



Photo Tour Namibia

Exclusive photo tour with renowned nature photographer Hannes Lochner

📅 19 October – 1 November 2019

🕒 14 days/13 nights from/to Windhoek

👥 maximum of 6 people

📍 Windhoek – Kalahari – Tiras Mountains – Sossusvlei – Swakopmund – Etosha - Windhoek

Photographic highlights on this tour

- ✔ The landscapes in the south of Namibia are incomparably beautiful. The fantastic light conditions that are unique to the African continent make the desert landscapes appear in the most glorious range of colours.
- ✔ You will travel at the beginning of the rainy season. Experience and photograph magnificent dreamlike landscapes with the most beautiful light conditions and fabulous cloud formations.
- ✔ Luxury accommodation located in the most beautiful scenery.
- ✔ You will have the chance to photograph the world-famous red dunes around Sossusvlei and will stay overnight in the only lodge that is located in the park. You will be at the right place, at the right time.
- ✔ You will spend several days in Etosha National Park where you will be able to observe and photograph the rich flora and fauna of Namibia.
- ✔ You will be guided by Hannes Lochner, one of the most famous nature photographers in southern Africa. You are certain to be inspired by his creativity.
- ✔ The group is limited to a maximum of 6 participants. We use a comfortable jeep with 14 seats for the tour that is used exclusively by our small group. This means you will have more than enough space and, of course, a guaranteed window seat.

Itinerary

Highlights of Namibia

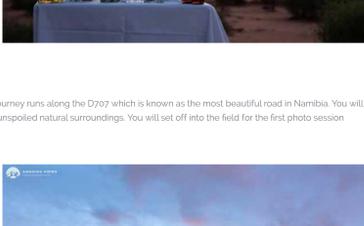
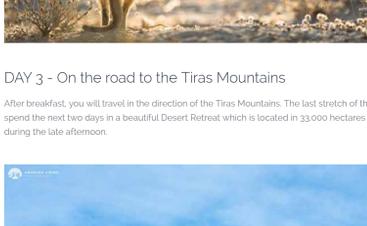


DAY 1 - Arrival in Windhoek

After you have made your own way to Windhoek, you will be greeted at the international airport. You will be taken to the hotel. The first day will be rounded off with a welcome dinner.

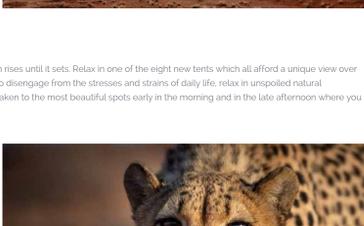
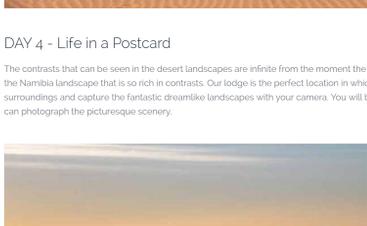
Day 2 - The adventure begins

You will travel to the foothills of the Kalahari Desert. Around early evening, you will take your first game drive through the red dunes. As well as taking your first photographs of the magnificent scenery, you can also capture your first sightings of animals such as zebras, giraffes or antelopes.



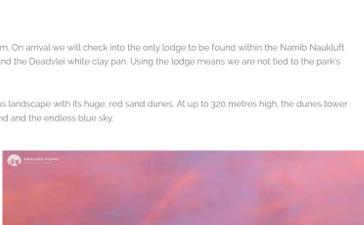
DAY 3 - On the road to the Tiras Mountains

After breakfast, you will travel in the desert landscape of the Tiras Mountains. The last stretch of the journey runs along the D707 which is known as the most beautiful road in Namibia. You will spend the next two days in a beautiful Desert Retreat which is located in 33,000 hectares of unspoiled natural surroundings. You will set off into the field for the first photo session during the late afternoon.



DAY 4 - Life in a Postcard

The contrasts that can be seen in the desert landscapes are infinite from the moment the sun rises until it sets. Relax in one of the eight new tents which all afford a unique view over the Namibia landscape that is so rich in contrasts. Our lodge is the perfect location in which to disengage from the stresses and strains of daily life, relax in unspoiled natural surroundings and capture the fantastic dreamlike landscapes with your camera. You will be taken to the most beautiful spots early in the morning and in the late afternoon where you can photograph the picturesque scenery.



DAY 5 - More Dream Landscapes

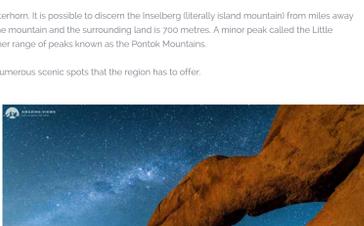
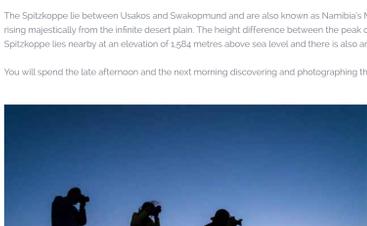
After another excursion in the Namibrand Nature Reserve, you will journey on towards Sesriem. On arrival, we will check into the only lodge to be found within the Namib Naukluft National Park. The park is renowned for its red sand dunes, the Sossusvlei salt and clay pan and the Deadvlei white clay pan. Using the lodge means we are not tied to the park's opening hours, so we can be on location at the best times for photography.

We will set off for the first time in the late afternoon to photograph the captivating and famous landscape with its huge, red sand dunes. At up to 320 metres high, the dunes tower over the oldest desert in the world. The white clay pan creates a sharp contrast to the red sand and the endless blue sky.



DAY 6 - Deadvlei, Sossusvlei and more

We have the whole day to explore the Namib Naukluft Park. The two highlights are Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. Deadvlei will set the pulse of any photographer racing. The scenery is truly breathtaking. You will not be able to get enough of the interplay between the colours of nature with the white clay pan, the black trees, the red dunes and the blue sky. We will get you to the right place at the right time.



DAY 7 - From a sea of sand to the coast of the South Atlantic

We will again spend the morning exploring the most beautiful desert landscapes in the world. Then we drive on to Swakopmund. This small town lies on the South Atlantic.

You then have the afternoon and evening free to do whatever you wish. Explore this small colonial town with its many cafés and shops.

DAY 8 - Spitzkoppe

Today the tour continues on to the Spitzkoppe granite peaks for the next scenic highlight of the trip.

The Spitzkoppe lies between Usakos and Swakopmund and are also known as Namibia's Matterhorn. It is possible to discern the Inselberg literally island mountain from miles away rising majestically from the infinite desert plain. The height difference between the peak of the mountain and the surrounding land is 700 metres. A minor peak called the Little Spitzkoppe lies nearby at an elevation of 1,584 metres above sea level and there is also another range of peaks known as the Pontoik Mountains.

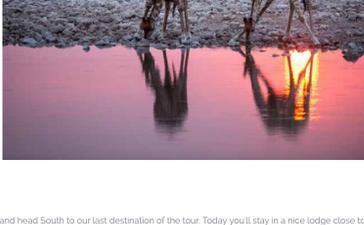
You will spend the late afternoon and the next morning discovering and photographing the numerous scenic spots that the region has to offer.



DAY 9 - Etosha National Park

Today we will head north to Etosha National Park. After the Serengeti in Tanzania, Etosha is one of the highest wildlife densities in Africa. The Park is very dry and the animals have to rely on the few waterholes. Especially in dry season you'll find many different species of wildlife gathering around the waterholes: Zebras, Springbucks, Oryx, Elephants and more.

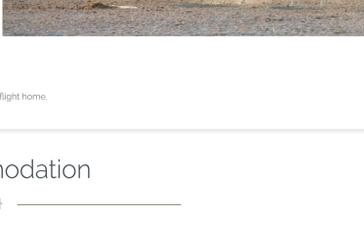
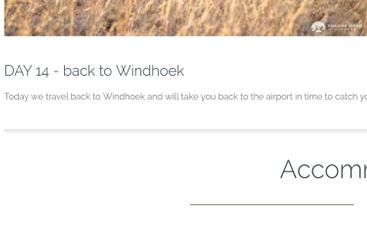
You will stay on the southern part of the National Park in a charming Rest Camp. There is a waterhole just outside the camp where you can watch the animals coming for a drink.



DAY 10 to 12 - enjoying the safaris in Etosha

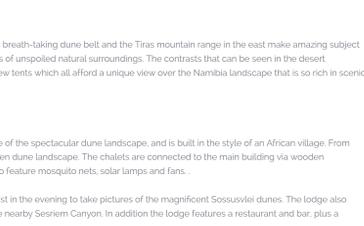
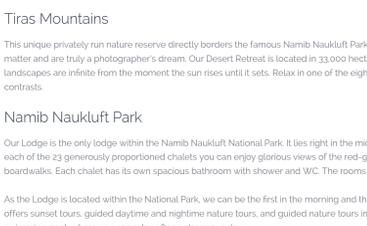
You'll spend the next couple of days in Etosha. Everyday we will head for game drives and capture beautiful wildlife images. If we are lucky, we can even capture fantastic images of the big cats.

Hannes will support you with tips and tricks. Depending on your requirements, Hannes will give short tutorials on subjects of your choice in the afternoons and be available for one-to-one support. Or take the time to just enjoy the camp and visit the waterhole just outside the camp.



DAY 13 - Mount Etjo

After breakfast we have to say good-bye to Etosha National Park. We drive through the park and head South to our last destination of the tour. Today you'll stay in a nice lodge close to Otjiwarongo.



DAY 14 - back to Windhoek

Today we travel back to Windhoek and will take you back to the airport in time to catch your flight home.

Accommodation



Windhoek

You'll stay in a romantic style hotel with far-reaching views over Windhoek and it combines nineteenth century charm with modern comfort. The hotel has 17 generously sized en-suite rooms with air conditioning, television, minibar and wonderful views. The terrace with its sundeck and swimming pool is a popular meeting point for visitors and residents wishing to enjoy a relaxing drink as the sun goes down. A stylish restaurant was built in 1999 where top-class haute cuisine is served with a distinct international and Namibian flavour.

Kalahari

Ideally situated enroute to the Kgalagadi our Lodge offers 25 rooms, swimming pool, bar, dining room, curio shop and a lounge. Activities include guided and non guided hiking trails, game drives on the reserve, stargazing and outside dinners on the dunes.

Tiras Mountains

This unique privately run nature reserve directly borders the famous Namib Naukluft Park. Its breath-taking dune belt and the Tiras mountain range in the east make amazing subject matter and are truly a photographer's dream. Our Desert Retreat is located in 33,000 hectares of unspoiled natural surroundings. The contrasts that can be seen in the desert landscapes are infinite from the moment the sun rises until it sets. Relax in one of the eight new tents which all afford a unique view over the Namibia landscape that is so rich in scenic contrasts.

Namib Naukluft Park

Our Lodge is the only lodge within the Namib Naukluft National Park. It lies right in the middle of the spectacular dune landscape, and is built in the style of an African village. From each of the 23 generously proportioned chalets you can enjoy glorious views of the red-golden dune landscape. The chalets are connected to the main building via wooden boardwalks. Each chalet has its own spacious bathroom with shower and WC. The rooms also feature mosquito nets, solar lamps and fans.

As the Lodge is located within the National Park, we can be the first in the morning and the last in the evening to take pictures of the magnificent Sossusvlei dunes. The lodge also offers sunset tours, guided daytime and nighttime nature tours, and guided nature tours in the nearby Sesriem Canyon. In addition the lodge features a restaurant and bar, plus a swimming pool, where you can relax after a strenuous day.

Swakopmund

Our Guesthouse in Swakopmund is centrally located within walking distance to the centre of town, restaurants and the beach. Each of the 7 rooms has a flatscreen TV, coffee station and mini-bar. The charming Guest House offers WiFi, laundry service and secure parking.

Spitzkoppe

Our lodge offers 15 spacious and tastefully furnished chalets each with their own bathroom and a covered viewing deck. The lodge can accommodate a maximum of 30 guests. All windows and beds are fitted with mosquito nets.
b> The public area includes a dining room, lounge bar and pool. There are fabulous views across the landscape with its many granite rocks.

Etosha

During our stay in Etosha you'll stay at the rest camps inside the National Park. After sunset floodlights illuminate the waterholes at the camps. This is the best time and place to see the endangered black rhino. This archaic mammal can often be seen drinking alongside lion and elephant. The number and interaction of the animals is the major drawcard of Okaukuejo Rest Camp in Namibia.

Khomas

Our Lodge is situated in the 36 000 hectares Okonjati Game Reserve, which is home to about 8000 animals. The Lodge offers accommodation in 20 luxury rooms, two suites and 1000 villa. Activities offered are game drives, lion and cheetah feeding, rhino tracking and excursions to the dinosaur tracks of the Saurichnium damarensis.

A few images of the lodges



Who is this photo tour suitable for?

This photography trip is perfect for both beginners and advanced photographers. The small group sizes enable Hannes Lochner to attend to the varying needs of the photographers.

This trip will also be a unique experience in nature for partners who do not share your love of photography as they will get the chance to view animals.

Good to know

✔ Every guest is guaranteed a window seat in our comfortable, 14-seat, 4x4 truck. You will have more than enough room for your camera equipment, and you will be able to take pictures undisturbed. Bean bags are provided to help you take wildlife photos in comfort from the vehicle. When possible, we also use the open top, off-road vehicles from the lodge.

✔ On this tour, you will mainly stay in premium lodges surrounded by nature, which means you can take photos at the heart of the action, in the right place at the right time. In the Namib Naukluft National Park, we stay in the only lodge inside the park, which means we can take advantage of longer park opening hours than the park's official hours. We can visit Sossusvlei and Deadvlei before the crowds arrive in the morning and stay longer in the evening.

✔ The tour is not particularly physically demanding. In the desert, we go on short walks and climb dunes occasionally.

✔ We recommend taking malaria tablets and getting the usual vaccinations from May to October, the weather is mainly sunny.

✔ The climate in Namibia is pleasant all year round. In the dry season from May to October, the weather is mainly sunny.

✔ We strongly advise you to purchase insurance for cancellation and return journey costs, which will be needed in the event of evacuation from a remote area, a local hospital stay or return travel costs to your home country in an emergency.