



10 Day Namibia Highlights Self-Drive Tour

Created for Teck Thong Yong

Visit us in Namibia and marvel at the richness of its fauna and the raw beauty of its wilderness. In this land of contrasts, you will experience a diversity of animals, birds and plants in a sparse yet unforgettable beautiful landscape. For most guests this proves to be a never to be forgotten adventure, which leads to more visits.

Ondjamba Safaris Namibia strives to offer you something unique, and we have specialized in tailoring each safari and tour to our esteemed customers wishes and needs. With over 20 years experience in the safari business, and with our immeasurable love for our home, we can offer you an extraordinary experience. We will do everything in our power to make your dream holiday reality.

Highlights



Windhoek



Namib Desert



Etosha National Park



Okonjima & Africat Foundation



Sossusvlei



Erongo Mountains



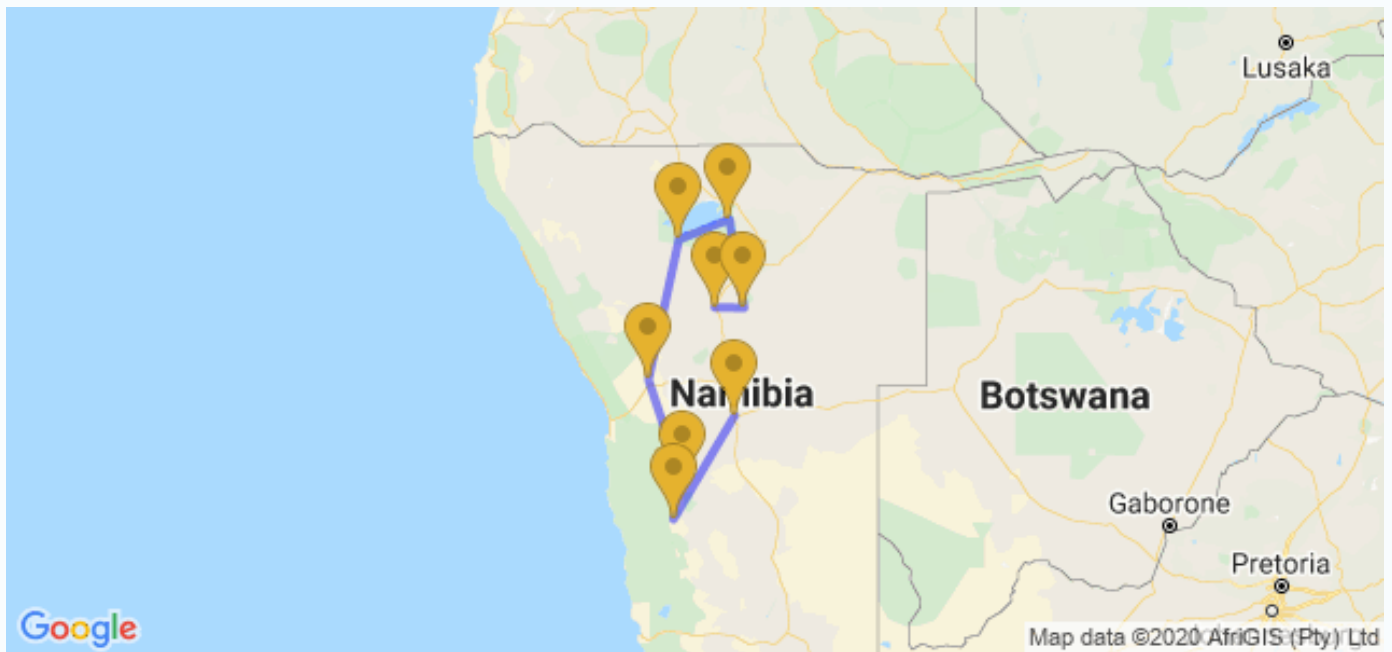
Waterberg Plateau



Windhoek (fly out to Vic Falls)



Day by day



Day 1: Windhoek .

Sat, 25 Apr

Day 2: Sesriem .

Sun, 26 Apr

Day 3: Solitaire .

Mon, 27 Apr

Day 4: Spitzkopje .

Tue, 28 Apr

Day 5: Okaukuejo .

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Days 6-7: Namutoni .

Thu, 30 Apr - Fri, 1 May

Day 8: Waterberg Plateau Park .

Sat, 2 May

Day 9: Otjiwarongo .

Sun, 3 May

Day 10: .

Mon, 4 May



PLEASE NOTE:

We do our utmost to ensure that the tour runs as described in the itinerary. However, unfavourable weather conditions, bad road conditions or other unforeseen events or factors may affect the course of the tour. Should we be forced to make any necessary changes before arrival, we will explain these prior to implementation. We apologize for any inconvenience caused.



Your detailed itinerary

Day
1

Arrival in Windhoek

Sat, 25 Apr

You will arrive at Hosea Kutako Windhoek International Airport, about 40 kilometers east of the capitol, Windhoek. A representative of the car rental company will meet you at the airport, and transport you to the car rental company's offices. Here he/she will explain, in detail, all the ins and outs of the rental car, as well as all the laws of the roads, for your safety, and you will have to sign the necessary documentation.

You will also receive a welcome package from Ondjamba Safaris Namibia, in which you will find your detailed itinerary, many useful references and pointers, maps and your booking vouchers.

After booking into your accommodation, you can relax at the pool or enjoy a visit to the city centre. Guided city tours, bicycle tours and cultural tours are all available on request. Dinner can be booked at the accommodation (if available) or the reception can assist with booking one of the many great local restaurants.



[Hotel Pension Palmquell](#)

Price includes:

- ✓ Free Wifi (Hotel Pension Palmquell)
- ✓ Air-Conditioner (Hotel Pension Palmquell)
- ✓ Safe (Hotel Pension Palmquell)
- ✓ Secure Parking (Hotel Pension Palmquell)
- ✓ Tea / Coffee Station (Hotel Pension Palmquell)

Day
2

Sesriem

Sun, 26 Apr

Depart from Windhoek after breakfast and travel along scenic roads and passes to Sesriem just outside the Namib Naukluft National Park.

The roads in Namibia are well marked and easily identified on the maps – Namibia is a paradise for self driving tours. Please, do adhere to, and follow the daily references and pointers supplied by Ondjamba Safaris Namibia. Often there is a choice of routes available to you, and we will give you our first choice and then offer you alternative routes, where possible.

Sesriem is the gateway to some of the highest sand dunes in the world. If time permits, you can visit the Sesriem Canyon near the gate of the park. Or book a local activity at your lodge. In the evening enjoy the spectacular sunset with a refreshing sundowner, taking in the view onto the Naukluft Mountains which are immersed in tints of blue and rose as the sun sets.



[Desert Camp](#)

Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast



Sossusvlei

Mon, 27 Apr

The Sesriem Gate opens at sunrise. You should leave early enough, pay your entry fee at the gate, and then drive the approximately 60 kilometers in the direction of Sossusvlei minding the 60 km/hour speed limit. Be cautious while driving, as animals, such as Oryx, springbuck and ostriches do cross the roads here. It is unbelievable how the early morning light, (and the late afternoon light), creates immensely beautiful contrasts and you can take the most incredible photos, whereas around lunchtime, the dunes look rather pale.

Five kilometers before Sossusvlei is a parking area, where you can pay a shuttle, which will transfer you through the very soft and sandy roads and will pick you up later again, to return you to your vehicle. Four-wheel drive vehicles are necessary to drive yourself to Sossusvlei and the more adventurous can drive themselves rather than take the shuttle.

It is worth your while to do the 1.1 kilometer trail to Dead Vlei, as there you can see the near-white clay area surrounded by red sand dunes, and acacia trees, that have died of thirst already about 500 years ago. From here you drive to Sossusvlei, where the dry Tsauchab River has permanently been blocked by the high dunes.

On the way back you should stop at Dune 45, where you are welcome to test your physical fitness by attempting to climb the dune. All this is part of the Namib Sand Sea area, a UNESCO world heritage site. At around lunchtime you should be back at the Sesriem Gate. Nearby is the very interesting, small Sesriem Canyon – approximately half an hour stopover.

From Sesriem you will travel north to the small town of Solitaire, well known for its coffee and apple cake with whipped cream. The journey continues further northwards through the Pro-Namib Desert to your overnight stop.

The Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge is situated on a small hill with amazing panorama. Here you can choose from a variety of hiking trails, as well as 4x4 drive trails to view Bushman paintings. This, true to form 4x4 drive trip, will take you closer to the landscape and geology of the oldest desert in the world. A short mountain climbing experience will reward you with a gallery of a special kind: the 1000-year-old rock paintings, found in the Rostock Mountains, are still in a good condition, and are a compilation of several bushman generations. From an excellent vantage point and with a cooling drink in your hand, you can enjoy the spectacular view into a never-ending landscape.



[Rostock Desert Lodge \(Standard\)](#)

Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast



Day
4

Erongo Mountains

Tue, 28 Apr

Your journey continues northward on the C14, over the Gaub Pass and Kuiseb Pass.

The Kuiseb Canyon proves to be very interesting from a geological and landscape point of view and it is always worth your while to stop on the way and take in the rugged terrain. This landscape earned its claim to fame from the novel, "The Sheltering Desert", written by Prof. Henno Martin. This novel is a portrayal of the experiences of the Geologists Henno Martin and Hermann Korn during the Second World War.

Your journey continues through the Namib Naukluft Park via Ganab to the C28 and from via more gravel roads to Karibib. Continue a short distance westward to Usakos and then north into the Erongo Mountains to the Ai Aiba Rock Painting Lodge. Your drive will take you a past the beautiful Spitzkoppe Mountains, also known as the "South-West Matterhorn" (a detour would be needed to visit the rock paintings found here).

You can enjoy a guided hike or drive to the beautiful rock paintings found at Ai-Aiba. This is also the home of the San, (Bushmen), whose ancient culture would be explained to you, on a tour (on a nearby farm) that you would need to pre-book. With only natural utensils, these people can make fire, create traps for a variety of animals, protect and heal themselves from various illnesses, make beautiful jewelry and are able to survive the most severe drought.



[Ai-Aiba Rockpainting Lodge](#)

Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Dinner
- ✓ Air-Conditioner (Ai-Aiba Rockpainting Lodge)
- ✓ Tea / Coffee Station (Ai-Aiba Rockpainting Lodge)
- ✓ Shaded Veranda (Ai-Aiba Rockpainting Lodge)

Price excludes:

- ✗ Drinks (Ai-Aiba Rockpainting Lodge)

Day
5

Etosha NP - Central

Wed, 29 Apr

Your journey will head through the Erongo Mountain to the lovely small town of Omaruru. Perhaps a quick stop for a coffee and slice of cake at one of the local cafes?

Then your journey continues via Outjo to the Andersson Gate of the Etosha National Park.

Depending on your arrival time, you can plan a short drive in the park. As you enter the gate, you can make a short stop at Ombika waterhole, then continue to Okaukuejo Rest Camp (pay your park fees here!). Have a look at the waterhole at the rest camp – it often hosts a variety of game in the afternoons. Alternatively make a short game drive to the good waterholes Ombika, Newbronii and Gembokvlakte.

You will need to leave the park again before sunset through the Andersson Gate and drive to your accommodation close by.



[Toshari Lodge \(Standard\)](#)

Price includes:



- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Dinner
- ✓ Free Wifi (Toshari Lodge (Standard))
- ✓ Air-Conditioner (Toshari Lodge (Standard))
- ✓ Tea / Coffee Station (Toshari Lodge (Standard))
- ✓ Mosquito Nets (Toshari Lodge (Standard))

Day
6

Etosha NP - East

Thu, 30 Apr

The Etosha National Park is, of course, the main destination for most visitors to Namibia. The park was proclaimed as a National park by the Governor Friedrich von Lindequist on 22 March 1907. The park has been reduced to 22 270 square kilometers, and is now completely fenced in. You will find a large variety of animals and birds here.

Enter the park via the Anderson Gate and make a short stopover at the Ombika waterhole and perhaps again at Okaukuejo where you can check the visitors' book for tips on recent sightings.

Continue east stopping along the way at the good waterholes, such as Newbrownii, Gemsbokvlakte, Olifantsbad, Aus, Homob, Sueda, Charitsaub, Salvadora, and Rietfontein, and then continue to Halali Rest Camp. Have a light lunch here and relax at the waterhole Moringa, situated in the camp.

You should continue onwards by latest 14h00 to be able to leave the park at sunset via the Von Lindequist Gate. On your way to the gate, you can stop at the waterholes Goas, Springbokfontein, Okerfontein, Kalkheuwel, Chudob and Klein-Namutoni.

Your accommodation is located just outside the gates.

[Etosha Aoba Lodge \(Explorer\)](#)



Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Dinner
- ✓ Free Wifi (Etosha Aoba Lodge (Explorer))
- ✓ Mosquito Nets (Etosha Aoba Lodge (Explorer))

Day
7

Etosha NP - East

Fri, 1 May

There are quite a few good waterholes around the Namutoni Rest Camp where you have a good chance of seeing a large amount of game. Recommended is an early morning game drive - ideally at sunrise when the park gate opens - to the waterhole Klein-Namutoni. Your chances to see leopards, spotted hyenas and lions are good here. Also promising are the waterholes Klein-Namutoni, Chudob, Koinachas, Klein Okevi, Gross Okevi and Tsumcor, and along the Fisherman's Pans, Aroe and Twee Palm.

[Etosha Aoba Lodge \(Explorer\)](#)



Price includes:



- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Dinner
- ✓ Free Wifi (Etosha Aoba Lodge (Explorer))
- ✓ Mosquito Nets (Etosha Aoba Lodge (Explorer))



Waterberg Plateau

Sat, 2 May

After an early morning drive into the park, if desired, continue on the B1 en route to Tsumeb.

Just before reaching Tsumeb, you can plan in a short stop at the Otjikoto Lake. The Otjikoto Lake, and the Guinas Lake 18 kilometers further east, are the only two lakes in Namibia. Both were formed when the ceiling of the Karst Cave collapsed. The exact depth of the Otjikoto Lake cannot be established, but it is at least 145 meters deep.

Tsumeb is the garden town of Namibia. It was a thriving mine town, mining huge copper deposits, until the mine was incapacitated because of an illegal strike in 1996.

Continue on the C42, in the direction of Grootfontein, and turn right onto the D2859 shortly before Grootfontein. There you can see and touch the world's largest meteorite, the Hoba Meteorite. It is over 50 tons in weight, and is made up of iron, nickel and trace elements. The meteorite must have hit earth approximately 80,000 years ago, though a crater from the impact cannot be seen.

From Grootfontein you will head south on the D2512, along the eastern side of the stunning Waterberg Plateau table mountain. The beautiful red Waterberg sandstone cliffs and rocks, stretching about 48 kilometres long and 15 kilometres wide, are remainders of petrified sand dunes formed about 150 million years ago.

You can visit the Namib Naukluft National Park. Here you can also find natural hiking trails, in the valley of the nature reserve, which you can explore by yourself. There are marked paths to stunning viewpoints. Mounted charts will tell you tales of springs, animals and plants.

You continue further south onto the C22 to your accommodation. Enjoy a sundowner with view towards the Waterberg mountain.

[Waterberg Guest Farm \(Bungalow\)](#)



Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Dinner



Day
9

Okonjima & Africat Foundation

Sun, 3 May

After possible morning activities, you head back to the B1, and continue south in the direction of Okahandja. Soon after the road sign „Okahandja 130 Kilometer“, turn right, and take the gravel road. The large Okonjima Private Game Reserve sign cannot be missed. You will drive about 10 kilometers through the Okonjima Game Reserve to reach the Okonjima Plains Camp, where you can check yourself in and relax over lunch.

Highly recommended are the game drives offered in an open vehicle, either in the early morning, or late afternoon. The cats are tracked with tracking devices. Okonjima is home to the very successful Namibian AfriCat Foundation, which has applied itself, for many years already, to the conservation of leopards, cheetahs and wild dogs. The experts at Okonjima have introduced a rehabilitation program, where the problem animals are rehabilitated to hunt only game as prey.



[Okonjima Plains Camp](#)

Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Dinner
- ✓ Safe (Okonjima Plains Camp)
- ✓ Tea / Coffee Station (Okonjima Plains Camp)
- ✓ Ceiling Fan (Okonjima Plains Camp)
- ✓ Fridge (Okonjima Plains Camp)

Day
10

Return Windhoek & Depart for Vic Falls

Mon, 4 May

After a possible early morning activity, you will drive on the B1 via Okahandja back to Windhoek.

The time when you would return the vehicle was already arranged on the arrival day. Return the vehicle to the office of the car rental company. They will check the car and the representative will transfer you, free of charge, to Hosea Kutako International Airport for your flight to Victoria Falls.

We do hope you enjoyed your time here and that you are taking home wonderful memories of Namibia. We also do hope that we will see you here again. We wish you a safe flight home and thank you for booking with us.



Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast



Accommodations

Hotel Pension Palmquell on day 1



Palmquell is the ideal accommodation during your stay in Windhoek. A mere five-minute drive from two shopping centres and ten minutes from the City, Palmquell is nevertheless located in the restful surroundings of one of the oldest and most sought-after residential areas in town. Relax in the garden, at the swimming pool, in the lounge & wine bar or the restaurant.

The 16 spacious and immaculate rooms in an up-market ambience are suited for holidaymakers and businessmen alike. Families also feel at home. The informal atmosphere and Austrian hospitality are particularly appreciated by our guests.

Please note that the restaurant is closed on Saturdays. The reception will gladly assist with dinner reservations and transport options.

Desert Camp on day 2



Desert Camp is situated just 5 km from the entrance gate to Sossusvlei and Sesriem Canyon in the Namib Naukluft Park. Nestled under centuries old thorn trees, Desert Camp has an unsurpassed 360 degrees view over the desert landscape and surrounding mountains. An absolute must for the nature lover and photographer. Twenty eco-friendly self-catering accommodation units under canvas with adobe-style walls are available. Each twin bedded unit has a spacious bedroom with a fold-out sleeper couch, en-suite bathroom equipped with a shower, toilet and wash basin, shaded veranda with fitted kitchenette, barbeque, lights, power points and an adjacent parking area.

Facilities at the main building include a fully stocked and serviced bar with big screen television, a sparkling swimming pool and two communal bomas with cooking and wash up facilities which are perfect for groups traveling together.

Meals and adventure activities may be booked at the nearby Sossusvlei Lodge. Fresh food supplies can be ordered daily from reception for self-caterers.

A fuel and service station, stocked utility shop and Internet café are available at Sossus Oasis a mere 5 km away.



Rostock Desert Lodge (Standard) on day 3



Located 50 km from Solitaire, Rostock Ritz features African-style bungalows located along the riverbeds and mountain slopes of the Namib Desert. Built into the granite rock, these bungalows offer panoramic views of the surrounding wilderness. Both Windhoek and Swakopmund are 240 km from the lodge. Guests are able to make use of the landing strip at the lodge via charter or private plane.

Each room includes a private terrace, ceiling fan and the bed is draped in a mosquito net. The rooms are elegantly furnished and the floors are tiled with stone slate.

Guests can enjoy a cocktail under the thatched and wooden lapa next to the large swimming pool. A range of activities such as scenic tours of rock paintings and hiking trails are available. The restaurant at Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge offers guests the choice of an à la carte menu for lunch and dinner or a set 3-course meal. Guests are offered a variety of meat, fish, pasta and vegetarian dishes.

Ai-Aiba Rockpainting Lodge on day 4



Ai-Aiba -The Rock Painting Lodge is dramatically set against imposing granite boulders in the foothills of the Erongo Mountain range. Steeped in history these ancient rock formations are the eroded remains of a volcanic complex about 130 million years old.

Towering boulders form the backdrop to the mountain facing chalets with views that incorporate the rugged landscape. 10 African inspired private chalets made up of 20 rooms provide comfortable accommodation that optimises the unique setting. Large windows frame the rocky outcrops and bush Savannah with its incredible display of endemic trees such as the Purple-Pod Terminalia. Sleep with your curtains open and wake up to see the pink and blue hues of the African morning sky colour the landscape.

Each air-conditioned room has a small lounge with a tea and coffee station and an electronic safe for valuables. The big bathrooms comprise of a walk-in shower and separate toilet. A small shaded verandah with a table and chairs provide the perfect spot to relax, listen to the bird calls and be at one with nature.

Toshari Lodge (Standard) on day 5



Nestled on an outcrop of dolomite rocks, under a forest of Mopane and white Seringa trees, Toshari Lodge offers affordable but enchanting accommodation close to Etosha National Park, one of Namibia's major attractions. Situated only 25 kilometres from Andersons Gate at the edge of the magnificent Etosha National Park and close to the main road between the towns of Outjo and Okaukuejo; Toshari Lodge is ideally positioned for day visits into the park; on your own or with the expertly guided tours offered by the lodge.

Toshari Lodge offers a range of accommodation options, including 22 Standard Rooms, 13 Luxury Rooms, 3 Family Rooms and 3 Campsites. Free WiFi is available throughout the property, and each room is equipped with mosquito nets, air-conditioning, a small outside sitting area from where you can enjoy the tranquil bush and a tea/coffee station for your convenience. All rooms have ensuite bathrooms, with essential amenities and laundry service is available at a small additional fee. The three private campsites each have their own ablution facilities, and hot water. Campers are welcome to use the facilities at the lodge whether it be drinks, meals, WiFi or a refreshing dip in the pool.



Etosha Aoba Lodge (Explorer) on days 6 & 7



Etosha Aoba Lodge, is located within half-an-hour's drive from the eastern entrance gate of the Etosha National Park, and a mere 10 kilometers from the main road. This tranquil and cozy lodge is set in a Tamboti-Terminalia forest next to a dry river bed.

Experience the sights, sounds and smells of the African bush from the terrace of the lodge's thatched, open-sided bar and dining area, which overlooks a waterhole. Free Wi-Fi is available to guests and Etosha Aoba Lodge has 24hr main line electricity (220V).

Etosha Aoba Lodge offers a variety of accommodation, all with a private terrace and seating -

Explorer Bungalows: 3 secluded thatched Explorer Bungalows have a private patio and facilities similar to the Bush Suites. En-suite bathroom with a shower, document safe, 'bush-mini-bar', air conditioning/ceiling fan and tea/coffee station and large mosquito nets are standard. Heating fans are available for the winter months.

Bush Suite: 3 Bush Suites are ideal for families with 2 bedrooms, 1 with a sleeper couch and the other with twin beds in each suite. An inter-leading bathroom separates the rooms. Facilities are similar to the Explorer Bungalows.

Honeymoon Bungalow: The Honeymoon Bungalow has similar facilities to the Explorer Bungalows but includes an outdoor shower and bath.

Luxury Heritage Bungalows: These 4 luxury bungalows come with privacy and comfort assured. Facilities are similar to the Explorer Bungalows.

Waterberg Guest Farm (Bungalow) on day 8



Situated at the foot of the majestic Waterberg Plateau in Northern Central Namibia is the magnificent Waterberg Guest Farm, a 42 000 hectare paradise of natural African savannah.

In addition to the guesthouse, there are five 'bush bungalows' scattered along the slope of the Klein Waterberg. The truly unique bungalows are partly built after to the traditional Herero method. According to Herero tradition the basic structure is fashioned from wooden poles harvested from non-indigenous invader bush, thus assisting in combating bush encroachment. These are then covered with a mixture of clay from termite hills and "ombumbi" (cow dung) which is applied by hand by the women of the village. While the bungalows themselves are constructed with mostly natural materials, the interiors are decorated in contemporary African design and offer all the modern amenities to ensure your comfort. They also offer the wonderful choice of showers either inside or outside, surrounded by breathtaking views!

In the traditional African grass-roofed "lapa" next to the swimming pool guests can enjoy their afternoon coffee or a sundowner. Alternatively they can sit on the wooden deck or around the fireplace and watch the illuminated waterhole as antelope, warthog and the occasional leopard come to drink, and in turn, be watched by the resident family of baboons.



Okonjima Plains Camp on day 9



Main Camp was the original Hanssen-family farmhouse, reconstructed as a lodge in 1993. (Main Lapa and Reception area – renovated DEC 2008) The 10 new, luxury rooms all have a bush view, 3 of them overlooking a waterhole. Each room has a veranda and wheel-chair friendly ramp and the rooms are set 15m -20m apart. Each room has 2 double beds, a mini-fridge to store own drinks, a coffee/tea station, a roof-fan, twin basins and a larger shower. There is a safe, alarm-system and a telephone. The Africat Foundation Welfare Project (guided) – this tour offers you valuable insight into the work of Africat. The Bushman Trail (guided – experience a day in the life of a Bushman on the Bushman trail. It constitutes an easy walking trail and is highly informative.) Carnivore (leopard/cheetah, etc) tracking in the 20 000 ha Nature Reserve (guided). Walking trails through wilderness area (self-guided) – Trails up to 8km are available, made with varying degree of difficulty. Okonjima has positively identified over 250 bird species which include most of Namibia's endemics

\$7,460.00

Total Price for 4 Persons in Double/Twin Rooms

INCLUDED & EXCLUDED IN THE SELF DRIVE TOUR:

INCLUDED:

- Vehicle rental - 4x4 Ford Ranger Double Cab 2017/2018 Model x 10 days with zero excess (T&C's apply), 2 spare tyres, tyre & glass insurance
- Accommodation as listed in itinerary
- Breakfast x 9
- Dinner x 6
- Transfer from/to the airport
- Information package on arrival
- Emergency contact numbers
- 15 % VAT, where applicable

EXCLUDED:

- Airfare (local and international)
- Personal expenses
- Visa, consular fees or any other formalities
- Tips



- Beverages
 - Fuel for the rental car
 - Activities and additional transfers
 - Park & entrance fees
-