



AFRICAN EXPLORERS

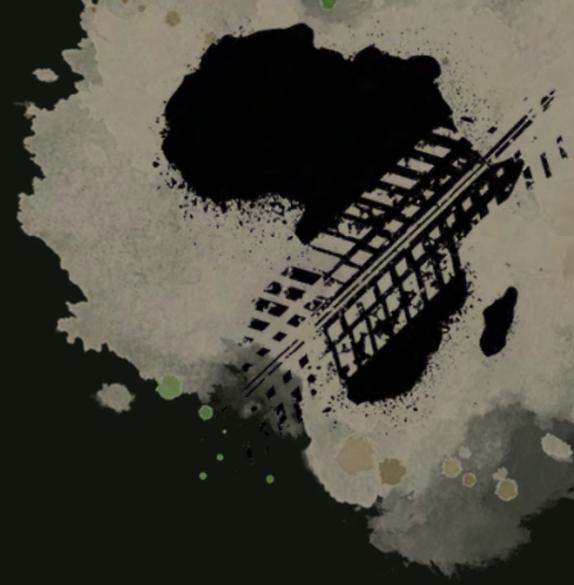
ADVENTURE TOURS SOUTHERN AFRICA





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- 1.Pick up Airport – Windhoek
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- 3.Hobatere Roadside Camp – Raycana Rest Camp
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- 13.Spitzkoppe - Windhoek
- 14.City Tour & Fly Out





AIRPORT PICK UP, ARRIVAL WINDHOEK



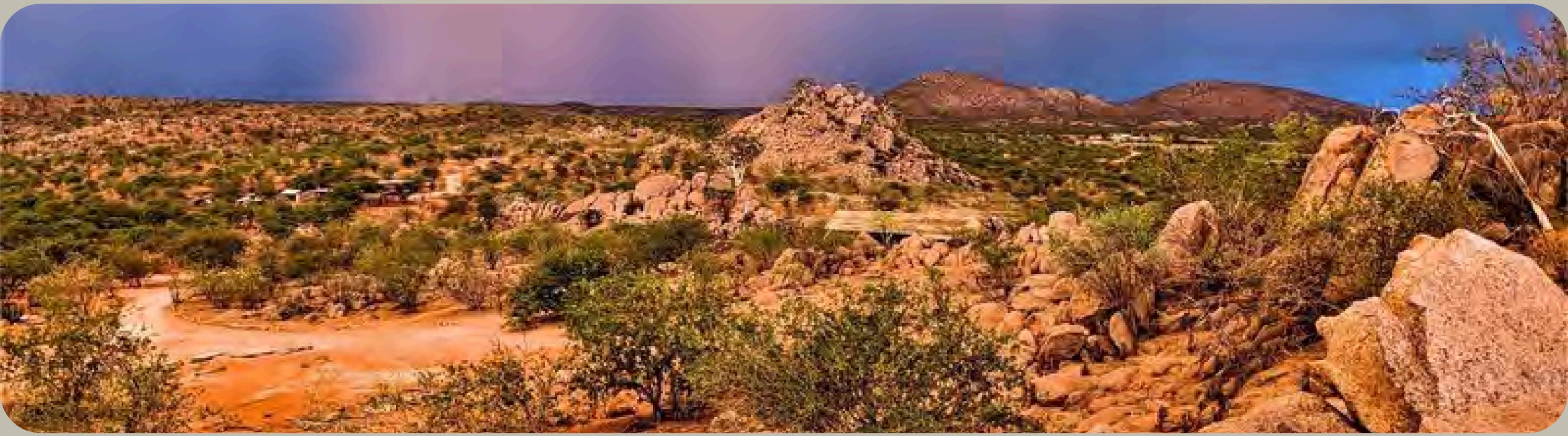
YOUR ULTIMATE 4X4 ADVENTURE BEGINS THE MOMENT YOU LAND AT HOSEA KUTAKO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. AFTER A WARM MEET AND GREET, WE TRANSFER INTO WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA'S LIVELY CAPITAL NESTLED BETWEEN ROLLING HILLS AND MOUNTAIN BACKDROPS. YOU WILL CHECK IN AT WINDHOEK LUXURY SUITES, ELEGANT GUESTHOUSE, OR TI MELEN, WHERE COMFORTABLE ROOMS AWAIT AFTER YOUR JOURNEY. THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY IS YOURS TO RELAX, ADJUST TO THE AFRICAN RHYTHM, AND PREPARE FOR THE EXPEDITION AHEAD. IN THE EVENING YOU MAY ENJOY DINNER AT ONE OF WINDHOEK'S WELL-KNOWN RESTAURANTS WHILE ANTICIPATION BUILDS FOR THE ADVENTURE THAT LIES NORTH.





WINDHOEK TO HOBATERE ROADSIDE CAMP (CAMPING)

TODAY WE LEAVE THE CAPITAL BEHIND AND BEGIN OUR JOURNEY TOWARD NAMIBIA'S REMOTE NORTHWEST. THE 540 KM ROUTE FOLLOWS TARRIED ROADS THROUGH COMMERCIAL FARMLANDS, OPEN SAVANNAH, AND SMALL SETTLEMENTS AS THE LANDSCAPE GRADUALLY BECOMES MORE RUGGED. THIS IS A SOLID DRIVING DAY THAT ALLOWS EVERYONE TO SETTLE INTO EXPEDITION MODE. THE SCENERY BECOMES WIDER AND MORE UNTAMED AS WE APPROACH THE KUNENE REGION. BY LATE AFTERNOON WE ARRIVE AT HOBATERE ROADSIDE CAMP, WHERE WE SET UP CAMP FOR THE NIGHT. UNDER THE VAST AFRICAN SKY, THE FIRST TRUE FEELING OF WILDERNESS SETTLES IN.





HOBATERE TO RAYCANA REST CAMP (CAMPING)

WE CONTINUE NORTH TOWARD RUACANA WATERFALLS, WHERE THE KUNENE RIVER CASCADES DRAMATICALLY ALONG THE ANGOLAN BORDER. AFTER EXPLORING THE AREA, WE FOLLOW THE RIVER DOWNSTREAM, ENTERING INCREASINGLY REMOTE TERRAIN. THE DRIVE ALONG THE KUNENE OFFERS STRIKING VIEWS OF ROCKY ESCARPMENTS AND FLOWING WATER CUTTING THROUGH ARID SURROUNDINGS. OUR DESTINATION IS RAYCANA REST CAMP, PERCHED HIGH ABOVE THE RIVER. WE CAMP RIGHT ON THE ESCARPMENT, OVERLOOKING ONE OF NAMIBIA'S MOST POWERFUL NATURAL FEATURES. THE SUNSET OVER THE KUNENE IS UNFORGETTABLE.



RAYCANA REST CAMP TO EPUPA FALLS (CAMPING)



TODAY WE FOLLOW ONE OF NAMIBIA'S MOST SCENIC ROUTES AS WE CONTINUE DOWNSTREAM ALONG THE KUNENE RIVER. THE ROAD WINDS THROUGH PALM-LINED VALLEYS, RUGGED HILLS, AND REMOTE SETTLEMENTS, OFFERING SPECTACULAR RIVER VIEWS ALONG THE WAY. BY AFTERNOON WE ARRIVE AT EPUPA FALLS, WHERE WE WILL SPEND TWO NIGHTS CAMPING IN THIS REMARKABLE LOCATION. THE FALLS CASCADE OVER MULTIPLE CHANNELS SURROUNDED BY MAKALANI PALMS, CREATING A LUSH CONTRAST TO THE ARID SURROUNDINGS. THIS REMOTE REGION IS ALSO HOME TO SOME OF THE MOST TRADITIONAL HIMBA COMMUNITIES, WHERE MANY FAMILIES STILL LIVE ACCORDING TO THEIR ANCESTRAL CUSTOMS AND LIFESTYLE. A VISIT TO A TRADITIONAL HIMBA VILLAGE OFFERS MEANINGFUL CULTURAL INSIGHT INTO ONE OF NAMIBIA'S MOST ICONIC COMMUNITIES.



EPUPA FALLS EXPLORATION

THIS DAY IS DEDICATED TO EXPLORING AND ENJOYING EPUPA FALLS. YOU MAY WALK ALONG THE RIVERBANKS, CLIMB VIEWPOINTS ABOVE THE FALLS, OR SIMPLY RELAX AT CAMP WHILE LISTENING TO THE CONSTANT SOUND OF RUSHING WATER. THE SLOWER PACE ALLOWS TIME TO ABSORB THE ATMOSPHERE, INTERACT WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES, AND PREPARE FOR THE CHALLENGING TERRAIN THAT AWAITS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.





EPUPA TO VAN ZYLS PASS ULTIMATE 4X4 (CAMPING)

TODAY WE FACE ONE OF AFRICA'S MOST LEGENDARY 4X4 CHALLENGES – THE NOTORIOUS VAN ZYLS PASS. THE DESCENT IS STEEP, ROCKY, AND TECHNICAL, DEMANDING CONCENTRATION, PRECISION, AND TEAMWORK. THIS IS TRUE EXPEDITION DRIVING AND ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ENTIRE JOURNEY. WE CAREFULLY NAVIGATE THE UPPER SECTION OF THE PASS, WORKING OUR WAY DOWN THE MOUNTAIN SLOPES WHILE THE VAST MARIENFLUSS VALLEY BEGINS TO REVEAL ITSELF BELOW US. BY LATE AFTERNOON, WE REACH A SPECTACULAR WILD CAMPING VIEWPOINT OVERLOOKING THE MARIENFLUSS.

FROM THIS ELEVATED POSITION, THE VALLEY STRETCHES ENDLESSLY BENEATH US, FRAMED BY DISTANT MOUNTAIN RANGES. WE DO NOT YET ENTER THE VALLEY – INSTEAD, WE SPEND THE NIGHT HIGH ABOVE IT, ENJOYING ONE OF THE MOST DRAMATIC WILDERNESS CAMPS OF THE EXPEDITION.





VAN ZYLS PASS TO ETAAMBURA (ROOMS)

AFTER SUNRISE OVER THE VALLEY, WE CONTINUE WITH THE MOST DEMANDING AND TECHNICAL SECTION OF VAN ZYLS PASS. THIS IS THE STEEPEST AND MOST CHALLENGING PART OF THE DESCENT, REQUIRING CAREFUL VEHICLE CONTROL AND STEADY NERVES AS WE FINALLY MAKE OUR WAY DOWN INTO THE MARIENFLUSS VALLEY. ONCE ON THE VALLEY FLOOR, THE LANDSCAPE OPENS INTO WIDE PLAINS SURROUNDED BY MOUNTAIN BACKDROPS, CREATING A SENSE OF VASTNESS THAT IS DIFFICULT TO DESCRIBE. WE CROSS THE MARIENFLUSS AND CONTINUE TOWARD ETAAMBURA, ENTERING THE REGION OFTEN REFERRED TO AS STONEMEN COUNTRY. ALONG THE WAY, WE BEGIN SEARCHING FOR THE MYSTERIOUS STONE FIGURES SCATTERED ACROSS THE LANDSCAPE. BY AFTERNOON WE ARRIVE AT ETAAMBURA, WHERE COMFORTABLE ROOMS AWAIT. AFTER TWO INTENSE DAYS OF DRIVING AND WILD CAMPING, THIS IS A WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO REST AND RECHARGE IN ONE OF NAMIBIA'S MOST REMOTE REGIONS.

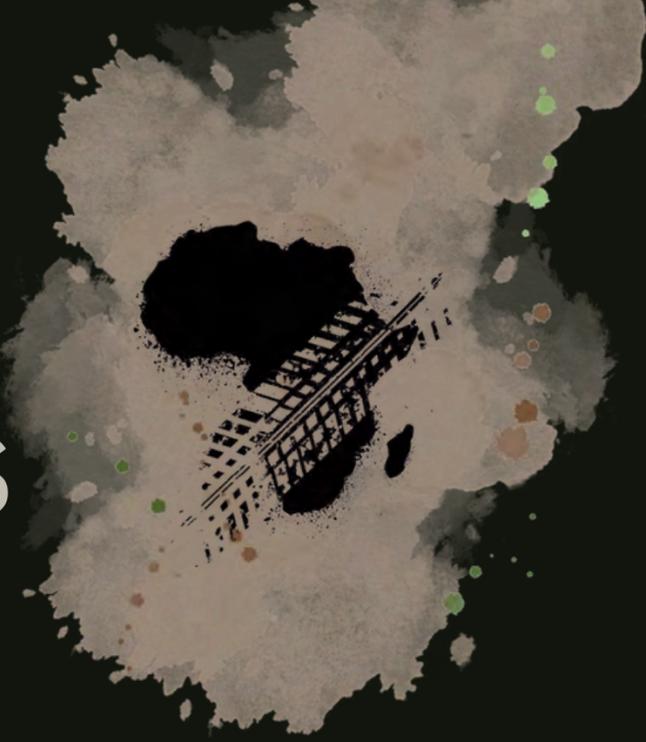


ETAAMBURA TO OMENJE CAMP (CAMPING)



OUR JOURNEY CONTINUES TOWARD PUROS THROUGH ISOLATED VALLEYS AND DRY RIVERBEDS. THE TERRAIN REMAINS RUGGED, WITH SHIFTING SURFACES AND CONSTANT CHANGES IN SCENERY. WE ARRIVE AT OMENJE CAMP, BEAUTIFULLY SITUATED ON THE BANKS OF THE HOARUSIB RIVER. HERE WE SET UP CAMP BESIDE THE RIVER, SURROUNDED BY DRAMATIC DESERT LANDSCAPES THAT DEFINE NAMIBIA'S NORTHWEST.

PUROS TO ONGONGO WATERFALLS (CAMPING)



FROM PUROS WE ENTER THE MIGHTY HOANIB RIVER SYSTEM, NAVIGATING SANDY RIVER CORRIDORS SHAPED BY SEASONAL WATER FLOW. THE ENVIRONMENT IS VAST AND DRAMATIC, CHARACTERIZED BY TOWERING ROCK FORMATIONS AND WIDE DESERT PLAINS. BY AFTERNOON WE REACH ONGONGO WATERFALLS, A HIDDEN OASIS NESTLED BETWEEN ROCKY CLIFFS. NATURAL POOLS OFFER A REFRESHING BREAK FROM THE DESERT HEAT. WE CAMP HERE AND ENJOY THE UNIQUE COMBINATION OF WATER AND WILDERNESS.



ONGONGO TO DESOLATION VALLEY (CAMPING)



WE PASS PALMWAG FOR OUR FIRST MAJOR FUEL STOP BEFORE VISITING THE DAMARA LIVING MUSEUM, WHERE WE GAIN INSIGHT INTO TRADITIONAL DAMARA CULTURE AND HERITAGE. FROM THERE WE FOLLOW THE ABA HUAB INTO THE HUAB RIVER SYSTEM, EXPLORING THIS WILD REGION BEFORE REACHING THE STRIKING DESOLATION VALLEY. TONIGHT WE WILD CAMP IN THIS VAST AND OPEN LANDSCAPE, WHERE SILENCE AND SPACE DOMINATE.

DESOLATION VALLEY TO BRANDBERG (CAMPING)



LEAVING OUR WILD CAMP, WE TRAVEL THROUGH THE UGAB RIVER SYSTEM TOWARD THE TOWERING BRANDBERG MASSIF. NAMIBIA'S HIGHEST MOUNTAIN RISES DRAMATICALLY FROM THE SURROUNDING PLAINS. WE FOLLOW SECTIONS OF THE RIVERBED BEFORE ARRIVING AT WHITE LADY LODGE AT THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN. HERE WE CAMP AND ENJOY THE OPPORTUNITY TO RELAX BY THE POOL. THE LATE AFTERNOON LIGHT ON THE GRANITE DOME PROVIDES A STUNNING BACKDROP FOR THE EVENING.



BRANDBERG TO SPITZKOPPE (CAMPING)

TODAY WE HEAD SOUTH TOWARD THE ICONIC SPITZKOPPE. THE GRANITE PEAKS RISE SHARPLY FROM THE FLAT DESERT FLOOR, CREATING ONE OF NAMIBIA'S MOST SPECTACULAR LANDSCAPES. WE SET UP CAMP AMONG THE ROCK FORMATIONS AND SPEND OUR FINAL NIGHT IN THE WILDERNESS BENEATH THESE TOWERING NATURAL MONUMENTS. SUNSET AND SUNRISE HERE ARE TRULY MEMORABLE.





SPITZKOPPE TO WINDHOEK (ROOMS)

FROM SPITZKOPPE, WE BEGIN OUR JOURNEY TOWARD WINDHOEK. PASSING FARMLANDS AND SMALL TOWNS BEFORE ARRIVING IN WINDHOEK. UPON ARRIVAL, YOU WILL ONCE AGAIN CHECK IN AT THE SAME ACCOMMODATION AS BEFORE. IN THE EVENING, WE GATHER FOR A SPECIAL FAREWELL DINNER, REFLECTING ON THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ADVENTURE, SHARING STORIES, AND CELEBRATING THE MEMORIES MADE ALONG THE WAY. IT'S A RELAXED AND HEARTFELT END TO AN UNFORGETTABLE NAMIBIAN EXPERIENCE.

ON THE LAST MORNING, DEPENDING ON FLIGHT SCHEDULES, THE MORNING OFFERS THE OPTION OF A GUIDED WINDHOEK CITY TOUR. AFTERWARDS, WE TRANSFER TO HOSEA KUTAKO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR DEPARTURE. AS THE EXPEDITION CONCLUDES, YOU LEAVE WITH MEMORIES OF RIVER VALLEYS, MOUNTAIN PASSES, WILD CAMPS, CULTURAL ENCOUNTERS, AND ONE OF THE MOST CHALLENGING AND REWARDING 4X4 ROUTES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.



OPTIONAL ROUTE ADJUSTMENT

FOR GUESTS WHO PREFER A SLIGHTLY SHORTER ITINERARY, IT IS POSSIBLE TO LEAVE OUT THE SPITZKOPPE OVERNIGHT. IN THIS CASE, WE TRAVEL DIRECTLY FROM BRANDBERG BACK TO WINDHOEK, REDUCING THE OVERALL DURATION OF THE EXPEDITION WHILE STILL EXPERIENCING THE CORE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NORTHWEST ADVENTURE.



VEHICLES

THIS EXPEDITION IS CONDUCTED EITHER IN OUR OWN FULLY EQUIPPED LAND ROVER DEFENDERS (MANUAL), SPECIALLY PREPARED FOR REMOTE 4X4 TRAVEL, OR IN RENTAL VEHICLES SUPPLIED BY AFRICA ON WHEELS (HIGHER INSURANCE POLICY). BOTH OPTIONS ARE FULLY KITTED FOR EXPEDITION USE AND SUITED TO THE DEMANDING TERRAIN OF VAN ZYLS PASS AND THE REMOTE RIVER SYSTEMS OF NORTHERN NAMIBIA.



FINAL OVERVIEW

INCLUDES

2 GUIDES WITH 1 VEHICLE
FOOD & BASIC BEVERAGES - CAMPING
WINDHOEK & ETAAMBURA ROOMS
CAMPING FEES
FUEL FOR RENTAL VEHICLES
LIABILITY INSURENCE
FUEL FOR GUIDE VEHICLE
CONSESSION FEES
CAMPING & VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

EXCLUDES

DRINKS AT LODGES & WINDHOEK
DINNER FIRST AND LAST NIGHT
TOUR LEADER GUIDE RATE

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