Namibia: Green Season Safari

WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS FROM AFRICAT TO ETOSHA, DAMARALAND, HOANIB VALLEY, AND THE LEGENDARY SKELETON COAST

Wilderness Travel

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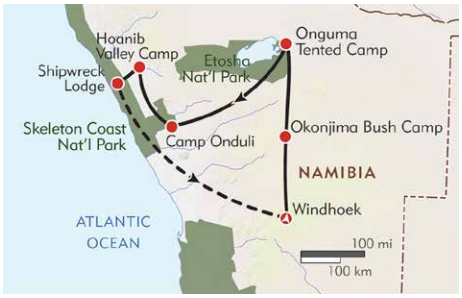
TRIP DATES

February 2-15, 2027
March 9-22, 2027
January 23-February 5, 2028
March 5-18, 2028

Namibia is one of the most hauntingly beautiful safari destinations in the world, brimming with astounding landscapes and rare species found nowhere else. We discover this epic land during the "green season" (January to March) as we track leopards at AfriCat and explore World Heritage-listed Etosha National Park from its less-traveled eastern gate. Heading into Namibia's far northwest, we search for desert-adapted elephants in ethereal Damaraland, then discover Kaokoland's remote Hoanib River Valley, which teems with resident desert-adapted wildlife in a vast, mountainous, and wild landscape. We'll visit a Himba settlement while we're in this luminous land and learn about their nomadic culture. Our grand finale finds us at Shipwreck Lodge, perched right on the dunes of the legendary Skeleton Coast. We enjoy all this with an expert Trip Leader who is one of Namibia's best known naturalist guides. The green season is Namibia's summer, a time of bounty, bringing the desert to life to reveal carpets of buttercup-yellow devil's-thorn flowers and swaths of yellow and pink cleomes. It is calving season for plains game such as springbok and zebra, peak birdwatching season for flocks of migratory species, and an ideal season for photography, with clear, dust-free skies and striking cloud formations. Rain is usually confined to a short and spectacular daily afternoon thundershower, which brings the plains alive with new green grass. To top it off, our journey comes at a savings of more than $1,500 per person compared with high-season safaris. Join us to explore the very best places to be during this special season!

Itinerary



TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

Length: 14 days
Arrive: Windhoek, Namibia
Depart: Windhoek, Namibia
Lodging: 2 nights hotels, 11 nights deluxe wildlife camps and lodges
Meals: All meals included (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
Activity: Safaris, Wildlife and Natural History
Trip Level: 1 2 (3) 4 5 6
4WD game viewing, easy to moderate hiking

DAY 1 ARRIVE IN WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA

Arrive at the Windhoek International Airport, where you are met for a transfer to Galton House, a small boutique hotel where you can dine al fresco in the garden by the pool. The rest of the afternoon is free to relax and settle in. This evening, we gather for a Welcome Dinner and trip orientation with the Trip Leader. Overnight at Galton House…D

DAY 2 OKONJIMA BUSH CAMP / AFRICAT FOUNDATION / LEOPARD TRACKING

After a leisurely breakfast, we drive through the small town of Okahandja to Okonjima Nature Reserve, home to the AfriCat Foundation. Founded in 1991, AfriCat is dedicated to creating conservation awareness, preserving habitat, promoting environmental educational research, and supporting animal welfare. Enjoy the welcoming atmosphere of Okonjima Bush Camp, and perhaps a short afternoon siesta, then head out on one of the camp's scheduled activities, usually tracking leopard by vehicle. In the surrounding Okonjima Nature Reserve, situated at the foot of the Omboroko Mountains, we may find leopards resting in the trees after a night of hunting. Overnight at Okonjima Bush Camp, with its nine thatched chalets...BLD
Driving Details: 3-4 hours

DAY 3 OKONJIMA NATURE RESERVE / EASTERN ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

We set out for a morning game drive that allows us to explore and learn about the classic central Namibian ecosystem of Okonjima Nature Reserve. Returning to camp, we have a sumptuous brunch, then depart for Onguma Tented Camp, situated on the eastern boundary of Etosha National Park. If there's time this afternoon, we head out on a game drive in Etosha National Park. If not, we can relax in the wonderful surroundings and have an evening to look for the game that comes to

the camp's floodlit waterhole. Overnight at Onguma Tented Camp...BLD

DAY 4 EASTERN ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK / 4WD GAME VIEWING

A full day of 4WD game viewing in eastern Etosha is a feast for the senses, and we'll be inside the park itself, with a picnic lunch en route. Etosha National Park, translated as the Place of Mirages, is made up of saline depressions or "pans." The largest of these, the Etosha Pan, at over 1,800 square miles, can be classified as a saline desert in its own right. The Etosha Pan lies in the Owambo Basin, on the northwest edge of the Namibian Kalahari Desert and encompasses grasslands, woodlands, and savannah. Game viewing centers on numerous springs and waterholes where a variety of species often gather at the same time. Wildlife includes elephant, lion, giraffe, blue wildebeest, eland, kudu, gemsbok (oryx), zebra, rhino, cheetah, leopard, hyena, honey badger, and warthog, as well as the endemic black-faced impala. If circumstances allow, the head of Onguma's anti-poaching unit (APU) will join us at dinner, a great opportunity to hear firsthand about the ongoing conservation efforts in the park. Overnight at Onguma Tented Camp…BLD

DAY 5 EASTERN ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK / BUSH WALK WITH ANTI-POACHING UNIT / OSHIVELO

We'll stretch our legs on an interpretive bush walk with a local guide. Bush walks are a way to get a sense of the natural environment and reveal the intimate and often-missed details of our wilderness surroundings. Later, we'll pay a visit to nearby Oshivelo Farming to learn more about this sustainable farming project. Overnight at Onguma Tented Camp…BLD

Oshivelo Farming: Established in 2012, Oshivelo is a 1,200-acre vegetable farm on the border of Etosha, Onguma, and the Oshivelo township. It is currently one of the top five vegetable producers in Namibia and provides permanent employment for 180 previously unemployed people from the local community, most of whom are women.

DAY 6 DAMARALAND / ONDULI RIDGE

After an early breakfast, we head into the heart of Damaraland, with a picnic lunch en route. Damaraland is typified by its magnificent table-topped mountains, rock formations, and bizarre-looking vegetation. The present-day landscape was created by the erosion of wind, water and geological forces, which formed rolling hills, dunes, gravel plains, and ancient river terraces. It is the variety and solitude of this area as well as the scenic splendor that rewards visitors and gives them an authentic understanding of the word "wilderness." Overnight at Onduli Ridge…BLD
Driving Details: 5-6 hours

DAY 7 DAMARALAND / DESERT-ADAPTED WILDLIFE / TWYFELFONTEIN

An exciting 4WD excursion brings us along the ephemeral Aba Huab River valley as we explore this remarkable region to search for game, especially the elusive desert-adapted

elephants, if they are in the area. Damaraland is home to a variety of desert-adapted wildlife as well as hidden desert treasures. Depending on where game is found this morning, lunch will be a picnic out in the field or we'll return to camp for lunch. In the afternoon, we'll visit nearby Twyfelfontein, a UNESCO-listed treasury of rock engravings. Twyfelfontein's boulders and slabs of red sandstone hold some 2,500 prehistoric engravings that depict wildlife and abstract motifs. It is perhaps the largest and finest collection of petroglyphs in Africa. Stone tools and other artifacts found at Twyfelfontein suggest that hunter-gatherers occupied the site over a period of perhaps 7,000 years. This evening, you can choose to roll out your bed onto the deck and sleep out under the blanket of stars in this beautiful wilderness. Overnight at Onduli Ridge…BLD

Desert-Adapted Elephant: In habitats with sufficient water, an adult elephant consumes as much as 60 gallons of water every day of its life. Consider what a herd of them would drink in a week or a month or a year. An African elephant in a desert? Well, yes, and not only elephant, but other large mammals as well, such as black rhinoceros and giraffe. Seven rivers course northwards from the Ugab, providing possible routes across the desert right to the Skeleton Coast. Desert-adapted elephant in Kaokoland and the Namib walk farther for water and fodder than any other elephant in Africa—the distances between waterholes and feeding grounds can be as great as 42 miles. The typical home range of a family herd is larger than 770 square miles, or eight times as big as ranges in central Africa where rainfall is much higher. They walk and feed at night and rest during the day. Not a separate species or even a subspecies, they are an ecotype unique to Namibia, behaviorally adapted to hyper-arid conditions.

DAY 8 DAMARALAND / TRACKING DESERT-ADAPTED RHINO ON FOOT

We have the thrilling experience of tracking rhino in Damaraland today. The rhino cover great distances, walking and feeding in the cool of the night and resting during the day. We'll meet with rangers and trackers of Save the Rhino Trust, an innovative NGO doing crucial work to protect the rare desert-adapted black rhino, to learn about their critical work, then head out to do our own rhino tracking. We hear about the fascinating adaptations of these remarkable creatures as we search for them in the vast desert landscape. If we find them, tracking rhino alongside the rangers is absolutely thrilling.

For those who wish to stay close to camp, options include a solar-powered e-bike excursion, where you can enjoy an optional leisurely e-bike ride this afternoon around Onduli Ridge, a great way to experience the landscape and see the small details of the bush while searching for the game of the area. You can also simply take the afternoon to rest and enjoy the awe-inspiring rocky desert of the Damaraland from the comforts of camp. Overnight at Onduli Ridge…BLD

Desert Black Rhinoceros: Namibia is home to the larger of two subspecies of the black rhinoceros found in southern Africa. It is the only population that remains in the wild, unfenced, and outside reserves. Their preferred habitat is the mountainous escarpment, but they follow ephemeral rivers into the northern Namib as well, especially when conditions are favorable after rains. They are the only black rhinoceros in Africa that are internationally recognized as a "desert group." To meet their nutritional and bulk requirements they browse on no fewer than 74 of the 103 plant species that grow in their range. They are one of the few animals to eat fibrous Welwitschia leaves and even feed heavily on the milk bush (Euphorbia virosa), with its sharp spines and toxic latex, presumably because of the high water and fat content. The black rhino population barely survived the slaughter in many parts of Africa during the '80s and '90s, but their population in Namibia has increased substantially since the formation of the Save the Rhino Trust (although they are still an endangered species and sightings are rare as these black rhino roam vast tracts of unfenced wilderness). Wilderness Travel is a proud supporter of SRT's work and the incredible dedication of the rhino guardians, who keep track of these solitary animals' movement and protect them from poachers. The guardians of a WT-funded mobile camp recently stopped a major international poaching ring.

DAY 9 KAOKOLAND / HIMBA SETTLEMENT / HOANIB VALLEY

We make our way further into the northwest of Namibia through stunning scenery to Kaokoland, one of the most remote, wild, and marvelously unique areas of the country. It's a land characterized by rolling dunes, rocky peaks, and desert plains, all crisscrossed by ancient, dry riverbeds, the roads of the area. Along the way, we'll visit an authentic Himba settlement. The semi-nomadic Himba are one of the last traditional peoples of Namibia, and we'll have a unique opportunity to learn about their beliefs and way of life. Your Trip Leader's presence and previous contacts with this community will ensure us a welcome as a "friend of a friend." There has been virtually no modern influence on these communities, which makes for a fascinating cultural exchange. We'll continue through the Kaokoveld to the Hoanib River Valley, which teems with resident desert-adapted wildlife such as elephant, giraffe, zebra, lion, and rhino, which roam freely through this vast, mountainous, and wild landscape. At our accommodation, Hoanib Valley Camp, we can enjoy some time to relax before a sundowner drive. Overnight at Hoanib Valley Camp…BLD

DAY 10 HOANIB VALLEY CAMP

Our morning drive will more often than not reveal desert-adapted elephant, as well as stately desert-adapted giraffe, and, if we're very lucky, desert lion. Zebra, klipspringer, and kudu

move freely through the mountains, and we'll find hardy herds of springbok and oryx as well as steenbok picking their way across the dust-blown landscapes. The wildlife of the Hoanib Valley is perfectly at home in this arid environment, and we'll learn their fascinating survival techniques. Bird watchers, keep your eyes peeled for Monteiro's hornbills or Ruppell's korhaans in the valleys and the imperious Verreaux's eagle in the mountains. After a full morning of exploring this remarkable area, we head back to camp for some well-deserved down time. The afternoon will include a scenic walk or a sundowner drive. Overnight at Hoanib Valley Camp…BLD

DAY 11 SHIPWRECK LODGE / SKELETON COAST PARK

We depart Hoanib Valley and make our way along the Hoarusib River toward the coast, enjoying a picnic lunch en route. Shipwreck Lodge is an absolutely unique accommodation set in a slice of remote wilderness where relics of ships and towering dunes are swept by the ocean breeze—and the "green season" is the very best time of year to be at the coast. Skeleton Coast Park, covering about a third of Namibia's coastline, stretches from the Ugab River in the south to the Kunene River in the north. The subtle but stunning variation in the colors of the desert are striking, and the aura and mystery shrouding the landscapes are legendary. We enjoy sundowners atop the dunes this evening and a cozy overnight in our private cabins, heated by wood burning stoves. Overnight at Shipwreck Lodge…BLD
Driving Details: 7-8 hours total

DAY 12 SHIPWRECK LODGE / SKELETON COAST

Activities at Shipwreck Lodge are weather dependent and include a scenic 4WD excursion in Skeleton Coast National Park, heading up the Hoarusib River to see the improbable "clay castles" and surreal roaring dunes, or quad biking excursions using all-terrain vehicles. A stay at Shipwreck Lodge reveals the astonishing desert-adapted wildlife, plants, and birdlife of the area. We'll cap off our day with sundowners atop misty, golden dunes. Overnight at Shipwreck Lodge…BLD

DAY 13 MÖWE BAY / WINDHOEK

We'll drive to the Möwe Bay airstrip and board our private charter flight to Eros Airport, Windhoek. Transfer to Galton House and gather for our festive Farewell Dinner. Overnight at Galton House…BLD
Driving Details: 2 hours

DAY 14 DEPART

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departing flight…B

Pricing

TRIP COST

Prices are per person, valid through 2027
$16,395 (8-12 members)
$16,795 (4-7 members)
Single supplement: $1,720
Internal airfare: $1,400-$2,500 (subject to change)

Please contact us for future years' pricing

To offer the lowest possible cost, our trips are priced according to the number of participants on the trip. All costs are per person, based on double occupancy. If you wish to have a single room, you must pay the single supplement fee. Please note that Wilderness Travel staff, or guests of Wilderness Travel such as travel writers, photographers, or leaders-in-training, are not included in the tier pricing count.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE

Because the prices published for our program are set so far in advance of the trip dates, we are occasionally faced with exceptional cost increases and/or currency fluctuations that affect the actual cost of running the trip. In most years, no price changes are necessary. However, we do reserve the right to raise or lower the trip price if there is a significant change in costs or exchange rates. If this is the case, your final invoice will reflect the difference in trip cost.

TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert leadership of a Wilderness Travel Trip Leader and local guides
- Accommodations in hotels, deluxe wildlife camps, and lodges
- All meals
- Local beer, wine, and spirits with meals
- All ground transportation and baggage handling from meeting until departure
- All activities as indicated in Detailed Itinerary

TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Travel to and from the arrival and departure location as indicated in Detailed Itinerary
- Additional hotel nights outside the trip's scheduled dates
- Optional gratuities to Trip Leaders or staff
- Travel insurance (required)
- Other expenses of a personal nature (some alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.)

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

At time of reservation: $600
100 days prior to departure: 25% of trip cost
90 days prior to departure: Balance

CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Up to 91 days prior to departure: No charge!
61-90 days prior to departure: 25% of trip cost
46-60 days prior to departure: 50% of trip cost
45 days or less: 100% of trip cost

MANDATORY TRAVEL INSURANCE

Please note: Namibia requires travelers to have travel insurance (which includes medical coverage). Wilderness Travel offers a comprehensive Travel Protection Plan through Travelex insurance that meets this requirement.
For more details, visit our website:
www.wildernesstravel.com/insurance.

Alternatively, you can purchase a different policy on your own. You can compare various options at
www.insuremytrip.com.

Extend Your Adventure

To help you make the most of your adventure, we've created several exciting trip extensions. For detailed information, including full itineraries and complete pricing, please visit our webpage and click on "Extend Your Trip": www.wildernesstravel.com/trip/namibia-green-season-skeleton-coast-safari/

SOSSUSVLEI DUNES EXTENSION

Namibia's Namib Desert, utterly unlike any other place on earth, is the oldest on the planet, a sea of red sand sculpted into fantastic dunes. Your days are filled with early morning 4WD excursions to the magnificent Sossusvlei dunes and the vlei itself, the dry riverbed of the Tsauchab River, along with afternoon excursions to explore the desert landscape and its unique flora and fauna. Accommodations are at Sossusvlei Desert Lodge, a luxurious desert wilderness retreat with a magical atmosphere, and the Galton House in Windhoek. *5 days. From $5,995.*

CAPE TOWN EXTENSION

The town where modern South Africa was born has a glorious location on the mountainous Cape Peninsula along the blue waters of Table Bay. There is much to see, from Table Mountain to the famous botanical gardens at Kirstenbosch, where 10,000 species are cultivated on 1,000 acres. Close by is Stellenbosch and Franschhoek wine country and the Cape Point Nature Reserve, where the African continent ends.

The itinerary can be customized as needed, please call for details. *4 days. From $2,895.*

SHUMBALALA AND GREATER KRUGER SAFARI EXTENSION

A stay at Shumbalala Game Lodge, in the Thornybush Reserve bordering Kruger National Park, South Africa, is an ideal way to experience additional game viewing while enjoying the amenities of a deluxe wildlife lodge. Set on the banks of the Monwana River, Shumbalala is an oasis of luxurious comfort in the heart of the African bushveld. Activities include morning and late afternoon game drives in search of the Big Five, bush walks in the company of an expert ranger and tracker, or simply relaxing on decks overlooking a waterhole where animals frequently congregate. The lodge caters to a maximum of eight guests in four suites, each with its own fireplace and spacious bathroom with indoor and outdoor showers. *4 days. From $5,195.*

Accommodations

GALTON HOUSE

Windhoek, Namibia, Day 1 (1 night)

This welcoming nine-room hotel, just a 10-minute shuttle drive from the center of town, offers a personal and informal atmosphere. Guest rooms are decorated in an inviting modern style, with wildlife photography adorning the walls. Communal areas include a large lounge, indoor and outdoor dining areas, and a small swimming pool. The hotel is named after the explorer and polymath Francis Galton, who produced the first maps of Namibia's interior.

OKONJIMA BUSH CAMP

Omboroko Mountains, Namibia, Day 2 (1 night)

Home to the AfriCat Foundation, this luxury bush camp features eight thatched, African-style chalets decorated in earthy tones. The chalets are very spacious, have en suite bathrooms, and can be opened wide during the day for enjoying the views and watching birds in the garden right from your room. A secluded swimming pool awaits at the end of a busy day of game viewing. The food is of a very high standard and the staff and guides are terrific.

ONGUMA TENTED CAMP

Namibia, Days 3 to 5 (3 nights)

With only seven tented camps sprawled around a watering hole, Onguma is a peaceful respite that still puts you in the heart of the action in Etosha. An elevated wooden pathway connects the main lobby and restaurant. Tents are wonderfully appointed, with large beds, rock and wooden accents, and spacious en-suite bathrooms. Enjoy a sundowner around the fire pit and search for wildlife while dining at the camp's restaurant serving delicious cuisine and a nice wine list.

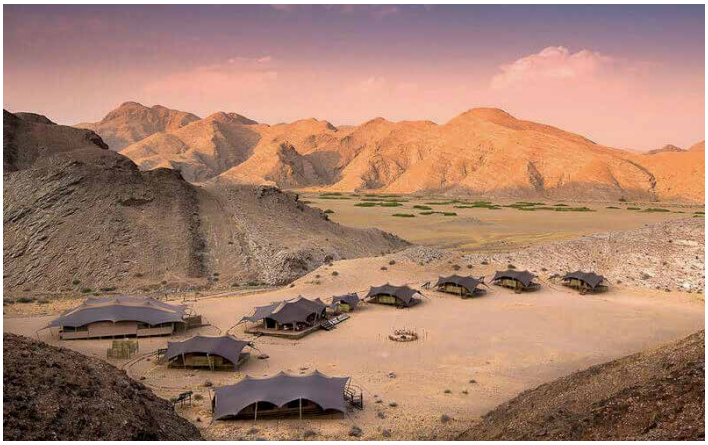
These are our signature accommodations for this trip. Although it is highly unlikely, we may make substitutions when necessary. To see more photos and descriptions, please visit our *Namibia: Green Season Safari* webpage and click on "Accommodations."

Accommodations

ONDULI RIDGE

Damaraland, Namibia, Days 6 to 8 (3 nights)

Nestled among boulders on a private concession in the heart of Damaraland, the camp's six partially open-air suites feature incredible views of Namibia's highest mountain, the Brandberg, and out across the plains to the cathedral-like granite inselbergs (isolated small rock mountains). Each suite has a partially open-air bathroom with a flush toilet and hot water rain shower, and a king-sized bed that you can roll out onto your private deck for a night under the stars. Communal areas include a lounge, library, dining room with fireplace, bar, campfire ring, spacious deck, and a pool for a refreshing afternoon dip. The lodge is 100% solar powered, is within close proximity to a waterhole frequented by wildlife, and blends beautifully with the natural surroundings.



HOANIB VALLEY CAMP

Hoanib River Valley, Namibia, Days 9 to 10 (2 nights)

Hoanib Valley Camp is "clean and green," leaving virtually no footprint on this fragile eco-system. It is a joint venture between local communities and the Giraffe Conservation Foundation, whose research focuses on the desert-adapted giraffe of the Hoanib while helping monitor elephant and general game in the area as well. The camp sits on the banks of the Obias River overlooking the ephemeral Hoanib River. There are six spacious tented rooms set on platforms, each with its own private veranda, and meals are served around an open campfire.

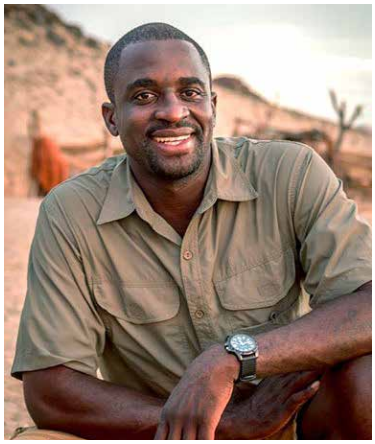
SHIPWRECK LODGE

Möwe Bay, Namibia, Days 11 to 12 (2 nights)

Inspired by the relics of the famous ships on the coastline surrounding them, "shipwreck-style" chalets are situated in rolling dunes along the Skeleton Coast. Designed to have minimal environmental impact, all ten cozy cabins are solar-powered and have large, scenic windows, wood-burning stoves, and a private deck where you can enjoy the breeze from the Atlantic. At the heart of the lodge, an eclectic restaurant and communal deck are perfect for morning coffee, evening sundowners, and savory meals including fresh-caught fish straight from the sea.

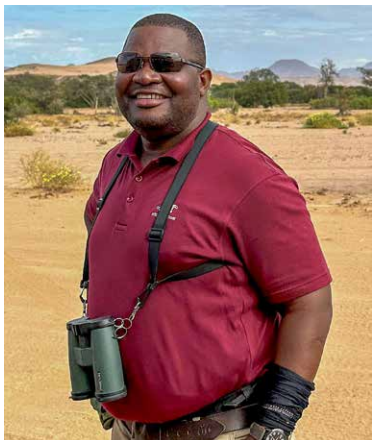
Trip Leaders

Our expert Trip Leaders and their naturalist guides are indispensable, providing unbelievable game-tracking skills, and intimate knowledge of Namibia's cultural and natural history. Both on the trail and on the road, the crew contributes valuable local perspective, and makes possible a thought-provoking and exiting trip in ways that no guide book can. With their years of experience, the Trip Leaders bring the desert to life.



USKO HANGHUWO

Usko grew up in Namibia's northern region of Ovamboland and developed a love for nature and wildlife at an early age. After completing his education in Windhoek and working as a graphic designer, he decided to pursue his passion for guiding and has been leading trips in Namibia since 2009. His training led him from the NamibRand Nature Reserve to Damaraland, where he mastered skills in geology, plants, birds, and other wildlife, including the behaviors of desert-adapted elephants. He also spent time in the Himba villages, learning about their unique culture firsthand. Usko loves sharing his country with safari guests, and says it bring us "closer to nature and unites people from around the world."



PETER NUUGONYA

Peter's passion for wildlife spawned at an early age while learning about the calls, tracks, and behaviors of the animals he encountered while clearing bush as a youngster in his village of Oshivambo. His career in tourism and conservation officially began at Sossusvlei Mountain Lodge in the Namib Rand Reserve, where his charisma and warm personality were evident from the start. He was eventually selected to partake in the CCAfrica in-house guide training program. Soon after, he prospered as a full time guide. Over the past many years, Peter has become an avid birder, star gazer, photographer, as well as an excellent guide. He has a particularly strong interest in astronomy, and loves sharing his knowledge of the night sky with travelers from around the world. His enthusiasm for the stars and the wildlife of his homeland in Namibia brightens the trails of all his traveling companions.

Arrival & Departure

Upon confirming your trip reservation, we will send you a Welcome Packet that includes a list of documents (passport, visas, etc.) required for your trip. Please feel free to call if you would like this information before making your air arrangements.

If you have booked extra services before or after the trip, an Extra Services Confirmation will be sent with your Final Documents.

ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

Windhoek, Namibia

Suggested Airport: Hosea Kutako International Airport (WDH)
Suggested Date & Time: Day 1, 5:00 pm or earlier

Meeting Place: A complimentary transfer is provided from the Windhoek airport to Galton House for all trip members arriving on Day 1. Your Trip Leader or a WT representative will meet you outside the customs area and will be holding a Wilderness Travel sign.

If you have booked extra services for early arrival, a voucher for your transfer and extra hotel nights will be sent with your final documents.

DEPARTURE

Windhoek, Namibia

Suggested Airport: Hosea Kutako International Airport (WDH)
Suggested Date & Time: Day 14, anytime

A complimentary airport transfer will be provided for all trip members to the Windhoek Airport departing on Day 14. If you are departing on a different day, a transfer can be arranged at additional cost.

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to and from Namibia.

There are many online consolidators for booking travel, but for more personal help arranging air transport, you can contact Exito Travel at 970-818-8459 in the US or Canada. They are very adept at putting flight itineraries together, to even the most far-flung places. More information can be found at www.exitotravel.com.

Depending on your routing, it is necessary to depart from the US one or possibly two days prior to Day 1 of the trip itinerary. The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly, and your passport must be valid for at least six months after your date of return to the US.

Please do not purchase your tickets until you are confirmed on the trip. Once tickets are purchased, please forward a copy of your email flight confirmation from the airline. It is your responsibility to ensure your flight times coordinate with the arrival and departure logistics for this trip.

What the Trip is Like

TRIP LEVEL

The trip is Level 3, Moderate, according to our trip grading system. This is a camping and lodge safari with game viewing by 4WD vehicle, nature walks, and long driving days. There will be some sections of walking through sand dunes or on rough, hilly terrain with loose scree. Although this is not a particularly rigorous trip, we still recommend you undertake a preparatory program of physical conditioning. Daily walking or regular hiking, jogging, and stair-climbing are excellent preparatory exercises. Any African safari is an adventure, and the traveler should bring along flexibility, a sense of humor, curiosity about new peoples and places, and an openness to the unexpected.

Due to Namibia's vast distances, an integral part of any Namibia safari is driving, and this is part of the adventure. The Trip Leader will make the road journeys very interesting and point out many highlights en route. While the driving times may appear long, there is a lot to see and the scenery is dramatic and beautiful. The road journeys are essentially game drives since Namibia's wildlife isn't restricted to parks. Our vehicles are very comfortable and have supplies for tea, picnic lunches, etc.

WEATHER

Namibia has a typical desert climate: hot in the day, and cool at night. From January through March, the "green season," you can expect warm, sunny days with short afternoon thunderstorms on many days. The temperatures will vary a bit depending on what part of Namibia you are in during the green season, but in general, there will be highs in the 80ºFs and lows of about 60ºF, colder and drier on the Skeleton Coast. Rainfall in this season is about three inches a month.

CUISINE

While on safari, most breakfasts and evening meals will be taken at the lodge or camp you are staying at. Lunches while traveling between destinations will be served picnic-style en route or at a café or restaurant if there is not a suitable picnic site. Bottled water, soft drinks, juice, house wine, and beer are included throughout the trip. All vehicles are equipped with a fridge or cool box stocked with bottled water. Tea and coffee are offered at most accommodations free of charge with meals and at afternoon tea time.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP

Adventure travel often involves exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, or activities you may not have participated in previously. We work hard to help you choose the right trip for you, paying attention to your individual interests, abilities, and needs. If you have questions about the level of comfort or any of the activities described in this itinerary, please call Wilderness Travel at 1-800-368-2794 and ask for the Africa Manager or email us at africa@wildernesstravel.com.

REFERENCES

We'd be happy to put you in touch with a past client that has traveled with us on this or a similar trip.

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AVERAGE DAILY MAX/MIN °F	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Windhoek	86/63	84/63	82/61	79/55	73/48	70/45	70/43	79/55	81/54	84/57	86/61	88/63
Etosha N. P.	88/66	86/64	86/64	86/61	82/57	77/46	77/46	82/50	90/57	91/61	91/64	91/64
Skeleton Coast N. P.	75/63	77/64	77/64	75/61	73/57	72/54	68/52	68/54	70/55	72/57	73/61	75/61
RAINFALL - INCHES												
Windhoek	2.9	3.3	3.3	1.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	1.0	1.3
Etosha N. P.	3.2	3.5	3.3	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.2	1.3
Skeleton Coast N. P.	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Toucan Club Rewards & Discounts

We are very proud to have one of the highest rates of repeat travelers in the business, and have established the Wilderness Travel Toucan Club to reward you for your loyalty. For more information, please visit the Toucan Club page of our website at www.wildernesstravel.com/toucan.

Here's how it works:

YOUR FIRST TRIP

As a first-time traveler, you receive a lightweight Wilderness Travel T-shirt and set of durable WT Luggage Tags. On subsequent trips, we're happy to send you a new WT T-shirt and set of Luggage Tags by request.

T-SHIRT FRONT

YOUR SECOND TRIP

A top quality Wilderness Travel 32oz stainless steel insulated water bottle by CamelBak and a cozy Wilderness Travel fleece vest by Patagonia ($140 value).

YOUR THIRD TRIP

A versatile Wilderness Travel R-1 pullover by Patagonia ($150 value).

T-SHIRT BACK

YOUR FOURTH TRIP

Discounts on the cost of your trip begin! You receive a 4% discount on the tour cost.

FIVE AND MORE TRIPS

You receive a 5% discount on the base trip cost. On your sixth trip, you receive a 6% discount, and so on up to your 10th trip. The maximum discount is 10%, with a ceiling of $500.

Note: Due to special pricing considerations, Toucan Club discounts do not apply to our Private Journeys or Special Events. However, your participation on these trips does count toward your Toucan discount on future departures of Wilderness Travel's regular adventures.

PATAGONIA SYNCHILLA FLEECE VEST; INSULATED CAMELBAK WATER BOTTLE

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Toucan Club travel discounts cannot be used in conjunction with any other discount, unless otherwise specified. Discounts are deducted from the base trip cost and shown on the final invoice. The base trip cost is the main land/tier cost and does not include single supplement fees, extensions, internal airfare, or other additional charges. Bonus gifts (T-shirts, luggage tags, vests, water bottles, and pullovers) will be mailed approximately three weeks prior to trip departure. Terms and conditions of Toucan Club bonuses are subject to change or cancellation at the discretion of Wilderness Travel, Inc.

PATAGONIA R1 PULLOVER

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Best Adventure Travel Companies: *National Geographic Adventure,* 3-time winner

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