



CLIENT: Namibian Northern FatBike Safari
OPERATOR: NatureFriend Safaris
DURATION: 8 nights,9 days
DATE: 2018

Departures on request only
Min pax 4 and max pax 11

Tour Cost 2018:

4 pax: -N\$ 38,665.00 per person

5 pax: -N\$ 33,810.00 per person

6 pax: -N\$ 42,345.00 per person

8 pax: -N\$ 35,355.00 per person

10 pax: -N\$ 31,160.00 per person

11 pax: -N\$ 29,635.00 per person

Single supplement: N\$ 1,165.00

FatBike Rental: N\$ 4,050.00

Day 1

Windhoek

On arrival at the Windhoek Airport proceed through passport and customs control, once in the arrivals hall you will be met by a representative of Nature Friend Safaris. You will be transferred to your overnight accommodation in Windhoek.

Depending on your time of arrival we will do our first afternoon ride on the lower farm. We make sure the bikes are fitted and all your equipment is in good condition. The riding on the farm is lots of single tracks, jeep tracks, climbs and technical sections as well. Seeing that it is the day of arrival we will not spend more than 2 hours. Afterwards sundowners and your first tafel lager.

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River Crossing is located on a pristine 6500 hectare game reserve. Rediscover the nuances of a bygone era of farm life and offer the discerning traveler all the modern amenities.

The main lodge building comprises a dining room, a centrally situated bar, a lounge with fireplace, a wellness room, and a curio corner. Nestled outside between the lounge and dining area is the pool (great for swimming lengths – it really is quite long!) The elevated wooden deck offers a fairytale view of Windhoek.

The Lodge and the rooms have been designed to emulate old German farm houses – think 'stoep' with 'afdakkie' and pots of geraniums.



Accommodation: River Crossing – (Dinner & Breakfast)

Day 2 Kamanjab

Today we have about 4 hours of road transfer all the way to a place called Onjewewe near Kamanjab. We will depart Windhoek early so that we are at Onjewewe in time for lunch. This afternoon we will visit a himba village and go on another sundowner ride if you like on the property itself.

Situated on our Family Farm - this unusual movie house as it's called in the North-West of Namibia was built on the cattle farm of Mr Burger in 2004 as a set for the movie "The Trail", better known as "La Piste".

Since then the Burger Family has renovated and revamped this magical house and turned it into an overnight experience for travelers.



Not your typical lodge, and definitely for the more adventurous. There is no electricity and light in the evening is provided by paraffin lamps, bamboo torches and candles, all creating a surreal and magical ambience!

Furthermore there is an open plan living and dining area, Barbeque (Braai) facilities, a fully equipped kitchen with gas stove, and a sparkling swimming pool with a huge deck where you can sit & relax and watch the stars throughout the night.

The Lodge is located within walking distance of the Otjikandero Himba Orphan Village!

Accommodation: Onjowewe House in the Rocks (Full board)

Day 3 Sesfontein

We make an early start and road transfer for about 45km, once we are on our bikes we cycle the first 10km in jeep tracks until we hit the Khowarib River – a mighty dry river bed that links up eventually with the Huanib at Sesfontein. We cycle all the way down river amongst huge camel thorn trees, the elusive Desert Elephants traverse these areas so chances are good for an encounter, lunch stop en-route until we hopefully arrive at some permanent water for a quick swim. If all goes well we should exit at Warmquelle in the late afternoon, we estimate the time in the saddle to be about 8 hours today. Once we get to Warmquelle, we road transfer the last 25km all the way to Ongongo campsite.



About 87km north of Palmwag Lodge, on the way to Sesfontein lies Warmquelle, a small settlement situated on the site of a spring. In the early years of this century the spring was used in an irrigation project, for which an aqueduct was constructed. Now only a few parts of the old aqueduct remain, together with a small Damara settlement and quite a large school.



Accommodation: Ongongo Campsite (Full board)

**Day 4
Sesfontein**

We have a full day to explore the area, we can do this on our bikes (if the legs have recovered from the previous grueling day) or by vehicle.



Accommodation: Ongongo Campsite (Full board)

Day 5 Damaraland

We depart this magical place and road transfer to Palmwag and further on towards fonteine, the transfer will take about 2 hours. Here we get on our bikes and cycle all the way on back roads and jeep tracks all the way towards the Huab and our campsite at Slangpos. Today we have good chances to encounter rhino, elephant and with some luck even lion, apart from giraffe and zebra, oryx, springbok and so forth.



Situated in a sandstone canyon in the Huab River Valley looking south towards the impressive Brandberg Mountains, this is a comfortable and friendly camp, managed by a committed team ready to make guests feel part of the family.

The landscape here is startling - almost other-worldly and unlike anywhere else on earth. The kind of place that once experienced is never forgotten.

Although it's not immediately apparent, this is one of the best wilderness areas of Namibia and this harshest of environments supports a surprising variety of mammals birds, reptiles and plants. These include the rare desert-adapted elephant as well as other species tough enough to survive, such as oryx, springbok and ostrich.

As per the name, Damaraland Adventurer Camp is for guests with a sense of adventure. Accommodation is extremely comfortable, however, and the extraordinary setting highly romantic. There are six dome tents positioned on wooden platforms, each shaded by a separate canvas overhang for protection during the most intense heat of the day. All accommodation is en-suite, with flush toilets and showers with hot and cold running water.



Always good to note, the management of this camp have won awards for their conservation efforts.

Accommodation: Damaraland Adventurer Camp (Full Board)

Day 6

Damaraland

We spend today exploring the area, the Huab is home to elephant and sometimes lion. We do all of this on our bikes – also we can visit the Riemvasmakers, an interesting people living at de riet. They have been displaced from South Africa in the seventies.



Accommodation: Damaraland Adventurer Camp (Full Board)

Day 7

Swakopmund

Today we have a most impressive ride down towards Peters Pools and then due south all the way to Brandberg west mine (rhino camp). This is about 100km but most of it is on good jeep track, with a lunch stop this should take us about 6-7 hours. Once at Brandberg we climb into the cars and open some beers until we reach Swakopmund in the late afternoon. We check into our guesthouse and go for dinner at one of the local restaurants.

Swakopmund Guest House is situated in the town centre, a mere five-minute walk from the beach and main shopping area. The Swakopmund Guesthouse is more than just a bed-and-breakfast facility and is run with an eco-friendly approach, making use of solar energy. It is not your conventional type of guesthouse, that's for sure.



Accommodation: Swakopmund Guesthouse (Breakfast)

Day 8
Swakopmund

Today we take you into the dunes, we start on the beach and cycle towards Walvis Bay for about 10 km before hitting the dune belt. We cross it diagonally all the way to dune 07, this will take about 4 hours and soften up our legs if they are not soft already from the previous day. At dune 7 we are picked up by the vehicle and drive back to Swakopmund, afternoon at leisure to relax, shop or maybe do some quad biking.



Accommodation: Swakopmund Guesthouse (Breakfast)

Day 9
Departure

This is our last day, depending on your time of departure from either Walvis Bay or Windhoek we will have to time our departure. If your flights are in the afternoon then we will have time for a final ride on some single track along the Swakop River and into the Moon landscape – endless fun guaranteed!!



Included:

Airport transfers

All meals and drinks (limited selection of beer and wine, tea/coffee, water, soft drinks) while camping.

All equipment (tents, bedroll with pillow and duvet)

Race food (limited)

1 night River Crossing Lodge D/B/B

3 nights camping

2 nights Damaraland Adventurer Camp

2 night Swakopmund Guesthouse or similar B/B

Mechanic/cycling guide.

Not included:

Lunch on day one

Lunches and dinners at Swakopmund

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