

## **Namib Enviro Tours cc**

Raini Becker, P.O.Box 674, Swakopmund, Namibia

Cell/SMS: +264 81 256 2252

Tel: + 264 64 400 280

Fax: + 264 8861 6028

Email: raini@namibenvirotours.com



### **Classic Namibia**

The nights are spent in: Bagatelle Kalahari Ranch , Sossusvlei Lodge, Camp Gecko, 2 X Swakopmund B&B, Palmwag Lodge, Opuwo Country Hotel, Kunene River Lodge, Namutoni - Etosha, Halali - Etosha, Okaukuejo - Etosha, Waterberg Park, Windhoek B&B, depart.

- 1) We will depart either from Windhoek or straight from the airport and drive through the Kalahari desert. A lovely landscape with red dunes vegetated with acacias. I do know the nicer little back roads . Just after a picnic we should arrive at the **Bagatelle Kalahari Ranch**, giving you some time to relax after your long flight before we embark on our first nature drive. We will have a sun downer on a red Kalahari Dune.
- 2) From here we will drive west towards the Namib desert. From the great escarpment on we will have a lovely mountainous scenery with mainly granite outcrops. We will reside at the **Sossusvlei Lodge**. In the late afternoon we will visit the Sesriem canyon and take a walk in the environ. The dinner will be a luxurious buffet under the stars.
- 3) This morning we will get up well before sunrise as we want to leave early as to get the right light in the dunes. There are shades only in the early hours of the morning and that's the time with all the lovely hues of red and orange which create a stark contrast to the dark shady side of the dunes . I will take you on a walk on the wild side, to "Raini's Vlei" , a pan that is only used by me and my clients, you will get the rare opportunity to experience the desert in all the tranquillity, you can truly get away from people . Whilst all the other people in the area ALL flock down to the same place, its crowded and not peaceful at all. In the afternoon we will continue **Camp Gecko**, a basic tented camp with en suite facilities which is nice and quiet as there are only 6 tents and lots of space, you will truly enjoy the dead silence of the desert. From the Lapa up on a hill, we have a lovely sight into wide open spaces and endless landscape.
- 4) From here we will drive through the Kuiseb canyon and the Namib desert proper, here the emptiness stretches to the horizon . We will take a look at the lagoon in Walvis Bay where we can see Flamingo and lots of other sea birds. Then we will go to **Swakopmund** where you will spend 2 nights in a **B&B Hotel**.
- 5) **Swakopmund** is a quaint little town and there are lots of things to do, you will not be bored. There is a big variety of Restaurants where you can choose from fresh seafood to prime Namibian beef or venison. The choice is yours, meals are not included in towns.
- 6) We leave Swakopmund, and its back through the Namib with its great vistas up to the horizon which is always tens of miles away, in the transit area from the desert there are many mountains and so many different geological formations. At **Palmwag Lodge** our destination its all reddish lava stone from the Etendeka formation. In the late

## **Namib Enviro Tours cc**

Raini Becker, P.O.Box 674, Swakopmund, Namibia

Cell/SMS: +264 81 256 2252

Tel: + 264 64 400 280

Fax: + 264 8861 6028

Email: raini@namibenvirotours.com



afternoon I will take you for a little walk up the nearest hill, I will tell you a bit about the Fauna and Flora, here the fact of survival is an art in it self . We also have the chance to see the rare desert adapted elephants. At night they do wander through the campsite if they are in the area. That's a very nice experience on a camping trip, but definitely not for the faint of heart .

- 7) From here we will travel north, visit the Ongongo falls, a crystal clear rock pool . What a welcome surprise in this otherwise dry and hot landscape. We will take a bath, so do bring your swimming costume. Then its on to Opuwo , the capital of the nomadic Himba tribesmen. We will sleep over at the **Opuwo Country Hotel** which only opened its doors in 2005. Its lovely situated on top of a mountain with a fantastic view into the vast African wilderness. At the bottom you can see and hear the Himba in one of their homesteads.
- 8) In Opuwo we will purchase some gifts for the Himba before we set out on our quest to meet the Himba. We will meet these tribesmen in their traditional dress along the road. I will make contact with them and bargain out a deal so that you can take your sought after memory photos, but please remember: its not a zoo. The main objective is to see them and learn about their lifestyle and tradition and believes. We will spend the night at the **Kunene River Lodge** on the Kunene River opposite of Angola. Its save , the war is over and there are no people living on the other side of the river.
- 9) We will follow the Kunene up stream and we will still see some more Himba along the road, all the way up to the Ruacana Falls, they are dry as all the water has to pass through a Hydro electric plant. From here we will travel on good tarmac roads through our most populated area of Namibia, the traditional farming area of the Vambo people. Its all very rural and typical African, lots of animals and people next to the road. The land is very flat but the different vegetation zones make up for it. One area is full of giant Baobabs between the Makalani Palms and or Mopane trees. This is a nice excursion through the traditional to modern black Africa . Late afternoon we will enter **Etosha National Park** from the north and we will see plenty of animals before we put our heads down in **Namutoni Rest camp**, an old German fort from the German colonial times.
- 10) We will go on game drives all day, we will visit the different waterholes which Etosha is world famous for. Water is very sparse in Namibia and thus the animals do come down to the waterholes on a regular basis to quench their thirst. We will spend another night in **one of Etosha's Rest camps**.
- 11) Tonight we want to stay over at **Okaukuejo** . This Camp has a lovely waterhole right next to the camp which is frequented by the rare endangered black rhino. But also herds of elephants and all sorts of antelope do come down to drink.
- 12) After a last early game drive in search of predators we will leave Etosha and go through commercial farmland past Outjo and Otjiwarongo to the **Waterberg plateau Park** . I will take you for a walk up the mountain in the late afternoon. From here we have a last stunning view over the flat Kalahari to the east, we will sit on top of the

## Namib Enviro Tours cc

Raini Becker, P.O.Box 674, Swakopmund, Namibia

Cell/SMS: +264 81 256 2252

Tel: + 264 64 400 280

Fax: + 264 8861 6028

Email: raini@namibenvirotours.com



mountain and the impressions of the holidays will get a chance to sink in as we reminiscence about the tour.

- 13) To day its all the way back to **Windhoek** and its the end of the tour. You will have time to see and experience the town. Dinner is on your own account in one of the many restaurants in town.

### End of Tour

