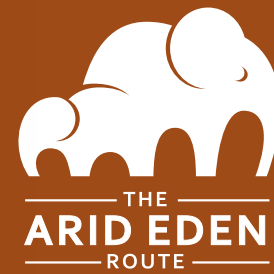


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Unexpected.
Unexplored.*





OFFERING AN UNEXPECTED, OTHER-WORLDLY EXPERIENCE BOTH IN ITS LANDSCAPE AND THE REWARDS IT BRINGS TO TRAVELLERS, THE ARID EDEN ROUTE STRETCHES FROM SWAKOPMUND IN THE SOUTH TO THE ANGOLAN BORDER IN THE NORTH. THE ROUTE INCLUDES THE PREVIOUSLY RESTRICTED WESTERN AREA OF ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK, ONE OF NAMIBIA'S MOST IMPORTANT TOURIST DESTINATIONS WITH ALMOST ALL VISITORS TO THE COUNTRY INCLUDING THE PARK IN THEIR TRAVEL PLANS.

The Arid Eden Route also includes well-known tourist attractions such as Spitzkoppe, Brandberg, Twyfelfontein and Epupa Falls. Travellers can experience the majesty of free-roaming animals, extreme landscapes, rich cultural heritage and breathtaking geological formations. As one of the last remaining wildernesses, the Arid Eden Route is remote yet accessible.

DID YOU KNOW?

"Epupa" is a Herero word for "foam", in reference to the foam created by the falling water.

In the Himba culture a sign of wealth is not the beauty or quality of a tombstone, but rather the cattle you had owned during your lifetime, represented by the horns on your grave.

The desert-adapted elephants of the Kunene region rely on as little as nine species of plants for their survival while in Etosha they utilise over 80 species.

At 2574m, Königstein is Namibia's highest peak and is situated in the Brandberg Mountains.

The Brandberg is home to over 1,000 San paintings, including the famous White Lady which dates back 2,000 years. The White Lady was first believed to be Isis from the artworks of Ancient Egypt. It is in fact not a lady but rather a medicine man or shaman of great importance.

Galton Gate in the west of Etosha National Park is named after the British explorer Sir Francis Galton (a cousin of Charles Darwin) who travelled extensively through central and northern Namibia from 1850 to 1852.

There are four theories about the famous "Fairy Circles" in the Marienfluss. Ask your local tour guide to tell you more.

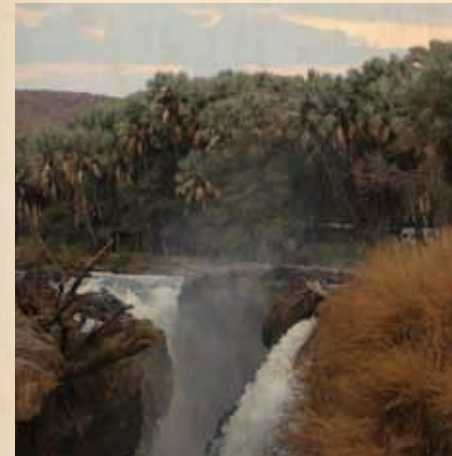
The Dorsland Trek is the collective name of a series of northwards explorations undertaken by Boer settlers from South Africa towards the end of the 19th century.

Elephants communicate via infrasound - sound below our threshold of hearing.

The Welwitschia (Welwitschia mirabilis) is a gymnosperm relict plant endemic to the Namib Desert. Some individual plants are estimated to have lived for over a millennium.

The Kunene is Namibia's most rapidly flowing river and its ancient course is thought to have been connected to the present day Okavango and Zambezi Rivers. It also hosts over 80 different fish species.

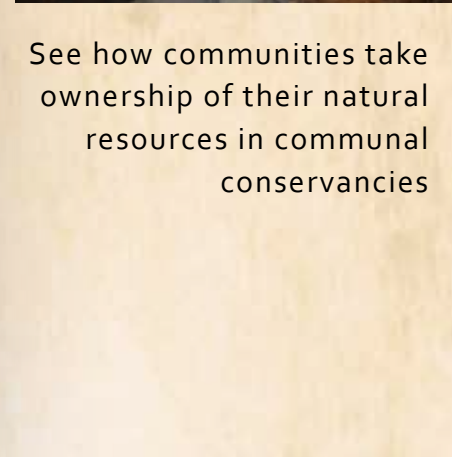
TOP 5 REASONS TO VISIT...



Visit ancient riverbeds, craters and a petrified forest on your way to an oasis in the desert – the Epupa Waterfall



Visit one of the largest concentrations of petroglyphs (rock art) in Africa at the Twyfelfontein World Heritage Site



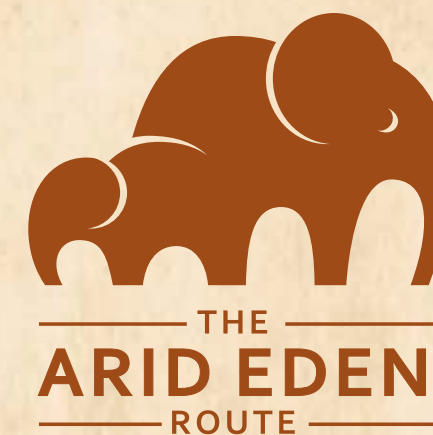
See how communities take ownership of their natural resources in communal conservancies



See desert adapted wildlife such as elephant, rhino and lion in its natural environment

Learn more about Namibia's traditional cultures such as Himba and Damara





WINDHOEK TO GALTON EXPERIENCE



TOTAL DISTANCE: 520 km SUGGESTED TIME PERIOD: 1.5 - 2 days

WELWITCHIA EXPERIENCE



TOTAL DISTANCE: 860 km (including detours) SUGGESTED TIME PERIOD: 4 - 6 days

HIMBA CULTURAL EXPERIENCE



TOTAL DISTANCE: 443 km SUGGESTED TIME PERIOD: 3 - 5 days

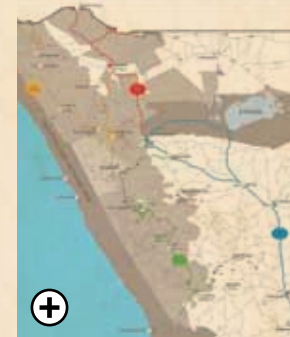
NORTH WEST TRAIL



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This national road sweeps through well settled farming country. The landscape includes savannah thornveld with numerous game farms and early German settler towns with well-developed infrastructure. Novelties en-route include German delicatessens, coffee shops and locally run butcheries that source delicious game and beef from surrounding farms. The excellent highway offers glimpses of families of warthogs foraging on the road verge and quick views of kudu, giraffe and other game as you pass by. The route is a gateway to the desert attractions of this arid eden. Towering mountain peaks, vast vistas, desert adapted wildlife, rock art, unusual geological features and a spread of rich local cultures await the adventurous traveller. The route also gives alternate access to the much less visited, western part of Etosha National Park via the Galton Gate.

1 ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK - GALTON GATE

Arguably Namibia's most famous natural attraction, Etosha National Park's Galton Gate allows visitors access to the previously restricted western area of the park. The Galton Gate will open up an area of Etosha National Park to travellers that is quite different to the rest of the park, both in its vegetation and wildlife. The new route links Galton with Okaukuejo along a 190km stretch of road. The route traverses three distinct ecological landscape with high concentrations of game around the Renostervlei and Ozonjuitji-M'Bari waterholes – especially in the dry winter months (May – November). The western area of the park is the only area Hartman's Mountain Zebra and Burchell's Planes Zebra co-exist.

2 CHEETAH CONSERVATION FUND

Founded in 1990, the Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF)'s maintains a centre of excellence in the conservation of cheetahs and their ecosystems. CCF works with all stakeholders to develop best practices in research, education, and land use to benefit all species, including people. The Education Centre provides students and visitors the opportunity to learn more about the behaviour and biology of the cheetah and the Namibian ecosystem that supports Africa's most endangered cat species. The visitor centre includes a large meeting room, a small cafe and gift shop.

3 OKAHANDJA CRAFT MARKET

On your way into Okahandja, turn right towards the Shell fuel station and visit one of the largest open air craft markets in Namibia. With artefacts and entrepreneurs making their way from all corners of the country and neighbouring states to showcase their products.

ALPEC BUSH CAMP*Map reference: C3*

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Alpec is ideally situated as a stopover on your way to Etosha. Facilities available include a permanent tented camp, chalet, camping, boma, bar, and meals on request. The rest camp also offers activities like game drives, bird watching, hiking and swimming

KAMANJAB REST CAMP*Map Reference: C3*

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Kamanjab Rest Camp offers comfortable en suite bungalows with showers and toilets. The comfortable campsites are well tended too and offer BBQ facilities, water, benches with tables, clean ablution facilities with cold and hot water, electricity and each site is private from each other under shady Mopani trees.

OASE GARNI GUEST HOUSE*Map reference: C3*

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An ideal stopover on your way to Etosha, Oase Garni Guest offers 20 en-suite rooms, a restaurant and beer garden. You can also visit a Himba village on their family farm.

PORCUPINE REST CAMP*Map Reference: C3*

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Porcupine offers six Individual campsites under large Mopane trees. Each campsite has barbeque facilities and there are ablution facilities with hot water. They also serve meals at the restaurant and have a small shop with basic supplies.

DOLOMITE CAMP*Map reference: C3*

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(central reservations)

+264(0)65 685 115 (camp)

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Dolomite Camp offers accommodation in 17 bush chalets, each sleeping two. There are three deluxe chalets with their own swimming pool. The camp is set on top of a dolomite outcrop with amazing views over the plains.

OTJIKANDERO HIMBA PROJECT AND VILLAGE*Map Reference: C3*

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*Himba cultural tours offered, School, Orphan**program, three guides, guided tour, meet up**with guide.***NAMIBIA TOURS & GUIDE SERVICES***Map reference: D4*

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A tour guide service offering tours into townships, geological sites and flora & fauna in the Outjo area.

OPPI KOPPI REST CAMP & CHALETS*Map Reference: C3*

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MOBILE: +264 (0)81 453 0958

E-MAIL: info@oppi-koppi-kamanjab.com

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Oppi Koppi offers accommodation in en-suite rooms or chalets and the restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Wi-Fi is freely available and guests relax by the swimming pool. An array of activities are on offer, including Himba cultural tours, donkey tours and rock engravings. Oppi Koppi is strategically located within Kamanjab and easy access to Etosha National Park. There is also five camping sites available.

ONJOWEWE LODGE (HOUSE IN THE ROCKS)*Map reference: C3*

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Situated on our Family Farm - this unusual house was as a set for the movie. The house offers three rooms sleeping five people. There is no electricity and booking is essential. Duncan's Campsite offers 4 individual camp grounds each with it's own hot/cold shower block, braai and clean ablution facilities. The campsite is also in walking distance to the Otjikandero Himba Orphan Village and ideal for the more adventurous.

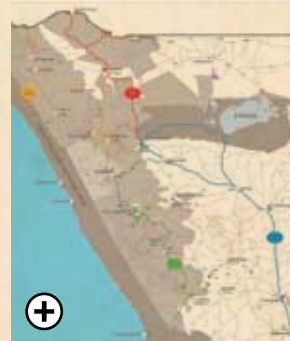




WELWITCHIA EXPERIENCE



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This route links Namibia's premier coastal holiday destination, Swakopmund with the wildlife spectacle of Etosha National Park. The well-maintained gravel road passes by some of the most spectacular landscapes and attractions in Namibia. Dominating the landscape enroute is the towering Sptizkoppe and Erongo mountains. The mineral rich nature of the area is visible when driving into Uis. The town offers basic amenities such as fuel and other supplies, as there are no tar roads and only a handful of small towns in the region it calls for a degree of self-sufficiency. The Brandberg has at least 2 000 recorded rock art sites. The best of these can be visited on a walking tour with welltrained local guides. It is also one of the more accessible locations to view desert elephants attracted to the only greenery found in the dry riverbeds. Twyfelfontein is a prime attraction in the north-west and has a wide range of accommodation from upmarket lodges to community campsites. The World Heritage site is known to have the largest concentration of petroglyphs in Africa. The town of Khorixas is the obvious supply point for independent travellers before heading into the more remote northern parts of this region. The simple beauty of the rocky landscape en-route to Kamanjab allows glimpses of giraffe, springbok, milkbush shrubs, local villages and tribesman herding flocks of damara sheep. Spectacular mountain passes offer endless vistas of the surrounding landscape until reaching the rural town of Kamanjab, just short of the new Galton Gate.

1 GROOTBERG

The Grootberg is a table mountain in the Damaraland region of Kunene, located 1640m above sea level. The mountain is of volcanic origin and forms a south facing open U-shaped plateau above the canyon of the Klip Rivier. Guided walks to the top of the plateau are available to travellers. Guides are available from lodges and have the ability to interpret local flora, the amazing rock formations of the Etendeka Mountains and the wild animals.

2 FRANSFONTEIN VILLAGE

The fountain on the outskirts of town was the reason that this village was started. The water from this fountain irrigates surrounding orchards and supports the local community.

3 PETRIFIED FOREST

In a dry riverbed between Khorixas and Twyfelfontein the Petrified Forest is a large assemblage of fossilized tree trunks. The forest is situated in a dry riverbed where

the wood was washed downstream and deposited 200 000 years ago. In time the logs turned into stone and trunks of up to 42 metres can be distinguished in this forest of fallen trees. The Petrified Forest was proclaimed a national monument in 1950. An attraction within the Petrified Forest is the *Welwitschia mirabilis* that grows among the trunks. This curious plant is endemic to the Namib Desert and is something of a living fossil as it lives for more than 1000 years.

4 DAMARA LIVING MUSEUM

The Living Museum of the Damara was developed and built by Hansbernhard Naobes in cooperation with the Living Culture Foundation Namibia. The Museum offers visitors an opportunity to see how the Damara people lived in Namibia before colonisation. You can experience first-hand how forged metal, made their traditional dress and jewellery and how they retrieved food and medicine from the bush. Great importance is attached to representing the ancient culture as authentically as possible.

5 ABA HUAB RIVER

The Aba Huab River is a sand river in the north west of Namibia that runs between mountain ranges. It rarely has water flowing along its length, just for a brief few days during the rainy season. Desert Elephants can be spotted occasionally along the river bank.

6 TWYFELFONTEIN WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2007, Twyfelfontein or /Ui-//aes has one of the largest concentrations of petroglyphs in Africa. Most of these well-preserved engravings represent a variety of rhinoceros, elephant, ostrich and giraffe, as well as drawings of human and animal footprints in rock shelters. The objects excavated from two sections, date from the Late Stone Age. The site forms a coherent, extensive and high-quality record of ritual practices relating to hunter-gatherer communities in this part of southern Africa over at least 2,000 years, and eloquently illustrates the links between the ritual and economic practices of hunter-gatherers. The main engravings of interest lie along two circular routes, taking around two hours to complete and a visitor centre provides information on the history, people and geology of the area.

7 ORGAN PIPES

The organ pipes are a fascinating geological formation located near Twyfelfontein. Strikingly rich rusty colours are portrayed in long columns resembling those of a church organ, some rising up to five meters high. Thought to be the result of the Gondwanaland breakup, fractures and cracks were formed as the dolomite columns cooled through the process of columnar jointing approximately 120 million years ago.

8 BURNT MOUNTAIN

Just a short walk away, the Burnt Mountain was proclaimed a national monument on 15 September 1956. The reason for the name is evident in the early mornings and late evenings when the rays of the sun seem to set the mountain ablaze. Rich red colours mixed with shades of black and purple are quite strikingly caused by Manganese coated clay molecules. During the day however, the inselberg is just a normal black colour.

9 DOROS CRATER

The Doros Crater is a differentiated igneous intrusion, situated to the northwest of

the Brandberg. It can be regarded as one of the finest and best-exposed examples of a differentiated complex in Southern Africa. All the individual layers, except for the marginal phase, can be recognized from aerial photography, and it is therefore a textbook example of a layered igneous body. The Crater has the same height as the surrounding hills, but it stands out because of the dark colour of its rocks.

10 UGAB DESERT ELEPHANTS

The White Lady Lodge offers daily tours to the infamous Desert Elephants along the Ugab River. Especially during the drier periods of the year, groups of desert elephant rove in the valley of the Ugab River.

11 BRANDBERG WHITE LADY

Home to many significant rock paintings, including the famous "White Lady", the Brandberg is Namibia's highest mountain and on a clear day can be seen from a great distance. Birds such as ostrich, Herero and Mountain Chats and animals like the rock hyrax, baboons, zebra, oryx and springbok can be seen around the Brandberg.

12 ORABESKOPF

Orabeskopf is a 400m (1200-foot) granite face on the southern reaches of the Brandberg Massif. Orabeskopf was first climbed by R. Lichman and R. Blumgart, in December 1974, via a central chimney route. Water is the main logistical issue for climbing Orabeskopf however and travellers should take note of this.

13 ERONGO MOUNTAINS

One of Namibia's more popular tourist draw cards, the volcanic Erongo mountain range is a roughly circular massif that dominates the flat plains west of Omaruru. The mountain range is easily accessible and is home to some of the most well-known cave sites in the country (Phillip's Cave and the Bull's Party). This rare confluence of ecosystems is also home to a vast array of plant, reptile, mammal and bird species, some endemic to Namibia.

14 SPITZKOPPE

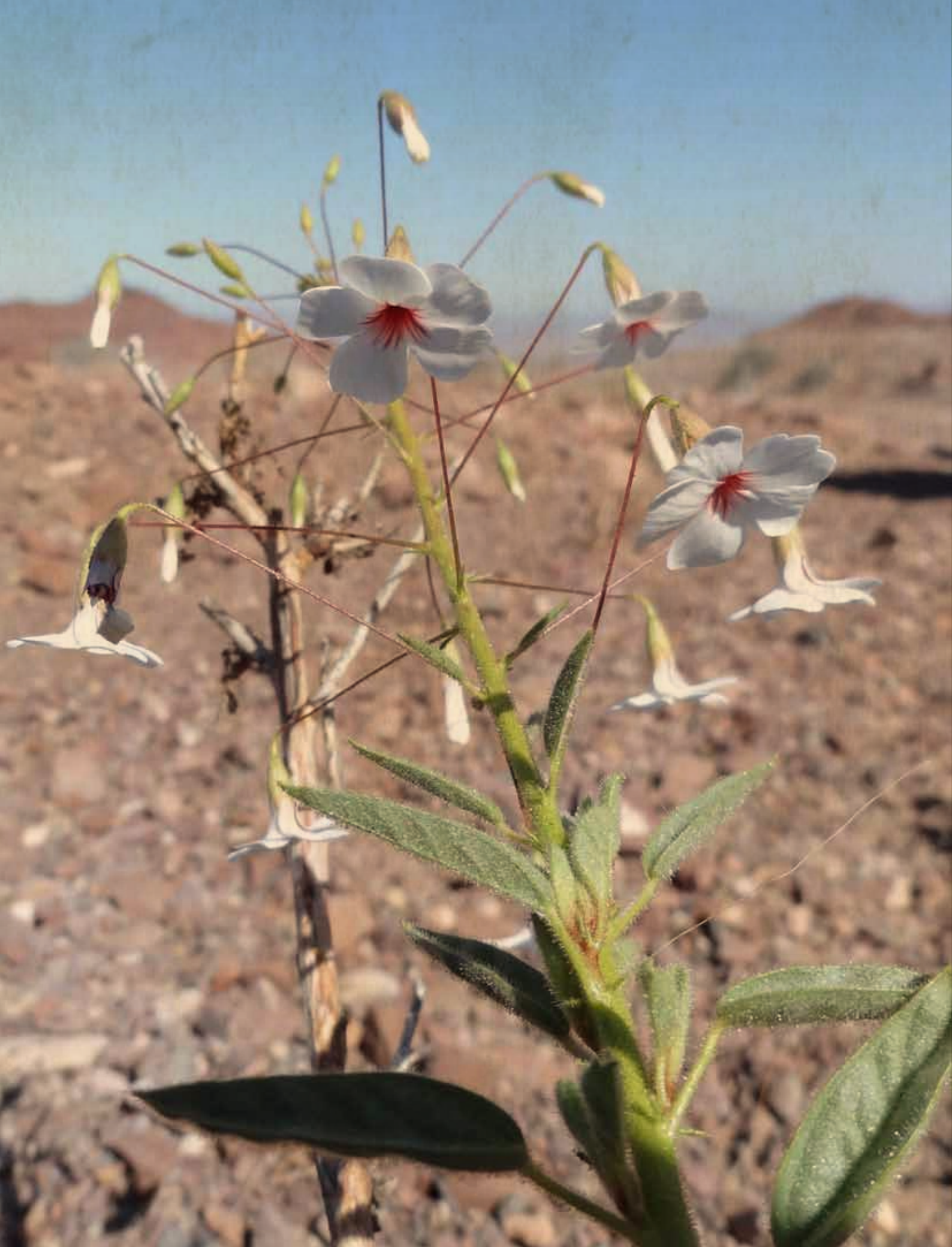
Rising to 1800m above sea level, the famous Spitzkoppe Mountains in the south of the region are one of Namibia's most striking geographic splendours.

15 PHILLIPS CAVE

Phillip's Cave is located within the Erongo Mountains. The most notable rock painting is the 'White Elephant' frieze in Phillip's Cave on the southern edge of the mountain. Situated on the farm Ameib, 30km from Usakos, this cave lies 3km off the road, and is a 45min walk each-way to view the painting, but the scenery along the way makes the ramble worthwhile. Superimposed on the elephant is a large humped-backed antelope – possibly an eland – with frolicking ostrich and giraffe completing the sketch.

16 UIBA-OAS CRYSTAL MARKET

The Uiba-Oas is a community market that gives visitors an opportunity to buy locally mined crystals from small scale miners. A variety of crystals are for sale including Garnet, Black Tourmaline, Quartz and Topaz. The market is positioned on the tar road between the coast and the interior and operates within in a newly built structure that also houses a mineral museum exhibit.

**THE LIVING MUSEUM OF THE DAMARA**

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A unique experience of historic Damara culture. Activities our making of weapons and tools, tanning of leather (production of traditional clothes), jewellery and crafts, dancing, singing and games.

KHORIXAS REST CAMP

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The camp provides everything that the weary traveller needs to recharge his batteries, including a swimming pool, à la Carte restaurant and comfortable chalets. 38 Bungalows, 50 Camping/Caravan sites Swimming pool and Curio Kiosk.

AABADI MOUNTAIN CAMP

Map reference: **C4**

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Accommodation at Aabadi Mountain Camp comprises five safari tents, and a campsite with a maximum of 12 people on the campsite. There is a small restaurant, a sundowner terrace with a spectacular view and a small (souvenir) shop.

AMEIB RANCH

Map reference: **D5**

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10 campsites. With a pool and ablution block (warm showers and flushing toilets). 2 basic cabins in campsite. 3 thatched bungalows that sleep two. 9 guest rooms incl 2 family rooms. Swimming pool, restaurant and bar.

BRANDBERG REST CAMP

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Brandberg Rest Camp (BRC) offers accommodation in en suite rooms with airconditioning, self-catering units and a campsite. With a swimming pool, restaurant, bar and free Wi-Fi facilities, this is the closest you will get to an oasis in the area. They also offer guided tours into the Mesum Crater, Brandberg Mountain and other key attractions in the area. The owner / manager is extremely knowledgeable about the area and conducts all tours himself.

CAMP KIPWE

Map reference: **C4**

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Designed to creatively embrace the granite boulders, the camp embodies its Swahili meaning as it 'blesses' the mind, body and soul. The camp is nestled in the boulders, facing superb scenery.

KLIPPENBERG GUEST HOUSE

Map reference: **D6**

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GPS: Lat: -21,94794 Long: 15,85595

This lodge is situated close to Klippenberg Mountain, hence its name. It has tennis courts, a restaurant/pub and a small golf course.

ERONGO LODGE

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Located in the Erongo Mountains, the lodge consists of a main house and five bungalows. Hunting activities are available from the lodge.

ABA-HUAB CAMPSITE*Map reference: C4*

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There are 26 campsites, each has a braai place and some have electricity. Three ablution blocks each with flushing toilets and warm showers can be found throughout the site. Restaurant and bar on site and tented accomodation availbale upon request.

NAMIB OASIS REST CAMP*Map reference: D6*

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Namib Oasis Rest Camp offers self catering accommodation with clean ablution blocks, water and electricity. There is also a swimming pool, playground, restaurant, pub, BBQ area and curio shop.

PETRAS GUESTHOUSE*Map reference: C5*

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Located at the foot of the Brandberg offers roooms or bungalows and has a pool and easy access to resuramts. The questhouse acts as a base for a hot-air ballooning safari company.

!GOWATI LODGE & CAMPING*Map reference: C4*

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!Gowati Lodge & Camping has 30 en-suite rooms equipped with telephones, fans and coffee/tea making facilities. The restaurant offers and ala-carte menu as well as buffets for large groups.

ERONGO WILDERNESS LODGE & TREE HOUSE*Map reference: D5*

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EMAIL: info@erongowilderness-namibia.com

GPS: Lat: -21,46145 Long: 15,87497

Erongo Wilderness Lodge is situated in the granite outcrops of the Erongo Mountains. They offer ten luxury tented chalets with overhanging thatched roofs, a restaurant and pub and acticvities includes hikes in the surrounding mountains.

GRANIETKOP COMMUNITY CAMPSITE*Map reference: C4*

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GPS: Lat: -20,63552 Long: 14,56815

4 campsites, each with their own braai, each with water, warm shower and flushing toilet.

ERONGO PLATEAU CAMP*Map reference: D5*

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Erongo Plateau Camp is situated in the heart of the majestic Erongo mountain range near Omaruru. The camp ground is small and secluded, has clean showers (hot & cold) and toilets, and you can buy wood at the camp.

UGAB RHINO CAMP*Map reference: B5*

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Ugab Base Camp is situated Ugab River Rhino Camp Namibia along the south bank of the mighty Ugab River, within site of the Brandberg Mountain.

KONIGSTEIN GUEST HOUSE & RESTAURANT*Map reference: C5*

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GPS: Lat: -21,21904 Long: 14,86708

Konigstein Restaurant offers a variety of homemade foods, delicious grills and light snacks and can take up to 40 people inside, and another 40 on the patio. There is a Guesthouse offering air conditioned rooms and camping.

MOWANI MOUNTAIN LODGE & CAMPSITES*Map reference: C4*

TEL: +264 (0)61 232 008

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GPS: Lat: -20,50954 Long: 14,42953

Mowani offers six standard rooms with valley views, standard View rooms with hill top vistas, 1 Luxury room, 2 Luxury suites & 7 Campsites with private ablution facilities.

HOHENSTEIN LODGE*Map reference: D6*

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This lodge is on the south-western edge of the Erongo Mountains at the foot of the Hohenstein Massif, about 25 km north of Usakos and is the closest lodge to the Spitzkoppe mountains.

VINGERKLIP LODGE*Map reference: D4*

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EMAIL: vingerkl@mweb.com.na

GPS: Lat: -20,39417 Long: 15,43075

Located close to the famous Vingerklip, this lodge comprises 11 thatched freestanding double units, all en-suite with private patios overlooking the landscape. Eight units each offer loft accommodation for two children.





BRANDBERG WHITE LADY LODGE, CAMPSITE & RESTAURANT

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GPS: Lat: -21,02204 Long: 14,68263

Offers accommodation in beautiful chalets, tents or campsites. The large tents are fully furnished - double beds, braai and on-suite facilities. Each campsite has its own braai and water tap and ablution blocks with toilet and hot shower are found across the site.

THE WHITE LADY B&B AND CAMPING

Map reference: **C5**

CONTACT: Analene van Dyk

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Named after the famous rock painting at the Brandberg Mpuntain, the White Lady is a lovingly appointed B&B situated in Uis. Offering six en-suite, airconditioned rooms close to the swimming pool and lapa where breakfast is served. Twelve campsites are on offer with a communal ablution facility. Ideally located for travellers en-route to Etosha, the Petrified Forest or "Vingerklip". Additional self catering facilities are available.

HOTEL PENSION BAHNHOF

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EMAIL: websmith@iway.na

GPS: Lat: -22,00066 Long: 15,58707

This hotel offers comfortable single and double rooms with en-suite bathrooms, air conditioned rooms, satellite television, wireless internet, swimming pool, restaurant and secure undercover parking. There is beer garden and coffee shop on site as well.

AI AIBA ROCK PAINTING LODGE

Map reference: **C4**

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EMAIL: okapuka@iafrica.com.na

GPS: Lat: -21,51333 Long: 15,58012

Features 10 thatched chalets offering 20 luxurious twin rooms, as well as a guest lounge, bar and restaurant, swimming pool. Laundry service is available. Guided excursions and hiking trails are available to guests.

DAMARALAND CAMP (WILDERNESS SAFARIS)

Map reference: **B4**

TEL: +264 (0)61 274 500 / +264 (0)67 687 035

MOBILE: +264 (0)81 332 3480

EMAIL: info@wilderness.com.na

GPS: Lat: -20,38970 Long: 14,10589

Damaraland Camp offers spacious adobe-styled, thatched units in the most pristine wilderness area of Namibia.

DORO NAWAS CAMP (WILDERNESS SAFARIS)

Map reference: **C4**

TEL: +264 (0)61 274 500 / +264 (0)67 687 035

MOBILE: +264 (0)81 332 3480

EMAIL: info@wilderness.com.na

GPS: Lat: -20,44935 Long: 14,30250

Enjoy breathtaking scenery and starry skies at this luxury lodge, tucked away in Namibia's harsh but unforgettable Damaraland.

FONTEINE COMMUNITY REST CAMP

Map reference: **B4**

CONTACT: Kennedy

MOBILE: +264 (0)81 315 2681

GPS: Lat: -20,40230 Long: 14,08559

This site is located in the Twyfelfontein area of Damaraland and offers campsites to travellers passing through.

NAMIB OASIS RESTAURANT

Map reference: **D6**
TEL: +264(0)64 530 283
EMAIL: namiboasis.deli@iway.na
GPS: Lat: -21,99886 Long: 15,57617
Namib Oasis provides a rustic and comfortable stop for travellers with great meals and a fresh deli.

MADISA CAMPING

Map reference: **C4**
CONTACT: Dawid Eiseb
MOBILE: +264(0)81 128 7787
EMAIL: sorrisorris.conservancy@gmail.com
GPS: Lat: -20,72929 Long: 14,68580
Featuring 9 campsites, each with its own toilet, warm shower, braai area. Recently constructed under large Mopane trees in a river bed and spectacular granite scenery.

SPITZKOPPE CAMPSITE

Map reference: **D5**
CONTACT: PG du Preez
MOBILE: +264 (0)81 850 2566
EMAIL: pg@spitzkoppe.com
GPS: Lat: -21,83977 Long: 15,20162
With the majestic Namibian "Matterhorn" as a backdrop this site features 31 campsites accommodating an a maximum of eight people per site. Three en-suite rooms are also available. Activities at Spitzkoppe are stargazing, climbing, hiking and/or walking trails, birding and donkey cart rides.

TUALUKA SAFARI LODGE

Map reference: **C4**
CONTACT: Johann & Vera Veldsman
MOBILE: +264 (0)81 128 3105
EMAIL: hunting@shona-adventures.com
GPS: Lat: -19,85590 Long: 14,97999
This privately-owned hunting lodge is situated on the banks of the Huab River and is home to Namibian Desert Elephants. Accommodated consists of 4 luxurious chalets each with en-suite bathrooms and private verandah. Two of the chalets have separate dressing rooms while the other two have a second bedroom making it suitable as family units.

TWYFELFONTEIN COUNTRY LODGE

Map reference: **C4**
TEL: +264 (0)61 374 750 / +264(0)67 697 021
EMAIL: reservations@ncl.com.na
GPS: Lat: -20,57087 Long: 14,36965
This 3-star country lodge is located in a UNESCO World Heritage Site and features 65 rooms, all with en-suite bathrooms. A swimming pool, bar, restaurant and curio shop are also available to guests.

UGAB COMMUNITY CAMP

Map reference: **C5**
CONTACT: Selma & Ernst
MOBILE: +264(0)81 336 3202
GPS: Lat: -21,00090 Long: 14,78161
Ugab Community Camp is located under shady acacia trees close to the Ugab river bed. Each site includes braai facilities, a tap and communal ablution blocks. Cold drinks and firewood are for sale on the premises.

UIS INFORMATION OFFICE / DAUREB CRAFTS

Map reference: **C5**
TEL: +264 (0)64 504 030
GPS: Lat: -21,220127 Long: 14,870418
The Uis Information Centre is aimed at tourists visiting the environs of Uis. Travellers will find all the information they need about the area.

WHITE LADY NATIONAL HERITAGE CENTRE (DAUREB TOUR GUIDES)

Map reference: **C5**
CONTACT: Alfons Uwuseb
TEL: 081 203 0537
GPS: Lat: -21,09360 Long: 14,67668
Guided nature walks to the famous White Lady rock painting through spectacular mountain scenery in the Brandberg Mountains. Centre has shaded parking, ablution facilities, cool thatch lapa and information centre.

CACTUS AND COFFEE SHOP

Map reference: **C5**
TEL: +264 (0)64 504 106
EMAIL: telefax@iway.na
GPS: Lat: -21,217726 Long: 14,866648

GROOTBERG LODGE

Map reference: **B4**
CONTACT: Miryam Nampila
TEL: +264 (0)61 228 104 / +264 (0)67 333 212
MOBILE: +264 (0)81 317 1207
EMAIL: lodge@grootberg.com
GPS: Lat: -19,85090 Long: 14,13346
Grootberg Lodge has 14 chalets, two family chalets and three guides accommodations available. Each chalet is situated on the edge of the plateau, with a beautiful viewing deck.

HOADA COMMUNITY CAMP

Map reference: **C3**
CONTACT: Miryam Nampila
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MOBILE: +264 (0)81 317 1207
EMAIL: reservations@grootberg.com
GPS: Lat: -19,73258 Long: 14,30879
Hoada Community Camp has three campsites each with a fireplace and braai (barbeque) area and their own ablution with warm showers and flushing toilets. There is a communal area with deck, splash pool and bar.

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HUAB LODGE Map reference: **C4**

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EMAIL: info@huab.com (reservations)
jan@huab.com / suzie@huab.com
Huab Lodge offers 8 beautifully decorated stoned bungalows (sleeps 16 guests) in the wilderness. Activities include gamedrives, scenic drives, walking, hiking, birdwatching, rock painting excursions and stargazing. The lodge also offers a variety of spa treatments.

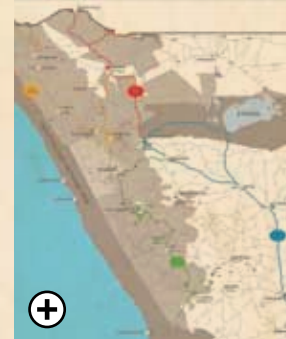




HIMBA CULTURAL EXPERIENCE



TOTAL DISTANCE: 443 km
SUGGESTED TIME PERIOD: 3 - 5 days



This route links oasis settlements and springs through a unique part of the Himba tribal heartland. Palmwag is a cluster of ancient palm trees under which small herds of elephants congregate in the river vegetation. Local tour operators offer walking tours to find the last free ranging black rhinos found within the conservancies. Attractions in the vicinity include the restored German fort dating back to 1896, the promise of a refreshing swim at the spectacular Ongogo waterfall and the Khowarib Schlucht (gorge) that offers shelter from the surrounding desert. The stretch of road between Sesfontein and Puros skirts the sparsely vegetated Namib dune fields that support a range of wildlife such as ostriches, springbok and giraffe. The remote Himba settlement at Puros comes as a surprise in the harsh desert environment. Cool campsites under huge camelthorn trees offer shelter from the blazing sun with the odd desert elephant may stroll by. The famous Hoanib elephant herd can be tracked down by experienced local guides.

Another highlight on the route, albeit insignificant at first sight is rooidrom (red drum), a junction known by adventure travellers far and wide. This quirky landmark is a major intersection in the far north of Kaokoland and those with a sense of humour have added distance markers telling you how far you are from Moscow, London and Cape Town. The Marienfluss valley, dotted with mud covered Himba huts, can either be covered in waving yellow grass or be a wind-sept landscape covered by a red sand. The permanently flowing Kuenen River comes as a refreshing surprise with its clear water and river bank studded with makalani palms.

1 HARTMANN'S VALLEY

Hartmann's Valley is a 70 kilometre valley that is only accessible to seasoned four wheel drivers. In the south, the road starts by crossing a number of steep-sided river valleys. It soon changes to compacted corrugated sand, which shakes your vehicle violently. Finally, this becomes soft before high dunes prevent you reaching the Kunene by vehicle. Despite the harsh conditions, it is very beautiful.

2 THE MARIENFLUSS

The next valley inland from Hartmann's is the Marienfluss, which has more soft sand and is greener than Hartmann's Valley. It is covered with light scrub and the odd tree

marks an underground river. A most noticeable feature of the Marienfluss is its 'fairy circles', although they are also found, to a lesser extent, in Hartmann's Valley. These are circular patches without any vegetation.

3 PUROS

Puros Canyon is located within Puros Conservancy (130 km from Fort Sesfontein). The canyon was formed millions of years ago and today the Hoarusib River runs through the main settlement. Although this river is an ephemeral river (only flows after heavy rains) a large spring emerges and runs through the canyon providing a valuable source of nutrition for the community members, livestock and wildlife.

4 OTJIZE HOLY MOUNTAIN

This is the only site in Namibia where ochre is found. The local Himba women use the ochre as body paint. The ochre is mixed with butter or fat, natural plants and herbs to provide faint scent or perfume. Ochre can be found in the street markets in Opuwo or on a Himba cultural tour.

5 FORT SESFONTEIN

The most well-known landmark in Sesfontein is an old fort built in 1896. Almost a hundred years after it was first built, the historical monument, originally a police outpost, was reconstructed and equipped to accommodate tourists. The palm trees at the fort were planted by the German police officers who manned the fort to combat weapons smuggling and elephant and rhino poaching. Another attraction is the small cemetery. The cemetery only has three graves. One soldier died in a construction accident when the fort was being built, a second belonged to a trader and the third to another soldier who died of illness.

6 ONGONGO WATERFALL

The rock pool is spectacular and is a good place to spend days hiking, walking, bird watching or just swimming and relaxing. At the head of a narrow valley a waterfall, fed by a natural spring, drops into a small gorge of calcrete cliffs.

7 WARMQUELLE

Warmquelle is 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. Attractions in the settlement itself are limited to the ruins of old German irrigation systems and the hot springs.

8 KHOWARIB SCHLUCHT (GORGE)

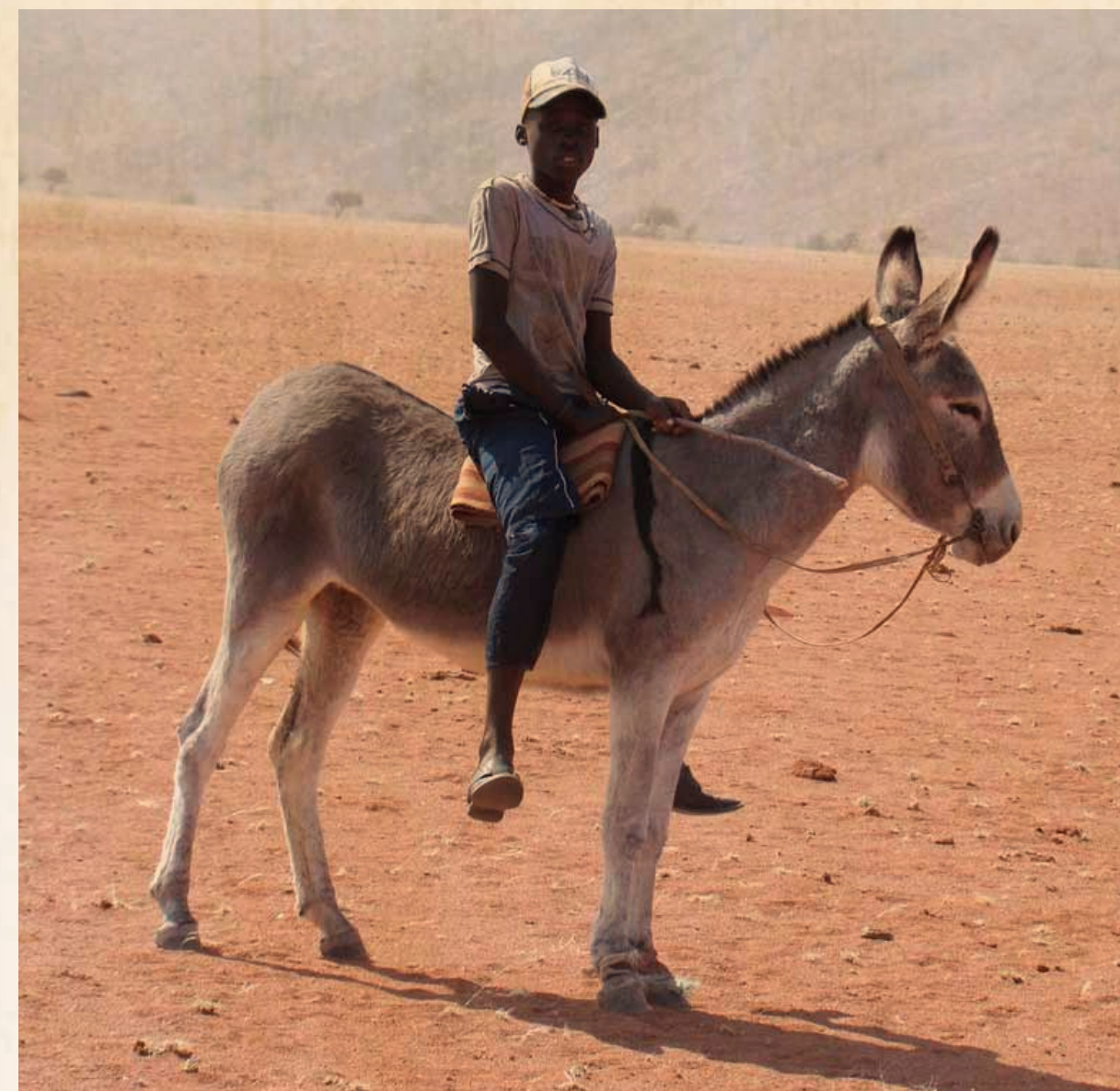
The Khowarib Schlucht is an intriguing geological formation that offers stunning scenery, fauna and an untamed track through the valley. Ploughing through the thick sands of the Hoanib River and traversing wild landscapes, the route is magnificent. The trail begins just east of Khowarib and extends all the way towards the small township of Umumbaadjie.

9 HOANIB DESERT ELEPHANTS

Various camps and lodges in the area offer excursions to track the infamous desert-adapted elephants of the Hoanib River. The desert-dwelling elephants are well adapted to this climate and they walk much longer distances than their eastern relatives and can cope with less free water. Their numbers have increased to above 700 in the past years, due to higher conservation efforts.

10 PALMWAG

Palmwag remains one of the best lodges in Damaraland from which to track desert adapted elephant and black rhino, especially in the dry winter months when elephant frequent the Uniab river bed and lodge waterhole.



ETAAMBURA CAMP*Map reference: A2*

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GPS: Lat: -17,98560619 Long: 12,60181189

Situated on top of the hill with amazing views over the valley Etaambura Camp offers five rooms, each sleeping two people. There is a guest area with lounge, viewing deck and dining room. The lodge is self-catering but staff are on hand to cook all meals for guests with food provided by the guests.

CAMP AUSSICHT LODGE & CAMPSITE*Map reference: B2*

CONTACT: Eden Travels

TEL: +264(0)61 234 342

E-MAIL: eden@africaonline.com.na

GPS: Lat: -18,69418144 Long: 13,74254465

Located on top of a hill overlooking Damaraland to the west, there are four sites with enough space for a car, a tent and braai (barbeque). The lodge offers 5 double/twin rooms with dinner, bed and breakfast. Camp Aussicht is the perfect stopover about 80k from Opuwo.

PUROS COMMUNITY CAMPSITE & BUSH LODGE*Map Reference: A2*

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GPS: Lat: -18,73431 Long: 12,94260

Puros has six campsites each with its own flushing toilet and warm shower. Braai (barbeque) facilities are available. Puros Bush Lodge offers accommodation in self-catering bungalows with hot water. Bedding and towels are provided. There is a communal kitchen and fridge available. Activities offered by local guides include Himba cultural tours or village walks.

FORT SESFONTEIN LODGE*Map reference: B3*

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GPS: Lat: -19,11955833 Long: 13,61903429

Fort Sesfontein Lodge is an oasis in the Namibian wilderness. The exposed position of the Fort between Damaraland and Kaokoveld allows day trips to discover one of the last untouched landscapes. Accommodation is available in 12 double rooms and two family units.

HOUSE ON THE HILL*Map Reference: A2*

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House on the Hill offers self-catering accommodation. Located on top of a small hill in Onjuva village, the accommodation offers 3 units. Each unit is fully self-contained. The first unit offers 2 bedrooms (4 beds) and the other two units offer 1 bedroom (2 beds each). Maximum occupancy is eight beds.

MARBLE COMMUNITY CAMPSITE*Map Reference: A2*

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Marble Community Campsite offers five private and secluded campsites with braai (barbeque) areas, sinks, food preparation area, reception area, deep freeze facilities, separate ablution blocks for male and females, as well as hot and cold showers. For more information guests can contact the IRDNC office, however, no bookings are possible.

CAMP SYNCRO *Map Reference: A1*

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Camp Syncro has three well shaded and spacious campsites with running water, warm showers, flushing toilets and wash up areas. Wood and drinks are available for sale.

OKAHIRONGO ELEPHANT LODGE*Map Reference: A2*

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GPS: Lat: -18,77598 Long: 12,93269

Okahirongo Elephant Lodge offers accommodation in seven double rooms and one presidential suite that sleeps four. Guests can enjoy spectacular views of the Hoarasib River from the guest area and infinity pool.

OKAHIRONGO RIVER CAMP*Map Reference: A1*

CONTACT: Pieter / Pollen

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EMAIL: rivercamp@okahirongo.com

GPS: Lat: -17,213859 Long: 12,425959

Okahirong River Camp offers five double / twin luxury tents and on family unit along the Kunene River. Guests can enjoy the luxury of the lodge whilst relaxing by the pool and looking onto the mountains in the Kunene and Angolan regions.

CAMELTOP MOUNTAIN CAMP*Map Reference: B3*

CONTACT: c/o IRDNC - Jeremy Kaiko

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MOBILE: +264 (0)81 345 4906

GPS: Lat: -19,12889 Long: 13,60425

Cameltop Mountain Camp has six campsites each with water and braai (barbeque) facilities. Each campsite has a flushing toilet and a warm shower. No booking facilities are available.

PALMWAG LODGE & CAMPING*Map Reference: B4*

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EMAIL: pwladmin@iway.na

GPS: Lat: -19,88682 Long: 13,93738

Palmwag Lodge & Camping has 11 luxury tents, 13 thatched bungalows, two family units, five luxury tents and 14 campsites. There are two swimming pools, a bar and a restaurant on the premises. Shaded parking is available.

KHOWARIB LODGE AND SAFARIS*Map Reference: B3*

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Khowarib Lodge is situated on the banks of the Hoanib River in the beautiful Khowarib Schlucht. Accommodation is offered in 12 twin guest tents, two family guest tents, two twin guide tents and eight campsites. There is a bar and swimming pool on the premises.

ETENDEKA MOUNTAIN CAMP*Map Reference: B3*

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EMAIL: info@etendeka-namibia.com

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In the foothills of the Grootberg massif, in stunning scenery set amidst the ancient Etendeka lava flows of northern Damaraland, you will find Etendeka Mountain Camp. Accommodation is offered in ten meru tents with private ablutions, which are connected by pathways to the main dining tent.

OTIJIZE MOUNTAIN RIVER TENTED CAMP

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GPS: Lat:-18,69357 Long: 13,71350
The campsite is located under large Acacia trees and consist three en-suite tents accommodating up to eight people. The larger campsites has more space, but there are not abultion facilities. A large communcal braai area and kitchen is available for use. Good for birding and swimming avaoable in natural pools. No booking facilities are available.

FIG TREE CAMP SITE

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EMAIL: jeremykaiko@yahoo.com
GPS: Lat:-19,12492 Long: 13,61871
Sesfontein Fig Tree Camp is located under shady giant fig trees with four campsites and four tents per each site. All the campsite have their own clean ablution blocks with a flush toilet, hand basin and showers. No booking facilities are available.

KHOWARIB SCHLUCHT COMMUNITY REST CAMP

Map Reference: **B3**
CONTACT: Nelo Kasaona
TEL: 081 710 9596
MOBILE: 081 407 9539 (Josephine)
GPS: Lat:-19,26622 Long: 13,88367
Khowarib Schlucht Community Rest Camp has four well maintained campsites overlooking the Kowarib River. Each campsite has its own bathroom with warm shower and clean flushing toilet.

RED ROCKS CAMPSITE

Map Reference: **B3**
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TEL: +264 (0)65 273 257
MOBILE: +264 (0)81 345 4906
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GPS: Lat:-19,13996 Long: 13,70877
Red Rocks Campsite has six campsites on the Hoanib River. Each site has its own braai (barbeque). They also have two bungalows available. No booking facilities are available.

OKARUHOMBO COMMUNITY REST CAMP

Map Reference: **A1**
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MOBILE: +264 (0)81 345 4906
EMAIL: jeremykaiko@yahoo.com
GPS: Lat:-17,24551 Long: 12,43648
Okaruhombo Community Rest Camp is situated on the Kunene River and has four campsites with warm showers and flushing toilets. Braai (barbeque) areas are available. No booking facilities are available.

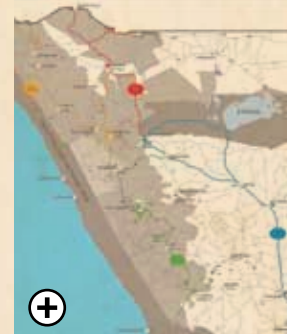




NORTH WEST TRAIL



TOTAL DISTANCE: 581 km (including detours)
SUGGESTED TIME PERIOD: 3 - 5 days



This route links up the western gate of the spectacular Etosha National Park and its teeming wildlife with another Namibian highlight the two major waterfalls on the Kunene River. The route traverses Mopani shrubland while skirting the Etosha Park fence. Opuwo, the main centre in the Himba heartland, is a necessary refuelling and supply stop. The town is of great contrast between modern and ancient tradition. Young people in jeans and t-shirts walk the dusty roads alongside traditionally dressed Himba women covered in ochre and wearing copper bangles and leather adornment.

The good quality gravel road leads the explorer past Himba trudging the remote roads to bring their cattle, goats and donkeys to the nearest water source. The Epupa waterfall is one of the truly unspoilt natural wonders of Africa. The full force of the mighty Kunene River plunges into a narrow gorge, which sends sheets of spray into the blue Namibian sky. The river and its fast flowing water brings life to people and animals, many of which walk vast distances to seek the replenishment, shade and shelter. A section of the road between Swartbooisdrift and Ruacana hugs the Kunene River and offer glimpses of the river through the thick riverine forest. Keen birders hone in on a small section of the river which is home to the endemic Cinderella Waxbill. River front campsites and lodges are tucked away among makalani palms on the riverbank.

1 EPUPA WATERFALL

The Epupa Falls are created by the Kunene River on the border of Angola and Namibia. The river is 0.5 kilometres wide and drops in a series of waterfalls spread over 1.5 kilometres, with the greatest single drop being 37 meters. The name "Epupa" is a Herero word for "foam", in reference to the foam created by the falling water. The falls are a major drawcard for the route and it has a well-developed local tourism industry.

2 SWARTBOOISDRIFT

Swartbooisdrift is a small settlement on the banks of the Kunene River, on the Angolan border. Depending on the season, Swartbooisdrift is populated by 150 - 300 semi-nomadic people of Himba and Herero descent. The settlement is named after Petrus Swartbooi, one of the tribal chief captains of the Swartbooi Nama who raided the area in the 1890s. It has some historic significance as the place where Dorsland Trekkers

crossed the Kunene River in 1881 to move into Angola. In commemoration of this migratory movement the Dorsland Trekkers Monument has been erected on a hill just outside the settlement.

3 DORSLAND TREK MEMORIAL

In Kaokoland, several ruins of temporary settlements are still visible, including a reformed church near Kaoko Otavi. Outside Swartbooisdrift the travellers can visit the Dorsland Trekkers Monument which commemorates the journey.

4 SCENTS OF NAMIBIA: OPUWO PROCESSING FACILITY AND VISITOR CENTRE

This essential oil distillation facility is 100% community-owned and operated which distils *Colophospermum mopane* seeds and *Commiphora wildii* resin – the traditional Himba perfume plant fondly referred to locally as 'Namibian myrrh'. The Visitor's Centre promotes the use of Community Based Natural Resource Management, the tradition of the Himba people and their sustainable harvesting techniques of indigenous natural plant products.



KUNENE RIVER LODGE & CAMPSITE

Map reference: B1

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Kunene River Lodge has spacious air-conditioned deluxe rooms near the secluded swimming pool, A-Frame rustic chalets - each situated on its own beautiful plot and a campsite on the banks of the Kunene River. Activities include birding trips, rafting, river curieses and Himba cultural visits.

ABBA GUESTHOUSE

Map reference: B2

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bookings@abbaguesthouse.com

GPS: Lat: -18,05418 Long: 13,84359

Abba Guesthouse is centrally located within Opuwo and offers four budget rooms, six standard rooms and five luxury rooms. Abba Guesthouse was established to finance a soup kitchen, primary school and numerous kindergartens in and around Opuwo.

OMARUNGA LODGE, CAMPSITE, BAR & RESTAURANT

Map reference: B1

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Omarunga Lodge has 13 luxury, en-suite chalets and one luxury family chalet in the shade of a Makalani Palm forest. They also have nine camping sites with ablution blocks (hot water) next to the river. There is an excellent restaurant and bar located in a lapa on the river bank.

AAMENY REST CAMP

Map reference: B2

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Aameny Rest Camp offers camping facilities with ablution blocks, warm showers and flushing toilets. They also have eight rondawels - each sleeping two guests.

OPUWO COUNTRY LODGE

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Opuwo Country Lodge is situated on a hilltop with spectacular views and sunsets. The hotel is also within easy reach of Kaoko Otavi, Epupa Falls & Swartboois Drift. Activities include Himba excursions.

KAOKOLAND RESTAURANT

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Kaokoland is the most popular restaurant in town for locals and visitors alike. Visitors can experience a mix of culture whilst enjoying a good and affordable meal. Wi-fi is available.

EPUPA FALLS GUEST HOUSE CAMPSITE

Map reference: B2

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Epupa Falls Guest House Campsite consists of five luxury rooms with a private bathroom and shower. Camping facilities are also available.

KAPIKA WATERFALL LODGE

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Kapika Waterfall Lodge offers 10 spacious chalets with an en-suite shower and toilet. The chalets have a beautiful terrace overlooking the Kunene River. The lodge offers Bed and Breakfast with dinner and drinks available in the dining area. Activities include Himba Village tours and nature walks.

EPUPA FALLS LODGE & CAMPSITE

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Epupa Falls Lodge has five thatched bungalows on the river bank overlooking the Epupa Falls. Each bungalow sleeps two guests. There are also spacious campsites under shaded palm trees.

OMUNGUNDA CAMPSITE

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Omugunda campsite offers an authentic village camping experience. Around 40km north of Opuwo on the Epupa road, this camp offers a welcome break to the four hour drive to Epupa Falls. Enjoy bird watching, guided walks, exploring characteristic rock formations and breathtaking scenery. There are plenty of trees for shaded campsites and traditional dancing activities can be arranged. (Directions: 37km north of Opuwo look for the sign post to the camp. Turn right and follow the road for about 400m until you reach the camp.)

DOLOMITE CAMP

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Dolomite Camp offers accommodation in 17 bush chalets, each sleeping two. There are three deluxe chalets with their own swimming pool. The camp is set on top of a dolomite outcrop with amazing views over the plains.

EPUPA CAMP

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Epupa Camp's accommodation consists of nine luxury safari-style tents erected on stone platforms, each with two single beds and en-suite bathroom. All tents have electricity and mosquito netting and an outside, shaded balcony overlooking the Kunene River.

UNITING GUEST HOUSE

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Uniting Guest House offers simple accommodation next to the church. The family room provides en-suite ablution facilities; the other four rooms share communal ablution facility. Breakfast is provided for guests in the dining room.

EPUPA FALLS LOCAL CRAFT MARKET

Map reference: **B1**
A local craft market offering good quality Himba souvenirs. It is on the way towards the Falls lookout path.

OPUWO MOUNTAIN CAMP

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Opuwo Mountain Camp has seven campsites for vehicles with roof top tents and an additional 30 sites for ground tents. There are ablution facilities with warm showers. Each campsite has a table, bin, water, electricity and braai area.

VAN ZYL'S CAMPSITE

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Van Zyl's Campsite is conveniently located at the top of Van Zyl's Pass. The accommodation comprises of two campsites, each with toilets, hot water showers, and washing up areas. The perfect stop for a traveller wishing to brave the Van Zyl's Pass.

RIKONDJERA B&B

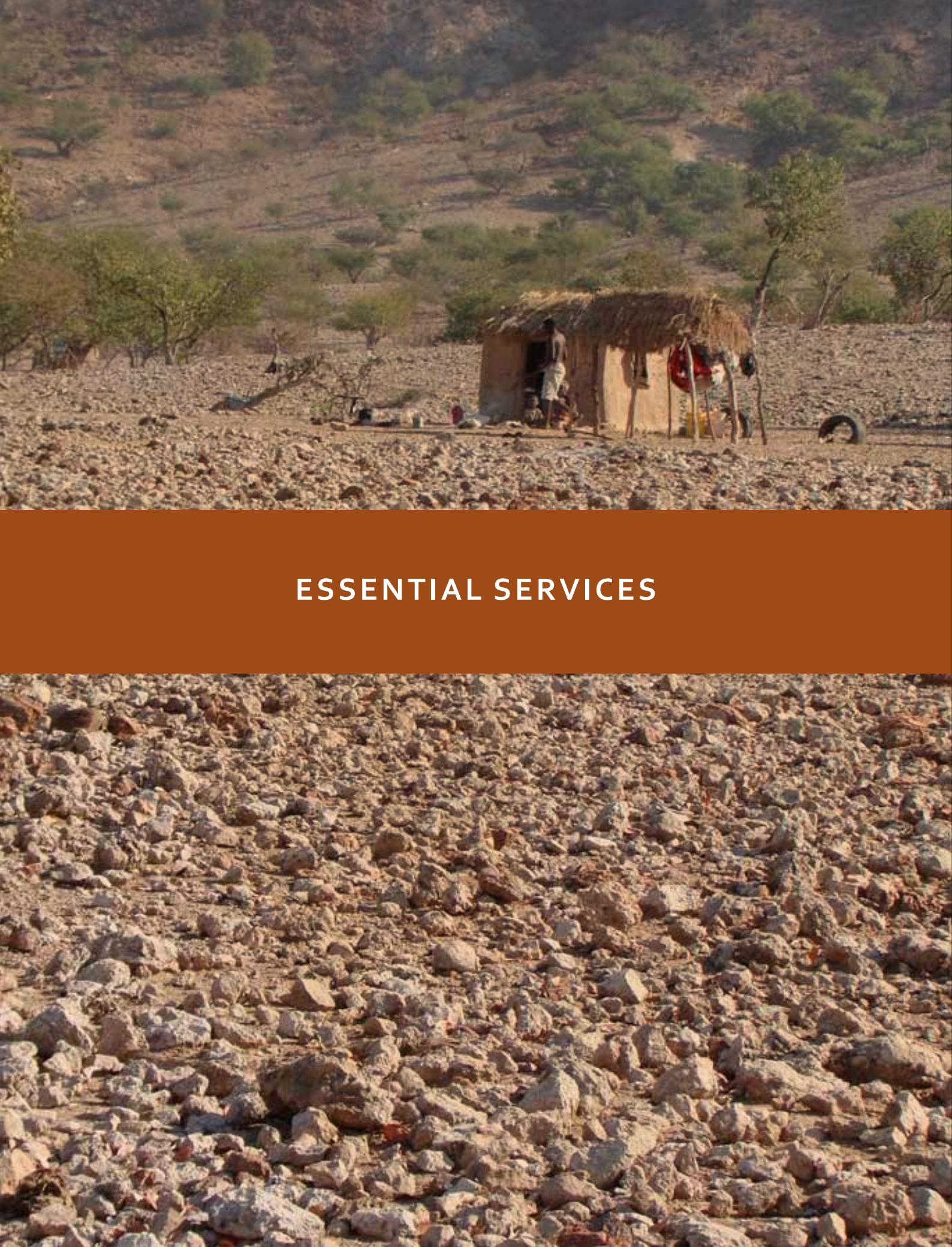
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Rikondjera B&B offers accommodation in four bedrooms in an old government house, which is now privately owned. Bathrooms are shared. A scrumptious breakfast is served in the dining room.

OHAKANE LODGE

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Ohakane Lodge is centrally located within Opuwo with easy walking distances to the local amenities and attractions. The Lodge offers accommodation in 13 luxury, en-suite, air-conditioned rooms. The thatched main building houses the restaurant, bar and lounge, with a small swimming pool set invitingly only a few feet away.

SCENTS OF NAMIBIA

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Scents of Namibia promotes sustainable harvesting techniques of indigenous natural plant products in the northwest. Every weekday, a tour will be scheduled at 14h30 for visitors to come and experience the "Scents of Namibia". The duration of the tour will be approximately 1 hour.



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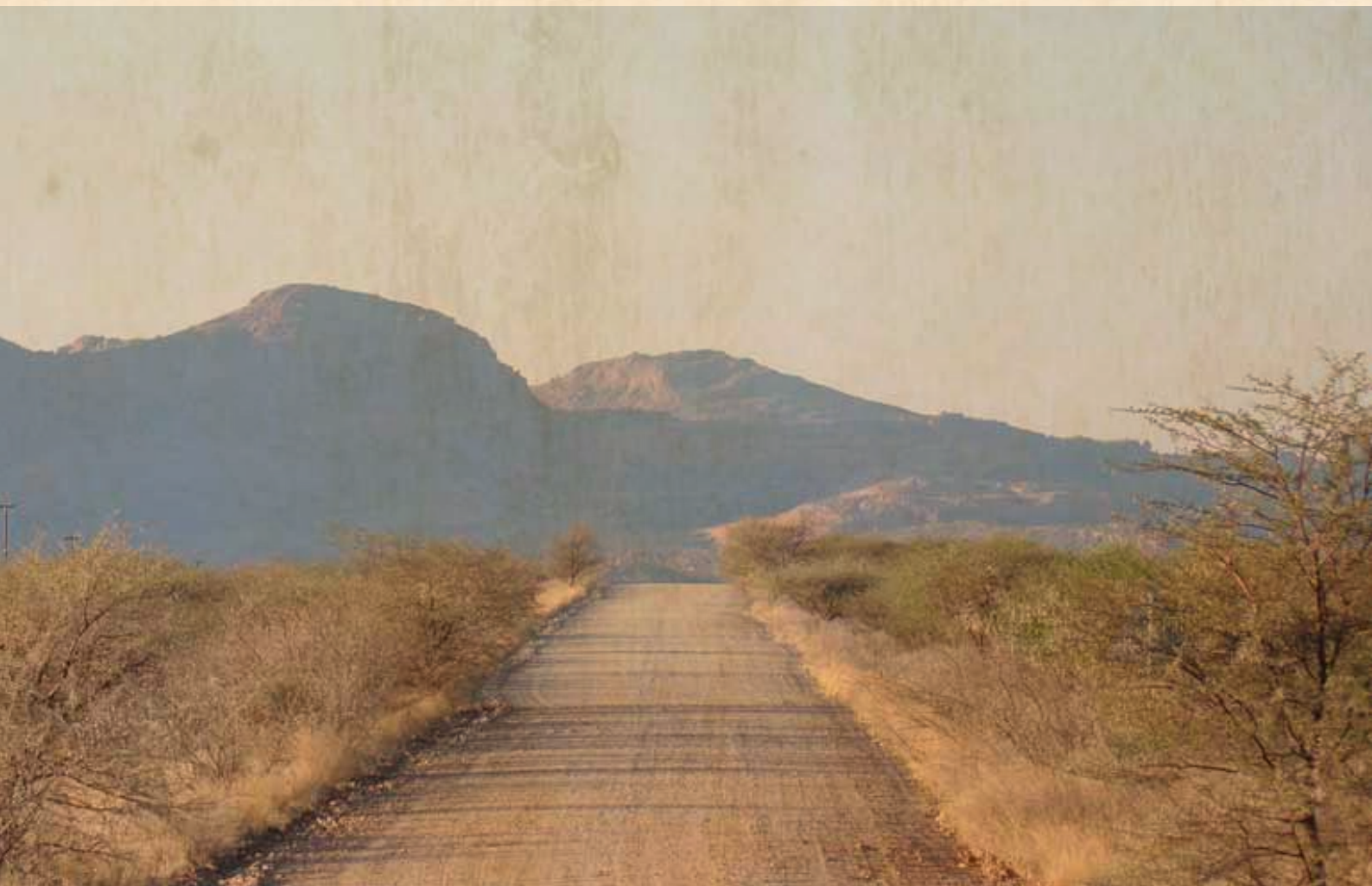
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