

## NAMIBIAN CULTURAL ENCOUNTERS

Windhoek | Sossusvlei | Torra Conservancy | Marienfluss Conservancy | Windhoek 8 Days / 7 Nights

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This eight-day itinerary introduces you to the diverse and captivating communities and cultures prevalent in Namibia, from the Nama-Damara Khoi descendants of Damaraland to the inscrutable and nomadic Himba, in the country's far northern Kaokoveld. The route encompasses the Namib Sand Sea, a World Heritage Site, the otherworldly desert beauty of the Torra Conservancy and the starkly contrasting far northern river-and-desert landscapes of Namibia's border with Angola.

## **Highlights**

A unique experience in remote and intimate luxury camps, in starkly beautiful places filled with fascinating desert-adapted wildlife.

Close proximity and exclusive private access to the dunes of Sossusvlei.

Most authentic Himba cultural experience in all of Namibia.

Learn about the unique heritage of the tribes of Nama-Damara, Herero, Owambo, and Riemvasmakers.

Finest star gazing in the remote, unpolluted, endless dark skies



## **Itinerary**

Day 1-2: Windhoek - Sossusvlei

Day 3-4: Torra Conservancy

Day 5-7: Marienfluss Conservancy

Day 8: Depart for home or extend your journey



## Camps

Little Kulala: A welcome oasis situated on the dry Auab riverbed in the Kulala Wilderness Reserve, Little Kulala features eleven luxury desert suites each featuring a spacious deck, sala, and private plunge pool, merges seamlessly into the timeless desert setting. A private rooftop area for romantic stargazing and sleep-outs on the bottom deck of each accommodation completes the experience. Excursions to Sossusvlei (via a gate exclusive camp vehicles), nature drives, guided nature trails, ecosensitive guided quad bike excursions, and guided electric fat bike excursions, explore this fascinating landscape. A hot air balloon safari (at extra cost) offers an awe-inspiring experience soaring above the desert.



NOTE: Hot air ballooning closed on 25 Dec - 01 Jan, and from mid-Jan to mid-Feb.



Damaraland Camp: Damaraland Camp is situated in the Huab River Valley in one of the best wilderness areas in Namibia, offering endless vistas across stark plains, ancient valleys, and a stunning ochre-purple mountain backdrop. Activities include nature drives and guided nature walks while further afield, ancient rock art, and geological wonders dot the area. Accommodation consists of ten large adobe-style thatched units (including a family unit) are raised off the ground, each with a walk-in dressing area and a large deck on which to sit and contemplate the desert. The spacious public living area comprises a dining area and swimming pool. An open campfire and outdoor boma are enjoyed during calm evenings and stargazing is superb, thanks to the crystal-clear night skies.

Serra Cafema Camp: Set under trees on the banks of the Kunene River, Serra Cafema is one of the most remote camps in southern Africa. Guests can truly disconnect, unwind and relax to the sound of rushing water, and explore one of the driest deserts in the world. Respectful interaction with the semi-nomadic Himba community, fascinating nature walks, boating (water levels permitting), and low-impact eco-sensitive guided quad-bike excursions complete the experience. Accommodation consists of eight chalets, set on elevated decks and crafted in wood, canvas, and thatch to create a unique camp that is at one with its surroundings and celebrates the culture of the Himba people. The Ozonganda (Herero, meaning "main area") affords spectacular views over the Kunene River.

