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Cultural Northern Tour and Etosha 2015

9 Days / 8 Nights

Departure: see dates below

Min. / Max. participants: 2 / 10

Departure:

07h45 from the office of SWA Safaris, 43 Independence Avenue, and, if arrangements have been made in advance, from the different hotels.

Day 1: Windhoek – Tsumeb

In the morning departure from Windhoek to Tsumeb. At Okahandja, a former mission station and the tribal centre of the Herero people, visit some Herero graves, the cemetery of the German “Schutztruppe” and the Kavango woodcarver’s market. Via Otjiwarongo and Otavi continue to Tsumeb.

Dinner/Bed/Breakfast at Makalani Hotel.

Day 2: Tsumeb – Tsintsabis – Mokuti Etosha Lodge

After breakfast depart for the “Treesleeper Camp” near Tsintsabis. It is home to Hei//om Bushmen, the former habitants of Etosha and 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 (lunchpacks, not included) proceed to Farm Hedwigslust, home of the Ombili foundation. The aim of the foundation is to teach the 350 Bushmen living on the farm to become self-sufficient as “farmers”, to sow, produce and harvest crops as an alternative to hunting game, which has become extinct. The Ombili Foundation relies on donations to finance this project. A gratuity of approximately N\$ 50.00 is much appreciated. Depart for Mokuti Etosha Lodge bordering the Etosha National Park.

Dinner/Bed/Breakfast at Mokuti Etosha Lodge.

Day 3: Etosha National Park – 4 O-Region – Oshakati

Driving through a small part of the Etosha National Park continue further north to 4-O region, the most densely populated region of Namibia (approximately 600 000 people). The Ovambo in Namibia consist of 8 sub-tribes. The Nakambale Museum at Olukondo is the first stop, depicting the past and present role of the Finnish Mission, the church and the local cultures. Visit the Ngonga homestead and observe the different demonstrations on wheat crushing, basket weaving, hair braiding, possibly traditional dancing and music etc. A traditional lunch will be served. Proceed to Oshakati via Ondangwa.

Dinner/Bed/Breakfast at the Oshakati Country Hotel.

Day 4: Oshakati – Ruacana – Opuwo

Travel through the Omusati region. Flat, sandy plains dotted with makalani palms, savannah and mopane woodlands characterize the landscape. Stop at different attractions. Continue to Opuwo via Ruacana.

Dinner/Bed/Breakfast at the Opuwo Country Hotel.

Day 5: Opuwo – Epupa Falls

Early departure in direction of Epupa Falls.

The Epupa Falls (also known as Monte Negro Falls in Angola) are created by the Kunene River on the border of Angola and Namibia, in the Kaokoland area of the Kunene Region. The river is 0.5 km wide and drops in a series of waterfalls spread over 1.5 km, with the greatest single drop being 37 m. The name "Epupa" is a Herero word for "foam", in reference to the foam created by the falling water.

The falls are a major visitor attraction in Namibia, because of the largely unspoiled environment, with fig trees, baobabs, makalani palms, and colored rock walls framing the falls. Lunchpacks en route.

Dinner/Bed/Breakfast at Omarunga Lodge.

Day 6: Epupa Falls

After breakfast we visit a typical Himba settlement.

The Himba are a sub-tribe of the Herero people. They are the only tribe still practising their ancient tradition and culture. They are nomads who roam the area in search of grazing for their cattle. A number of deserted settlements will be seen along the way. A local guide will accompany the group in order to negotiate a visit to a "Kraal" with the headman of the tribe and will explain the lifestyle and the culture of the Himba people. Return to the Lodge. In the afternoon take part in a guided excursion to the Falls. Enjoy a nice sundowner afterwards.

Dinner/Bed/Breakfast at Omarunga Lodge.

Day 7: Epupa Falls – Western Etosha

Very early in the morning we are heading southwards. We drive back to Opuwo and proceed to the western part of the Etosha National Park. Lunchpacks en route.

Dinner/Bed/Breakfast at Dolomite Camp/ Etosha National Park.

Day 8: Western Etosha

Travel through the western part of the Etosha National Park. The Oryx and other antelopes favour this region. West of Okaukuejo is the well-known "Sprokieswoud", Phantom or Fairy Forest, the only place where the african moringa tree grows in a flat area. Game viewing continues till late afternoon. At the floodlit waterhole wildlife can be viewed throughout the day and night.

Dinner/Bed/Breakfast at Camp Okaukuejo/ Etosha National Park.

Day 9: Etosha National Park – Windhoek

Leave the Etosha National Park after a short game drive in the morning. Return to Windhoek via Outjo, Otjiwarongo and Okahandja. Arrive in Windhoek during the afternoon.

- *Itinerary is subject to change*

Prices and Departures:

High Season

04.07.2015
15.08.2015
12.09.2015

Low Season

21.02.2015
18.04.2015
23.05.2015

N\$ 23 500.00 per person sharing

N\$ 2 394.00 additional fee for single room

N\$ 21 840.00 per person sharing

N\$ 1 940.00 additional fee for single room

Services included: Overland trips and all sightseeing as per itinerary. Overnight in double rooms with private shower/bath and toilet in hotels, lodges and restcamps. Breakfast and dinner throughout the tour, 2 lunchpacks and 1 lunch. English speaking tour guide. (Other languages can be spoken on tour)

Not included: Expenses for personal belongings e.g. 6 lunches, drinks and telephone calls as well as tips in the restaurants and for the tour guide.

Price changes: All prices as reflected are based on the current tariffs and are subject to change without prior notice according to increases and circumstances beyond the company's control.