

# We are Family

#### 14 Days - Children welcome

14 Day family safari with private 4x4 and Guide. Enjoy the highlights of Namibia and submerge yourself into limitless Africa. We have hand-picked a selection of child friendly lodges. A family adventure safari which includes close up encounters with animals, sandboarding in the desert, kayacking amongst the seals, camping under the stars, wildlife at a floodlit waterhole, a lion feed, rhinos at close range and... mom and dad too can relax.

### 1. & 2. Day Sossusvlei

Welcome to Namibia! Your guide will fetch you from Hosea Kutako Airport just outside Windhoek. Your journey begins immediately, via Windhoek, then south towards Sossusvlei. We travel over the Khomas Hochland (2000m), across a plateau into the vastness of the Namib Desert. A picnic lunch will be served en route. We arrive at the Lodge in the early afternoon and after a refreshing dip in the pool, you can enjoy an open vehicle game drive. The next day we visit the world's highest dunes. They can reach a height of 300m and climbing to the top is a must if one does not want to miss the specatacular view from the summit. The seemingly endless dunescape is unique and unforgettable. (380 km)

# 3. & 4. Day Swakopmund

We continue on an approximately 4-5 drive to Swakopmund on the coast. The cool climate of Swakopmund is a welcome change after the inland heat. This coastal town is a popular holiday destination for farmers with a penchant for fishing. The stretch of ocean between Swakopmund and Henties Bay is one of the world's richest fish resources. With the Namib Desert as its backdrop, the town nestles between kaleidoscopic dunes and the Atlantic Ocean. Swakopmund offers various activities such as historical town tours, dolphin cruises, sandboarding, a game of golf in the world's oldest desert or quadbike tours through the dunes. For dinner the fish restaurants are highly recommended.

# 5. & 6. Day Omaruru Game Lodge - Omaruru

After breakfast we begin the approximate 2.5 hour drive north to Omaruru Game Lodge. The Lodge has its own restaurant, bar, swimming pool and offers sundowner open vehicle game drives in the afternoon. Self-catering family bungalows are recommended, however, meals can also be enjoyed at the Lodge. On the game drives you

will be able to see a wide range of animals. The Lodge often also has a range of different animals, which - due to unfortunate circumstances – have been hand-reared and this affords children the wonderful opportunity to experience them at close range. (240 km)

#### 7. & 8.Day Hobatere - Kunene

Today we travel to Hobatere Lodge on the western boundary of Etosha National Park in the north. Steve and Louise Braine have managed the Lodge for some 20 years and Steve is regarded as one of the top birding experts in the country. The afternoon game drives through the bush are a wonderful experience with an abundance of wildlife. For the romantic at heart, the Lodge offers a tree house overlooking a waterhole and with a wonderful view across the bush from high up in the canopies. (475 km)

# 9. & 10. Day Okaukuejo, Namutoni - Etosha

We have calculated half a day for the drive in the Etosha Pan, but it will be an excursion punctuated by frequent stops to observe game. A picnic lunch will be served under shady trees. We overnight in the Park at Okaukuejo, in bungalows close to the floodlit waterhole. We spend the next day exploring the Park and its animals. We enjoy a lunch time stop at Halali and a dip in the pool. In the afternoon we continue through the Park until we reach Namutoni, an old military fort dating back to colonial times. The Fort is beautifully maintained and resembles a structure out of a picture book. ( 220 km)

#### 11. Day Ohange Guest Farm - Otavi/Tsumeb

We leave the Park through its eastern gate and continue for approximately 2.5 hours to Ohange Lodge. En route we have the option of visiting the Hoba Meteorite or "fallen star" as I like to call it, and Lake Otjikoto. The Lodge lies in the heart of the Otavi Mountains and nestles in amongst Marula and Tamboti trees. The name "Ohange" means "peace" in Herero. In the late afternoon you have the choice of joining an open vehicle game drive during which you may encounter large herds of antilope, including the majestic eland, giraffe, impala and other species. (320 km)

# 12. & 13. Day Mount Etjo Safari Lodge - Otjiwarongo

Today our route takes us to Mount Etjo Safari Lodge. Etjo means "place of refuge". The Lodge and its Okonjati Conservancy comprises an area of 30.000 hectares and is managed by Jan and Anette Oelofse. The Lodge works in close association with the Namibian government to ensure the survival of, in particular, the black rhino. During the next few days enjoy the great expanse of Africa with its diversity of wildlife. Observe elephant, black and white rhino, zebra and hippo, giraffe and a variety of antilope species. The Lodge also offers lion feeds and you will be able to enjoy a last close encounter with the king of the beasts — a perfect ending to your African safari. (260 km)

# 14. Day - Windhoek

Time flies and you have now reached the last day of your safari! We turn south and reach Windhoek in approximately 2.5 hours. The route takes us through Okahndja with – if you wish – a stop at the wood carvers market. For your comfort and convenience we have booked you a day room in a hotel to enable the children to have a last swim in the pool before the long flight home. Your guide will drop you off at the airport in the afternoon. (190km)