

JOURNEY TO THE HIMBAS PACKAGE

Itinerary:

1 night – The Olive Exclusive All-Suite Hotel

2 nights – Little Kulala

3 nights – Serra Cafema

2 nights – Little Ongava

Minimum – 2 pax – Maximum 10pax

Day 1 – Windhoek – The Olive Exclusive All-Suite Hotel

Arrive in Windhoek, private road transfer from Hosea Kutako International Airport to The Olive Exclusive All-Suite Hotel.

The Olive Exclusive – the first ultra-luxurious sanctuary of its kind in the Namibian capital – is cool, contemporary and stylish but with a warm heart and authentic African soul. Its sleek, modern lines are complemented by organic textures, natural furnishings, an eco-friendly approach and dedicated personal service.

Afternoon Windhoek City & Township Tour

This 3-hour Windhoek city tour serves to give visitors to the Namibian capital an overview of the historic & cultural highlights of the city of Windhoek. While enjoying this vantage point your guide will share a comprehensive history of Windhoek and Namibia from colonial era to modern day. The tour then visits some of the more interesting parts of the city including the Christ Church, Tintenpalast (Ink Palace - the houses of parliament), Parliament Gardens, Rider Memorial, Train Station and the Alte Feste. The Windhoek Municipality developed Katutura in the late 1950s as an apartheid township. However, before Katutura was developed, most black Namibians lived in a location west of Windhoek in the area now known as Hochland Park. When the town council decided to move the black Namibians from the old location to the new area of Katutura, there was great opposition to the move. These objections were both practical and ideological. Naturally there was a general opposition to the apartheid policies and that the move was forced. There were also unfair conditions put on the residents such as they could never own the houses that they were forced to rent plus the distance to Windhoek Central Business District (CBD) from Katutura was greater than it had been from Windhoek West.

Lunch & Dinner will be at own account. Overnight at The Olive Exclusive All-Suite Hotel.

Day 2 – Sossusvlei - Little Kulala – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Road transfer from The Olive Exclusive All-Suite Hotel to Eros Airport for a seat in light aircraft flight to Sossusvlei. Scheduled road transfer from Sossusvlei airstrip for Little Kulala.

A welcome oasis situated on the dry Auab riverbed in the Kulala Wilderness Reserve, Little Kulala celebrates the splendour and solitude of the Namib Desert. Excursions to Sossusvlei (via a gate exclusive to Wilderness Safaris vehicles), nature drives, walks and eco-sensitive quad biking, explore this fascinating landscape. A balloon safari (at extra cost) offers an awe-inspiring experience soaring silently above the desert. Their design inspired by Dead Vlei, the 11 climate-controlled, thatched “kulalas”, each with a private plunge pool, merge seamlessly into the timeless desert setting. Each villa has a rooftop Star Bed for romantic star gazing. Once farmland used for subsistence goat farming, the region had very little indigenous wildlife. In 1996 Wilderness Safaris stepped in to rehabilitate the area and today the land and its wildlife have returned to their former glory.

Sundowner/ Nature Drive

Depart from the Lodge in the late afternoon in an open game drive vehicle on the Sossusvlei Lodge private reserve. Breath-taking views over the desert grass plains are made with occasional photo stops where our knowledgeable

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guides explain the desert fauna and flora. For sunset we go higher up to the mountains to watch a spectacular sunset while enjoying sundowner drinks and snacks.

Duration: ± 1h30 / 2hrs **Includes:** Guide, Drinks and Snacks. **Overnight Little Kulala**

Day 3 – Sossuvlei- Little Kulala – Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Sossuvlei & Deadvlei Guided Excursion

Depart on the Sossuvlei Excursion at sunrise when the Park Gates open. The tour will be guided by knowledgeable guides who specialize in the area and who will give great information of the area, the animals, the plant life and the history. Regular stops are made on the ±60-kilometre drive down to Sossuvlei to gain information and take photographs. We stop at the Look Out Point, Dune 45 and do a guided walk to Deadvlei. We explore Sossuvlei before returning to the Lodge at around 12h00/12h30.

Duration: ± 5½ hours. (Full Morning) **Includes:** Guide, Entrance Fees to the National Park & Still Mineral Water

NB: Clients must carry hats, comfortable shoes & sunscreen

Afternoon Sesriem Canyon

We depart from the lodge in our open Game viewer vehicles late in the afternoon. The Sesriem canyon is in the National Park and entry and exit is subject to the park gate opening hours. It is about a 4,5km drive from the National park entry point to the Sesriem canyon. On arriving at the canyon there is a car parking area, the distance between the two canyon sides is only about 3 metres and there is a certain section of the Sesriem canyon where the river has carved out a pathway through the sedimentary layers, follow our knowledgeable guide for an informative hike down this natural trail. Even during the dry seasons there are water pools in certain areas of the canyon, the guide will have regular photo stops where he will explain the animal and plant life.

Duration: ± 1 hour. **Includes:** Guide, Entrance fees to the National Park, Still Mineral Water.

NB: Clients must carry hats, comfortable shoes & sunscreen. Overnight Little Kulala.

Day 4 – Kunene River - Serra Cafema – Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Scheduled road transfer from Little Kulala to Geluk Airstrip. Seat in light aircraft flight transfer from Sossuvlei to Serra Cafema or Similar. Flying time approximately 2 hours Luggage restriction is 20 kgs (44 lbs) per person in soft bags. Spend 3 nights at Wilderness Serra Cafema in Tent with en suite bathroom on a fully inclusive basis. Set amongst shady trees on the banks of the Kunene River, Serra Cafema is one of the most remote camps in southern Africa, its Portuguese name originating from the mountains that dominate the northern skyline. Guests fall asleep to the sound of rushing water, while by day they explore one of the driest deserts in the world. The camp's eight unique canvas and thatched chalets, each with its own en-suite bathroom, show great attention to detail; the elevated decks and simple structures of wood, canvas and thatch create a camp that is at one with its surroundings.

Activities here are varied, including boating (water levels permitting), walking, as well as carefully guided quad-bike excursions that tread lightly on the dunes. In this isolated region, the Himba people continue their nomadic, traditional way of life and when in the area, guests have the opportunity to meet them and learn about their lifestyle and traditions.

Day 5 & 6 – Kunene River - Serra Cafema – Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Guest can choose activities from the following:

Visit to a Himba Community:

In this isolated area, the Himba people continue their traditional semi-nomadic way of life and, when they are in the area, guests have an opportunity to learn about their lifestyle and custom.

Quad biking Excursion One of our highlights, guided quad bike excursions through the fragile environs, is done with utmost care along specifically allocated pathways, so as to tread lightly on the dunes and preserve the unique and delicate habitats of this landscape.

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Boating trips on the Kunene River

Boating on the Kunene River provides our guests with the opportunity to venture through the lush riverside oases. Crocodiles and waterbirds seem out of place in this surreal, lunar-like landscape.

Nature drives and walks in Hartmann's Valley

Informative nature drives in open Land Rovers allow guests to experience the true Namib in its unbridled glory, while walking provides unique opportunities to see the smaller denizens of the desert, from the famous fairy circles to the desert chameleon.

Full day outing to Marienfluss Valley with a packed picnic lunch

The vast expanse of the Marinelli's Valley offers a much-needed sense of space and enables new interpretation of the concept of beauty.

Overnight at Serra Cafema

Day 7 – Etosha National Park – Little Ongava – Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Breakfast will be at Serra Cafema. Seat in light aircraft flight to Little Ongava via Dora Nawas. Upon arrival at the airstrip road transfer in a 4 x 4 vehicle to Little Ongava.

Designed for privacy, luxury, and an intimacy with the land, Little Ongava is arguably Namibia's most luxurious accommodation with pristine views across the Ongava plains. Little Ongava is perched on the crest of a hill commanding magnificent vistas of the plains stretching for miles to the horizon, offering an extraordinary experience as the focal point of an Etosha journey. This intimate camp has only three spacious suites each with its own plunge pool, en-suite bathroom, "sala", and outdoor shower. The lounge and dining areas have wonderful views of a productive waterhole below the camp, the open deck allowing for relaxed, stylish dining under the African sky. Guests at Little Ongava share a dedicated guide and vehicle, ensuring the best possible nature experience at one of Africa's great wildlife destinations. Day and night wildlife-viewing drives, visiting hides overlooking waterholes, walks and white rhino approaching with experienced guides can all be enjoyed exclusively on this reserve. Game drives and day trips into nearby Etosha National Park are also offered.

Afternoon Game Drive on Ongava Game Reserve. Lunch & Dinner at the Lodge. Overnight at Little Ongava.

Day 8 – Etosha National Park – Little Ongava – Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This day is reserved for activities with the lodge.

Little Ongava - Excursions into Etosha National Park

A full- or half-day guided morning game drive in the Etosha National Park, Namibia's prime savannah wilderness area (with a packed lunch on full day), allows you to see the massive salt-pan and perennial springs that provide the water required by the Park's high-density big game population. Private vehicles can be booked at an extra cost (subject to availability).

Little Ongava - Guided Nature Walks

Offered seasonally and subject to an available walking guide, the guided nature walks through the reserve will proudly showcase the abundant array of life, from the unusual plants to the arid-adapted animals with a chance of potentially approaching white rhino.

Little Ongava - Hide

A hide is a fantastic place to while the hours away up close and personal with wildlife slaking its thirst at a waterhole. This arid environment where little water occurs makes this a popular drinking spot for game.

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Ongava Information System and Visitor Centre

Guests can interface with science and research across the Ongava Game Reserve and part of this experience is an immersion into the world of natural history and science at the new Ongava Visitor Centre. With dozens of in-depth displays that feature information on the geology, animals, plants and ecological functioning of this fascinating region, guests are encouraged to meander through the self-guided exhibition area.

Overnight at Little Ongava.

Day 9 – Departure – Breakfast

Early morning Game Drive in Ongava Game Reserve. Breakfast will be at Little Ongava. Transfer from Lodge to the airstrip. Seat In light aircraft flight from Ongava to Hosea Kutako International Airport in time for your outbound flight back home.

Inclusions:

- 8 night's accommodation as per itinerary
- Meals as mentioned above
- Activities as mentioned in the above itinerary
- All services as listed above
- English speaking guides throughout the itinerary (Other language speaking guides on request. Supplement applicable)
- Suitable vehicle as above or Similar including fuel
- Porterage's & Water
- Seat in Charter Light Aircraft flights
- Passenger Liability Insurance
- Entrance Fees and activities as mentioned above

Exclusions:

- International flights
- All expenses of a personal nature
- Any other additional activities not mentioned above
- All other services not listed above
- Travel Insurance

END OF SERVICES