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14 Days THE TRIBES OF NORTHERN NAMIBIA AND THE SOUTH

Day 1:

In the morning departure from Windhoek to the north. At Okahandja – the former tribal center of the Herero people and old mission station – visit some Herero graves, the cemetery of the German Schutztruppe and the Kavango woodcarver's market. Via Otjiwarongo and Otavi drive to Tsumeb. The “Cultural village”, being an Open Air Museum, invites tourists to get an insight into the rural life of Namibian tribes. It displays the life of the majority of Namibians and tells about their history and culture, shows their work and skills in arts and crafts.

Dinner/bed/breakfast Makalani Hotel

Day 2:

After breakfast depart to Treesleeper Camp near Tsintsabis. It is home to the Hei//omn Bushmen, the former habitants of Etosha and its surroundings, and the !Kung Bushmen. Until recently the Bushmen practiced a lifestyle of hunting and gathering. They will show you their traditional way of life in a “Historic living Village”. After a light lunch (**not incl. in the Tour Price**) proceed to Farm Hedwigslust, the home of the Ombili foundation. Attempts are made to teach Bushmen (350 are living on the farm) to get used to sow, maintain and harvest – become “farmers” and no longer hunters because their base of living, game, is extinct. As the Ombili foundation is financing this project through donations, a gratitude of app. N\$ 50.00 is very welcome.

Dinner/bed/breakfast Etosha Aoba Lodge or similar

Day 3:

Drive north to Ovamboland, the most densely populated region of Namibia (app. 600 000 people). The Ovambo are divided into 8 sub-tribes. First stop will be the Nakambale Museum at Olukondo, that represents the present and the past of the role of the Finnish Mission, the church and the local cultures. Visit the Ngonga homestead, observe a demonstration of wheat-crushing, basket-weaving, hair-plaiting, traditional dancing and music etc. A traditional lunch will be served. Afterwards proceed to Oshakati via Ondangwa.

Dinner/bed/breakfast Oshakati Country Hotel

Day 4:

Travel through the western Ovamboland. The landscape is characterized by flat, sandy plains dotted with Makalani palms, savannah grasslands and Mopane woodlands. Different attractions will be visited

Continue to Opuwo via Ruacana.

Dinner/bed/breakfast Opuwo Country Hotel

Day 5:

Today a typical Himba settlement will be visited. The Himba, a sub-tribe of the Herero – are nomads who are still living their old tradition and culture. Their cattle are their wealth and so they are roving around the area to feed them. That's why there are several deserted settlements to be seen along the way.

A local guide, accompanying the group, will negotiate a visit to a "Kraal" with the headman of the tribe and will explain the lifestyle and the culture of the Himba. Afterwards return to Opuwo and proceed in southern direction to Hobatere Lodge at the western border of the Etosha Nationalpark.

In the afternoon a game drive will take place.

Dinner/bed/breakfast Hobatere Lodge

Day 6:

Travel through the western part of Etosha Nationalpark. The Oryx and many other antelopes prefer this region. West of Okaukuejo is the well known "Sprokieswoud", Phantom or Fairy Forest, the only location where the African Moringa tree grows in a flat area. At the floodlit waterhole wildlife can be viewed throughout the day as well as at night.

Dinner/bed/breakfast Okaukuejo Restcamp

Day 7:

Short game drive in the morning before leaving the Etosha Nationalpark. Return to Windhoek via Outjo, Otjiwarongo and Okahandja. Arrival in Windhoek in the afternoon.

Bed/breakfast Safari Court

Day 08:

Drive from Windhoek via Dordabis – visit to the oldest Karakul weavery of Namibia -, Uhlenhorst and Stampriet to Gochas.

Dinner/bed/breakfast Kamelruhe Guesthouse

Day 09:

Drive along the Auob River, visit to the Kokerboom (quivertree), to Keetmanshoop. Proceed past the Naute Dam to the Cañon Lodge.

Dinner/bed/breakfast Cañon Lodge.

Day 10:

Visit the Fish River Canyon , the second largest canyon of the world. This gigantic ravine, in places almost 500 metres deep, has been gorged out of vast undulating plain in the course of thousands of years. Proceed to Klein Aus via Seeheim and Aus. This drive takes you through intriguing 'moon' landscape of endless desert vistas and bizarre rock formations.

Dinner/bed/breakfast Klein Aus Vista

Day 11:

Day Tour to Luederitz. The first German settlement in Namibia, named after the merchant Adolf Luederitz from Bremen, who bought this area from the Hottentots in 1883. This small harbour town is perched on rugged black rock, offset by the deep blue waters of the bay, and is surrounded by bays, coves and fjords. During the morning visit to the 'ghost town' of Kolmanskop where diamonds were first discovered in Namibia. Afterwards sightseeing in and around Luederitz.

Dinner/bed/breakfast Klein Aus Vista

Day 12:

Continue through the scenic Neisip Plain and drive along the edge of the Namib Desert, the Tiras Mountains and the Nubib Mountains to Hammerstein

Dinner/bed/breakfast Hammerstein Lodge

Day 13:

In the early morning depart to a excursion to the Sesriem Canyon and Sossusvlei, a large clay pan in the centre to the Namib Desert, surrounded by the highest sand dunes in the world.

In the late afternoon take part in a spectacular dune drive including a sundowner on the top of the dunes.

Dinner/bed/breakfast Namib Desert Lodge.

Day 14:

Drive via Reemhoogte Pass and Rehoboth to the Oanob Dam.

Return to Windhoek. Arrival in the late afternoon.

Price per person sharing: N\$ 27.145,00 Single Supplement: N\$ 2.204,00

Service included: Overland trip, accommodation incl. breakfast in Hotels/Lodges/Rest camp in Etosha, all rooms with private facilities, all sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary, English speaking tour guide (OTHER LANGUAGES CAN BE SPOKEN ON TOUR). 1x Lunch, 12 x Dinner

