

## Namibia Special (M-ID: 2662)

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**from €5,190.00**

Dates and duration (days)

**The "new" Namibia Special Tour moves through the central and western north of the country: many Namibian highlights combined with great routes on a completely new route!**

It leads over the central Khomas Highlands to Mount Etjo and the Waterberg Plateau, then into Damaraland and southern Kaokoveld.

Over famous rock carvings such as Twyfelfontein and the Erongo Mountains, the tour then continues to the edge of the central Namib Desert and back to Gravel Travel's base, Windhoek Mountain Lodge.

### Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival Germany - Namibia

Departure from Frankfurt/Main on a scheduled flight of Air Namibia, which takes you directly to Windhoek overnight.

Day 2: Windhoek Mountain Lodge

On arrival in the early morning at the Hosea Kutako International Airport in Windhoek, your guide will meet you. A one hour transfer takes you to the comfortable Windhoek Mountain Lodge in the southern foothills of the Auas Mountains, our base station for all Gravel Travel tours in Namibia. After a good breakfast there is time to acclimatise, relax by the pool with a restful view of the surrounding mountains and the vast bush land. In the afternoon there will be a detailed travel briefing. If you like, enjoy the first "sundowner" on the viewing platform above the lodge before the legendary "Bushman Fondue" calls for dinner in the evening ...

Day 3: Windhoek Mountain Lodge + introduction round  
Well rested and relaxed, we deal today with a detailed travel briefing as well as a thorough introduction to the motorcycles and the GPS devices. Afterwards we will go on a half-day acclimatisation tour, where you can familiarise yourself with the road conditions and technology in peace

and quiet, so that we can start the next morning well prepared and well prepared.

Day 4: Windhoek - Mount Etjo

After breakfast we meet "saddled and spurred" for the morning "briefing" and briefly discuss the day's stage with its route-specific features - then we start: today our destination is called "Mount Etjo Safari Lodge" - we pass Windhoek on the outskirts and soon leave the tarred road to dive into the hilly Khomas Highlands. The gravel road leads us through typical bush land, far past Okahandja, through the old mission village Otjimbingwe and the small town of Omaruru, until we finally reach the striking table mountain, Mount Etjo, in the vastness of the mountain landscape. The dignified safari lodge leaves hardly any wish open...

Day 5: Mount Etjo - Waterberg

Actually too beautiful to sleep in: when the hippos wake up early or the lions roar in the distance: today is safari day: we go into the bush by jeep - on a stalk for giraffes, zebras, antelopes, rhinos and elephants. Then we start our next stage eastwards, passing the Omatako Mountains on remote farm roads and on gentle red tracks through the traditional tribal area of the cattle-breeding Hereros via Okakara to Waterberg. This large table mountain is unusually rich in water, green, lush vegetation and therefore a great variety of species, the plateau itself is now a valuable nature reserve. Each chalet offers a fabulous view into the infinite distance and if you feel like it, you can explore one of the exciting hiking trails.

Day 6: Waterberg - Vingerklip

We leave the Waterberg on a wide, smooth track, surrounded by lush green landscape and deep red termite hills. Some wild animals are absolutely diurnal and the wide

verges can accommodate all kinds of dwarf antelopes, guinea fowls and warhogs, which are less easy to spot in the high grass, in addition to giraffes. Today's stage leads us out of the "Granny's Hut" to the north, behind the small town of Otjiwarongo we soon descend westwards on lonely gravel roads and meander through the typical mopane bush savannah. In the area of the Ugab Terraces the landscape suddenly changes - grandiose and picturesque table mountains rise up out of the flat savannah. We reached our destination today at the extremely cosy Vingerklip Lodge - it is located not far from a unique rock formation, a huge "rock finger" in the middle of a wonderful panorama.

#### Day 7: Vingerklip - Grootberg

After a leisurely breakfast we start our journey north through the Ugab Terraces, along settlements of the Damara people, passing the village of Khorixas for a stop for petrol, which offers the central Damaraland the most necessary facilities such as schools, hospital, post office and supermarket. Through the huge Huab river valley we finally reach the Etendeka plateau on lonely gravel roads, the always great views just don't let it get boring. And a great feeling accompanies the impressions that lions, elephants and rhinos are (still) part of the repertoire of an open natural landscape here. At the end of the Grootberg Pass we are today at our destination, the Grootberg Lodge, magically nestled on the plateau edge above the canyon of the Klip River...

#### Day 8: Grootberg - Opuwo

With wonderful impressions of this unique place we continue our course north today, the stage leads us up to the southern Kaokoveld, where especially the Himba people live. Already the pass we leave towards Palmwag could give us elephant views, then follows one of the most beautiful, game rich stretches through northern Damaraland to Sesfontein. Springboks, giraffes, zebras and gemsboks can cross our paths, the reddish, rugged rock landscape is open and clear. The further north we advance, the more often we pass settlements, cattle with their herdsman crossing the roads. When giant, unbelievably thick giant trees suddenly appear along the way - the legendary baobabs - we have almost reached Opuwo and its black Africa feeling: our accommodation is on the edge of town on the mountain, a great hotel - the Opuwo Country Lodge.

#### Day 9: Opuwo - Khowarib

Although we already had today's stage under our bikes yesterday, hardly anybody will get bored on this probably most beautiful and most African way of the whole tour... After breakfast we make a short side trip to a traditional village of Himba and then we go back south on the winding road. Shortly before our destination we stop again in Ongongo (warm spring). It is hard to believe how water can gush out of the rocks in the middle of the desert ... but in the crystal clear "pool" of this spring you can refresh yourself wonderfully. We reach our accommodation today - the Khowarib Lodge, beautifully situated in the deeply notched river valley of the Hoanib, soon afterwards. Elephants often pass by the cozily placed tent chalets at night.

#### Day 10: Khowarib - Twyfelfontein

Today's stage takes us further back towards the south. Over the scenic Grootberg Pass we return to Damaraland

with its unique table mountains. Today's destination is Twyfelfontein Country Lodge, a unique, quite luxurious place in extreme landscape near the famous rock engravings. Directly in front of the lodge you can admire a small sample of this art on the large rock slabs... and the dinner on the rustic terrace is a pleasure.

#### Day 11: Twyfelfontein - Erongo

From Twyfelfontein we come along the Aba-Huab, Goantagab and Ugab Rivier to the south, along these larger tree-lined river courses the desert elephants prefer to stay and it is therefore always good to sharpen one's eyes for the grey giants, which in this area are however rather powdered red like these rocky landscapes, which we now cross. We pass some Damara settlements along the Gravel roads and the Brandberg massif is getting closer and closer, east of it we have reached Uis, after a short stop for refueling we head through wide open gravel areas towards the Spitzkoppe, which rises steeply from the open space as an unreal inselberg. The closer we get, the more fascinating the huge granite rock formation looks. Here we ride right into the middle of it and enjoy the impressions. Our today's destination is now east of us - the Erongo Mountains, also a so-called inselberg complex with huge outer walls of this volcanic ruin, with over 2300m above sea level it is one of the highest elevations in the country. The Ai-Aiba Rockpainting Lodge is located there, beautifully nestled in a picturesque landscape of round, smooth rocks, as we have already seen at the Spitzkoppe. The fact that 2000 years ago, bushmen were already happy to stay here can only be perfectly understood.

#### Day 12: Erongo - Rotstock mountains

Today we have to set off early in order to have enough time for the stage ahead of us further south. We leave the Erongo Mountains through rustic rocks to the west and with a little luck we can make out the Brandberg 90 km away over the wide open Damaraland on the horizon. Along the steeply rising walls of this old volcanic ruin we follow the rough gravel road to Usakos and a piece of tar passage to Karibib, then dive down into the wild mountain landscape, which finally leads us down to the big river bed of the Swakop and afterwards to the Bosua pass, which leads our way from 1800m down to 1100m - a lookout point lets us already look far in the direction of the Namib desert. Once again, a special and unique accommodation in the lonely expanse of the Namib Desert awaits us near the Rotstock mountains... the high-altitude pool lounge invites you to relax - with fantastic views over wide valleys of this extremely picturesque landscape...

#### Day 13: Rotstock Mountains - Windhoek Mountain Lodge

When everyone has had a good night's sleep and a leisurely breakfast, we are reluctant to set off on our last stage. Today there is again gravel road and pure riding fun, over the Us-Pass we climb the big edge step again up to the Khomas-Highland - it goes up and down, the track is very curvy. In the afternoon we reach our Gravel Travel "home", the Windhoek Mountain Lodge, where we are expected by our team: a cool sundowner drink lets the tour come to an end and later we enjoy the best dinner of the "Bushman Fondue" - and have the whole night time to review the past days and pictures.

#### Day 14: Departure to Germany

This day is completely at one's own disposal at the lodge or for a stroll in Windhoek, as at least the Air Namibia flight to Frankfurt does not leave until the evening. So some of the sightseeings can be visited in the capital and numerous street cafés as also bazaars and shops with typical handicrafts invite at least to watch the colourful hustle and bustle around. In the early evening the transfer goes to Hosea Kutako International Airport.

#### Day 15: Arrival Germany

Arrival early in the morning in Frankfurt/Main and, if necessary, onward travel by train or flight to your home town.

Countries	Namibia
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Offroad
Vehicle	motorcycle rent incl.
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Camping
	Hotel / B&B or similar
Flight to / from	yes, incl.
Ferry	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Customer payment protection	yes
Special	Winter escape
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

## Pricing

per rider:	€5,190.00
per pillion passenger	€4,940.00

## Included

Scheduled flight Frankfurt/Main - Windhoek and back (only valid in connection with a booking of the journey with flight)

Scheduled flight Frankfurt - Windhoek & Cape Town - Windhoek back for the South Africa Tour

Transfer with the tour group from Windhoek Airport to the lodge and back to Windhoek Airport (only in connection with a booking of the tour by flight)

Accommodation in good hotels, lodges, guest farms and camps

Meals (breakfast and rich dinner, packed lunch as required)

Luggage transport in the accompanying vehicle

German speaking tour guide, please inquire for English speaking tour guide

Rental motorcycles Yamaha XT 660/Ténéré/WR250 with special equipment

team t-shirt

Briefing on the motorcycles and the GPS device

Technical support of the vehicles during the tour by our mechanics

Specially worked out GPS routes for the respective tour

entrance fees to parks, airport taxes

Optional: Conclusion of a fully comprehensive insurance of the motorcycle in the amount of 100,- €/Euro (with 1000,- €/Euro excess)

## **Not included**

Rail & Fly from any German railway station to Frankfurt/Main - Airport and back (60,- Euro for return journey)

Fuel costs for the motorcycle (approx. 8,- Euro per day), personal expenses, such as drinks or similar.

Foreign health insurance, travel cancellation insurance

Transfer from/to the airport-hotel/lodge outside the tour group

Single room surcharge: If there are enough free rooms available, a single room can be booked for 50,- Euro per night.

Everything that is not listed under services

## **More details**

Tour profile: 11 riding days/14 travel days.

Shoved gravel roads, easy Enduro terrain

Daily stages between 250 km and 350 km.

Total distance approx. 2,500 km