Rivers and Mountains of Damaraland

Namibia’s most interesting geology and rock formations can be found in the north west of the country. This specialised tour takes you into some of the oldest and most impressive geological areas of Namibia, including the Messum crater, the Ugab and Huab river formations and terraces, Doros Crater, Twyfelfontein and the Etjo sandstone occurrence. From here, you’ll travel on past the majestic Brandberg and finally on to Namibia’s own “Matterhorn”, the spectacular granite formations of the Spitzkoppe.

Day 1: Swakopmund / Namib Desert
Departing Swakopmund in the early morning, we travel northwards along the West Coast Recreational Area. We encounter the holiday village of Wlotzkasbaken. After a visit to the Cape Cross Seal Reserve, we leave the main road and start exploring the fascinating gravel plains of the Namib. We head in an easterly direction towards the Messum Crater – an extinct volcanic protrusion with a fascinating geological history. Here we encounter various abandoned mining ventures where many in the past sought their fortunes. We make our way down to the Ugab River across the ancient Ugab terraces where we will camp for the night. There will be ample opportunity to explore the area on foot and discover the geology of this fascinating region.
Day 2: Doros Crater
Driving down the Ugab River we encounter the fascinating geology of centauries, carved into the canyon walls. We might also encounter some desert dwelling elephants in this prehistoric landscape. Driving across the vast Namib plains we explore various geological phenomena. We pitch camp in the vicinity of Doros Crater and once again explore the surroundings on foot.

We pitch our tents and camp overnight under the stars, enjoying the desert solitude.

Day 3: Twyfelfontein
We make our way amongst sandstone outcrops and Basalt plains towards the western reaches of the Huab River and travel towards Twyfelfontein. Here we visit world famous rock engravings and spend time interpreting the fascinating history of these treasures. Local guides join us for a tour if these sites. Camping will be in the vicinity of Twyfelfontein.

Day 4: Brandberg
From Twyfelfontein we make our way south towards the Brandberg. At approx. 2800m this is Namibia's highest mountain. Camp is set up under huge ana trees at the foot of the mountain. We spend the afternoon exploring the lower reaches and valleys of the Brandberg.

Day 5: Spitzkoppe
Early morning wake-up to experience the magic of the "Burnt Mountain" at sunrise. After breakfast we head further into the Brandberg to visit the site of the famous White Lady painting. We once again make use of local guides and interpreters to learn more about the local peoples' lives in this fascinating and wild area.

From here we make our way to Spitzkoppe, also known as Namibia's own "Matterhorn". This Granite Inselberg towers over the surrounding Namib gravel plains and is dotted with Bushman paintings which we will explore on foot. Camping is under the stars at the foot of the Spitzkoppe.

Day 6: Swakopmund
After a final breakfast we head back to Swakopmund.
Price Guide:
The cost of this itinerary is from **£1981 per person**, based on twin share. For more information, or if you would like to enquire about a tailor-made holiday combining part or all of the above itinerary, please contact us.

*This price is based on exchange rates available at the time of publication and may vary at the time of booking. Please see our booking conditions for more information.*

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