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- **Location Definition:**
  
  (1.) WHK - Windhoek, (2.) WHK-X - Windhoek Outskirts, (3.) OKH - Okahandja,
  (4.) ROSS - Rossmund, (5.) SWK - Swakopmund, (6.) SC - Skeleton Coast, (7.) OTJI - Otjwarongo,
  (8.) MUL - Multiple Places throughout Namibia
Professional and beginners
Rock and Mountain climbing
Professional and beginners Rock and Mountain climbing

Rock climbing is an exciting and challenging sport that will give you a rush like no other. Combining physical strength with mental focus, rock climbers study routes, figuring out moves as they go, and then use insane power, flexibility and agility to conquer dizzying heights.

With indoor walls and new outdoor routes popping up all over the country and some truly stunning outdoor climbing spots, Namibia is packed with places to get your climb on.

The sport is also exploding internationally as countries all over the world catch the climbing bug so there’s never been a better time to get into this courageous and rewarding pastime.

- **Bouldering**

Bouldering routes are called ‘problems’ and usually require a short series of powerful or technical moves as opposed to the much longer series of challenges facing a regular sport climber.

Unlike sport climbing routes, the focus of a bouldering problem is not necessarily to reach the top of an obstacle but rather to complete the path or problem that has been set across a rock. This may involve traversing and even climbing downwards across a rock to reach the next hold.

- **Sport climbing**

Sport climbing is the most common form of climbing you are likely to experience. Using metal loops bolted into the rock, sport climbers work their way up mountains and cliffs clipping their climbing rope into these loops as they go.

Sport climbing routes are normally planned out for you because they are loosely defined by where the loops are placed into the rock. Sport climbing routes also have fixed anchor points at the top of each climb for you to belay from, making this the easiest form of outdoor climbing to get into. You’ll still need to know a few basic rope techniques and climbing knots however, or go with an experienced climber who knows them already.

- **Specifics**

  - There are multiple different other forms of climbing activities.
  - Booking for this activity has been done well in advance.
  - Right of admission for this activity remains reserved.
  - Climbing gear for a selected amount of individuals can be arranged.
  - Multiple days climbing excursion are also on offer.
  - Advanced climbers need to provide proof of climbing history.
Instinctive and Traditional Archery
(close to Windhoek)
Instinctive and Traditional Archery

- For beginners, advanced and professional archers.
- An exciting outdoor activity for everyone!

We are Namibia’s first 3D-target archery range for traditional bow shooting.

Situated in a beautiful landscape are two separate trails with a variety of 3D targets that you can attempt to hit with your bow and arrow while taking a walk through nature. The trail is situated on well-known Heja Game Lodge only 20km from Windhoek in the direction of the International Airport.

- Traditional and Instinctive Archery

Traditional bow shooting is enjoyed in nature and we use life-size 3D animals, made from special foam, as targets. You shoot without any support such fixed sights, because aiming is done “instinctively”. A good technique and lots of practice will improve your skills. At the same time it’s great fun even for the complete beginner.

Archer’s Land is open Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays from 09h00 – 17h00. Events such as team building and birthdays can be arranged, also for during the week. It is recommended that larger groups always book in advance.

Archer’s Land offers a great platform for both complete beginners and experienced archers. It is suitable for any age group and therefore ideal for families with children as well as for groups of friends or colleagues. Beginners receive an introduction and a large variety of equipment is available for rent, both for adults and children.

We also welcome compound archers to practice their skills in an outdoor setting; however, only experienced archers will be allowed to shoot.

- Also available:
- Weekend fun & outdoor adventure
- Birthday parties for kids and adults
- Team building and year end functions

- Prices (prices are subject to change without prior Notice):

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Available on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays from 9 AM
Professional Windhoek Spa
Experience and Relaxation
Windhoek Spa Experience

Making spa time blissfully unique with hand-picked therapies so that you can enjoy the best of the best. The packages for one individual or a group range from an 80 minute of multiple treatments up to 6 hours of various treatments.

From detoxing mud wrap, full body hot stone massage, hydrating facial, spa pedicure, cleopatra bath, and a whole lot more to choose from.

Arrive early to enjoy refreshing beverages from sparkling wine to soft drinks and a Namibian Biltong platter. Wind down at dinner for international flavours at Dunes Restaurant with a bottle of wine for a truly turndown evening.

On Offer:

- Various Gatineau Skin Treatments
- Various Regim A Facials
- Various Obey your Body Facials
- Multiple Waxing options
- Diverse Tinting choices
- Multiple Hands & Feet options
- Full range of Nail Extensions and Gel Overlays
- Great range of Body Massage and Holistic Treatment
- Dody Treatments and/or Therapy
- Big range of half or complete day Packages
- LumiSlim (Innovative treatment for reducing fat and reshaping the body)
- Faradic (Technology with electric stimulant for firming and toning body muscles)

Wellness Policy:

Alert your therapist of the following contra indications:

- High Blood pressure
- Recent Surgery
- Muscles or joint injuries
- Pregnancy, Epilepsy or Diabetes

Feel free to ask In-Store for complete list of treatment options, choices and range of packages.

P.S. Heavy booking due to professional services provided. Bookings may take up to a week.
Bowling in the Capital of Windhoek
It's time to be fun. It's time to be flirty. It's time to pick up a ball, throw down on the lanes, and show off some dance moves your friends have never seen. It's time to win. It's time to wow.

It's time to experience a new spin on bowling, nightlife, parties, and quality time with the kids. It's time to play it cool. It's time to roll wild. It's time to achieve those squad goals. It's time to roll in with your friends and start a party you wish would never end, celebrating even the smallest milestones in a really big way.

It's time to be ballsy. It's time to BE BOWLED. It's time—to go Bowling right here in Windhoek.

Discover Bowling in Windhoek and experience the area's newest spin on fun—with blacklight lanes, interactive games, and inventive menus that'll make your taste buds go crazy. Even the Pool and Billiard fanatic will be able to get something here, exclusive extras, and more.

- **Price and Details**

  - N$ 50.00 per Person for 10 bowing ball throws/per bowling lane It's time to be fun. It's time to be flirty. It's time to pick up a ball, throw down on the lanes, and show off some dance moves your friends have never seen. It's time to win. It's time to wow.

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    - N$ 50.00 per Person for 10 balls.

    - In our experience most guest exceed their Game play by three times of bowling balls. Extentions can gladly be arranged.

    - Available only for 8 players per lane (4 lanes available).

    - Transportation to and from residence can be gladly arranged

  P.S. These lanes book out fast!!! We recommend to book 24 hours in advance. (!).

    - In our experience, most guest exceed their Game play by three times of the provided amount of bowling balls. Game extentions will gladly be arranged if requested (?).

    - Available only for 8 players per lane (4 lanes available). Transportation to and from residence can be gladly arranged.
Namibia Brewery Outing *for the Beer Lovers
Namibia Brewery Outing (Windhoek):

From the Felsenkeller (Cellar of Rock) - which has since become a beautiful heritage site - to our newer and larger capacity facility, our brewery has always been a point of pride.

When we first started brewing Windhoek Beer it was all done at the Felsenkeller (Cellar of Rock), on the corner of Sam Nujoma and Tal Street in the heart of Windhoek's business district. For almost ninety years it served us proudly, but all good things come to an end an in 1986 work was completed on a new-state-of-the-art brewery. However, that was not the end for the beloved structure.

The Felsenkeller still stands on the same corner, its’ distinctive, classical colonial German architecture in stark contrast to its more mundane, modern, business counterparts. No longer a functional brewery, it is now home to a variety of arts and crafts shops, restaurants and bars.

The new brewery was built just outside of Windhoek and houses three bottling lines, a canning line and a keg line. Collectively, it has an impressive capacity of over 2.2 million hectolitres per year. It is here that Namibia's renowned range of 100% Pure Beers are brewed and packaged.

Our commitment to sustainable production and green initiatives has seen several significant developments at the brewery. Chief among those is our 1.1 megawatt hybrid electricity system, which blends solar and diesel power, allowing us to operate almost completely independently of the grid. We have also invested in various water-saving initiatives which include our own boreholes, a water reclamation plant and a pre-treatment facility. Through these we are aiming for 70%-80% self-sufficiency. Furthermore, following years of intensive research, we have begun growing our own barley, greatly reducing our dependence on imported produce.

As a leader in the domestic beer market, with a considerable share of the premium beer category in South Africa, we are dedicated to constant innovation and scrupulous investment in technology.

The future is yet to come, and it will undoubtedly usher in many changes, but there is one constant that never will. As the Chairman of Namibia Breweries Limited, Sven Thieme, put it, “It is always hard to make the changes, but the single most important element remains constant – we will always brew our beer according to the Reinheitsgebot and it will always be crafted with the greatest care and dedication.”

This Tour is in high demand and availability is limited. Booking in advance is recommended.

Minimum 3 people and book 3 days in advance.

This one is definitely a “no-brainer” for all beer lovers alike!
Cheetah Conservation in Namibia (Otjiowarongo)
Cheetah Conservation (Otjiwarongo):

Cheetah Conservation Fund is located in Otjiwarongo, Namibia, about three hours north of the capital city of Windhoek. CCF’s International Research and Education Centre is a renowned research facility that sets the standard for researchers and students worldwide seeking to learn more about the cheetah. It is a center for conservation programming and education, the base from which CCF reaches thousands of farmers, tens of thousands of students and hundreds of thousands of online supporters worldwide.

Even with all of this world-class, innovative conservation work going on, CCF is also an ecotourism destination, providing informative and memorable experiences for travelers whether they visit us for a day, or stay overnight in our guest house accommodations. Ask anyone who’s been here – there is no place on earth like CCF.

- Our Centre

World Renowned International Field Research and Education Facility - Open to the Public

- Visit
  - Centre Open Daily 8am – 5pm

- Daily Activities Available:
  - Guided tours around Centre and Cheetah Museum
  - Cheetah Feeding
  - Cheetah Runs
  - Cheetah Drives
  - Game Drives

- Accommodations :
  - Lightfoot Camp
  - Exclusive Babson House Luxury Guest House

- Gift Shop:
  - Unique Cheetah Books and DVDs
  - Handmade Crafts
  - CCF-branded Clothing, Caps and Jewelry

- The Café:
  - Elegant Light Lunches and Snacks
  - Tea and Coffee
  - Pre-Booked Lunches for Tour Groups
The Children's Memorial in Windhoek
The Children's Memorial

The Children's Memorial was inaugurated on 17 April 2013, by Her Worship the Mayor, Ms. A. Kafula, of the City of Windhoek. This is the first memorial of its kind. There are various individual memorials or many memorials signifying a group of children who have died together or during a specific incident. This Children's Memorial, on the other hand, was built in remembrance of all children who have died, at any age and from any cause, and who might die future. The memorial is therefore neither time bound nor incident bound. The Children's Memorial commemorates all children who have passed away and cater also for those who might pass away in future. Grieving parents, family and friends will now have a place to go to in order to find peace and comfort. They will get to terms with the fact that they are not alone, they are just part of the many parents who share the loss of their children. It is a symbol, indicating that our children are not forgotten.

ORIGIN

- The Memorial was donated to the City of Windhoek on 17 April 2013, by Mr. G.M. Du Toit and Mrs. I. E. du Toit.
- The sudden death of Mauritz, their beloved 17 year old son, on 8 March 2010, was the reason and driving force to build this memorial and to dedicate it to all children who have died.

DESCRIPTION

OUTSIDE WALL

THE CHILDREN’S MEMORIAL IS CONSTRUCTED IN A CIRCLE, BECAUSE A CIRCLE REPRESENTS:

“Unity and infinity; A group of people who share a common interest, being the loss of their be loveth child or children.”

ENTRANCE

The twin angels at the entrance welcomes all visitors to the memorial. They are waiting patiently for all to keep visiting.

Two wreaths above the twin angels symbolize respect for the dead and to reassure all departed children that they are not forgotten.

INSIDE - ANGELS

The four angel statues on pillars dividing the benches on the inside, creates a spiritual atmosphere and serve as a reminder that children can also die, no matter what age.

BENCHES

Between the four angels next to the wall are built-in benches which will allow parents, families friends and visitors to make themselves comfortable when visiting the Memorial. It will give them the opportunity to spend time and pay respects to their depparted children.
PLATES OF REMEMBRANCE

Plates are fitted to the inside of the wall, with the names of departed children, followed by the dates when they were born and the dates of their departure. More plates will also be fitted in future on the outside of the wall.

MARBLE TOP OF THE PEDESTAL

On the side edge of the marble top the words: “WE WILL NEVER FORGET YOU” are engraved four times, to echo this message to the world in the four wind directions.

On top of the marble top are two hearts in one. This reflects the everlasting love between parents and their children that can never be taken away.

The sun is symbolizing the warmth and sunshine which Children bring into the lives of their parents - they are like sunrays.

SQUARE PEDESTAL

Facing the entrance, is the name of the memorial being the ‘Children’s Memorial’. The two words are separated in the middle by a cross. The cross symbolizes that Jesus died on a cross for our sins.

On both sides of the pedestal are the following bible verses - Psalm 147:3 - “He health the broken in heart and bindeth up their wounds”. God comfort us with these words and reassured us that He will heal us. 1 Samuel 16:2 – “… for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” Our physical appearance is not of interest to the Lord but our hearts, and our relationship with Him.

The rear side indicates that the memorial was donated by the parents of Mauritz du Toit, in remembrance of all children who have died, at any age and from any cause.

On top of the pedestal and in the centre of the Memorial, is an angel, holding an open Bible.

OUTSIDE THE MEMORIAL

There are eight palm trees representing the date which led to the building of this memorial.

A sidewalk links the Memorial to the existing pavement of the parking area and the chapel, making it easily accessible. The sidewalk also surrounds the memorial and gives access to four benches, for bereaved parents, family and friends or visitors.

BENEFITS OF A MEMORIAL

The memorial will assist grieving parents to:
- come to terms with their loss;
- create an environment where they can interact with their departed children;
- pay respects to children that have departed untimely;
- be a symbol of remembrance; get assurance that their beloveth children will not be forgotten;

and honour the memory of departed children.

LOCATION

The beautiful Children’s Memorial is situated in the Garden of Remembrance in the Gammams Cemetery, Hosea Kutako Drive, B1, Windhoek.
STATUES

The big marble angel was ordered during 2011 from a company in Shijiazhuang, China, where it was carved. Unfortunately it was sent by mistake to Canada.

A new angel was carved and arrived on 15 November 2012 in Namibia on the Grey Fox cargo ship. The six smaller angels were also ordered from the same company.

These six angels were shipped to Namibia on 12 January 2013 and arrived in Walvisbay on the Atacama, a cargo ship, on 25 March 2013.

BUILDING PROCESS

The building of the Memorial commenced on Monday, 14 January 2013. The seven solid marble statues were ordered and carved in China.

The last six angels arrived in Walvis Bay, on the Atacama, general cargo ship on 25 March 2013.
The Craft Center at the old Brewery in Windhoek
Namibia Craft Centre: 824,000 km² under one roof. The Namibia Craft Centre opened its doors in 1990, under Newveld Ventures. The Rossing Foundation later took over the management of the Centre, and implemented extensive renovations that included the expansion of the Omba Gallery. Kerry MacNamara Architects won an award for the design of the centre, and the new Namibia Craft Centre opened its doors in 1997.

Award for the design of the centre, and the new Namibia Craft Centre opened its doors in 1997. The Namibia Craft Centre provides retail space to approximately 40 craft enterprises who hail from distinct communities, ethnic groups and projects, providing a platform for Namibian handicraft from jewellery to carved tree roots. Centrally situated in Tal Street in the Old Breweries Complex with enclosed parking, the Centre is easily accessible for drivers or pedestrians. Expertly woven baskets, carved Makalani kernels, stylish San ostrich-eggshell jewellery, richly-dyed wild silk scarves, Himba bracelets, attractive handmade paper, hand-woven carpets, striking textiles and colourful embroidered linen; the Namibia Craft Centre is a treasure-trove of colour and craft, a collection of Namibian items epitomising the country - the character and essence of its intriguing cultures, its large blue skies and endless landscapes, its wildlife and wonder. It's Namibia (conveniently) under one roof.

The Craft Centre supports jobs to more than 4,000 crafters and their families in some of the most rural and marginalised areas. The Omba Gallery is the most visited gallery in Windhoek and often showcases interesting exhibitions of both local and international artists. With more than twelve exhibitions per year, the art lover will most certainly find an exhibition on show during a visit. Those into reading or photography will find a wide variety of high quality books for adults, children and collectors; some books are only available at the Centre! For those in the family who don't like shopping, the Craft Café provides a pleasant space to sit down for a meal, or delectable apple crumble, a decadent slice of chocolate or cheese cake, or just enjoying a good coffee, while pouring over a Namibian book or to enjoy the last hours of Namibian sunshine on the outside deck. Something you may soon realise while walking around this intriguing centre is that besides the rich stories and the golden opportunity of having access to goods from all corners of Namibia collected under one roof, the word ‘craft’ and ‘art’ are often intertwined. The time spent weaving a basket, threading cotton or beads to create a picture or a bracelet, to carve a frame from wood or to make paper, is combined with the skill and talent of craftspeople countrywide to create striking works of art.

Whether you walk out the door with a postcard sized photograph of a Himba woman, a basket or an embroidered pillow, you will probably have purchased a piece of art rather than just a souvenir – as well as having gained a smidgen of Namibia to be cherished after your return home. After a good and fulfilling trip, use those few hours left in Windhoek before the flight back home to search for those special bits and pieces for friends and family or for yourself from areas you were unable to visit, or to remind you of your experiences in the country of space and soul.

THREE REASONS TO SUPPORT THE NAMIBIA CRAFT CENTRE

- We support Namibian micro and small enterprises. Nearly 40 stall holders sell their craft through the Namibia Craft Centre.

- We contribute to poverty alleviation through the sale of craft. Over 4,000 producers and their families derive an income from sales of their craft.

- We support Namibian design and product development. Our large ranges of products are uniquely Namibian and excellent quality.
Daan Viljoen National Park and Game Reserve in Komas
Daan Viljoen National Park and Game Reserve

- ACCOMMODATION

“A haven of serenity, embraced by painted hills…”

Game Park and Lodge has taken great care in balancing unpretentious style with natural serenity in designing this tranquil.

Boasting a unique camping area like nowhere else in Namibia, with a distinctive touch allows visitors to immerse themselves in an authentic outdoor experience - in complete comfort. With 12 unique campsites and shared ablution facilities, the Suricate Group Campsite is perfect for families and groups and our new Porcupine Campsite offer 7 luxury camping pods with private ablution facilities per site.

Our 19 contemporary stand-alone chalets ensure secluded havens of privacy and tranquillity while enjoying stunning patio views. Of course, it comes with all the trimmings you'd expect:

- from complimentary Wi-Fi connection to Satellite TV;
- not to mention your own private barbeque.

Whichever space you opt for, we look forward to welcoming you to Daan Viljoen Dam Experience.

- CHALETS

“The stillness of the bush, captured by sophisticated design…”

Discreet, en-suite and exquisite, Sun Karros chalets are designed to be indulgently spacious and elegantly intimate. Meticulous attention to detail is clear in every fixture, fitting, texture and surface; carefully selected to celebrate the wild setting. Sprinkled around the banks of the Augeigas Dam, each chalet has a main bedroom, bathroom with shower and its own private patio.

Your every comfort has been considered: air-conditioning, a ceiling fan, a small safe, a hairdryer, 220v charging facilities, satellite TV, free Wi-Fi access, a writer's table, a tea and coffee station, and a small fridge with a mini bar that's stocked on request.

You can relax on the patio under the sun umbrella and break-out the braai. Please do not hesitate to request braai utensils from the Reception should you need them.

Of our 19, 17 are twin/double occupancy units, while two units are larger and designed to accommodate families. A double bed and single sleeper couch are provided, however, an additional stretcher bed or camper cot for an infant are available on request at no extra cost. But just to make sure everything is perfect when you open your door, kindly let us know your requirements before you arrive.
All our guests are pleasantly surprised by the abundance of wildlife; and since there are no large predators, the majestic animals are free to roam throughout the Game Park. You'll surely hear the braying of baboons, the haunting calls of blue wildebeest, springbok, kudu, Oryx, and Hartmann mountain zebra. There's a good chance you'll spot a giraffe, or sight a black-backed jackal through the thicket. But if you're very lucky you might catch a glimpse of shy dassies and porcupines.

Daan Viljoen seems to naturally cater for bird watchers. We're sure you'll spot a few of the 200+ recorded species of birds, especially by the Augeigas Dam and the myriad of natural pools dotting the Park. From Ruppell's parrot and the White-tailed shrike to numerous species of hornbill – so make sure you have your binoculars and cameras handy.

Feel free to explore our scenic Game Park however you wish. For those who want to enjoy a short, but stunning drive around our grounds the 6.5km game route will leave you smiling. But we urge our guests to hike - either along the 6.5km game route or the two hiking trails - this will bring you much closer to the Park's rugged beauty. You can either take the easier Wag 'n Beitje Trail which is a quick 3km walk down to the Stengel Dam; or if you're active and require something a bit more challenging, try the Rooibos Trail which guides you along the Augeigas Dam towards the Eastern Highlands. For those who really want to get up close and personal with our local wildlife, our guided drives are conducted on the private, wilder roads not accessible to the general public. You will be in good hands with our knowledgeable guide that will take you to all the best spots for animal sightings.

Situated 24km west of Windhoek on the C28 route to Walvis Bay, some 2000m above sea level, the Game Park is tucked away among the hills of the Khomas Hochland.

Although we focus on maintaining our tranquil ambience, there's still quite a lot to do at the Daan Viljoen Game Park and Lodge. We built Sun Karros Daan Viljoen with an explorer's love of the wild and a traveller's love of, stylish comfort and lazy days.

We centre our activities on the Game Park with guided game drives and sundowner drives, hiking and bird watching tours. But these aren't your ordinary guided tours - we take you off the beaten track to actually follow the movement of game and bring you right into the heart of the wilderness. With this unique experience you can also discover smaller wildlife that's often missed on the public paths.

You can also explore the Park on your own! Take a scenic walk on our two hiking trails, or set of on an adventure on our self-drive 4x4 route. For those looking for the full open-air experience, our Campsite is ideally located next to the Augeigas River and offers campers prestige camping facilities which include a braai/BBQ area, electricity point, washbasin and outdoor lighting.

The Boma has an indoor Restaurant and an outdoor Wildlife Grill for your choice of home style cuisine. The large outdoor pool graces the deck of the Boma, inviting guests to cool off from the heat of the day.

We invite our in-house guests to use the internet station and readers' lounge at the Reception, and pick up a few keepsakes from the small kiosk.
Diamond and Tanzanite Tour Windhoek
Diamond Tour (Windhoek)

SPARKLING TOUR

Witness first hand, the art of diamond cutting and the careful craftsmanship of jewellery manufac-
turing by our skilled experts – all whilst enjoying a complimentary glass of sparkling wine. View a
replica of the iconic Cullinan diamond and discover the history of the Diamond and Gold Trade in
South Africa.

Our institute boasts a large range of premium loose diamonds and tanzanite, as well as gold and
platinum jewellery. Our diamond tour is available in various international languages.

Diamonds have been associated with purity, strength, wealth, virtue, power and most importantly
love. Today, an appreciation for diamonds has evolved, not to only appreciate any diamond but to
appreciate a truly rare diamond – The Diamond Works diamond.
The Diamond Works Institute is considered a true South African diamond and jewellery expert.
Established in 2001, it has evolved to be one of the most renowned diamond facilities in the region.

Outline:

- Diamond Cutting
- Diamond Grading
- Diamond Jewellery
- Diamond History

Other:

1. Tanzanite Gemstone Handling:

The Diamond Works Institute extends its appreciation to tanzanite, a gem 1000 times rarer than dia-
monds. This exceptional stone represents the essence of Africa, and we whisper the tales of this stones
journey from the ground to the showroom. Tanzanite is noted for its remarkably strong trichroism;
appearing alternately sapphire blue, violet and burgundy depending on crystal orientation.

- Tanzanite Cutting
- Tanzanite Grading
- Tanzanite Jewellery
- Tanzanite History

2. Custom Wrist Watch Manufacturing:

The Diamond Works, an expert in identifying excellence, now showcases timepiece brands of dis-
tinction, exclusively available at our O.R. Tambo Duty Free.

3. Nile Crocodile designs handcrafted fashion accessories with grace:

Zambezi Grace is the definition of living in style. Discover our beautiful collection of handbags and
travel bags. Collections exclusively available at The Diamond Works Institute outlets; Cape Town
and Windhoek, Namibia.
Namibia Diving Activities
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Diving Adventures which are based in Windhoek offer diverse activities regarding “Breather accompanied underwater activities”.

Form the Fish River canyon, the second largest canyon in the world, to some of the world’s tallest dunes at Sossusvlei to Dragon Breath the largest underground lake in the world..................

If it is adventure you seek, come and experience a lifetime memory!

**On offer:**

- Scuba Diving Training,
- Air, Nitrox and Trimix fills,
- Gear Sales,
- Service and Repairs,
- Equipment Hire,
- Technical Training,
- Namibian Cave Diving
- Tour Operator
- Hiking Trips

Diving is their main activity.

Come and do your Normoxic Trimix Course at Otjikoto, do all your lectures under a big tree & qualify in an underwater museum. While you have time-out, go for a Game Drive in the Etosha Game Reserve.

**Please Note:**

- Booking for this activity needs to be placed well in advance and ahead of excursion date.
- Diving licence of former training will need to be provided.
- Re-fresher courses are available year around.
What to see

Lake Otjikoto is a sinkhole; the name of this lake when loosely translated from Herero is “the place too deep for cattle to drink”. During the First World War, the German troops dumped a large number of ammunition and cannons with the ammunition wagons into this lake when they surrendered to the British troops. Today this is an underwater museum at a depth of between 48 and 52 meters.

Lake Guinas is reached 32 km after Tsumeb. It is deeper and more attractive than Otjikoto, though there are no facilities at all here. It is home to a colorful species of Tilapia guinasana, which are endemic here. In recent years they have been introduced into Otjikoto and several reservoirs to safeguard their future.

Dragon’s Breath Cave is situated in the Otavi Mountain Land of northeastern Namibia. It was discovered by members of the South African Speleological Association in July 1986. (Ellis & Sefton 1986) After the realisation that the cave contains the largest subterranean lake in the world.

Ghaub Cave is the third largest cave in Namibia, 38 meter in depth with 2.5m of chambers and passageways. Declared a national monument, the cave is a slippery, rock-clambering opportunity to experience ancient underworld growth. Stalactites and stalagmites glimmer and glow in their solid water journeys. The caves can only be visited with a guide and it takes 1 to 2 hours.

Gamkarab Cave Farm Gamkarab Bushman for Water Hole is situated in the thorn-bush savanna just south of the Neins mountain-range. This historic farm hosted a group of Dorslandtrekkers who, found here, at Gamkarab, a place to settle before being placed out to other destinations. The bushman and other tribes had a ritual entering the cave to fetch water in their ostrich eggshells and calabashes.

Fish River Canyon in Namibia’s South is one of the world’s largest Canyons and one of Namibia’s most recognised Natural Wonders. For 160 km the Fish River, Namibia’s longest river washed into the ground up to 550 meter deep and up to 27 km wide. It cuts deep into the plateau which is today dry, stony and sparsely covered with hardy drought-resistant plants. The river flows intermittently, usually flooding in the late summer.

Harasib - One of the largest and deepest underground lakes in the world lies a little to the east of Tsumeb, on a farm called Harasib. To reach the water in the cave one has either to abseil or to descend an ancient, hand-forged ladder that hangs free of the vertical dolomite walls of the cave for over 50 m. Here, too, SCUBA divers have descended as deep as they have dared (80 m) in the crystal-clear waters and have reported nothing but deep blue below them from one ledge of dolomite to the next with nothing discernible in the depths.

Aigamas Cave - The cave catfish was first discovered in 1921 and is known from only one dark, underground lake near Otavi, Namibia. The origin of the founder population is obscure as the nearest rivers Okavango and Cunene are hundreds of kilometers away.

The water surface of the lake is about 18m long and 2.5m wide on average and the water depth is 30m. The water is clear and measured temperatures have ranged from 24.5C (in 1921) to 27C in 1987.
Namibia and France: together for cultural diversity

As one of the most important players in Namibia's cultural scene, the Franco-Namibian Cultural Centre (FNCC) aims to intensify the cultural cooperation between Namibia and France while promoting and supporting Namibian cultural identity. The FNCC aims to promote and support Namibian artists and cultural projects by offering our know-how, resources and equipment.

The FNCC offers French language cultural activities by making a public library and periodicals available, by organizing French language courses and facilitating lectures, film screenings, theatre plays, concerts and exhibitions.

Our monthly diary of events, the Franco, keeps you up to date with cultural happenings facilitated or supported by the FNCC.

Some features:


For the individuals who would love to experience a bit of French - Namibian culture an evening out at the FNCC would be just right.

Please ask us here at Hippo's to give you an update on what's currently being shown, presented and undertaken culturally at the FNCC Centre.

Should anything be of interest we will gladly organise you front row ticket(s) for any show or event. We will also gladly book you a table at their Restaurant for after the show.
Go-Karting Coastal
(Swakopmund)
Go-Karting Coastal (Swakopmund)

R & R Karting offers a unique racing experience in the desert. We are a professionally run, outdoor Go-Karting arena, with no less than 10 top quality German Go-karts. The track is owned and managed by Go-Karting professionals, who are always on hand to assist. The tar track is an impressive 520m in length, and at speeds of up to 70km/h, is perfect for that adrenaline junky ready to take on any opponent, and show there friends who is king of the track. The lap times are recorded as we make use of a computerised lap time system, ensuring your times are recorded to the split second. We cater for everybody. For the beginners out there, our professional instructor will provide you with all the assistance required to make your first experience memorable.

We have trained marshals on hand, and all drivers receive a helmet and safety instruction.

You do not need any experience to drive the go-karts. Children need to be 10 years old and at least 1.40m to be able to drive, and if they are smaller they can sit on your lap. It definitely is an experience for the young as well as the old!!

We have a bar with cool drinks and snacks. You could also use our venue for birthday party’s, goodbye party’s or functions. Come and join us for a relaxing atmosphere and some exciting racing with loads of fun, speed and competition!!!

With no clutch or gears to worry about, there is no motor sport vehicle easier to drive than a go-kart. The brake is on the left and the accelerator is on the right.

Our German made Karts are powered by 200cc 4-stroke Honda engines and are able to produce 6.5 HP. The karts have racing slicks all around to grip the track, and full form racing seats to grip you in the turns. Maximum speed is over 70km/h. Go-Karts are very near to the ground which increases the sensation for speed. Speed on the straight isn’t what will thrill you most.

The high cornering speed and g-force is exhilarating.

Karting is an family oriented, relatively safe sport that is enjoyed both by the young and not so young alike. We have quite a few good male and female drivers. You do not have to wear a special uniform but you must wear a helmet.

Opening Times

- Friday from 14:00 - 18:00
- Weekends from 10:00 - 18:00
- Public Holidays 10:00 - 18:00
- Always open for bookings!

- On school holidays also open from Tuesday till Thursday from 14:00 till 18:00
- December and January open DAILY from 09.00 till sunset.
Gross Barmen Spa and Wellness Resort
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Gross Barmen Resort is located around 100 km from the capital city of Windhoek, nestled on the banks of a tributary of the Swakop River. Set between rows of palm trees, green lawns and many pleasant walks, the resort is ideal for all ages.

Gross Barmen includes facilities for spa & wellness, fitness, recreation, and leisure.

The main attraction of the resort is the health and hydro/medical spa centre, featuring thermal springs and providing a full range of treatments, massages, and health activities for relaxation. Ideal for a day trip and/or a weekend away.

Facilities and Amenities

- Multiple Conference Halls
- Thermal and Olympic Pools
- Picnic Area
- Spa
- Gym
- Bar
- Kiosk
- Fully stocked Restaurant
- Large Campsite

Chalet choices

- Premiere Chalet / B&B
- Family Chalet (4 Beds - min 2) / B&B
- Premiere Family Chalet (4 Beds - min 2) / B&B
- Bush Chalet / B&B
- Self Catering Bush Chalet / Bed only!

Request Price list in Store.

Wellness Policy:

Alert your therapist of the following contra indications:

- High Blood pressure
- Recent Surgery
- Muscles or joint injuries
- Pregnancy, Epilepsy or Diabetes

Feel free to ask In-Store for complete list of treatment options, choices and range of packages.
Coastal Huey Flights and other Aviation Services
Huey Coastal excursion flights and other aerial based activities

This Aviation Company has the most comprehensive and diverse fleet of Helicopters in Namibia. Combined with our fixed-wing aircraft, we are able to offer our customers almost unlimited possibilities in their aviation requirements. Our aviators are ranked among the best in Namibia, with a perfect safety record. They comply with every requirement of the Civil Aviation Act of Namibia. Our vast experience throughout Namibia and even neighboring countries imply that we can take you almost anywhere, permitted no legal restriction to certain protected areas exist.

Experience Namibia like never before:

- Photographic Flights
- Scenic Flights
- Team Building
- Chartered Flights
- Helicopter Safaris
- Medical Evacuation

In very high demand:

- Huey Helicopter* Action Flights (open or closed door flights)

Price:

- N$ 1,250.00 per person (Pre-bookings only)

- Slots filled per seating capacity

- Pre-Bookings Groups of 14 PAX / UH

* The most widely used military helicopter, the Bell UH-1 series, better known as the “Huey”. “Hueys” were used for MedEvac, command and control, air assault, gun ships and much more. Considered to be the most widely used helicopter in the World, with more than 9,000 produced, the Huey is flown today by about 40 countries.

Please Note: Heavy demand in December and January! Overbook occurs frequently.
Windhoek Township bicycle or guided Tours
Township bicycle or guided Tours

Experience the lively streets of Katutura in a new exciting and environmentally friendly way. We offer guided tours on bike through the culturally and historically rich township of Katutura near Windhoek. Also available is the Self-Drive Guided Township Tour for those not interested in riding a bicycle.

The township of Katutura owes its existence to Namibia’s colonial past. After the First World War the territory of South West Africa (now Namibia) past from German Colonial rule to being governed by South Africa (under a League of Nations mandate). South West Africa was virtually incorporated into South Africa and governed as a 5th province, rather than as a colony or separate territory.

This meant that the Apartheid rules from South Africa were enforced within the territory as well (with a few exceptions). As a result of these laws and the policy of ‘separate development’, township areas for various ethnic groups were created in town. Windhoek had three major division: the City of Windhoek, mainly for whites, Khomasdal, for coloureds (people of mixed race) and Katutura (for blacks). And katutura was further devided into areas based on ethnic & tribal designations.

Even more than 20 years after independence these township areas still exist in most South African & Namibian towns and cities. Although people are no longer legally required to live in a specific area for a variety of historical & economic reasons many people remain in the areas that were designated for them during apartheid rule.

Katutura is the most vibrant of Windhoek's suburbs and this tour allows you to explore the area safely and in the company of an experienced guide, who will share further insight into the area. It is a must for anyone interested in people, history or bicycles! The tour departs from the Penduka project and will visit a variety of markets & projects. The route varies but will usually involve most of the following:

1. A visit to the Kings Daughters Bicycle Shop where you get to meet the women working there and learn about their empowerment project.
2. The lively meat market in Single Quarters and get a taste of the famous Kaplan (barbecued/braaied meat)
3. The busy commercial center of Soweto Market
4. Notorious Eveline Street – the street that never sleeps. With a plethora of shebeens (bars), hairdressers & other informal traders.
5. The tranquility of Penduka where women are producing and selling beautiful Namibian handcrafts.

Tours depart from the Penduka Center at Goreangab Dam at 8.30am daily and takes 3.5 hours, please ensure you are at Penduka by 8am for the pre-departure safety talk and briefing. The trip is designed to not be very physically demanding and anyone with a small measure of fitness should easily complete the route.

Unfortunately the trip is not suitable for children under 14.

Price:

- Half day N$750.00 per person (price subject to change without notification)
Windhoek Go-Karting
and Laser Tag Gaming
Windhoek Go-Karting and Laser Tag Gaming

Windhoek Go-Karting became operational on 1 December 2010. Windhoek is steadily growing in population and with this comes the demand for family entertainment. The establishment also added Laser Tag in 2013 and recently upgraded this facility to a maze like battlefield. This facility caters for young and old, kids from 1.2m tall can drive the Junior karts and from the age of 5 you can also participate in Lasertag.

The track has 20 Rimo Karts from Germany of which 4 are custom made junior karts with special safety features for kids from 1.2m - 1.4m tall. The track itself is based on the European indoor track concepts, however this is an outdoor track which can easily be re-assembled into different layouts.

The Lasertag is operated on a Maze like outdoor battlefield, the guns and operating system is from America and different game modes can be played.

The establishment is also very popular for team building events and can host up to 150 people at a time, has a bar on site and professional catering.

Laser Tag Gaming is a great product for everyone to enjoy. There is no pain involved and is 100% safe. Kids from 5 years can already play. We created a outdoor battlefield, each individual is equipped with a gun attached to a sling and a head band where the sensors are located. Only head shots count and guns can “shoot” over a distance of 100 m. The guns make use of infra-red technology and is harmless to the eyes. Scores are kept by a integrated computer system, after each game players can see their scores displayed on a screen. This is also a great venue for company events and we can accommodate groups up to 40 people under our battlefield lapa. We have a bar on site with a bon fire area. You can already rent out this venue exclusively. This includes unlimited gaming (a minimum of 2 hours is required per booking). We can cater for your event at the venue. Bookings are not essential and you can pop by any time and play a game of laser tag. Games are all 20 minutes at N$80 per person.

Options:

- **Team Elimination** (20 lives, unlimited ammo, best team wins)
- **Immortal teams** (unlimited lives, unlimited ammo, highest team score wins)
- **Last man standing** (20 lives, free for all, no teams, best player wins)
- **Immortal Arena** (no teams, unlimited lives, unlimited ammo, highest score wins)
- **Sniper** (Teams, only 3 lives, only one bullet per shot, reloading take 10 seconds!)
- **Zombies vs. Humans** (2x more humans than zombies, 20 lives for zombies, 10 lives for humans, a human will become a zombie when is killed by a zombie, humans can kill zombies)
The Windhoek Library

After shutting its doors for renovations three years ago, the Windhoek public library has officially reopend.

The library, boasting a new look, new books, new shelving and a circular skylight, will be opened by the Education Minister Abraham Iyambo at 09h00 this morning. After three years, wall-to-wall renovations and the ire of a queen bee, residents of Windhoek can look forward to tickling their reading fancy in the state-of-the-art institution which offers all the library services one can ask for.

These services include a brand new computer room which offers internet access and the ability to print remotely, a Wi-Fi service for patrons with laptops and basic computer training for anyone in need.

Access to the country’s daily newspapers, magazines and journals are a further boon to adult users, who can lounge in a business section near the entrance while keeping up with current affairs.

The library’s children’s section is a thing of wonder. Boasting an X-Box games console, miniature play area, colourful reading desks and computers with access to the internet, the children visiting the library will be encouraged to nurture a love of learning in a space designed especially for their inquiring minds.

Children’s activities, games and a storytelling hour are the cherry on top for the young ones looking for educational activities. Parents are urged to secure library cards for their children so they can take the magic of books home with them.

These sessions will be led by a library assistant who will also train interested children on the computer and X-Box.

For those unable to read books by virtue of disability or preference, the Audiobook Centre, sponsored by the Klein Windhoek Rotary Club, has two audiobook facilities where one can listen to books through noiseless headphones.

To register as a library user, new and old members alike will have to fill out registration forms and submit two passport photos, proof of residence and an identity document.

‘Former users who borrowed books before the library closed should please return them,’ pleaded the Khomas regional librarian, Hashoongo Hilke. ‘I know there are many people who wanted to bring books back but found the library closed. So it is our humble request that you return them now that we are back on track. There will be no penalties, just appreciation for returning our resources, literature and information.

In addition to these services aimed at children and adults, students can make use of upstairs and downstairs study areas when in need of a quiet place to revise for exams.

The public library is currently working towards securing academic textbooks and reference materials relevant to courses at tertiary institutions to cater to those in need of augmenting or keeping up with course work.

Finally, the library can also be used as an all-purpose document centre where one can send faxes, write email, make photocopies and print pages at a competitive rate.

The public can start coming in from 08h00 on Friday and it will be business as usual with lots of new services,
The highest mountain in Namibia is the Brandberg with a height of 2579 m above sea level with Moltkeblick (Auas range) at 2 480 m being the second highest. Other notable mountains of Namibia are: Bismarckfelsen (2419 m), Gamsberg - Namibia’s Table mountain (2347m), Spitzkoppe (1 728 m).

Spitzkoppe

The 1728m high Spitzkoppe is one of Namibia’s most recognizable landmarks, rises mirage-like above the dusty pro-Namib plains of southern Damaraland. Its dramatic shape has inspired its nickname, the Matterhorn of Africa. It was first climbed in 1946, and is now popular with both local and foreign rock climbers. Beside the Spitzkoppe rise the equally impressive Pontoks, which are comprised of enormous granite domes.

Camping spots are neat and safe. It’s worth to spend 3 to 4 days there!

Omandumba - Farm in the Erongo, Namibia

On Anibib, immediately next door and also in a romantic location, has recently opened up the Ai-Aiba Lodge. 20 luxurious bungalows, with a view of the Brandberg, offer a strong contrast to Omandumba. A swimming pool is at your disposal, also the guests of Omandumba are welcome. You can enjoy a sundowner on the terrace and stay for dinner. It is best to drive by car (approx. 15 min), from Omandumba, to walk back in the dark is not recommended.

In the climbing area Omandumba / Anibib climbing takes place since 1998. More than 100 routes, and many rock towers were developed and explored. Beautiful and difficult sport climbing routes are found primarily in the “Greek wall” and “Shadow wall”. Otherwise, the area has been developed mainly in the free-climbing style. An adequate range of backup resources is essential. Among the most impressive peaks are the “Bismarck tower” and the “Sepp” with the “Franke Tower”. The rock is hard granite, in the sunny side sometimes a little weathered, but otherwise of good quality. A variety of routes are secured with bolts, but particularly for the chink tours,(Rißtouren) a well-assorted range and wedge Rißklemmen (friends) of all sizes are appropriate. Most rocks have direction marks, “Abseileinrichtungen”. One of the longest routes is the "Long Wall" at the “Klipspringerwand” by 7 lengths (330m). There are at Anibib / Omandumba an unbelievable amount of potential first ascents. Routes of difficulty 27 (UIAA IX) document the current level of performance. Also here nobody wants smeared walls, therefore away with the “Magnesiabeutel”!

The area is also ideal for hiking. One should, as anywhere in the country, take plenty of water. There are no marked trails on Omandumba. On Anibib, directly behind the lodge, a marked trail about a half hour leads through rocks to petroglyphs. This is especially recommended in the late afternoon. On both farms hunting takes place, you should notify the owner of your daily plans.

Brandberg Mountains

Because of the fact that legislation regarding the Brandberg issue is not transparent, as well as the rather incompetence of the public administration, it is recommended that visitors refrain from visiting the Brandberg. An application to visit the mountain has to be lodged prior to the visit. A permit at a fee is required and a guide has to be hired. No clear information regarding the matter has been received from the relative Ministry.
Apart from the guided Naukluft Hike and two shorter (unguided) day hikes, the Olive and Waterkloof Trails, the Namib-Naukluft Mountains is also home to a much longer trail. The entire trail covers about 120km and is a circular 8 day route. An option to hike the first half, (4 days only) has been incorporated. The first 4 days is a moderate hike, whilst the last 4 days are more difficult. Alternatively, the trail can be completed in 7 days, by combining the last two days. (Days 7/8.) This should only be attempted by extremely fit hikers.

The name Naukluft, is derived from German and means ‘narrow ravine’ and is part of the Namib Naukluft National Park. The Naukluft Mountains are well-known as a hiker's destination. Animals such as kudu and the rare mountain zebra are often seen on the hike, and although they are elusive, leopard are not uncommon in the Naukluft Mountains.

**General information:**

On making a reservation, a medical form will be forwarded for each member of the party. It must be completed by a doctor not earlier than 40 days prior to the hike, and handed to the nature conservator at Naukluft before commencement of the hike.

Should an emergency arise, the shortest emergency route must be used to summon help from either the nearest farm or station of Ministry of Environment and Tourism. The start of the emergency route is indicated with a yellow cross with an arrow indicating the direction. Vehicles can be left at the starting point of the trail near the Naukluft campsite and at Tsams Ost where the four day trail ends.

Hikers booked on the 8 day trail may leave a vehicle with supplies for the last 4 days at Tsams Ost. Although parking at Tsams Ost is generally safe, hikers do so at their own risk. Hikers terminating their trail at Tsams Ost (the end of the four day hike) must make their own transport arrangements from the ending point. The 8 day hikers can also arrange to leave food here, so they do not need to carry food for the entire eight days.

Hikers will not be permitted under any circumstances to commence the trail at Tsams Ost. Hiking is only permitted between 1st March and 31st October, due to the excessively high summer temperatures.

Groups must consist of a minimum of three people and a maximum of twelve.

Fires are not permitted, making it essential to carry a backpacking stove.

As it is an arid county, you must set off with a full water bottle (preferably 2lttrs) at the start of each day’s hike and use it sparingly.

The trail traverses extremely rugged, mountainous country and a good, stout pair of hiking boots is essential.

Hikers are strongly advised to pack warm clothing as winter temperatures often drop to freezing point.

Poisonous snakes occur in the area, so be on your guard. Snakes generally attack in self-defense only and will normally retreat when approached. In the event of an unexpected confrontation with a snake, you should retreat slowly to a safe distance.

Hikes are undertaken at your own risk and the Namibian Government does not accept responsibility for any injuries or accidents.
Facilities:

The old farmhouse at Naukluft (starting point) can be used prior to starting and after completing the trail. It comprises of: Bunk beds, kitchen, ablutions (with hot water) and an outside fire place. Firewood/charcoal can be bought at the park office.

For those wishing to spend more time in Naukluft before or after the trail, campsites at Kudusrus Naukluft campsite must be reserved when making the trail booking. Facilities include fire places, cement tables with benches, refuse bins and ablution block facilities.

Accommodation at other overnight stops on the trail consists of stone built shelters and a hut. Only water and toilet facilities are provided. Refuse bins are available at Ubuis, Tsams Ost, Die Valle and Tufa Tavern overnight stops. No refuse bins are provided at Putte, Adlehorst and Kapokvlakte shelters on the plateau, and hikes must carry their litter to the next overnight stop where they can dispose of it.

Naukluft Trail Synopsis:

Day 1: Naukluft Hiking Trail
The trail starts at the Naukluft Hut near the Naukluft Campsite and except for two fairly steep ascents, the first day’s hike covers easy terrain. Much of the trail follows a zebra path with an easy gradient, and you are rewarded with spectacular views of the wide valley some 300m below. The overnight stop, ‘Putte Shelter,’ takes its name from the nearby ‘working’ well, which is equipped with a hand pump. Those with any energy left are welcome to take a short walk to watch the spectacular sunset.

- **Hiking time:** Around 6hrs.
- **Distance:** 14km.
- **Camping:** Putte Shelter

Day 2: Naukluft Hiking Trail
The second day’s hike mainly traverses the undulating plateau, and after about 3 hrs, ‘Bergpos’ is reached, from where there is a descent down the spectacular ‘Ubusis Kloof.’ This descent is very difficult and several chains have been anchored at critical points for ease and safety. ‘Ubusis Hut’ used to be a holiday cottage before the land was acquired for the park, and will be a pleasant surprise.

- **Hiking time:** Between 7-9hrs.
- **Distance:** 15km Camping: Ubusis Hut

Day 3: Naukluft Hiking Trail
The day starts back tracking all the way up to ‘Bergpos.’ This is followed by an easy route across the plateau to the ‘Adlerhorst Shelter.’ Hartmann’s Mountain zebra and kudu are often spotted in the area. There is a possibility to watch the sunset over the desert, and it’s approximately a 1hr walk from the shelter. The descent from here is easy, and return to the shelter can be made before darkness falls.

- **Hiking time:** Between 6-7 hrs
- **Distance:** 12km

Day 4 Naukluft Hiking Trail
The fourth day of the trail is to Tsams Ost, and initially traverses fairly level terrain, before branching off into a beautiful gorge carved by the Tsams River. After following the ‘kloof’ for some distance, the trail leaves the river and climbs steeply to bypass a waterfall, before winding down to the river again where we will see an enormous ‘Moringa Tree.’ A number of beautiful springs are passed shortly after the tree, before reaching the gravel road leading to ‘Tsams Ost Shelter.’

- **Hiking time:** Between 7-8hrs
- **Distance:** 17km
- **Camping:** Tsams Ost Shelter
Day 5: Naukluft Hiking Trail
The fifth day's hike is to Die Valle, and from the shelter the trail ascends steeply up Broekskeur and then traverses undulating terrain. This area is covered with patches of euphorbias, quiver and moringa trees to Fonteinpomp, where water bottles can be topped up. The final 11km follows a fairly level route along a river valley.

- **Hiking time:** Between 6-7hrs
- **Distance:** 17km
- **Camping:** Die Valle

Day 6: Naukluft Hiking Trail
On the sixth day the trail leads towards the Die Valle Waterfall, a magnificent sight. (Despite being usually dry!) For a short distance, there is a steep climb to a contour path which leads to the top of the 200m high waterfall. From here the trail follows the narrow gorge carved by the river and continues to gain altitude, before making its way down the Arbeit Adelt Valley.

- **Hiking time:** About 6hrs
- **Distance:** 16km
- **Camping:** Tufa Shelter

Day 7: Naukluft Hiking Trail
Day seven begins with a steep ascent up a well vegetated kloof, where a chain assists hikers to scale a waterfall. After about 3 hours, the plateau is reached and from Bakenkop the hiker is rewarded with magnificent vistas of the valley, carved by the Tsondab River some 600m below. The trail then winds over Kapokvlakte, where springbok and sometimes oryx can be seen, before reaching Kapokvlakte Shelter.

- **Hiking time:** About 5hrs
- **Distance:** 14km
- **Camping:** Kapokvlakte Shelter

Day 8: Naukluft Hiking Trail
After following a jeep track for about 3.5km, the trail traverses a watershed before descending into the Naukluft River by way of a tributary. On reaching the Naukluft River you can cool off in any of a number of crystal clear pools. This section follows the onward route of the Waterkloof Day Trail and from the first pool, it is about 40 minutes to the Naukluft Hut.

- **Hiking time:** About 5hrs
- **Distance:** 16km
Hiking trails in Namibia

Information on several hiking trails available in Namibia. Medical questionnaire for the hikes can be found here at Hippo Adventure Tours.

Fish River Hiking Trail:
Starts from main viewpoint 10 km from Hobas and ends in Ai-Ais. It is approximately 80 kilometres long and takes 4 to 5 days to complete. Open only from 15 April to 15 September due to extreme day temperatures in the summer time. Groups of minimum 3 and maximum of 40 persons are allowed.
- No children under 12 years old. Reservations should be made well in advance.
- Own transport must be arranged unless arranged with Hippo Adventure Tours.
- Certificates of fitness and indemnity forms must be submitted to the office in Hobas.

Ugab River Hiking Trail:
A group of 3 to 8 persons can undertake a guided trail every second and fourth Tuesday of each month from April to October. The length of trail is 50 km. The duration is 3 days. The hike begins at Ugabmund (southern entrance of the park, 200 km from Swakopmund) at 9.00 and also ends there.
- Hikers must take along own equipment and food.
- Bookings in advance only. Medical certificates must be produced.

Namib Naukluft Park:
The trail is 120 km long and completed in 8 days. Only first part can be completed in 4 days. The trail is open from 1 March to the third Friday of October only due to climatic conditions. Trail starts on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays of the first 3 weeks of each month. Camping facilities and water are available at stop-over points. Groups must be minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 participants. Own food and camping equipment must be provided. Accommodation in the old farmhouse at Naukluft the day before trail begins and at the end of the trail.
- Bookings in advance only.

Daan Viljoen Hiking Trail:
The unguided trail is open to groups of 3 to 12 persons and 32 km long (normally completed in 2 days). Departure time: 9.00 from the park’s office. Reservations should be made well in advance. Own transport, food and water must be arranged.

Waterberg Wilderness Trail:
The Waterberg guided wilderness trail starts from the camp on every second, third and fourth weekend of each month, from April to November. Hikers depart on Thursday and arrive back on early Sunday afternoon. A group consists of 6 to 8 persons. Hikers have to provide own food and sleeping bags. There is also unguided 50 kilometres long hiking trail which can be undertaken at own risk. Open from April to November, depart every Wednesday from the resort office at 9 o’clock in the morning. The trail’s duration is 4 days and it ends on Saturdays. Hikers have to have all necessary equipment and food.
- Bookings in advance only.
Okakambe Trails:
- Desert hikes from the base near Swakopmund.

Tok Tokkie Trails:
- 3 days walks in the Namib.

The Trail Hopper Trails:
- Walking trails around Namibia.

Sossus on Foot:
- Sesriem and area walks.

Hikes to Tiras Mountains:
- From Farm Gunsbewys.

Naukluft hikes:
- From Bullsport Guest Farm.

Walking trails in the Erongo:
- Farm Omandumba

Hike to Mount Etjo:
- Omaha Guest Farm

ESTABLISHMENTS IN NAMIBIA OFFERING HIKING TRAILS BY REGION

NORTHERN: OTJIWARONGO, TSUMEB, ETOSHA PARK, GROOTFONTEIN, CAPRIVI, BUSHMENLAND, OVAMBOLAND

- African Wilderness Trails
- Epupa Camp
- Kunene River Lodge
- Omarunga Camp Kaokoland
- Roy’s Rest Camp
- Waterberg Plateau Park: Bernabe de la Bat Camp
- Waterberg Wilderness Lodge
CENTRAL: WINDHOEK, GOBABIS, REHOBOTH, OKAHANDJA

- Arnhem Cave Camp
- Daan Viljoen Park Windhoek
- Eningu Clay House

WESTERN: COAST, NAMIB, KAOKOLAND, Khorixas, KAMANJAB, DAMARALAND, OMARURU, KARIBIB, NAUKLUFT, SESRIEM, SOSSUSVLEI

- Betesda Rest Camp
- Bullsport Guest Farm
- Damara Mopane Lodge Khorixas
- Farm Omandumba Omaruru
- Hohenstein Lodge Usakos
- Namibgrens Guest Farm
- Naukluft Hiking Trail
- Namib Naukluft Lodge
- Namtib Desert Lodge
- Palmwag Lodge
- Rostock Ritz
- The Soft Adventure Camp
- Weltevrede Guest Farm
- Xaragu Camp

SOUTHERN: MARIENTAL, MALTAHOHE, KEETMANSHOOP, LUDERITZ, GRUNAU

- Ababis Guest Farm
- Anib Lodge Mariental
- Bitterwasser
- Farm Gunsbewys
- Fish River Canyon
- Fish River Lodge
- Hardap Resort
- Helmeringhausen Hotel
- Intu Afrika
- Kalahari Anib Lodge
- Kalahari Game Lodge
- Klein Aus Vista
- Mesosaurus Fossil Site
- Quiver Tree Forest Camp Keetmanshoop
The Namibian Art Gallery
(Windhoek)
The Namibian Art Gallery (Windhoek)

The NAGN has a qualified curatorial team, beside providing curatorial work for artist exhibiting in the NAGN, their job also includes developing a public interest in art, ensuring that works of art are accessible and exhibited to public for both viewing and research purposes. The curatorial team also promotes public enjoyment and the understanding of visual art and fine art.

Framing Workshop

The National Art Gallery of Namibia offers a framing service at the framing workshop at its Gallery House in Robert Mugabe Avenue. This framing service is an income generating project for the National Art Gallery.

Gallery Space for Hire

Our exhibition spaces and the boardroom are facilities that can be utilised for events and or functions depending on availability. The exhibition venues are only available to events sensitive to and appreciative of the art on display.

VENUES

- Main Gallery
- Upper Gallery
- Foyer
- Boardroom

Pashuka Reading Corner

With the support of Bank Windhoek, the National Art Gallery of Namibia has installed the Pashuka reading corner, which is open to the public during the opening hours of the NAGN. In Pashuka, browse interesting art catalogues, art history books and Namibian arts publications while sitting in our small reading corner surrounded by art!
The Namibian Art Gallery (Windhoek): COLLECTION (one of three)

AAHT COLLECTION

The ARTS ASSOCIATION HERITAGE TRUST Collection is the most comprehensive historical visual art collection in Namibia today, legally safeguarded since 2006 in a trust.

Built up by the Arts Association of Namibia (AAN), the Arts Association Heritage Trust has acquired most of its Collection from donations by members, artists and the kind sponsorship of the Metje and Behnsen Family since 1948.

The collection comprises modern and contemporary paintings, graphics, sculptures and traditional African art by mostly Namibian artists. The Heritage Collection includes a large collection of linocuts by John Ndevasia Muafangejo, whom the AAN assisted with a study bursary, exhibitions - locally and internationally - as well as through catalogues and through direct promotion and marketing since 1973 until his death in 1987.

The collection serves as a valuable tool for education especially during the Annual Visual Art Museum Programme (AVAMP), when certain themes, genres and developments in art are emphasised. Unfortunately due to a lack of space, only a small part of the collection can be showcased annually. It is however envisioned that the Heritage Collection will find a suitable exhibition space where the array of Namibia's visual art heritage can be presented permanently.
GRN COLLECTION

The National Art Gallery of Namibia (NAGN) received custody of the Government of the Republic of Namibia Art Collection when the Namibian Parliament passed the NAGN Act 14 of 2000. The National Art Gallery of Namibia places a high priority on the safeguarding of the visual art heritage of the Namibian Nation.

The GRN Art Collection is an essential part of this endeavour. The care and preservation of this valuable national asset is an immense responsibility, which requires extensive input of human and logistic resources from the NAGN, as well as the kind cooperation of motivated GRN offices.

It is against this background that NAGN staff members are engaged in an ongoing process of documenting, condition reporting, registration and accessioning of GRN art works. This programme is designed to reach all 13 regions and embassies abroad. So far most of the Ministries in Windhoek have undergone the process.

The visual and technical information collected with this process will enable the NAGN to compile presentation materials which will form part of a campaign to enhance awareness of Namibian visual arts.
The Permanent Collection of the National Art Gallery of Namibia (NAGN) houses a large variety of works collected from the inception of the gallery as an institution in 2005. The mandate of the NAGN is to collect, preserve, study, exhibit and stimulate appreciation for and advance knowledge of works of art that collectively represent the broadest spectrum of human achievement at the highest level of quality, all in the service of the public and in accordance with the highest professional standards.

The Permanent Collection of the NAGN echoes this mandate, striving to preserve and exhibit works that show the artistic talent in Namibia, as well as that offer voices to issues and themes pertaining to Namibian society.

The NAGN Permanent Collection is as varied as our society is diverse. As such, there is a broad spectrum of ways in which to exhibit the works in the collection. Part of advancing our collective knowledge of Namibian arts and artists is to continue to re-engage with works from our past and our present in new and interesting ways to open up possibilities of continual learning.

The NAGN Permanent Collection is made up of over 300 artworks, from works by around 150 artists. The majority of these artworks have been collected during group and individual exhibitions hosted by the NAGN and are selected according to established criteria, as formulated in its Collection Management Policy. This collection is housed in the National Art Gallery of Namibia storage, and is shown throughout the annual schedule in sections in exhibitions in the gallery curated around various themes.
Paintball Fun (Windhoek)
Paintball Fun (Windhoek)

Come visit us today for the most action and entertainment packed into one place in Windhoek! There are 5 awesome themed fields to play, Paintball, Replica Sniper Challenges and Speedball.

Facilities with Possibilities:

- Under Roof Seating & tables for over 200 people
- Ample Parking Space
- Fully stocked Bar – Special Liquor licence till 02:00am
- Changing Rooms & Toilets
- Braai Area, Braai Stands, Braai Equipment
- 1000m² grass pitch for any activity, Beer Tent, Sports
- Food Catering, Meals, Dinners, Spit braai
- Catering Equipment, Decorations, Beer Tents, Gazebo’s, Jumping Castles
- Activities: Paintball, Speedball, Obstacle Courses, Shooting range, Ping Pong, Pool Table, Foosball
- 4 Paintball Playing Fields
- Shooting & Sniper Range (No live ammo, only paintball and airsoft)
- Huge Range of rental equipment, Paintball, Airsoft, Overalls and Protective gear

Events, Functions, Fun days, Corporates, Parties:

Action Arena has the perfect location, facilities, staff and venue to handle pretty much anything. Corporates, Events, Fun Days, birthday parties and the crazy stuff (bachelor parties etc.) are always adrenalin-filled and never disappointing at Action Arena! We can handle catering and massive events; space is not an issue here. We also do corporate and teambuilding events at external locations accross Namibia.

Paintball and Airsoft Proshop:

Namibia’s number 1 Airsoft & Paintball Pro Shop with the biggest selection of airsoft and paintball supplies anywhere in Windhoek and Namibia. We offer a wide range of Paintball Markers, Airsoft guns and replicas, Camo clothing and equipment, Survival gear and much more.

Open Tuesday to Sunday 9h00 to 18h00.
Diverse Sport and Recreation
Sport and Recreation

The City of Windhoek has a corporate responsibility towards its residents and co-ordinates and promotes sport within the municipal boundaries of the City. It is responsible for the establishment, maintenance and management of centres of sporting and recreational concerns, for use by the residents of the City, particularly in the neglected sections of our society. Sport and Recreation plays an important role in the social well-being of residents. The current City of Windhoek Sport and Recreation Policy serves as a guideline in the provision and management of sports facilities within the City with a view to balancing the provision of sporting and recreational facilities to all our residents.

Sam Nujoma Soccer Stadium

The old Katutura Soccer Stadium was originally built in the late 1960s and after Independence; the City of Windhoek took the decision to build a new soccer stadium. The Sam Nujoma Stadium was completed in April 2005. Named after the Founding President of the Republic of Namibia, Dr. Sam Nujoma, the stadium was constructed at a cost of N$64 million and can seat 10 300 people. The City views the stadium as a social investment aimed at bringing soccer and recreation activities to previously neglected areas.

The stadium features a grandstand designed as a two-tier structure with an enclosed basement area, offices, store rooms, cloakrooms, toilets and kiosks. The private VIP lounge is fully equipped to accommodate VIPs during sport events. The grandstand seats 4 000 spectators, including 500 plastic bucket seats. The three remaining open stands seat 6 000, with preformatted pre-cast concrete seating units. These are separated from the main field by steep crowd control channels.

The stadium has parking for VIPs, 120 spaces for private parking and public parking for 5 team buses, 19 public buses and 460 vehicles.

The Khomasdal Sport Fields

Situated in Mahatma Ghandhi Street, the Khomasdal Sport Fields complex is a popular place for soccer, school athletics, netball and other tournaments and social activities organised by the community. This complex is a hive of activity at weekends.

The sport fields include 4 netball courts of which two can be used for playing volley ball, 2 tennis courts and 3 soccer fields of which two are for practicing and the main field reserved exclusively for soccer matches. Since 2007, a number of upgrading projects have been completed to the facilities with further upgrades lined up for the future.

John ya Otto Nankudhu Soccer Field

The pressure and demands on the Khomasdal soccer fields were tremendous, to the extent that the City saw fit to develop another facility in this part of the City. The John ya Otto Nankudhu Soccer Field was an informal sport field situated opposite Oshakati Service Station and the Wanaheda Police Station. The field has well kept turf that is irrigated automatically and maintained by private contractors. It is enclosed with a wall and is guarded by 24-hour security guards. Ablution facilities are available for spectators and players.
Swimming Pools

There are two public swimming pools in Windhoek; the Olympia Swimming Pool in Olympia and the Western Suburbs Swimming Pool between Khomasdal and Katutura. Both facilities boast Olympic size pools, children's paddling pools, cloakrooms, a kiosk, lapa facilities, large lawns for leisure purposes and trained life guards who are on duty daily. The Western Suburbs pool also has a children's playground.

The lapa facilities can be booked for private functions after-hours. At such functions, no swimming is allowed. Both pools are open to the public for 7 days a week during warm months from (August to May) but are closed during an off-season in June and July. The pools are available for hire to schools and swimming clubs for gala events and competitions.

Brakwater Recreational Park

The Brakwater Recreational Park is situated on the outskirts of Windhoek next to the Western Bypass in Brakwater. This recreational area is ideal for picnicking in the shade of large camel thorn trees and has playgrounds, newly renovated barbeque sites and ablution facilities.

The park is open to the public from 10:00 to 18:00 on Wednesdays and Thursdays and from 10:00 until 22:00 from Fridays to Sundays and on public holidays. It is closed for general maintenance on Mondays and Tuesdays each week. No prior bookings need to be made to use the facilities.

Goreangab Recreational Park

The Goreangab Recreational Park is situated on the eastern shore of the Goreangab Dam. This recreational area is used for picnicking and has spectacular views of the dam. It comprises playgrounds, newly renovated barbeque sites and ablution facilities. The park is very popular with residents as a breakaway from the City.

The park is open to the public from 10:00 to 18:00 on Wednesdays and Thursdays and from 10:00 until 22:00 from Fridays to Sundays and on public holidays. It is closed for general maintenance on Mondays and Tuesdays each week. No prior bookings need to be made to use the facilities.

Playgrounds in the City

Playgrounds form an important part of any suburb or community. They are areas in which children develop physically, emotionally, socially and intellectually.

Our children deserve the right to safe and attractive playgrounds where they can develop their skills, have fun and use their imaginations to become healthy and balanced young adults. Other family members also need safe outdoor areas to socialise and relax in. The City wishes to transform existing playgrounds into community centre-pieces that residents can be proud of and enjoy. The Department of Economic Development and Community Services is committed to providing such facilities.
The Zoo Park

In 1897, the German colonial administration established a war memorial on the site that is today known as the Zoo Park. In 1904 the site was referred to as the “Denkmalsgarten”; Memorial Garden, suggesting that trees and shrubs had been planted to complement the memorial and provide shady surroundings for residents.

This garden was transferred from the colonial government to the town of Windhoek on 3 May 1911. By 1915 the park was described as “a beautiful park with war memorial, fountains, benches and a fenced in children's playground”. At this stage the natural hot water springs were still active in the park.

In August 1916, permission was granted to establish a small zoo in the park. The zoo and surrounding gardens received much attention between 1922 and 1929 and included a succulent garden. The on-site nursery even received orders for plants from South Africa. In 1932 the zoo was closed.

After World War I, a collection of meteorites from the Gibeon meteorite shower was displayed in Zoo Park. These were transferred to the Alte Feste Museum in 1975. In 1990 they were positioned in the Post Street Pedestrian Mall.

Part of Zoo Park included the Café Zoo, an establishment that lasted from 1917 until the 1950’s in various forms. It was extremely popular and was at times used for art and book exhibitions.

Council proposals to destroy sections of the park to make way for an art centre and to widen the main street were met with protest by the public in the late 1950’s. After many meetings and reports, the Council decided that Zoo Park indeed needed major renovation, including the demolition of Café Zoo. During 1958 the number of trees in the park was reduced by two thirds and parts of the park were destroyed to accommodate street widening and realignment of the adjoining intersection.

Between 1960 and 1963 Council went ahead with its plans to demolish the park entirely and develop a different style of park in its place. Only the war memorial remained. It was during this construction that ancient elephant bones and tools were excavated. These items were included into the layout of the new park as a feature, enclosed in glass.

The new layout included an amphitheatre, playground and system of interlinked fish ponds. The old Café Zoo not replaced and the new Zoo Park was officially opened in April 1963.

The Park remained unchanged until 1990, when further upgrading was undertaken along with the conversion of Post Street into a pedestrian mall and the widening of Independence Avenue. This upgrading ensured that the paving of the internal pathways of the park matched the paving used throughout the new pedestrian mall. It was during this project that the Gibeon meteorites were installed in the mall as a feature. The ancient elephant bones were removed to the museum and replaced with an artistic monument carved in stone.

Later additions to the Zoo Park included a gift from the Peoples Republic of China of a traditional Chinese pergola, constructed by a team of craftsmen from Beijing. In 1999, a lease was negotiated and a new Café Zoo was constructed by a local restaurateur. This restaurant/tea room is regularly frequented by tourists.

The Zoo Park is a popular destination in the CBD and well utilised by hundreds of people each day during their lunch hour. The amphitheatre was upgraded during 2005 and is used regularly for functions and performances.
**UN Plaza**

The UN Plaza is situated in Katutura along Independence Avenue. It comprises a huge hall, an open amphitheatre, a restaurant, a basketball court, kiosks, a doctor’s consulting room, a crèche and a playground. This is the Zoo Park of Katutura, which offers the much needed space for recreation and relaxation to residents.

Prior to the early 1990’s there were few playgrounds in the north western suburbs of the City. This shortage of park and playground sites needed to be addressed. Various sites were chosen and basic playgrounds initially constructed. One of these sites was on the corner of Independence Avenue and Penning Street. Independence Avenue was a narrow street in poor condition at the time. Penning Street was still a dirt road.

Initially the playground was demarcated by painted tyres sunken into the ground along the perimeter. Swings, seesaws, a roundabout and a small climbing frame were installed. The site had a huge floodlight which kept it well lit at night, making it safer for the children.

Various developments took place on this site over the next few years to include a crèche, offices, netball courts, kiosks, pathways, picnic sites, extended lawns, perimeter wall and other facilities as mentioned above and the original playground was relocated within the site. Independence Avenue had by this time been widened and tarred along with Penning Street and most other streets in the area. In 1995 the now enlarged park was officially named the UN Plaza to commemorate the 50th year of the United Nations. Until then, it had been referred to as the “Penning Street Park”. An amphitheatre was later constructed.

This park is extremely popular, especially with the children of the surrounding neighbourhoods. The amphitheatre is a popular venue for performers, speakers and events. The UN Plaza hall can be hired for weddings, concerts and other indoor events.

**Tugela Family Park**

Towards the end of the 1990’s, various communities in the suburb of Wanaheda were requesting parks and playgrounds. The corner of Claudius Kandovazu Road and Tugela Street was identified as a wonderful site. It is a hill jutting above the surrounding residential areas with a brilliant view of the City and the surrounding mountains. The community groups adjoining this site became involved in the establishment of a playground on the site as well as with its maintenance.

In 2000, a palisade fence was put up around the park and additional trees were planted. In 2005 the playground was expanded to include a timber adventure climbing frame. 2007 saw the construction of some internal pathways as well as a retaining wall and new entrance along the Claudius Kandovazu Road boundary. This new entrance is recessed into the park to make provision for tour busses. The viewpoint, once fully developed, can be included into the existing tour routes.

As with many of the City’s parks and playgrounds, this park is utilised mainly by youngsters but further developments will attract community members of all ages.
Rossmund Country Golfing
The Golf Resort & Lodge is situated approximately 7km from the coastal town of Swakopmund on the northern banks of the Swakop riverbed. The resort comprises a 20 room lodge, an 18-hole golf course and a residential estate.

The location has the advantage of being beyond the coastal mist belt most days of the year, permitting enjoyment of an abundance of good weather during the day, and wonderful starry skies at night. Non-golfers may stroll freely around the course within touching distance of herds of free-roaming springbok or enjoy identifying a large variety of bird species and many other small mammal species.

This Golf Course is unique in the world. It is one of only five full green fairway desert courses on the planet, yet it may be the only one where springbok footprints endanger your lie! It is a full 72 par golf course up to world standards providing a true golfing challenge in a stunning environment.

On most golf courses, sand traps are dispersed throughout grass fairways. But in Namibia, grass fairways are dispersed throughout the sand. This inversion generates a tough challenge, and provides a unique juxtaposition of nature's beauty and man's inventiveness.

Maintaining a golf course in the desert is a challenge all its own. It takes a million litres of water a day to keep the course alive, using only recycled water for the purpose. Thanks to phase two of the housing development on the back nine, a new irrigation system is being put in place which will save water and nurture the grass. While they are at it, the development project is introducing new, more challenging greens, bordered walkways and newly planted vegetation.

The course offers lessons, caddies, a full driving range and putting greens. Stop in the club house for a drink at the turn and when you are done you can watch other players finish their rounds while you enjoy a hot or cold lunch. Or invite the family to join you after your round. The course is also adjacent to one of Namibia's few full sized bowling greens, and the bowlers are happy to show you how to play.

- **Golf Club Rates**

The Rates on a day out at the Golf Estate ranges from

N$435.00 up to N$ 1170.00 *

Price depending on the amount of Holes being booked. Minimum amount of 9 Holes and a Maximum of 18 Holes. One of the favourite and recommended Package includes 18 Holes at N$ 1170.00 p/per.* for this Venue. Please be aware, this activity will take up most of the day!

- This includes the daily rental of needed equipment.
- A course set card is also included.
- A Golf Car is included
- Transportation to and from place of residence can be arranged.

The Golf Range also has a Golf Retail Outlet providing you with professional golfing equipment on hand, always stocked with the newest golfing equipment.

*Prices might change without prior notice (eg. in Draught situations etc.)
Coastal Snake Park (Swakopmund)

Located in the centre of Swakopmund, houses the largest collection of reptiles in Namibia, including some rare, endemic species with special adaptations to living in a desert environment.

Guided tours through this living snake park can be booked for minimum 2 people.

Outline:
- Accompanying Tour Guides FOC
- Safely view venomous Snakes while at the same time learning about their behaviour and other fascinating facts from an experienced snake handler.
- Guest can also view and learn about other unique Namibian creatures and their intriguing lifestyle within the desert.
- Tours last roughly one hour.

Snake identification, handling and snake bite treatment course

Many harmless snakes are killed unnecessarily every year out of fear and ignorance.

Some may even be rare and all have a place in the ecosystem.

This Park offers a comprehensive course on the identification of the different species of snakes people are most likely to encounter in Namibia and how to determine which one are dangerous and which are harmless.

The course also covers basic, safe handling skills and the emergency treatment of snake bites.

Photographic Trips

Specialized photographic trips into the desert with selected species can be arranged. Own transport is however required.

Price:
- (Tour only) N$180.00 per person
Scientists believe a subtle shift in the mean wind direction since the late 1970s is responsible for the evolving landscape. As the predominant southerly wind continued to blow and move sand along the coast, Metzger’s 100-metre wave grew into a two-kilometre freak of nature, surpassing iconic surf spots such as Jeffreys Bay that took millennia to form. Namibian locals were riding this revamped wave well before 2008 when it suddenly became the surfing world’s new benchmark for the perfect wave. But Skeleton Bay is not the only spot worth surfing in Namibia. The coastline is littered with excellent reefs, bays and beaches, stretching from Lüderitz to well beyond Swakopmund.

The road between Walvis Bay and Swakop is a good place to start, offering a series of good waves that are easily accessible. Guns is the most well known of these, a powerful left-breaking reef that was Namibia’s most famous wave before Skeleton Bay stole the limelight. However, it’s still an excellent ride. Thicklip, as the name suggests, is another powerful break in Swakopmund, which is also home to the Wreck, Lockjoint and Tiger Reef, which all favour light winds.

Further north is Cape Cross, an incredibly fun and long left-hander that sits in the Cape Cross Nature Reserve. Access can be a problem though and authorities have declared surfing off limits at various times of the year, due to it being home to the largest breeding colony of South African (Cape) fur seals in the world. It’s best to check with nature conservation officials to see what the status is rather than risk a heavy fine or upsetting the flippered residents. Crowds are the least of your worries when surfing in Namibia. In fact, most of the time you may be looking for someone to share the beach with other than the desert jackals that roam the shoreline. Go explore… You might find your own diamond in the rough!

WHAT YOU NEED

TRANSPORT: The waved coastline from Walvis Bay to Swakopmund and around Lüderitz can generally be accessed by a normal sedan, but you’re going to need a capable 4×4 for any exploring beyond this, and to reach Skeleton Bay. Certain stretches of coastline are off limits or require permits – make sure you know which these are before you set out.

RUBBER: A good, thick wetsuit is essential, summer or winter, due to the cold Benguela Current that flows along Namibia’s shores combined with the nutrient-rich upwelling, which can send water temperatures plummeting. A 4/3 millimetre wetsuit with a built-in hood is the best option. Booties and gloves will keep you toasty and won’t be amiss on the coldest days.

EQUIPMENT: Namibia’s waves are powerful and pack a punch. A thicker board for more paddle-power is a good idea, and some extra glassing for strength will help ensure the survival of your board. Skeleton Bay especially snaps boards like toothpicks. There are a couple of surf shops in Walvis and Swakop, but it’s not a bad idea to stock up on goods such as extra leashes and cold-water wax before you arrive.

BEST SEASON

The best time for waves is from May to September when cold fronts that hit South Africa send swell up the west coast to Namibia. Skeleton Bay requires a very large swell to get going and can handle the predominant southerly wind, but many of the other breaks operate on smaller swells and calm conditions. If you’re going to surf these other waves, early morning is often the best time before the southerly wind picks up and ruins them. Skeleton Bay is an exceptionally powerful wave and is not suitable for beginners. There is huge potential to explore for other waves, but make sure you’re properly equipped and do your homework beforehand, or you may be turned back from off-limits areas or, worse, get stuck.
National Monuments in Windhoek
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Many interesting buildings and monuments have been preserved to remind us of our history. Some are representative of the colonial era, while others celebrate Namibia’s Independence. The way in which these are juxtaposed throughout Windhoek indicates that Namibia is a progressive, peaceful nation. Monuments serve as a reminder of our past, but at the same time they enshrine all our hopes and aspirations for a positive future, free from oppression. There are new monuments that serve this purpose today.

HEROES’ ACRE – National Road to Rehoboth

The blood of all these sons and daughters of Namibia watered the tree of our liberty and will Railways be remembered by present and future generations of the Republic of Namibia.

“ – Sam Nujoma

Heroes’ Acre is a modern, state-of-the-art national symbol that was inaugurated by His Excellency, Dr Sam Nujoma, Founding President of the Republic of Namibia, on 26 August 2002. Its construction was motivated by the need to foster a spirit of patriotism and nationalism, and to pass on the legacy to the future generations of Namibia. Heroes’ Acre took 13 months to construct and covers a total area of over 732 hectares. It houses 174 graves, is 286.7 meters long and has a width of 134.2 meters. It has a parking area of over 9,824 m², while a three-kilometre palisade fence protects the monument.

The making of Heroes’ Acre

The construction of Heroes’ Acre and a Memorial Museum in Namibia was conceived by President Sam Nujoma while attending an OAU Summit in Harare in 1997.

The City of Windhoek identified and donated over 732 hectares of land, less then ten kilometres south of city, to the government for the construction of Heroes’ Acre. It was designed by a team of North Korean experts, in collaboration with the City of Windhoek, the Ministry of Basic Education and Culture, the National Monuments Council and the Ministry of Works, Transport and Communication.

Heroes’ Acre is situated between two hills, creating an impressive ambience for the visitor as it lies sprawled on the slopes of the larger southern hill. The site also allows for easy access for service- and maintenance teams.

A white obelisk, the tallest element on the site, forms a distinct landmark which is clearly visible from the city centre. White marble and black granite from Karibib on the edge of the Namib Desert were used to clad all the concrete structures.

The layout of Heroes’ Acre is a symmetrical polygon consisting of:

- a public seating area that can accommodate 5,000 people;
- an arrival platform which is the lowest part of the “saddle”;
- the main area consisting of graves; the obelisk area; and a staircase walkway leading to the pavilion, which allows for a panoramic view of the City of Windhoek.
- the main attractions at Heroes’ Acre are the eternal flame that burns 24-hours a day, the heroes’ medal, the eight-meter-tall sculpture of the “Unknown Soldier”, the curved relief depicting the struggle and the pavilion. Other interesting features include the gateway, the sculptured couple on the roundabout and the restaurant.
In his inaugural address, President Sam Nujoma stated that “Heroes’ Acre is a place for all Namibians, irrespective of their political, racial, ethnic or religious background, to come and honour those sons and daughters of our soil who sacrificed their lives, and those who, during their lifetimes, made great and meaningful contributions to the liberation of the ‘Land of the Brave’ and all her people in their diversity. Compatriots, this monument was built as our token of honour to our fallen heroes and heroines. It was built in the true African tradition of bestowing honour to our forefathers and mothers.”

**Historical Buildings**

- Windhoek Central Railway Station
- Old Prison in Goethe Street
- College of the Arts in Fidel Castro Street
- Old Government Survey Office in Robert Mugabe Avenue
- Turnhalle Building in Bahnhof Street
- Old Brewery on the corner of Sam Nujoma and Tal Streets
- Tintenpalast in Robert Mugabe Avenue
- Elizabeth House (Polytechnic of Namibia)
- Schwerinsburg (Sperlingslust) in Henitzburg Street

**Historical Cemeteries**

- Old Windhoek cemeteries

These are the oldest cemeteries in Windhoek and are situated on both sides of Robert Mugabe Avenue. These cemeteries were first used in 1892 and were later expanded in 1904. Soldiers who died during the Nama and Herero Wars are buried here. The graves of German officials, settlers, civilians and members of the Witbooi clan are all to be found here.

Victims of the influenza epidemic are also buried in the western extension of the cemetery. Troops of the Union of South Africa and German forces who died during WWI also lie buried in this cemetery.

**Old Location Cemetery**

This cemetery was used from 1927 to 1960 and was commissioned by the Windhoek Municipality, because there was no space in the Gammams Cemetery which had been in use since 1904. there is an historic mass grave of those who were shot and killed on 10 December 1959 for refusing to be forcibly removed from the old location to Katutura.

**Military Forts**

Von François Fort (Khomas Hochland, Windhoek)
This fort was erected by the Schutztruppe to protect the cattle and horses of the armed forces against the Witbooi-Namas. This fort was used as a resting place for the forces and served as a stop-over for Curt von Francois's trek form Tsaobis to Windhoek in 1890. The fort was at times used for the sobering up of intoxicated soldiers from Windhoek, but it was totally discarded in 1893. the fort is situated on Farm 371, Karanab, in the Khomas Hochland.
Alte Feste

The Alte Feste was commissioned by Curt von François and built by Gustav Tunschel. Building started on 18 October 1890. The fort was built with flat stones retrieved from the Windhoek area. A brick furnace was later built and bricks were simultaneously baked and air-dried. The fort was completed in 1893 and was extended to its present state in 1901 by the architect Gottlieb Redecker.

Ten-man House (Zehnmannhaus)

This building was commissioned and constructed between 1906 and 1907 by the German colonial government. It was built to accommodate ten single bachelors who worked for the administration at the time. The building was designed by Gottlieb Redecker and built by Hobe, Hoch and Matheis. The foundations are of clay and the walls are of unbaked clay. The building still has its original corrugated iron roof.

Erkrath

The Erkrath Building was constructed as a residence and business premises of Ein- und Verkaufsgenossenschaft Gmbh. The premises were bought in 1910 by Verkaufsgenossenschaft Gmbh and the building was constructed by Sander and Koch. The upper floor was used by the firm's employees and the ground floor was used for the storage of meat and other fresh produce.

Gathemann Building

This building was constructed in 1913 as a residence and business site for Heinrich Gathemann, Mayor of Klein Windhoek and member of the Legislative Council. Another building was designed and erected by Sanders for Mr Gathemann between 1927 and 1928. It was built to blend in well with the previous one. Both these buildings are made of stone and corrugated iron.

Kronprinz Hotel Building

The structure was designed and built by Sanders and was completed in 1902. It was extended a few times, first in 1908 and again in 1920. It stands out as one of the few original building on Independence Avenue today.

Old Prison Building

The original building was commissioned by the German government's Division of Works; Gottlieb Redecker supervised its construction. It was erected between 1906 and 1907 and was used a prison until 1963. The foundation is made of stone in lime mortar. The two towers consist of a guardroom, a prison kitchen and a store room. The original building consisted of the two towers, two quarters for married prison wardens, two kitchens and a storeroom. The prison had 35 single holding cells and five communal ones. A new prison was built during the 1960s since this one needed too many alterations and was becoming impractical and confined.
Old Churches

Christuskirche

This is the oldest Evangelical Lutheran church and was designed by Gottlieb Redecker. The stone-laying ceremony took place on 11 August 1907 and the church was sanctified in 1910. Various materials and objects in the church, like the bronze bells, stained glass windows and the altar, were donated by different people and firms in Germany. This building was built in the neo-Romanic style and shows an influence of Art Nouveau, which was popular in Europe at the beginning of the 20th century. The walls of the church are built with sandstone found in the Windhoek area, and the entrance is made of Carrarian marble from Italy. The church tower is 42 meters in height. The names of all German officers, soldiers and settlers who were killed during the colonial wars in Namibia appear on a bronze plaque attached to a wall in the church.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Werner List Street

The cornerstone of one of the towers was laid in March, 1903. The church building was extended in 1913 under the auspices of the firm Kock and Schmidt. A second tower was added and the nave was extended eastwards. These were sanctified on 24 April 1932.

St Mary’s Cathedral.

The cathedral was also built in the neo-Romanic style, with the stained-glass windows being made in Windhoek and the other lead- and stained-glass windows in Munich, Germany. The floor is made from Namibian stone, while the altar and some of the chairs are made from granite from Karibib. There were several other changes and extensions made to the church, in 1971, 1993 and 1994.

Museums

Alte Feste Museum (Robert Mugabe Avenue)

A Historical Museum

Opening Hours: Mon – Fri 08h00 – 17h00; Sat – Sun: 10h00 – 12h00 and 14h00 – 18h00

Please note during the winter, the museum will close at 17h00. Entrance: Free

Owela Museum (Robert Mugabe Avenue)

Natural History and Dioramas of Traditional Village Life

Opening Hours: Mon – Fri 09h00 – 18h00

Entrance: Free, but donations are accepted
TransNamib Museum (Banhof Street)

Railway Transport and Telecommunication Museum

1st Floor, Windhoek Railway Station

**Opening Hours:** Mon – Fri 08h00 – 13h00 and 14h00 – 17h00  Sat and Sun: Closed
**Entrance:** Adults N$ 5.00; Children N$ 3.00

**Other**

- Geological Survey Museum (Aviation Road near the Eros Airport)
  
  - *also known as “Mineral Museum at the Minstry of Mines and Energy (OPEC Member)”*

Open only during Namibia Working Hours!

A Natural Sciences Museum

This museum of natural science contains displays of minerals, fossils and meteorites, with explanations of their geological context. Namibia's mining activities and geology are depicted with collections of maps, ore samples and photographs. 1 Aviation Street, Windhoek

**Opening Hours:** Mon – Fri 08h00 – 17h00
**Entrance:** Free
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- **Camp Sites**

For the adventurous individuals who love a night out under the stars, enjoy the Namibian scenic landscape. All campsites have ablution facilities. Each campsite has its own boat parking bay, braii area and small thatch roof.

- **Price Guide**

  - Price for Motorised boats & Jet-Ski N$250 per boat,
  - Rowing Boats or Canoe N$80 per boat,
  - Children 6 to 12 years N$25.00,
  - Per person Day Visit – between 0600h till 1800h per day N$50.00,
  - Per person stay over 18h00 till 18h00 N$150. N$150.00 Per Night Per Person
- **Angling**

Beneath the water, Von Bach Dam Tungeni Resort promises freshwater angling enthusiasts largemouth bass, blue kurper, small-mouth, yellow fish, carp and barbel.

- **Water Activities**

Von Bach Dam is a popular destination for the water sports lovers with water-skiing, yatching, windsurfing and boating on site (seasonal based on water levels as Namibia is a semi arid country). NB Tungeni Resort only hires out canoes and for other water activities we advise our esteemed visitors to bring their own boats and equipment.

- **Walking trails**

Residents will have the opportunity to explore the nature reserve on foot and interact with the wildlife that roam the area. For the energetic traveler there can be no better way to explore Namibia than on foot. There are hiking trails catering for everyone from the hardened hiker to the inexperienced (but enthusiastic).

- **Swimming Pool**

The swimming pool area is ideally located such that it gives you the scenic view overlooking the Von Bach Dam and the hills surrounding the establishment.

- **Campsite Area**

Each one of these has running water and braai (barbeque) facilities. There are also hygienic ablution facilities. Braai stand at Picnic Area – own grill etc cost is N$100 per person.

- **Boat Cruise**

A Ferry with complimentary snacks and drinks. Boat Cruise Per person per hour minimum of 10 and maximum of 32 people can be accommodated. Children 6 yr to 12 yr N$120.00 and Canoe rental is N$120 per person (Book in for two nights or more and get the Canoe boat for free).

- **Boma**

Great food, great company nothing beats a delicious fire prepared meal outside in the full view of the african night sky with stars shining down on you. Book for reservation in advance.
Set on 72 hectares of natural Namibian bushveld and vegetation on the southern fringe of the capital city, Windhoek, our golf and country club presents an alluring haven of greenery to members and visitors alike.

A modern clubhouse, designed to merge into the natural beauty of the course, is the doorway to 18 holes of unbridle golfing pleasure with 6199 meters of lush grass fairways and greens presenting a variety of challenges to golfers of all abilities.

Adjacent to the course is the stunning Windhoek Country Club Hotel & Resort offering 4 Star accommodation, conference facilities and a Casino. The hotel is a true haven of charm and hospitality, situated in the picturesque Namibian town of Windhoek. Special rates and green fees can be negotiated for groups.

- **Social & Business Activities**

All the facilities at the Windhoek Golf & Country Club are available for Corporate Golf and Sport days, for product launches, conferences, wedding and parties. Bookings can be made directly here at Hippo Adventure Tours.

The food and beverage section caters for all occasions and will quote according to your needs.

The location accepts most credit cards, including VISA and Master Card.

- **Golf Club Rates**

_The Rates on a day out at the Golf Estate ranges from:_

**NS300.00 up to NS 1080.00**

Price depending on the amount of Holes being booked. Minimum amount of 9 Holes and a Maximum of 36 Holes.

One of the favourite and recommended Package includes 18 Holes at NS 660.00 p/per.* for this Venue. Please be aware, this activity will take up most of the day!

- This includes the daily rental of needed equipment.
- A course set card is also included.
- Transportation to and from place of residence can be arranged.
- Golf Cart included.

The Golf Range also has a Golf Retail Outlet providing you with professional golfing equipment on hand, always stocked with the newest golfing equipment.

*Prices might change without prior notice (eg. in situations of draught).*
5 Viewpoints across Windhoek
Five Viewpoints in Windhoek that will massage your soul

“I am so over this year!” (Annelien Robberts)

I’ve heard this exclamation a lot lately. Octoberitis is real and there is no instant cure for it. We have reached that point when the year is slowly drawing to a close and Christmas decorations mockingly pop up everywhere, but the grind is still intense, if not more intense. All we long for is to go on that well-deserved year-end holiday. How about taking a couple of minutes to escape from your screen and busy schedule? Finish the year with the same energy you started. I have compiled a list of tiny escapes right here in Windhoek with beautiful views. Beauty is everywhere, whether you appreciate it today, on Christmas day or only next year January until the “New Year, new me” motion has passed. There is poetry in each sunset, a spiritual element in every scenic view. Few things are as liberating as watching a sunset from your favourite spot with a good friend.

Three Circles

Three Circles is exactly that – three circular slabs of cement from where you can watch the sun setting over the city while chilling out with friends. This location is a typical urban scene, as the walls have become a canvas for graffiti – which is a rare sight in the city that boasts to be one of the cleanest on the continent.

Hilton Sky Bar

Feeling fancy? If you are looking for an excuse to put on that little black number, a cocktail at Sky Bar is always a good idea. From here you can admire the city lights while lounging in comfy chairs or sofas and sipping your drink.

From the Independence Museum

The Independence Museum is situated right across the Christuskirche in the centre. Take the external glass-fronted lift that offers glorious views of the city. And if you feel inspired to learn some of our country’s history, why not visit the museum?

Hotel Thule

Hotel Thule offers the perfect hilltop setting from where you can enjoy a cold one. But you don’t actually need to go to the hotel itself; just enjoy the view from outside the gate.

Heinitzburg

In the middle of Windhoek, this location is always worth a visit while enjoying a stunning meal from the professional restaurant or just having a sundowner drink. (Booking mandatory)
Other activities

On 21 March, Namibia celebrated its 25th year of independence. A country with an ever-growing tourist industry and a strong conservation philosophy, it’s also a treasure-trove of sights and attractions. Extraordinarily, the country, flanked in the west by the ancient Namib Desert and in the east by the Kalahari, has two perennial rivers on its northern borders, balancing the arid desert areas with rich and verdant water-worlds.

With a population of just 2.1 million and a vast surface area of 824,268 square km, Namibia is an unusual blend of fascinating cultures, spectacular and otherworldly landscapes and a network of protected areas with flourishing wildlife populations, which are well protected by an exemplary conservation ethic enshrined in the country’s constitution. Good infrastructure, well maintained, ensures that travelers experience a journey of comfort and ease. An appealing destination for the introvert and extrovert, the adventurer and romantic, young and old, Namibia will delight and amaze, enthrall and inspire. Come and celebrate with us!

1. CONTEMPLATE ETERNITY AT THE FISH RIVER CANYON

The second largest canyon in the world offers a breathtaking and awe-inspiring glimpse into eternity. This millions-year-old Earth masterpiece has been patiently carved over time by the Fish River's meandering journey. Explore the viewpoints along the rim to gain different perspectives of the yawning chasms or hike in the canyon depths. A five-day wilderness trail runs southwards from Hobas to Ai-Ais for the fit and self-sufficient hiker and a slack-packing option in the northern reaches provides an alternative for those who enjoy their creature comforts. Make sure you add this one to your bucket list!

2. PADDLE THE ORANGE RIVER

The mighty Orange River, bordering Namibia and South Africa, is a shimmering ribbon of water in an arid and tawny expanse. It is also the place for a great river adventure. Several operators offer fun-filled canoe trips down the river. With only relatively small rapids to be experienced along the journey, these adventures are suitable for the whole family, providing ample excitement and a few bursts of adrenaline.

3. VISIT A QUIVER TREE FOREST

The cork-like trees are synonymous with southern Namibia. Spend sunrise or sunset amongst these special trees that radiate character and charm. Visit the quiver trees at the Quiver Tree Forest Restcamp or //Garas Campsite near Keetmanshoop.

4. VIEW THE WILD HORSES OF THE NAMIB

Mirroring the wild and rugged spirit of Namibia, the Namib horses survive in the harsh surrounds of the Namib Desert. They can be viewed from the hide overlooking the Garub waterhole near Aus, as they canter in with life-affirming presence and graceful beauty.

5. STROLL THROUGH THE ABANDONED DIAMOND-MINING TOWN OF KOLMANSKOP

When diamonds were discovered at the beginning of the 20th century, diamond towns sprang up in the desert. Stroll through this ghost town on the outskirts of Luderitz, imagining the opulence that once graced the desert. A photographer’s dream, Kolmanskop’s old houses provide dappled light and picturesque sand collages.
6. WALK AND HIKE IN THE EXPANSIVE NAMIB-NAUKLUFT PARK

Short walks for day-trippers and campers run through the attractive Naukluft Mountains, while the more seasoned hiker can enjoy the challenging eight-day Naukluft hiking trail.

7. SAVOUR THE OTHERWORLDLY SOSSUSVLEI

A trip to Sossusvlei is a fantastical journey into a mind-boggling landscape of sensuous sand dunes. Climb Big daddy dune above Sossusvlei for the best views of the pan and its surroundings and wander around the arresting scenery of Deadvlei with its dead camelthorn trees reaching heavenwards from the chalky pan.

8. KAYAK AMONGST THE SEALS AT PELICAN POINT, WALVIS BAY

A bright and light water journey for the whole family in the still waters of the lagoon, the kayak trip is an enjoyable excursion amongst the playful seals.

9. WATCH FLAMINGOS IN THE WALVIS BAY LAGOON

A RAMSAR site and a world-renowned refuge for waterbirds, the Walvis Bay lagoon attracts myriad bird species including lesser and greater flamingos.

10. ENJOY SWAKOPMUND, A SLICE OF OLD GERMANY

The quaint coastal town, sandwiched by desert and sea, has many curio shops in which to discover Namibian trinkets and treasures, and coffee shops to savor German delicacies. It is also the adventure capital of Namibia.

11. TAKE TO THE DUNES OR TO THE SKY

Sand-board down golden dunes, skydive or take a flight over the desert. Invigorating adventures await the young at heart.

12. JOIN A LIVING DESERT TOUR

Believe it or not, there is life in the desert. This delicate ecosystem is home to a plethora of desert-adapted fauna and flora. Be amazed on this eye-opening adventure into the desert.

13. CAMP OUT AT SPITZKOPPE

An alcove of granite rocks en route to Swakopmund, Spitzkoppe is an ideal and rustic overnight stop for those who enjoy the riches of Mother nature. It is also a rock-climber’s paradise. Explore rock arches and caves and watch the granite transform into gold at the end of the day.

14. PAY YOUR RESPECTS AT CAPE CROSS

The windswept promontory of Cape cross, where the intrepid Portuguese explorer, Diogo Cao, planted his padrao (cross) in 1486, became a hive of activity in the late 19th century when guano (a prized fertilizer in Europe) was collected and seal pels were harvested. Today, it is the Cape Cross seal Reserve, home to a bustling population of Cape fur seals.
15. **JOURNEY TO THE WHITE LADY**

At 2573 m at its uppermost point, the impressive Brandberg is the highest mountain in Namibia. It also holds a large number of rock paintings, including one of Namibia's most popular. Initially dubbed the “White Lady” by Henri Breuil in 1955, it is now understood to represent a healer or medicine man holding a bow and arrow in one hand and a cup or wand in the other. The Daureb guides lead visitors on a walk through the rugged environment, speckled with Brandberg Acacias, to the rock overhang where the White Lady can be viewed.

16. **MARVEL AT THE TWYFELFONTEIN ENGRAVINGS**

At 2000-6000 years old, the Twyfelfontein engravings are an astounding record of the past, preserved in the rock by Namibia's arid climate. Once thought to be educational in nature, a record of events or maps of water points, the engravings are now believed to be the communication between the shamans and the gods as they asked for food, protection, luck for the hunt, healing and rain for their people. The area is a cathedral of prayers. Groups of hunter-gatherers gathered in the mountain areas in dry periods, dependent on the water from the trickling spring.

17. **SPOT THE DESERT ELEPHANTS**

If you are fortunate and your timing is perfect, you may be able to catch a glimpse of these free-roaming desert-adapted elephants that travel along the dry ephemeral riverbeds of the country- from the Huab River northwards. Several lodges offer trips to view these hardy pachyderms.

18. **EXPERIENCE ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

Don't miss this national park in the heart of the country. It is a haven for wildlife, large and small, which gathers at its waterholes dotted through the park like a string of water pearls. The variety of vegetation, chalky character, plethora of animals and large pan, make this a highly recommended Namibian excursion.

19. **TRY SOME NAMIBIAN FARE**

Come on, I dare you. Kalahari truffles, mopane worms and the giant termite hill mushrooms (or omajowa) are a few of the delicious delicacies. Mopane worms, a favourite and nutritious dish of the Ovambo people, are stored and dried and are re-hydrated and cooked with salt for a tasty dish. After the rains, keep eyes open for sellers along the roadside flaunting their wares. Kalahari truffles appear in the sandy eastern regions of the country after late rains and omajowa are gathered and sold on the road to Swakopmund, near Wilhelmstal, in the early months of the year.

20. **VISIT A LIVING MUSEUM**

Yes, a living museum. An ingenious concept, living museums are outdoor ‘museums’ where local groups share their culture with visitors, simultaneously reinforcing cultural values and keeping old traditions alive. There are several living museums: The Ju/'Hoansi-San Living Museum at Grashoek en route to Tsumkwe, The Mafwe Living Museum in the Zambezi, The Mbunza Living Museum in the Kavango and the Damara Living Museum near Twyelfontein.
21. CRUISE ON THE KWANDO RIVER

The water world of the Zambezi is a peaceful celebration of reeds, birds, wildlife and trees. As you weave through waterlilies and cruising crocodiles, you can hear the chuckling sounds of hippo, witness the spectacular avian display and spot animals on the riverbanks.

22. RELISH THE WEALTH OF WILDLIFE

Bwabwata National Park in the Zambezi region has a wealth of wildlife, including large buffalo and elephant populations. Explore on your own (permits available at the Susuwe ranger station) or join your lodge for a guided excursion. Horseshoe, and oxbow lake in the river, is a popular place to view elephant.

23. MAKE YOUR WAY TO EPUPA FALLS

In the north of the country, Epupa Falls cascades down the craggy cliffs, observed by several small boabab sentries. A grove of makalani palms, a rainbow mist and a true African atmosphere make this an unusual and alluring destination.

24. BE INTRODUCED TO THE HIMBA CULTURE

For those venturing into the northern extremes of the country (& driving 4x4s), Purros is a fascinating desert destination for several reasons: for the chance of seeing the desert elephant in the Hoarusib riverbed, for the desert scenery and to visit the Himba village. The Himba welcome you into their village to reveal their intriguing traditions and beauty rituals.

25. EXPLORE AN OLD AFRICAN PALACE

Former home of King Tatekulu (father) Josia Shikongo Taapopi, the royal Uukwaluudhi residence is an African palace of old, located in Tsandi in the Omusati region. Surrounded by a thick mopane branch palisade it has a series of passageways that separate living, reception and cooking areas. Keep close to your guide or you may just get lost in this interesting labyrinth.