

**Highlights** – Brandberg Mountain and ancient rock paintings; EHRA for elephant tracking and local community work in Damaraland; Etosha National Park and game drives

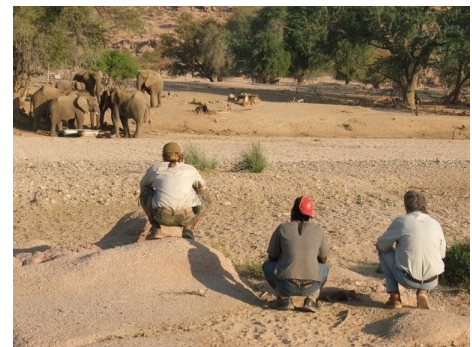
**1 Nov Brandberg White Lady Lodge, Southern Damaraland – 1night twin share accommodation**

Today's journey sees us heading north along the Skeleton Coast past the gravel plains and desert opening up one side and the ocean crashing down onto the shore on the other. From here turn inland to Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain and our base is at this simple lodge, located under the shadow of the mountain. Later this afternoon, we will take a local guide to explore the region and visit the famous "White Lady Painting" an ancient Bushmen work. Lunch is at your own expense and dinner is in the lodge. Twin share accommodation (BD)

**Brandberg:** At 2,574m, the imposing Brandberg massif is the highest point in Namibia, its peak is Konigstein and for the adventurous travellers, hikes to the top are arranged during the Winter months – it's a challenging climb and not for the faint-hearted! However, the region is stunning, rich in minerals such as amethyst and quartz; desert elephants roam the dry riverbeds and valleys. Endemic trees such as the *Acacia montis-usti* survive through the mountain valleys, and the desert plant *Welwitschia Mirabilis* can be seen at the Messum Crater south west of the Brandberg. For visitors, a trip to visit the famous "White Lady" painting, one of many rock paintings that are believed to date back between 2-4000 years and a local Daureb Mountain Guide will assist you to the site – a walk that takes you through river beds, over rocks and through gravel sands with great views along the way

**2&3 Nov EHRA – Elephant & Human Relations Project – 2nights camping**

From the shadow of Brandberg it's a relatively short drive through to our destination for the next two nights which we spend with the Elephant and Human Relations Project team. We will join the camp for the first day, learn about the project, perhaps meet with some of the local community and the balance between conservation and community work, and hear about tales from the guides around the camp fire. The following day we drive out into the dramatic Damara landscapes searching for deser elephants in the region. Tonight may be spent bush camping close to a dry river bed – this is all about adventure and discovery (or back at base). Meals will be prepared and served by the guides (BLD/BLD)



**4&5 Nov Etosha Safari Lodge, nr Etosha National Park - 2nights dinner, bed and breakfast**

We leave Grootberg after breakfast - our destination today is just outside of Etosha National Park and this afternoon we will enter via Anderssons Gate for our first game drive departing the park just before sunset. The following day we will re-enter the park and enjoy a full day game driving, stopping at various waterholes along the way and seeing what wonderful game sightings we can find. Etosha is recognised as one of the best game parks in Southern Africa for the large numbers and various species of game, endemic



species, as well as interesting geology. Overnight in twin bedded standard rooms with en-suite facilities; lunch is at your own expense and dinner in the restaurant (BD)

*Etosha National Park:* With translations such as “Great, White Place”, “Place of Mirages” and “Land of Dry Water”, it’s no wonder Etosha has a certain mystery around it. The Etosha Pan, a vast shallow depression of around 110km from east to west and 60km from south to north is likely to be the remains of a large inland lake that flowed from the Angolan highlands. However, continental uplift changed the slope of the land and direction towards the Atlantic. Slowly, the lake dried – if the lake existed today, it would be the third largest in the world. Etosha is the largest of the pans, 4 760 km in extent, or about half the size of Lebanon. It is nowadays filled with water only when sufficient rain falls to the north in Angola to induce floods to flow southward along the Cuvelai drainage system. Etosha is open throughout the year and is accessible with the tarred roads via the Andersson Gate in the central southern section and the Von Lindequist Gate in the east. The roads are accessible in a 2x4 vehicle though care needs to be exercised after heavy rains. As a game reserve, it excels particularly during the dry season when huge amounts of animals congregate at the waterholes, as a visitor, watching the sun set as hundreds of animals come to quench their thirst, dust kicked up from hooves and bellows of animals across the veldt ring out, makes it a wonderful experience. There are over 115 mammals in the park including endangered species such as cheetah and black rhino, as well as elephant, lion, leopard, hyena, giraffe and a whole host of plains game. In conjunction there’s 340 species of recorded bird species including uncommon members of hawk and vulture.



## **6 Nov Windhoek**

We return to Windhoek where you are dropped at your accommodation which can be arranged for you at an extra cost or the international airport, please do not book any flight prior to late afternoon to ensure you make your flight on time. Transfers can be arranged for you at your own expense. (B)

**Price per person to Chameleon based on 8 people/ twin sharing  
N\$7,195**

**Price per person to Chameleon based on 10 people/ twin sharing  
N\$6,250  
Single supplement will apply**

**Price includes** – transport in a 2x4 safari vehicle services of an English speaking guide or driver; camping, accommodation and entry fees to national parks and places of interest as stated in itinerary; meals as stated in itinerary; activities as stated; fuel

**Price excludes:** personal travel insurance; commercial flights; drinks including mineral water; tips or gratuities; laundry; items of a personal nature; curios; telephone calls; medication; departure taxes and visa fees (if applicable); optional activities; additional meals (lunches) not listed in itinerary; airport transfers; pre/post safari accommodation

**Insurance:** It is essential that you purchase comprehensive personal travel insurance before you embark on your holiday, medical insurance is insufficient. Travel insurance is for your own protection and should include evacuation; we also recommend full cover for baggage loss etc and consider it to be an essential part of modern international travel

**Health:** Namibia is a low risk malarial destination but we recommend that seek professional medical advice to enable you to make decisions on personal malaria protection. Note that Etosha is considered a malaria region (low risk) particularly during rainy season. No vaccinations are required by law for the countries being visited on this tour.

All tap water in Namibia has been purified or comes directly from boreholes and is safe to drink. Tap drinking water is generally safe to drink but bottled mineral water is easily available at shops and rest camps should you prefer to drink this, at lodges it is provided

This trip involves some degree of walking and temperatures in November can be hot, clients need to be quite fit to enjoy these excursions

Visas: The onus is on the client to organize all visas required for clients prior to departure. Please ensure that your passport is valid for at least six months after your scheduled departure date country of travel. If this is not the case, there is a danger of being turned away by the Immigration Service on arrival at the airport – assuming your airline has agreed to bring you and risk a fine in the first place. The Company cannot be held liable for any necessary visas or other travel documents not held by the clients. Please also note that if your passport requires a visa for the countries you visit and multiple entry if necessary, you will need to carry your passport with you during the trip

Namibia and surrounding countries are huge and to experience a comprehensive land safari, some long travelling days are unavoidable. We have designed this itinerary with the aim to keep the travelling time, each day, to a minimum. On some days however, clients must be prepared to travel long distances

Electrics: Electrical plugs are 220 V and are 3 pin (round pin as opposed to square pin). Adaptors can be purchased in Windhoek/Swakopmund or South Africa prior to travelling (most international airports will have South African adaptors), we recommend carrying spare batteries to be on the safe side. Some locations will have wifi access but this is not guaranteed throughout the trip and those with this facility may charge for it.

Money: The Namibian dollar is tied permanently against the South African rand on a 1/1 basis so you are able to check the current exchange rate against your local currency. Both Namibian dollars and South African rand are legal currencies in Namibia. Generally, credit card facilities are accepted in the lodges and ATM's are available in towns, however, we recommend you carry some cash with you in case a machine is out of order. Travellers cheques can only be exchanged in major towns and it is often a time consuming and costly process so we do not recommend carrying them with you. It is customary to tip in Namibia, usually, around 10% at restaurants. Your guide can be tipped at your own discretion

Dietary: We can assist with various dietary requirements but we appreciate your details when you book with us (or with your agent). Please be aware that the choice and options may not be as great as your home country

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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