

FULL ITINERARY

DESERT ELEPHANT SAFARI - NAMIBIA
DAMARALAND
6 nights / 7 days

START POINT: Windhoek, Namibia END POINT: Swakopmund, Namibia

Our highly specialised safari focusses on locating and spending time with the iconic desert elephants of Damaraland. These remarkable animals survive brutal conditions with specifically adapted behaviour and habits, throughout highly dramatic beautiful landscapes. We discover more about their fascinating ecology and conservation challenges from specialists in the field. A thrilling desert expedition awaits!

DAY 1:

Arrive Windhoek and drive westwards towards Damaraland. Located on a summit overlooking the Ugab River valley, Ozonjou is wildness personified! Its almost impossible to find on the map but lies between the small towns of Uis and Khorixas.

DAYS 2-4:

Mobile fly-camping in the desert searching for desert elephant in the Ugab River system. We search the springs, waterholes and Ana tree groves for these iconic specially adapted elephant. The unforgiving yet majestic landscapes are a typical Namibia backdrop: wild, remote and alluring.

DAY 5:

Return to Ozondjou Camp to wash off the dust and enjoy the wonderful setting.

DAY 6 & 7:

Head back out into the desert and travel north toward the Huab River valley, again in search of more elephant. The camp facilities for days 6 and 7 would depend on our route choice and where the elephants are located. Due to the region's remoteness it may be necessary to camp out again in ultra-wild locations, or make use of accommodated facilities along the way. The elephants decide our itinerary!

During the elephant tracking excursions we make use of our project partner: EHRA (Elephant Human Relations Aid) who have been monitoring the elephants for years. Their local knowledge is sputters and the elephant are completely accustomed to their vehicles.

DAYS 8 & 9:

Drive down the coast through the Skelton Coast on route to Swakopmund where we stay for 2 nights in our lodge of choice.

DAY 10:

Road transfer to Walvis Bay airport to connect with ongoing travel plan.

OPTIONAL MODULES THAT COULD BE INCLUDED

1. An overland safari to Etosha National Park could be incorporated before the itinerary begins.
2. An exploratory safari further north into the Kaokaveld (in search of desert lions), even venturing through the Hartman's Valley up to Serra Cafema on the Cunene River is possible on day 8.
3. An extended overland to Kaudom to visit Bushman communities is possible.
4. A visit to the Namib-Naukluft National Park, and Dead Vlei could be added on at the end of the safari

WHAT MAKES THIS SAFARI UNIQUE?

1. A combination of secluded and intimate safari camps and unique destinations.
2. The unique desert elephants of Namibia - one of Africa's true conservation icons
3. Discover more about Voortrekker, the late legendary desert elephant bull.
4. Spend time with specialists research unravelling the elephant history and biology
5. Camp in totally secluded destinations.
6. Explore remote rivers: The Ugab and Huab, visiting isolated springs.
7. Visit Tsiseb Gorge and the Brandberg, the highest point in Namibia.
8. Explore the Skeleton Coast and Namib Desert, the oldest desert on earth.
9. Other supremely adapted mammals such as Hartmans's Zebra and Oryx.
10. Stay at Swakopmund and enjoy the town's rich architecture.

