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A guide to your Safaris of Character

NAMIBIA ACTIVITIES

KAOKOLAND • SKELETON COAST • ETOSHA • NAMIBRAND NATURE RESERVE

ACTIVITIES: KAOKOLAND

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EXPERIENCE THE BEST OF **KAOKOLAND**

In a country jam-packed with vast and beautiful landscapes, Kaokoland may just be the most incredible of them all. Deep in north-western Namibia, the area is a melee of towering mountains, sand dunes, and huge expenses of desert, scattered with unique wildlife and nomadic Himba settlements.

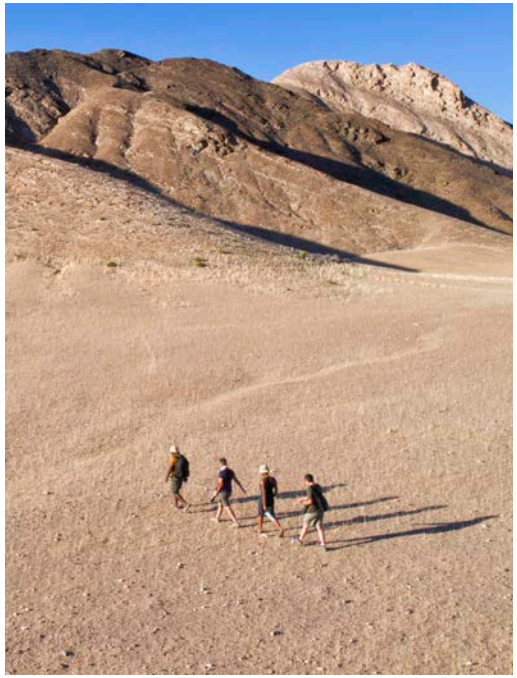
It's one of Namibia's most remote and wild environments, and one that not many get to discover in a lifetime. Here you'll experience activities that reveal stately, desert-adapted giraffe, the icons of the region, as well as elephant, rhino and lion. Discover the people and the wild things that have adapted to this desert terrain, Kaokoland will leave you in total wonderment.

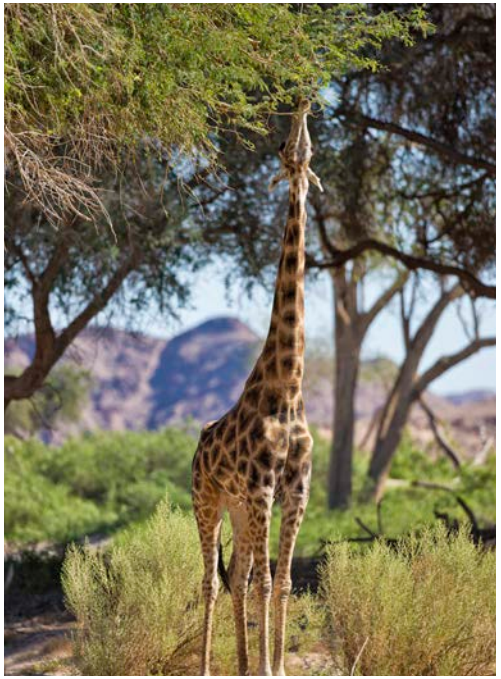
ALL ACTIVITIES CAN BE EXPERIENCED FROM HOANIB VALLEY CAMP AND HOANIB ELEPHANT CAMP

What can I do?

- Nature Drives
- Nature Walks
- Giraffe Conservation Chat & Drive
- Cultural Experience
- Rhino Tracking
- Swimming Pool







NATURE DRIVES

This is one activity that screams desert safari. Climb onto one of our comfortable game viewing vehicles for a morning and evening game drive in search of the desert-adapted animals that live in this harsh environment. Your private safari guide has all the expertise and knowledge to seek the wildlife out and you'll soon discover how phenomenal these adaptable desert animals truly are.

- *Children of all ages welcome*
- *Private vehicles are required for families with children under 10*
- *Duration: Approx. 3.5 hrs*
- *Season: Year round*

NATURE WALKS

Grab your comfiest walking shoes and experience a guided walk in this remote and wild environment. Your trusted safari guide will share first-hand knowledge about the desert-adapted animals, giraffe being the real stars of the show. Together you will uncover the secrets of how these versatile animals manage to thrive in this water-thirsty terrain. If you stay 3 nights or more, your guide will take you tracking black rhino on foot through the sandy riverbeds too.

- *Children 12 years and older are welcome*
- *Duration: Approx. 1-2 hours*
- *Season: Year round*

GIRAFFE CONSERVATION

This is a conservation chat - whilst on a game drive

If you've been wanting to learn more about the desert-dwelling giraffe in Northwest Namibia, then this is where you'll get to hear all about them in depth. Your safari guide will take you on a game drive explaining all about their declining numbers, the positive impact your stay has on them, as well as how working with the Giraffe Conservation Foundation (GCF) we've managed to get a better understanding to advise on their conservation.

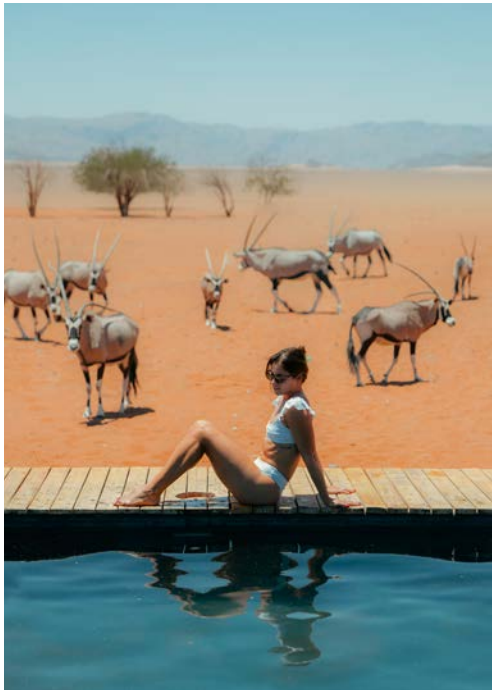
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CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Visit the local Himba and/or Herero Tribes

Spend time with the local Herero and/or Himba tribes to learn all about their fascinating cultures. The Himba people are semi-nomadic, moving with the season's to find water. Having a desert-adapted way of life and almost stone-age existence, herding cattle, living in dome shaped huts and adorning their bodies with elaborate styles, sea shell, reed and copper jewellery. The Herero's settled in towns and villages, and the women dress in heavy dresses, reflecting the style of the Victorian period with numerous petticoats worn to add roundness to their skirts.

- *Children of all ages welcome*
- *No private vehicle needed nor minimum stay (mostly on the way to the airstrip for drop off)*
- *Duration: 2 hours*
- *Seasons: Year round*

RHINO TRACKING

Jump on board one of our game viewing vehicles and our Rhino Rangers will take you to find the resident black rhino that live in the area. Learn how to track them down, and how we work closely with these wildlife warriors based in the Sesfontein Conservancy near to camp, keeping these iconic animals safe for future generations to enjoy.

- *This is a full day excursion*
- *No private vehicle is required*
- *Can be requested in camp on a 2-night stay*
- *Children of all ages welcome*
- *Duration: Approx. 5 hrs*
- *Season: Year round*

SWIMMING POOL

Relax around our refreshing camp pool, drinks on tap and swimming towels supplied. From the pool deck you'll gaze out onto the rugged landscape views. This is the perfect opportunity to soak up the sunshine, sun cream and book in hand.

- *Children of all ages welcome*
- *Season: Year round*

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EXPERIENCE THE BEST OF **THE SKELETON COAST**

North-western Namibia is the kind of raw and rugged wilderness that many places claim to be but so few actually are. Located along the western Atlantic Coast, the Skeleton Coast is a hauntingly picturesque region, described by many as the ultimate journey to the 'end of the earth'.

Its beaches are strewn with whale bones and the remnants of many ship wrecks, whilst the interior is an uninhabited desert of rolling, endless sand, mountains, picturesque plains, clay castles and desert-adapted wildlife. And if you are lucky, you could even encounter brown hyena, jackals and lion hunting Cape fur seals on the beaches.

Experience countless activities, while you uncover the Northern area of the Skeleton Coast National Park.

ALL ACTIVITIES CAN BE EXPERIENCED FROM SHIPWRECK LODGE.







What can I do?

- Nature Drives
- Nature Walks
- Sandboarding
- Quad Biking
- Hoarusib excursion to see the Clay Castles

NATURE DRIVES

What could be more exciting than a game drive around the dramatic landscape of the Skeleton Coast National Park, exploring the Hoarusib River and marvelling at the magnificent scenery. Guests can also enjoy sundowners on the dunes or a beach lunch (weather permitting). A highlight is a day excursion to Mowe Bay to see the Cape fur seal colony; possible stops along the way include the fascinating Suiderkus and Karimona shipwrecks. You might even spot the elusive desert-adapted elephants, brown hyenas and lions en-route.

- *Children of all ages welcome*
- *Private vehicles are required for families with children under 10*
- *Duration: Approx. 3.5 hrs*
- *Season: Year round*

NATURE WALKS

Unearth the hidden gems that carry secrets about this shipwreck strewn coastline as you walk from the lodge to the seashore. Comb the beach looking for treasures, amongst the driftwood and the pebbles, whale bones and debris washed up from the many ships that lie beneath the waves. You'll discover unusual plants and lichens that survive in the cold fog that rolls off the ocean, this truly is a memorable beach walk.

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SANDBOARDING

Climbing the dunes of this remarkable desert is a wonderful experience. After all that hard work, enjoy the thrill of whizzing down the dunes on a sandboard, as you are rewarded with refreshments once getting to the bottom. This one is for the fun seekers… all aboard!

- *Children of all ages are welcome, however it is not advised for children 0-4.*
- *Duration: Approx. 1 hr*
- *Season: Year round*

QUAD BIKING

For some adventure filled desert fun, go on a guided quad bike over the ever changing desert dunes. Here you'll feel total freedom as you trek across this vast and ancient landscape on your bike, wind in your hair – desert sand at your heels.

- *Children from 4 years must ride with a parent*
- *Children 12+ years can operate 'kiddies' quad bike alone*
- *Children 16+ years can operate standard quad bike (All ages at the discretion of the guide/manager/ parent)*
- *Duration: Approx. 3.5 hrs*
- *Season: Year round*

HOARUSIB CLAY CASTLES EXCURSION

This adventure takes visitors through the stunning landscapes of the Skeleton Coast and Hoarusib river to witness the unique geological formations known as the Clay Castles. These towering rock formations have been eroded over millions of years, creating fantastical shapes and textures in the desert landscape. The stark beauty of the landscape, combined with the solitude and silence of the desert, makes for a truly memorable and otherworldly experience.

- *Children of all ages welcome*
- *Private vehicles are required for families with children under 10*
- *Duration: Approx. 3.5 hrs*
- *Season: Year round*

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EXPERIENCE THE BEST OF **ETOSHA HEIGHTS PRIVATE RESERVE**

Etosha Heights is one of the largest private reserves in Namibia, sharing a 65-kilometre boundary with the famous Etosha National Park.

The reserve offers 60,000 hectares of unspoiled wildlife, landscapes, and tranquillity; it is truly a place to reconnect with nature and escape the modern stresses of life. It is also a conservation success story – protecting the animals that live here to ensure the wildlife rivals the best. It is now as game-rich as neighbouring Etosha, except without the crowds.

So you'll have undisturbed wildlife experiences, seeing lion, cheetah and many of Namibia's fascinating desert species, but the reserve is probably most famous for its strong population of both black and white rhino.

ALL ACTIVITIES CAN BE EXPERIENCED FROM SAFARIHOEK, SAFARI HOUSE, ETOSHA MOUNTAIN LODGE







What can I do?

- Game Drives
- Night Drives
- Guided Walks
- Rhino Sightings
- Swimming Pool (at all three lodges)
- Viewing Hide
- Spa Treatments

GAME DRIVES

Head out early morning or late afternoon on one of our vehicles to enjoy a game drive around Etosha Heights Private Reserve. Keeping an eye out for the elusive black and white rhino, amongst large concentrations of plains game. The game here is phenomenal, and you'll be astonished by the richness of the wildlife you discover.

- *Children of all ages welcome*
- *Private vehicles are required for families with children under 10*
- *Duration: Approx. 3.5 hrs*
- *Season: Year round*

NIGHT DRIVES

Wrap up warmly for an exciting evening drive on one of our game viewing vehicles. As you drive around this private reserve to explore the magic of the Namibian bush after dark, keep an eye out for all the late night prowlers. With a heavy-duty spotlight and expert guide you will uncover all the lesser seen nocturnal animals that like to wake up after dark. Catch them out of their burrows, and on the hunt. This is night time action at its very best!

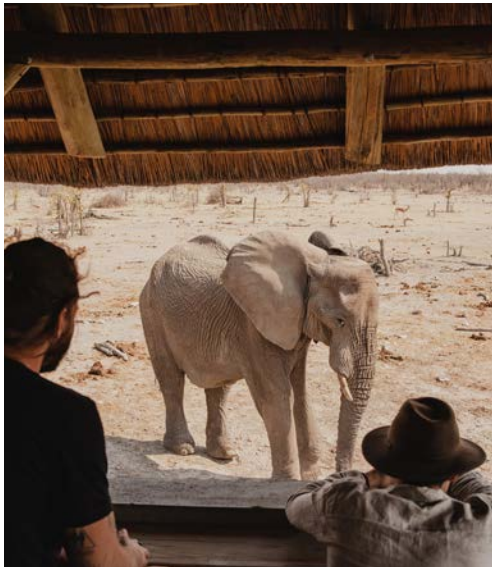
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GUIDED WALKS

Arrange a guided game walk in the reserve with one of our trusted, armed and trained guides. This is a completely different experience to a game drive as it immerses you in nature at ground level. Being on foot allows you to get up-close-and-personal with creatures great and small. From tracking rhino spoor to discovering birds, insects, trees and plants – you'll soon uncover what makes this wild eco-system so diverse.

- *Book this activity in camp*
- *Children 12 years and older are welcome*
- *Duration: Approx. 2.5 hrs*
- *Season: Year round*

RHINO SIGHTINGS

Go in search of these iconic creatures, in a reserve that is famous for its strong population of both black and white rhino. Your experienced guides will take you to where all the action is. Seeing these powerful animals in their natural habitat truly is a privilege that very few people get to experience. Inspiring appreciation and why it is importance for us to protect them from the many threats they face in today's world.

- *Children of all ages are welcome*
- *Private vehicles are required for families with children under 10*
- *Duration: Approx. 3.5 hrs*
- *Season: Year round*

SWIMMING POOL

Relax around our refreshing camp pool and gaze out onto the rugged landscape with wildlife views. This is the perfect opportunity to soak up the sunshine, book or drink or both in hand.

- *Children of all ages welcome*
- *Season: Year round*

SPA TREATMENTS

If you are in need of some serious time out, then enjoy one of our spa treatments in the privacy of your own room. Our professional therapist will treat you in-between your game drives and wildlife adventures. This is safari self-indulgence at its best.

- *Adults only*
- *Duration: varied*
- *All year round*
- *At an additional cost*

VIEWING HIDE

Our double-storey photography hide looks out onto a large natural waterhole with an abundance of game and birdlife frolicking here throughout the day (the waterhole is also well lit up at night). Perfectly positioned to capture incredible sightings it has two amazing vantage points. The upper level offers magical birds-eye views from above, with wheelchair access and a toilet. Ground level is ideal for eye level viewing. The hide, set up for serious photographers, has a charging station, an area for gear storage and even a day bed for guests on a serious photography stake-out!

- *Children of all ages are welcome*
- *Beverages and snacks can be arranged*
- *Duration: Varies*
- *Season: Year round*

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EXPERIENCE THE BEST OF **NAMIBRAND NATURE RESERVE**

Explore Namibia's striking NamibRand Nature Reserve, with its rolling desert plains and backdrop of craggy mountains and iconic red dunes. Discover the desert on safari, climb the Sossusvlei dunes or hot-air balloon ride over the fascinating desert landscape.

As a Dark Sky Reserve, it is also hands-down one of the most awe-inspiring places on earth to experience a starry-starry night. Located just south of the iconic dunes of Sossusvlei, the NamibRand was established to protect and conserve the wildlife of this corner of the Namib Desert. At over 200,000 hectares, it's one of the largest private reserves in southern Africa – and one of the most striking.

ALL ACTIVITIES CAN BE EXPERIENCED FROM KWESSI DUNES







What can I do?

- Nature Drives
- Nature Walks
- Sleepout (at the back of your room)
- Sossusvlei Excursions*
- Hot Air Ballooning*
- Massage & Spa Treatments*
- Scenic Helicopter Flights*
- Swimming Pool
- Horse Riding*
- Quad Biking

*At additional cost.
Transfers required for various Kwessi Dune's activities (like hot air ballooning horse riding, scenic flights, etc.) are on a complimentary basis. However any others that are outside the NamibRand Reserve will be at an additional cost.

NATURE DRIVES

Immerse yourself in the beauty and wonder of the Namib Desert. This is an ideal opportunity to explore the stunning landscapes and diverse wildlife of NamibRand. The reserve is known for its vast red sand dunes, desert-adapted wildlife, and breath taking scenery. Expect to see a wide variety of plant and animal species, and a number of bird species. Your knowledgeable guide will teach you about the unique ecosystems of the desert and how the plants and animals have adapted to survive in this harsh environment.

- *Children of all ages are welcome*
- *Private vehicles are required for families with children under 10*
- *Duration: Approx. 3.5 hrs*
- *Season: Year round*

NATURE WALKS

A guided nature walk in the NamibRand Nature Reserve offers guests the opportunity to explore this stunning desert landscape by foot. This is not only a great way to learn about the adaptations of the plants and animals to survive in the desert, but also the people. Providing you with insights into the traditional culture and way of life of the San Bushmen, who have lived in the region for thousands of years. You'll learn about their hunting and gathering techniques, as well as their spiritual beliefs and connection to the land to gain a deeper understanding of the rich cultural history of the area.

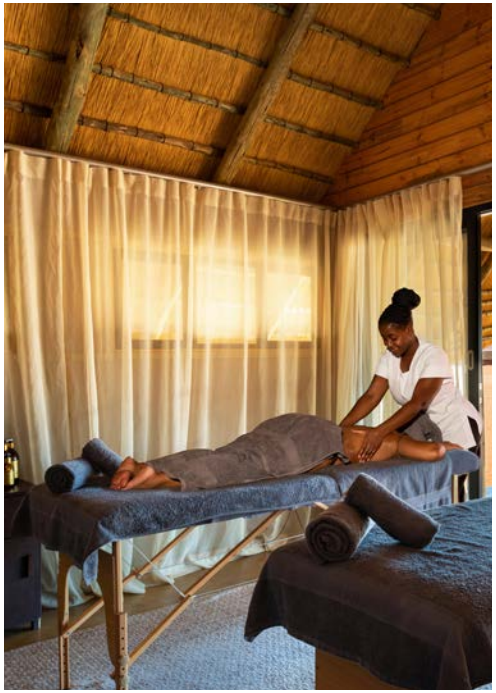
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SLEEPOUT

Stargazing takes on a whole new level in the NamibRand. In fact, it is recognised as a Dark Sky Reserve and lies in one of the darkest (yet accessible) places on earth. A night spent in your open-to-the-sky back room will truly leave you starstruck. This is hands-down one of the most incredible places to view the milky way and fall asleep in total awe of our beautiful universe.

- *Children of all ages welcome*
- *Duration: Sundown till sunrise*
- *Season: Year round*

SOSSUSVLEI EXCURSIONS*

Enjoy a guided tour to Sossusvlei to experience the towering red sand dunes and spectacular scenery. You'll leave early in the morning to catch the sunrise over the dunes, climbing to the top of some of the tallest dunes for panoramic views of the surrounding desert landscape, including the nearby Deadvlei. This is a must-do experience for nature lovers and adventure enthusiasts alike.

- *Children of all ages are welcome*
- *Private vehicles are required for families with children under 10*
- *Duration: Approx. 3.5 hrs*
- *Season: Year round*

HOT AIR BALLOON*

For a unique perspective of the Namib Desert and its breath taking scenery, take a hot air balloon ride from Sossusvlei to enjoy panoramic views of the rugged desert landscape. This is a truly unforgettable experience allowing you to peacefully soar above to appreciate the beauty and serenity of this unique country. Views stretch as far as the eye can see and once back on the ground you'll be greeted with a traditional Namibian breakfast before making your way back to camp.

- *Children 6 years and older are welcome (must be taller than 1.2 metres)*
- *Private vehicles are required for families with children under 10*
- *Duration: Approx. 3.5 hrs*
- *Season: Year round*

MASSAGE & SPA

If you are needing a little me time then this is the perfect activity. Book a massage or spa treatment to relax and unwind after your day's exploring or in-between desert adventures. This is self-indulgence without any guilt allowed and guaranteed to leave you feeling refreshed and rejuvenated.

- *Adults Only*
- *Duration: Varies*
- *Season: Year round*

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QUAD BIKING

Quad biking at Kwessi Dunes is a really fun experience. Follow your guide to explore the varied desert terrain.You'll cross red sand dunes, rolling valleys, and ancient riverbeds with obstacles and exciting descents along the way. This is a quad biking adventure guaranteed to feel like complete freedom.

- *Children from 4 years must ride with a parent*
- *Children 12+ years can operate 'kiddies' quad bike alone*
- *Children 16+ years can operate standard quad bike*
  (All ages at the discretion of the guide/manager/ parent)

SCENIC HELICOPTER FLIGHTS*

Witness the majestic red sand dunes from a perspective that few ever get to experience. The sheer beauty and grandeur of the Namib Desert by helicopter is phenomenal. This is going to be an exceptional photographic experience and an unforgettable air adventure. So buckle up and enjoy this exhilarating joy ride, this is desert adventure second to none.

- *Children of all ages are welcome*
- *Duration: 30 min, 45min and 1hr options*
- *Seasonal: Year round*

SWIMMING POOL

What could be more appealing in a desert than a dip in an ice cold pool! Relax in camp and soak up some of the sunshine, swimming towels supplied with ample refreshments on hand. Here you can take some time out to enjoy the desert views. From here the wildlife are never out of sight, simply sit back and take it all in.

- *Children of all ages welcome*
- *Season: Year round*

HORSE RIDING*

If you love wide-open spaces, dunes and beautiful vistas then this activity is ideal. Saddle up at Wolwedans to discover this magnificent landscape from horseback. It gets you up close with nature and you'll discover the NamibRand in a totally unique way. This outride is offered to all level riders.

- *Children from 8 years and older are welcome*
- *Duration: 1.5 - 2 hours (minimum 2 guests)*
- *Seasonal: Year round*

E-Bike Excursions are also offered from here (minimum 2 guests)