

7 Days Cultural HIMBA Trails Namibia (Camping)





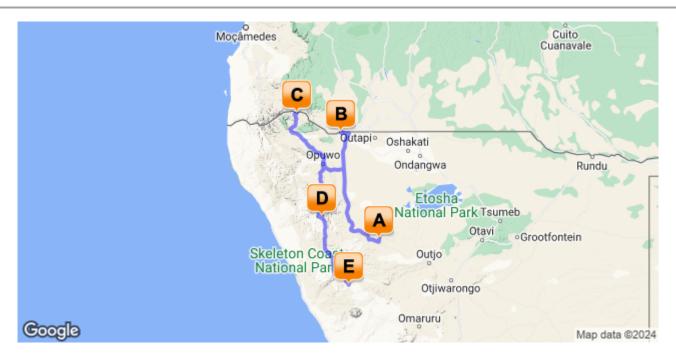






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7 Days / 6 Nights



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Introduction

7 Days Cultural HIMBA Trails Namibia (Camping) Safari mainly focuses on the cultures. Namibia is an ideal destination for travellers in search of rugged natural beauty, dream-like scenery, and incredible wildlife, complemented with warm hospitality, unique cultures, and good food. Experiencing the vast spaces, wildness, and solitude of Namibia you are constantly reminded of the magnitude of nature and the elements.

Highlights

- Visit the Hereros Culture
- Visit the Ruacana Falls
- Sundowner drive/walk
- Guided visit to the Himba village
- visit to the Himba village
- Visit to Twyfelfontein rock engravings

Review

DEPARTURE: This tour departs from Windhoek

- COUNTRY ('S): Namibia
- DESTINATIONS: Kamanjab Ruacana Epupa Falls Sesfontein Twyfelfontein
- TOUR CODE: 7A- Kaman- Rua- Epupa- Ses- Twyfel
- RETURN: Back to Windhoek in the Afternoon
- PASSENGERS: Minimum 1 Traveler and a Maximum of 14 Travelers per group
- STYLE: Camping Safari with all Equipment
- MEALS: BB: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner
- VEHICLE: 2-3: Double Cab 4x4/ SUV
- 4 7 guests: Toyota Quantum/Landcruiser with a purpose-built trailer
- 8-14 guests: Toyota Dyna truck (a modified safari vehicle) / Iveco Daily 24-Seater

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Otjitotongwe Cheetah Guest Farm Camping or similar	Kamanjab	FB	1 Night
Swartbooisdrift Campsite or similar	Ruacana	FB	1 Night
Epupa Campsite or similr	Epupa Falls	FB	2 Nights
Ongongo Waterfall Campsite or similar	Sesfontein	FB	1 Night
Aba-Huab Rest Campsite or similar	Twyfelfontein	FB	1 Night

Key

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

Included

- Qualified Professional driver guide
- Vehicle and fuel
- Park entrance fees as per itinerary
- Passenger liability 15% VAT 2% tourism levy
- Airport transfers
- All Activities as Mentioned Included on itinerary.
- Accommodation with Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- 24/7 assistance locally

Excluded

- Expenses of personal nature
- Entrance fees not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Meals not mentioned.
- Drinks at lodges and on road
- Travel- and cancellation insurance
- Visa
- Optional excursions and activities
- Tips for tour guides
- International & National flights and airport taxes
- Items not mentioned in the itinerary

Day 1: Otjitotongwe Cheetah Guest Farm Camping, Kamanjab (456.3km)

Clients depart to Kamanjab and along the way, villages of the Herero people will appear and they will be decorated by women in Victorian dresses and headscarves braided to form cow horns - the Herero symbol. We will spend the night at a farm in Otjitotongwe - a cheetah sanctuary. Namibia is home to most of these beautiful cats, of which there are very few left in the world. Attempts to save this species in Namibia have been successful and within 10 years the population has increased by almost 30%. Watching cheetahs while feeding.

Included Activities

Visit the Hereros Culture

Overnight: Otjitotongwe Cheetah Guest Farm Camping

Kamanjab

Fringing the western edge of Etosha, Kamanjab is situated in the Kunene Region. It serves as an excellent base for visitors looking for adventure in the surrounding area. It is home to Peet Alberts Rock Engravings the second largest rock art site in Namibia with over 1,200 and 1,500 rock engravings featuring animal and abstract images. Visitors can look forward to an array of activities including a chance to meet the Himbas in Kaokoland and opportunities to see the desert elephants.

Overnight: Otjitotongwe Cheetah Guest Farm Camping

Located in Etosha West, Namibia, Otjitotongwe Cheetah Guest Farm Camping offers a lovely camping experience set in tranquil surroundings. The establishment features 12 shaded and grassed campsites with ablution blocks. Guests can sip on drinks and play a game of pool at the bush bar at the campsite. A vending machine and swimming pool are available as well. Activities include cheetah feeding, game viewing, guided walks, and birdwatching.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 2: Swartbooisdrift Campsite, Ruacana (340km)

Have breakfast and depart to Ruacana where you will be staying for the night. Swartbooisdrift has some historic significance as the place where the Dorsland Trekkers crossed the Kunene River in 1881 to move into Angola. In commemoration of this migratory movement, the Dorsland Trekkers Monument has been erected on a hill just outside the settlement.

Included activities

Visit the Ruacana Falls

Overnight: Swartbooisdrift Campsite

Ruacana

Situated in Namibia's Omusati Region, near the border with Angola on the banks of the river Kunene, the town of Ruacana is famous for its enthralling Ruacana Falls, and its impressive power station. In the rainy season, the falls can rival Victoria Falls in their majesty. The falls lie at the border, so to visit them, travellers have to temporarily leave the country and enter Angola's territory by signing an immigration register. The river provides some sustenance to the surroundings, where maize, watermelons, wheat, bananas, and other produce are grown. The landscape here is ideal for fishing, hiking, mountain biking, and water sports.

Overnight: Swartbooisdrift

Swartbooisdrift is located on the banks of the Kunene river, in the north of Namibia. The population in Swartbooisdrift ranges between 150 to 300 semi-nomadic people of the Himba and Herero descent, depending on the season.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 3: Epupa Campsite, Epupa Falls (340.8km)

Have an early breakfast and depart to Epupa Falls, today you have the day to enjoy the natural attractions around Epupa Falls.

Included activities

Sundowner drive/walk

Overnight: Epupa Campsite

Epupa Falls

Situated in the Kaokoland area of Namibia, Epupa Falls lies near the border of Angola. Named by the Herero people after the spray it creates, Epupa means 'water falling'. The falls consist of a series of cascades created by the Kunene River as it drops 60 metres, forming hundreds of natural pools that provide the Himba people and visitors with a fantastic recreation spot. These jaw-dropping beautiful falls create a spectacular contrast to the arid desert and rugged surrounding mountains. Visitors can look forward to discovering the unspoilt environment, the majestic baobabs and wild fig trees dotting the surroundings. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy world-class birdwatching and spot an array of species including the bee-eaters, hornbills, kingfishers, fish eagles, flycatchers, and herons.

Overnight: Epupa Campsite

Overlooking the Kunene River, Epupa Campsite offers guests a lovely camping experience in Kunene, Namibia. The establishment features a total of 12 spacious campsites with private ablution facilities, barbecue facilities and a sink. Camping guests may dine at the nearby restaurant with prior arrangement or cook meals using the barbecue facilities. Other facilities available include a bar and a swimming pool. Guests can enjoy guided cultural tours, sundowner drives, rafting on the Kunene River and a variety of nature walks.



Basis

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Day 4: Epupa Campsite, Epupa Falls

Clients have breakfast and enjoy a full day in Epupa, Epupa Falls is known for the semi-nomadic Ovahimba people who live there, as well as other tribes like the Ovatjimba, Ovazemba, and Ovatwa people. Migration to Epupa Falls is constantly increasing due to high tourism growth, which encourages tribes of Herero- and Ovambo-speaking peoples to move to the area.

Included activities

Guided visit to the Himba village

Overnight: Epupa Campsite

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 5: Ongongo Waterfall Campsite, Sesfontein (331.2km)

Clients have breakfast and depart to Sesfontein, Sesfontein offers the adventurous an interesting view of a real town, not sanitised by the colonial designs of townships. It is spread out, and very relaxed. If you're staying here, then try to rise early to watch the village come to life.

Included activities

visit to the Himba village

Overnight: Ongongo Waterfall Campsite

Sesfontein

Sesfontein, meaning 'six fountains', is home to six natural springs creating a lush oasis rising up from a barren landscape. Set in the Hoanib Valley and surrounded by mountains, Sesfontein is a harshly beautiful town dotted with acacia and mopane trees interspersed with spiky-leafed fan palms. The town serves as a good base from which to launch an exploration of the surrounding Kaokoveld. An old fort,

constructed at the end of the 19th century, has been refurbished and converted into a comfortable lodge rich with atmosphere, and makes a great base to explore the southern reaches of the Kaokoveld. Don't miss a trip to a local Himba village to learn about local customs and traditions and observe how these communities live in peaceful coexistence with wildlife and the natural surrounds.

Overnight: Ongongo Waterfall Campsite View iBrochure

Ongongo means "magical" in the Herero language. It is indeed a truly magical if not spectacular place. Set in a small canyon in the far northwest of Namibia, a completely barren landscape with some villages close by – you will find permanent water simply oozing out of the mountain. The water is relatively warm which allows for swimming year-round.

The Ongongo Waterfall Campsite is situated 6 km from Warmquelle. Warmquelle is about 90 km north of Palmwag on the C43. The nearest fuel station is at Sesfontein – Alternatively Palmwag.

Access is by 2x4 vehicle, but with caution as the road is rocky and takes some time to navigate through. 2x4 drivers are not advised to take their vehicles into the gorge, which is 4x4 accessible only. Vehicles can be left in a parking area at the top and equipment carried down. We highly recommend travelling with 4x4 vehicles.

We offer:

- waterfall and crystal clear water all year round
- 9 luxury campsites including
 - private ablution facilities
 - hot showers
 - shaded area with washbasin.



Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 6: Aba-Huab Rest Campsite, Twyfelfontein (197.5km)

You depart to Twyfelfontein the world Heritage Site with famous rock engravings on the search of the elusive desert-adapted elephants. As you continue deeper into the Damaraland, the landscape becomes increasingly dramatic. You should reach your accommodation. Enjoy another breath-taking sunset with a refreshing drink.

Included activities

Visit to Twyfelfontein rock engravings

Overnight: Aba Huab Rest Campsite

Twyfelfontein

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

Overnight: Aba-Huab Rest Camp

Aba-Huab Campsite is just a 15-minute drive from Twyfelfontein, which is one of Namibia's most important national heritage sites. Furthermore, this campsite is the ideal base for the exploration of world famous ancient rock engravings.

There are many activities offered at the campsite beside viewing rock-art, such as walks along the Aba-Huab riverbed as well as game watching.

The restaurant and bar on site are fully licensed, and traditional dishes of the Dama people can be prepared on request. The Aba-Huab management also arranges performances of traditional singing and dancing.

The total capacity of Aba-Huab Campsite is up to 120 guests. Various campsites are equipped with fireplaces, tables, benches and running water. Four of the ablution blocks feature hot showers and flush-toilets, two of which are built to blend in with their natural surroundings.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 7: End of Itinerary (423.6km)

After Breakfast the guest will be on their way back to Windhoek.

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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.