following conditions apply:
 1. the person replacing accepts all agreed conditions and agreements; and
 2. the request for replacement should be submitted at least 7 working days before departure; and
 3. the conditions of other parties involved (hotels, accommodations, etc.) do not reject such a replacement;
 4. The main booker, the traveler to be replaced and the traveler who is going to replace, are liable for the full payment of the (rest of) the total amount payable, including possible costs of adjustment, communication costs and other possible costs related to the replacement.

1. The booking agency is obliged to execute the agreement in line with the main booker's expectations, as long as these expectations are reasonable.
2. If the trip is not in line with the main booker's expectations upon arrival, then he/she is obliged to inform the booking agency and parties involved immediately, making it possible for the booking agency and parties involved to come up with a suitable solution. The booking agency will try to help and assist the traveler wherever they can.
3. The booking agency accepts no responsibility for wrong information in photos, brochures, advertisements, websites or what so ever published by third parties, nor for any products or services offered by party vendors (hotels, airlines, etc.). The booking agency will in no way be held responsible for any negligence, inconvenience, delay, loss, or injury caused by such vendors.
4. The traveler should be in the possession of a valid traveler's document, such as a valid passport, visa if applicable, medical passports, and a valid driver's license. If the traveler fails to do so and will therefore not be able to participate in (a part of) the trip, all costs related to this matter will be charged to the traveler.
 1. Children under the age of 18 should in addition to the children's passports, carry their Full birth certificates.
 2. Adults travelling with children that are not their biological children are advised to provide an affidavit from the child's biological parents or legal guardians that the child is travelling with consent of the biological parents and legal guardians internationally; and have contact details of the biological parents or legal guardian of the child.
 3. If a child is travelling with only one parent, the other parent (registered as a parent of the child on the birth certificate) must provide consent for the child to travel with the other parent.
 4. Where applicable, provide a copy of a death certificate of the other parent registered as a parent of the child on the birth certificate.
 5. Any unaccompanied minor shall produce proof of consent from one of or both his or her parents or legal guardian, as the case may be, in the form of a letter from the person who is to receive the child; containing his or her residential address and contact details where the child will be residing; a copy of the identity document or valid passport and visa or permanent residence permit of the person who is to receive the child; and the contact details of the parents or legal guardian of the child.
5. The main booker is fully responsible for arranging or not, a comprehensive travel (cancellation) insurance and a medical travel insurance.
6. Reduced liability:

1. In case any official documents apply by law, causing a reduced liability to any service provider, then this reduced liability also applies to the booking agency.
2. The booking agency is also not liable for any costs that are covered or could be covered by any insurance such as cancellation or travelers (medical) insurance.
7. The booking agency cannot be held liable for any (personal) damage or death of the participating travelers, nor for any other damage resulting from these tragic events.
8. All exemptions or exceptions in these conditions concerning the liability of the booking agency also apply for the employees, management and owners of the booking agency, unless lawfully not permitted.

2. Car Rental

1. The main booker will enter a direct agreement with the car rental company concerning the car rental. The booking agency is no party in this and cannot be held liable for any difficulties, problems or damage what so ever.
1. The terms and conditions of the car rental company apply at all times for the car rental. If there any deviations between the conditions of the booking agency and the conditions of the car rental company, then the conditions of the car rental company apply concerning the car rental specifically.
2. The booking agency and the car rental company reserve the right to substitute the booked vehicle with a similar one or an upgrade.
3. All vehicles are hired subject to a standard Rental Agreement (RA) to be signed at the office of the car rental company.
4. The minimum rental period is 6 days. Daily rates are calculated on a 24-hour basis from time of pick-up to time of drop-off.
5. Extensions of the rental period must be arranged with the booking agency no later than 2 days (48 hours) prior to the agreed date of termination. This extension cannot be guaranteed, as it depends on the availability of the vehicle.
6. The car insurance policy is reserved for the rental company, in which the vehicle was booked by the travel agency.
7. Long term and one-way rentals (e.g. pick up in Windhoek and return in Maun) are available on request.
8. A valid and unendorsed driver s' license must be produced by the main booker/driver. Valid drivers' licenses are: an international drivers' license, an European drivers' license, any national drivers' license in English. An official certified translation in English must accompany national drivers' license if it should be in another language than English.
9. Minimum permitted age of the driver(s) is 25 years unless prior approved in writing by management.
10. Additional permitted drivers are charged a daily fee.
11. No vehicle may be taken outside the country without prior approval and a cross-border permit.

2. Accommodation

1. The main booker has a direct agreement with the accommodations concerning their stay at the specific accommodation. The booking agency has no party in this and cannot be held liable for any difficulties, problems or damage or what so ever.
2. The conditions of the accommodation apply at all times. If there are any deviations between the conditions of the booking agency and the conditions of the accommodation, then the conditions of the accommodation apply concerning stay at this accommodation.
3. The booking agency reserves the right to substitute the booked accommodation with a similar one.

3. Personal Data

1. The booking agency collects some personal data of travelers but limits this data to only what is necessary to facilitate the (published) travel agreement and its related requirements safety measures, emergency contacts etc.
2. The booking agency assures the client that his/her data is kept safe and confidential at all times and will not be shared freely with third parties, without the traveler s' explicit consent.
3. The booking agency makes use of a review system and platform solely for the purpose of collecting reviews about the booking agency and the traveler s' experience after the travel agreement is completed. For this purpose, the booking agency submits the travelers 'first names, e-mail address(es) and booking reference to the Platform in order to collect the reviews. In the case, where a traveler, does NOT agree that his/her above details are to be shared, the traveler agrees to notify the booking agency thereof and with all concerned details in writing. For more information on the Data Protection Policy please see our Privacy Statement.