

Ovahimba Safari - 5 day safari in the Central Kaokoland

This excellent 5-day safari starts at the Palmwag Reserve and continues over the Sesfontein Pass into the centre of the Kaokoland. Experience the nomadic way of life of the Ovahimba and enjoy three overnight stays in the Hoarusib River, before moving onto the Hoanib River, home to the desert adapted elephant, where you'll spend a night under starry skies. The return trip takes you to Fort Sesfontein.

Departure Dates	Every 2nd and 4th Monday in a month
Price per person sharing	£580 – £1080 (depending on the number travelling)
Single supplement	
Minimum number	2
Maximum number	10
Price includes	Travelling costs as per itinerary; game drives, activities, entrance- and park fees; - Accommodation in two-man tents / double rooms; - Full board, refreshment drinks en route, house wine and beer at dinner whilst camping; - Experienced guiding in English or German; - VAT and Bed levy.
Price excludes	Expenses of a personal nature, i.e. laundry, telephone, gratuities, souvenirs, etc - Personal-, medical- and evacuation insurances; - Additional activities - Alcoholic beverages and drinks



Itinerary Details

Day 1: Depart Palmwag Lodge to Opuwo

Depart in the morning from Palmwag Lodge in a northerly direction via the Khowarib Gorge and Anabib into the region of Opuwo, the centre of Kaokoland. Continue into the western regions of the Kaokoland past the village of Kaoko Otavi. Here you'll have a chance to meet the Ovahimba tribe and learn something of their age old culture. Wild camping on the banks of the Hoarusib River.

Day 2: Visit the Ovahimba

After a short morning walk along the Hoarusib River, the journey continues along the deep gorges and valleys of Kaokoland. Today you will have a better chance to Visit various Ovahimba villages and families and learn something more about their culture. The Ovahimba gratefully accept sugar, confectionery, tobacco and other trinkets as gifts. Overnight camping in the region of Orupembe, a large Ovahimba settlement.

Day 3: Camp in the Hoarusib River Valley.

Today's drive continues in a southerly direction into the Khumib River valley. The vegetation grows sparser as you venture further - large grass plains and savannah game adorn this region. By evening the trail reaches a scenic mountain pass, leading into Hoarusib River Valley region, densely populated with palm trees and constantly flowing with water. The desert elephant often visit the Hoarusib River Valley and camping at Purros communal camp site offers a good opportunity to watch these animals feeding on the nutritious acacia pods in close proximity to the camp.

Day 4: Camping on the banks of the Hoanib River.

The safari trail leads through the scenic lower Hoarusib river valley with possible plains game and desert elephant encounters en route. With a bit of luck, you may also encounter the Kunene region lions who have adapted to this harsh region of the desert. The route continues along the eastern boundary of Skeleton Coast Park into the Hoanib River. The densely overgrown river bed with numerous nutritious acacia trees has become the major breeding grounds for the elephant. Enjoy a game drive in search of a herd of these giants before setting up camp on the banks of the river.

Day 5: Return to Palmwag Lodge via Sesfontein

After a short guided walk in the morning, our return journey follows the course of the river valley towards the village of Sesfontein. Numerous game encounters inclusive of roaming elephant herds feeding their way towards the next open water source will mark this special day of the tour. Arriving at Sesfontein, visit one of the 6 springs at the mountain slopes of the village (hence the name "Sesfontein" - meaning six springs) and a old German fort which has been restored and today functions as a lodge.

Alleviate the midday heat in the natural crystal clear water of the Ongongo Waterfall near Warmquelle. An ideal venue for lunch! The return trip leads through the impressive Khowarib Gorge. After a short rest, return to Palmwag Lodge.

