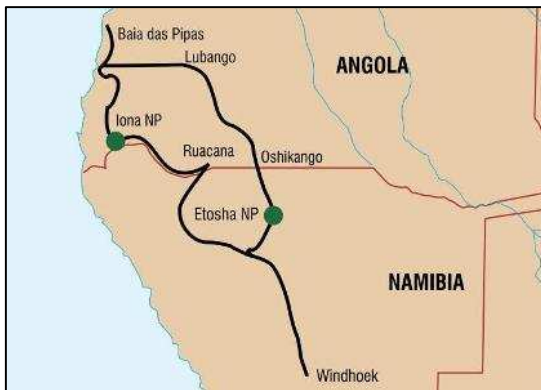


Angola and Northern Namibia Expedition



Small group camping tour through Northern Namibia & Southern Angola
Group Size Minimum 6 person
Group Size Maximum 12 people

Per Person Rate

<u>Tour Fare: 2012</u>		
6-7 pax	8-12 pax	<u>Single Supplement</u>
EUR 2,560	EUR 2,270	EUR 70

Our trip through Angola is a pioneering journey through remote lands where few others have been. We follow feint sand tracks instead of roads, sleep under the stars where no hotel would feature, and meet tribes who are strangers to modern society.

You will have to forgo your creature comforts whilst we explore the rugged and challenging terrain. We may experience delays, cross-border issues, and gruelling roads with corrugations and potholes making for long days in our 4x4.

If this excites you, then this is the TRUE adventure your soul has been seeking.....

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Highlights

Cheetah Tour at Otjitotongwe, Himbas at Opuwo, Ruacana Falls, Ova-Himba's, Baobab Forest, Ancient Welwitchia's, Iona National Park, Flamingo Canyon, Lake Arco, Beach camping, Leba Pass, Tunda Vala Escarpment, Lubango, Etosha National Park.

Departure Dates 2012

<u>Month</u>	<u>Tour Start</u>	<u>Tour End</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Tour Start</u>	<u>Tour End</u>
May	10/05/2012	24/05/2012	July	04/07/2012	18/07/2012
	31/05/2012	14/06/2012	October	17/10/2012	31/10/2012
June	18/06/2012	02/07/2012			

Included in the price

Use of full camping equipment (except sleeping bags), 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 12 dinners, coffee/tea with the meals, transport on the tour, activities as per itinerary & an English-speaking guide.

Not included in the price

All excursions not mentioned in the program, bottled water, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages, laundry, international and domestic flights, visas and travel insurance, personal items.

Meal Key

B – Breakfast **L** – Lunch **D** – Dinner

Itinerary

Day 1: Windhoek

After your arrival at Windhoek Airport you will be picked up and transferred to your Lodge. The rest of the day is spent at leisure. You will meet your guide and the rest of the group at the lodge in the evening.

Accommodation: Roof of Africa Lodge (Double Rooms with en-suite bathroom, restaurant, bar & Swimming Pool)

Day 2: Windhoek - Kamanjab

BLD

After breakfast at the lodge, we depart Windhoek driving north to our first destination, Otjitotongwe, which is located some 24km east off Kamanjab. Arriving in the afternoon, we will enjoy a cheetah tour on the farm before settling into our first night of camping. Home to a non-profit organization aimed at conserving cheetahs in a natural environment, the 7,000ha farm has both tame & wild cheetahs, and offers superb photographic opportunities at scheduled cheetah feedings.

Distance: 450 km

Lunch Stop: Picnic Spot en route

Accommodation: Overnight Otjitotongwe Cheetah Farm (camping with ablutions, hot water & Swimming Pool)

Day 3: Kamanjab - Ruacana

BLD

After our first night of camping we head north travelling through many small rural villages before arriving in Opuwo, the Gateway to the Kaokoveld region. On arrival we explore a traditional Himba Village to experience a journey of culture exchange, and learning and understanding of our last traditional tribe in Namibia, the Ova-Himba. We continue onto Ruacana where we stop for the evening at our lodge.

Distance: 340 km
Lunch Stop: Picnic Spot en route
Accommodation: Eha Lodge camping (tents, wash rooms with hot water, bar and swimming pool)

Day 4: Ruacana - Angola

BLD

Leaving Namibia behind, we cross the border into Angola, and from here on will have an interesting drive with opportunities to stop & see the many Himba people who live in the area. These nomadic people of Angola are completely untouched by modern society & live with very little. We will also pass a major stand of enormous Baobab trees. With some imagination – and compared to the prevailing vegetation dominated by bush and grass – this patch could be called a 'forest'. This Baobab Forest is home to many Prehistoric stones, left untouched on the ground by the villager's ancestors.

Distance: 75 km
Lunch Stop: Picnic Spot en route
Accommodation: Overnight Bush camp, with no facilities

Days 5 - 6: Iona National Park

BLD

Today is a long & slow drive with some exciting 4x4 driving. The scenery changes dramatically from Mopane forests to large open plains. There are more opportunities to experience time with Himba people & look at some interesting rock formations.

Distance day 5: 85 km
Distance day 6: 90 km
Lunch Stop: Picnic Spot en route
Accommodation: Overnight Bush camp, with no facilities

Day 7: Iona National Park (via Espinheira)

BLD

We continue our drive through the heart of Iona National Park, stopping in the ghost town of Espinheira. Once again the scenery changes dramatically, as we head towards our destination for the evening.

Distance: 95 km
Lunch Stop: Picnic Spot en route
Accommodation: Overnight Bush camp, with no facilities

Day 8: Iona National Park – Flamingo Lodge

BLD

Today we head to the coast, leaving behind the dryness of Iona National Park. On our way to Flamingo Lodge, we stop at Lake Arco - a hidden treasure located within a canyon where we can relax by the waters & watch the birdlife. Arriving to Flamingo Lodge, we set up our camp site, and prepare dinner.

Distance: 180 km
Lunch Stop: Picnic Spot en route
Accommodation: Overnight Flamingo Lodge (camping with ablutions & hot water)

Day 9: Flamingo Lodge to Baia das Pipas (via Namibe)

BLD

Departing from Flamingo Lodge, we take a drive into the nearby canyon to hike & explore – hopefully seeing some families of Black-backed Jackals along the way. We then drive into Namibe to explore this good-sized town, before heading to Pipas Beach where we will camp the night in-between the vast ocean & the rocks.

The afternoon will be at leisure to explore the beach & relax in the remote surroundings.

Distance: 165 km
Lunch Stop: Picnic Spot en route
Accommodation: Overnight Pipas beach (camping with no facilities)

Day 10: Baia das Pipas - Lubango

BLD

Today we head for the city of Lubango & marvel at the breathtaking Leba pass that winds its way up the mountain to a height of 1845 meters above sea level. Lubango is set in a lush tropical valley guarded by the statue of Christ built high above on the cliffs overlooking the city. This statue is only one of three in the world and is a replica of the one in Rio de Janeiro – one of the few remaining signs of hope and peace. After a visit of the statue, we make our way into Lubango and up to TundaVala where we spend our afternoon at leisure enjoying the beautiful surroundings & clean mountain air. Take a hike to the waterfall where you can take a dip, and enjoy sundowners at the top of the Tunda Vala escarpment. TundaVala is a must see in the city of Lubango. This volcanic fissure climbs to 2600m (8528 ft) above sea level and offers breathtaking views from the edge of the escarpment over rolling hills well above the clouds.

Distance: 220 km
Lunch Stop: Picnic Spot en route
Accommodation: Overnight Bush camp on the magnificent Tunda Vala escarpment with no facilities.

Day 11: Lubango – Mongua

BLD

After an early breakfast and break down of camp, we head into Lubango to explore the rich colonial architecture mixed with the confusion of Africa and rich Portuguese heritage. We drive along the mainly good tar road from Lubango heading towards Mongua, stopping at Cahama to look at the abandoned tanks and military vehicles left from the war.

Distance: 370 km
Lunch Stop: Picnic Spot en route
Accommodation: Overnight Bush Camp close to Mongua – no facilities

Day 12: Mongua – Etosha National Park

BLD

Departing early, we cross the border into Namibia at Oshikango and continue into Etosha National Park. Entering through the North gate, we arrive to Namutoni where we set up camp and enjoy the rest of the afternoon and evening by the swimming pool or at the waterhole watching game.

Distance: 350 km
Lunch Stop: Picnic Spot en route

Accommodation: Overnight at Namutoni Camp (Camps have a bar, restaurant and Swimming Pool as well as convenience store and floodlit waterhole.

Day 13: Etosha National Park	BLD
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We enjoy a morning and afternoon game drive in the park, and the luxuries of hot showers!

Distance: 200 km
Accommodation: Overnight at Namutoni Camp

Day 14: Etosha National Park – Windhoek	BL
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An early morning departure will take us back to Windhoek, where we relax after our travels at the Roof of Africa Lodge.

Distance: 550 km
Lunch Stop: Picnic Spot en route
Accommodation: Overnight at Roof of Africa

Day 15: Windhoek - Onward destination	B
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After breakfast at the lodge, you will be transferred to the airport for your departure flight.

Distance: 0 km

Pre-departure information

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Pre and Post Tour Arrangements

Pre and post tour accommodation and transfers can be arranged on request.

Departure:

When arriving in Windhoek on the morning of Day 1 of the tour, you will be picked up from the airport and transferred to the Roof of Africa Lodge. Should you arrive prior to day 1, pre tour accommodation can be arranged.

Transport:

We will use a Toyota landcruiser or similar 4x4 vehicle.

Accommodation:

Accommodation will be camping and there will not be options to upgrade to accommodation, apart from at Etosha. Please note that Angola is a country which is in its infancy when it comes to tourism. The route we follow is remote, and there will be few or no facilities that have not been brought along with us.

Spending money:

Angola's currency is the Kwanza. As this tour takes you to remote & much undiscovered territory, there are very few opportunities to use spending money. The majority of your money will be spent on purchasing a cold cola when they can be found.

In Namibia the currency is the Namibian Dollar, however the South African Rand can also be spent in Namibia, as the two currencies are interchangeable.

Meals

All meals are organized by the guide and are prepared by him/her with the help of the group. These meals will be enjoyed together in the evening, often around a camp fire. Please advise us of any special dietary requirements in advance.

First Aid:

Our guides are trained in basic first aid and the vehicle is equipped with a medical aid kit. Preventative Malaria medication should be taken before the trip and throughout its duration, although it is advisable to consult a doctor prior to departure.

Luggage:

Maximum baggage allowance on the plane will be 12 kg. Please bring a backpack or soft barrel bag, not a suitcase. Please bring enough clothing, as there are few washing opportunities along the way. Please adhere to the allowance specified as space for luggage is limited.

Insurance:

It is compulsory for all travellers to have insurance covering their personal requirements, medical expenses and personal possessions. This is to be arranged before leaving your home country. Jenman Safaris has comprehensive public liability insurance.

Clothing and other items:

Shorts	Track suit	Walking shoes
Light trousers/jeans	Swimming costume	Sandals
T-shirts	Sun hat	Windbreaker
Warm clothes	Long-sleeved shirts	Towel
Torch & spare batteries	Water bottle	Mosquito protection
Camera	UV protection	Pillow

Sleeping bags:

Jenman Safaris is able to supply sleeping bags during the tour if necessary. A fee of US\$ 30 / Euro 25 will be charged.

Participation:

The Angola & Northern Namibia Expedition is a semi-participation camping safari. This means, that the participants will be responsible for performing and helping with certain tasks, i.e. setting up the overnight camps (tents, chairs, tables), cooking meals and cleaning dishes afterwards, tidying up the campsite before leaving and packing and un-packing of the vehicle.

Visas:

The onus is on the client to organize all visas required to visit Namibia and Angola prior to departure. Visas for Angola should be applied for before arrival. Jenman Safaris can assist with a letter of introduction.

Information on areas visited

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NAMIBIA

'Namibia' means 'open plains' in the ancient Hottentot language. It is a sought after tourist destination defined by endless sunshine, scenic beauty and unusual and contrasting topography. Namibia is sandwiched between two deserts - the Namib Desert, said to be the oldest in the world, on its western coastline and the Kalahari Desert in the eastern interior. Northern Namibia features the great Etosha National Park, with the countries largest concentration of game and in the south the majestic Fish River Canyon plunges 550 m and extends for 160 km. Between these four highlights lies over 820 000 km² (the size of France & Britain combined) of contrasting scenery.

The world's highest dunes are found in haunting scenery inspiring somber reflection. Pre-historic rock art, the ancient fossil plant, *Welwitschia mirabilis* and fossilized dinosaur footprints are preserved in the ancient, rocky mountain ranges.

Many of the features of this country are of particular scientific interest and attract scientists from all over the world.

Namibia is the first country in the world to include protection of the environment and sustainable utilization of wildlife in its constitution. About 15,5% of the country has been set-aside as national parks. In these areas, rare and endangered species of animals, birds and plant life are preserved and protected. They serve as a living reminder to us all, and to the generations of the future, of how it once was in Africa.

Ruacana

A few kilometres west of Ruacana the highland of Ovambo drops steeply. This stretch of the road is particularly beautiful in the early morning light, with the huge water surface of the dammed-up Kunene glittering on your right side. Despite the Ruacana Falls not being the destination they once were, this corner of the country is still worth a visit.

ANGOLA

Commonly referred to as 'the last true wilderness, and located on the West coast of Southern Africa, Angola extends over an area of 1,246,700 Km². The country is divided into 18 provinces, Luanda being the capital. With a total of a 4,837 Km long borderline, Angola is bordered with Congo-Brazzaville at the Northern province of Cabinda, the Democratic Republic of Congo (former Zaire) to the North and East, Zambia to the East, and Namibia to the South. Although Angola is located in a sub tropical zone, its climate is not typical of such areas due to the following factors: the cold current from Benguela running along the southern part of the coast; the highlands in the interior; and the influence of the Namibe desert, situated southwest. As a result Angola has its own specific climate, with two distinct seasons, the rains, from October to April and the mist or "Cacimbo" from May to September, a much dryer season with lower temperatures.

With an Atlantic coastline stretching for over 1.650 kms, mighty rivers flow into wide estuaries depositing sediments they have brought with them from the high plateaus to form numerous small islands, bays and sandbanks and where excellent beaches can be found.

In Luanda, special mention must be given to the beaches of Ilha do Cabo, Mussulo, Palmeirinhas, Corimba and Santiago. In Benguela there is Morena, Restinga, Caóta, Caotina, Baia Azul and Baia Farta and finally in Namibe, two more, Das Miragens and Azul. The orography and the climatic characteristics of the land provide Angola with a vast diversity of animal and vegetable species.

Iona National Park

This park is home to many indigenous peoples such as the Mucubal and himba, as well as many kimbundu groups. Most are subsistent farmers and herders who remain isolated and oblivious to the outside world. The indigenous people of this region have been studied by anthropologists, who say they are the most culturally intact on the African continent.

The landscape is diverse consisting of sparsely populated gravel plains, scrubland, dunes and beaches. Once teeming with wildlife, the park now harbours unknown numbers of oryx, springbok, kudu, ostrich, cheetah (very rare), mountain zebra, impala and klipspringer. As well as herds of game, one can see indigenous tribal people, plains littered with Welwitchias, and fascinating rock formations.

Namibe

Namibe is known as one of the cleanest and best kept towns in Angola. This port town has a strong fishing community which supplies much of the country with fresh and dried fish. Namibe harbor is lined with sandstone cliffs falling into the Atlantic and the harbor is key to the economy of southern Angola as all imports come through the port.

Leba Pass

This breathtaking mountain road takes you to an altitude of over 5000 feet in just a few kilometers. We pass by waterfalls and cantilevered hairpin bends on our way to the top, where we will over look the semi-tropical area, abounding with Mango trees.

Lubango

Largely unaffected by the war, Lubango provides access to the beautiful beaches of Namibe. En route, watch for the Tunda-Vala volcanic fissure, where you can climb to 2600 meters above sea level. The view of a sheer drop to sea level is quite spectacular. Barely touched by the fighting, Lubango is Angola without the war-wounds. It is a bustling and vibrant highland settlement embellished by attractive parks and dominated by a dazzling white marble statue of Cristo Rei (Christ the King) that towers above the pastel-pink colonial buildings like a miniature Corcovado Christ.

Etosha

Consisting of over 22 000 km² of saline desert, savannah and woodlands, the Etosha National Park is one of the largest game reserves in Africa and one of the major sanctuaries for wildlife. Its definitive feature is the Etosha Pan, a vast shallow depression of about 5 000 km². This great, white expanse locals call 'great place of dry water', often shimmers with mirages and herds of game can be seen within this eerie setting.

There are 144 mammal species in the park, including elephant, giraffe, blue wildebeest and black rhino, predators such as lion, cheetah, leopard, wildcat, hyena and jackal.

The black rhino population of 300 is one of the few growing populations in the world and the local elephant are reputed to be the largest in Africa - the tallest standing at 4 m at the shoulder. Their tusks however are relatively small due to genetic defects and mineral deficiencies in their diet.

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The majestic eland, the tiny, shy Damara dik-dik (45 cm high) and the striking gemsbok, with its dramatic black and white markings are common. Bird life is prolific and some 340 species have been identified, including Namibia's national bird, the vividly coloured crimson-breasted shrike. During the more rainy seasons Etosha is also one of the most important breeding grounds for flamingos.

Etosha is also known for its expert game management and attentive protection of the unspoiled environment.