

GUIDED 4X4 SELF-DRIVE INTO BUSHMANLAND (GSDB)

12 Days

Windhoek to Windhoek

LIVE THIS!

Experience the thrill of a 4x4 self-drive experience, but the comfort and security of an experienced guide. Explore remote Bushmanland with its Nyae Nyae pans, Khaudom National Park and ancient San culture. Encounter water rich landscapes and immense wildlife diversity in the Mahango National Park and Okavango panhandle, each day ending your experience real and raw under the African stars.

Classification	Explorer
Pax	Min. 2 and max. 4 vehicles
Vehicle recommendation (only 1 guiding vehicle included)	4x4 fully equipped single or double cab vehicles
Languages	Bilingual English / German
Driver / Tour Guide	Services of registered driver guide throughout tour
Included	Meals: 11 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches, 10 Dinners Conservancy fees Two-way radios Portages All meals as specified in the itinerary Still Mineral Water Activities as specified Accommodation and Campsites as specified Tourism levy & Government Taxes where applicable 24hrs Medical Evacuation Insurance
Excluded	All International / Domestic Flights & taxes Visas Travel & Personal accident insurance Personal Expenses Excursions / Activities not specified Gratuities Fully equipped 4X4 vehicle with unlimited Mileage and second spare wheel Fuel & Fuel Deposit Additional driver fee Stamp Duty & Contract Fees for rental vehicle Soft drinks, refreshments, snacks and alcoholic beverages All items of personal nature
Optional Extras	Excursions / Activities on request
Departure	For departure dates kindly contact our offices

Day 1 / 100 km

WINDHOEK

This morning will be spent on an off-road driving course to teach participants basic off-road driving techniques. This includes lectures and practical experience on off-road terrain to make you more confident in your driving skills. Having checked the vehicles for one last time, the rest of the afternoon is spent at leisure at the hotel.

Safari Hotel - Lunch

Day 2 / 310 km

OMAHEKE REGION

Our first day of touring takes us to the Kalahari Desert in eastern Namibia and the internationally well-known Harnas Wildlife Foundation. As the majority of farms in Namibia the Harnas farm was originally fenced as a cattle farm and was the main source of income for its residents. The Van der Merwe family instinctive love for wild animals grew when they rescued a vervet monkey. Shortly thereafter a zoo in South Africa closed down and its lions were given into the care of the Van der Merwe family. The publicity given to Harnas has resulted in the escalation of animals housed here, transforming the initial personal hobby into a full-time occupation and passion for the Harnas residents and staff. **Harnas Wildlife Foundation** is now an experienced and active player in the conservation of Namibian wildlife, the protection of natural resources and is providing social and rational education to those who seek the benefit thereof. For the past 30 years, Harnas has been actively involved in the care, rehabilitation and rescue of neglected, abused and abandoned animals, rescuing more than 380 indigenous wild animals to date with many of them still living at Harnas. Spend the afternoon setting up camp and exploring the farm and its animals. The evening is then spent under a multitude of stars while our guide prepares dinner around the campfire.

Harnas Wildlife Foundation - Campsite – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3

HARNAS WILDLIFE FOUNDATION - OMAHEKE REGION

After breakfast you have the opportunity to join the Harnas team for a morning coffee with the lions. During this optional tour you experience the Wildlife Welfare World of Harnas, where enclosures have been constructed for new arrivals, ill or injured animals and animals that cannot be rehabilitated and released into nature. Witness the care given to these animals ensuring they are having a second chance at life. Join the team on a guided tour, through the kingdom of lions, cheetahs, baboons, wild dogs, leopards and caracals; get to hear all the information and stories of the individual animals. You will be driven in an open safari vehicle enabling you to relax and experience our amazing Namibian wildlife up close and personal. Hear the amazing sounds of nature and see the behavior of the endangered wild dog. You will see the graceful cheetah and laugh at the antics of the baboon clan. Witness our tour guides serving breakfast to these spectacular animals. In the afternoon you have enough time to join further optional activities offered by the Wildlife Foundation. Your guide will gladly assist in booking these for you.

Harnas Wildlife Foundation - Campsite – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 / 350 km

NYAE – NYAE CONSERVANCY

Today our route continues in the direction of the Botswana border following the dry watercourse of the Omuramba Eiseb. In the vicinity of Gam we enter the communal and untouched area of former Bushmanland, where the San people still live in a largely traditional way. Crossing into the Nyae – Nyae conservancy, we turn onto a far off the beaten track to the Nyae-Nyae pan, an enormous saltpan adorned with Baobab trees in a true wilderness area; here we set up camp for the night.

Djokhoe Camp or similar – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 / 350 km

NYAE – NYAE CONSERVANCY

Without breaking up camp we depart in the early morning to explore the Nyae Nyae pans and its fauna and flora. With a local guide and translator we will visit a true Bushman village and meet the original inhabitants of the Kalahari Desert, an area that will be the base of most of our adventures lying ahead. We learn about the techniques the Bushman have applied for thousands of years in order to survive in the Kalahari and can actively communicate with them by means of our translator. In the late afternoon we return to our camp for dinner.

Djokhoe Camp or similar – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 / 150 km

KHAUDOM NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast we travel to Tsumkwe, the administrative capital of the former Bushmanland, where we refill our vehicles. Continuing northward, we turn off the main road onto an unmarked and hardly known track to the so called "Dorsland Baobab", an enormous baobab tree already used as a campsite and meeting point by the Dorsland trekkers in the 19th century. We continue northwards to the Khaudom National Park, where we set up camp in the late afternoon. We may see huge herds of elephants as well as other animal species, including lion and hyena.

Sikereti / Waterhole Campsite – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7

KHAUDOM NATIONAL PARK

The entire day is spent game viewing inside Khaudom National Park far off the beaten track in extremely thick and loose sand. We camp either at Sikereti or at a waterhole. This is a true wilderness area and elephants or lion may visit us in the evening; for safety reasons we will therefore have to sleep in our tents.

Sikereti / Waterhole Campsite – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 / 330 km

OKAVANGO PANHANDLE

Travelling out of the park, we again refuel at Tsumkwe and then travel into Botswana on an unmarked road that will sometimes test our 4x4 driving skills to the fullest. Our camp for the following two nights is reached via another sandy road leading through a riverbed, and is situated along the largest lagoon of the world renowned Okavango Delta. The afternoon can be spent along the mesmerizing lagoon or we have the option of exploring the panhandle of the delta in motorised boats and test our fishing skills.

Nguma Campsite – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9

OKAVANGO PANHANDLE

The **Okavango Delta** is the world's largest inland wetland, and consists of a 16000-km² wilderness of meandering channels, oxbow lakes, floodplains and tree-covered islands. We explore the Delta in "mokoro's": dug out canoes used by the local population as the only means of transport. This experience gives us an excellent opportunity to explore the beauty of the environment with its diverse and pristine fauna and flora.

Nguma Campsite or similar – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 / 160 km

MAHANGO NATIONAL PARK

After an early morning start we cross the border back into Namibia and into the Caprivi strip, where we game drive through the Mahango Game Park. This jewel of a game reserve is home to many unusual game species such as Roan and Sable Antelope, elephant, lechwe, buffalo and also large amounts of bird species not found in many areas of Southern Africa. Sandy roads lead us to a number of waterholes and along the Okavango River wetland, where we also stand the chance to see crocodile and hippo. After we set up camp along the banks of the Okavango River, we have the option of enjoying a sundowner cruise on the river.

Ngepi Campsite or similar – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11 / 560 km

OTAVI

After a hearty breakfast, we travel along the Caprivi strip in a western direction, where souvenirs can be purchased at a variety of local markets that line the street. We travel via the town of Rundu to Grootfontein, stopping at Hoba Meteorite to view the largest known meteorite known to mankind. We continue further to Otavi, where we reach our accommodation for tonight on a typical Namibian farm. In the local Herero language Ohange means "peace" which is exactly what you will find here. Our Campsite for the night is located underneath a big acacia tree right next to a game pathway coming towards a waterhole. Treat yourself to hospitality in true Namibian style and enjoy your last dinner under open skies.

Ohange Lodge - Campsite – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12 / 420 km
DEPARTURE

Today we drive back to Windhoek on the main tar roads via Okahandja, where we can visit a large craft market. Our tour ends in Windhoek after we dropped off our vehicles at the car rental company.

Breakfast
TOUR SUMMARY

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEAL BASIS	ACTIVITIES / ATTRACTIONS	KM
1	Safari Court Hotel	Lunch	Full day introduction to 4x4 driving course	100
2	Harnas Campsite	Full Board	Travel East towards the bush plains of the Kalahari and Harnas Wildlife sanctuary	310
3	Harnas Campsite	Full Board	Optional guided morning activity that highlights the conservation efforts by Harnas. Optional afternoon activities such as game drives, guided nature walks, rhino tracking, night drives or Sundowner excursions	
4	Djxokhoe Campsite	Full Board	Travel via the Omuramba Eiseb, explore the Nyae Nyae pan area.	350
5	Djxokhoe Campsite	Full Board	Game drive in the Nyae Nyae pans, authentic Bushman experience	
6	Sikereti Campsite	Full Board	Dorsland Baobab, game drive in the Khaudum National Park	150
7	Waterhole Campsite	Full Board	Game drive in the Khaudom National Park	
8	Nguma Island Campsite	Full Board	Travel via off-roads to the Okavango Delta, optional boat cruise or fishing excursion	330
9	Nguma Island Campsite	Full Board	Mokoro experience in the Okavango Delta	
10	Ngepi Campsite	Full Board	Game drive in the Mahango National Park	160
11	Ochange Lodge Campsite	Full Board	Visit Hoba Meteorite and travel to a typical farm located on the outskirts of Otavi	560
12	Return	Breakfast	Travel back to Windhoek	400

Alternative accommodation may be used.