Go Slow in Namibia

Naturetrek Tour Itinerary

Outline itinerary

Day 1 – 2	Outbound flights
Day 3 – 9	Okonjima – game drives and wildlife tracking for rare and endangered species
Day 10 – 11	Inbound flights

Etosha Extension

Day 10	Drive to East Etosha
Day 11 – 12	Etosha National Park
Day 13	Return Windhoek
Day 14 – 15	Inbound flights







From Top: Leopard, Cape Starling, Ground Pangolin

Departs
Year round

Focus
Mammals and Birds

Grading
A. Mostly vehicle-based, with some on foot tracking

Dates and Prices
See website (tour code NAM08)

Highlights:

- Specialist wildlife tracking for Leopard, Brown Hyena and Pangolin
- Rhinoceros tracking by foot with dedicated anti-poaching unit
- Day and night game drives
- Comfortable lodge with excellent facilities
- Led by expert local guides and naturalists

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Introduction

Namibia is a land of immense spaces and dramatic contrasts. From the towering dunes of the Namib Desert and the rugged mountains of the interior to the vast wildlife-rich savannahs of the north, it offers some of Africa's most spectacular scenery and most rewarding wildlife experiences. Yet, despite its reputation as a classic safari destination, Namibia is also a country that lends itself perfectly to slower, more immersive exploration, allowing visitors time to appreciate not only the wildlife but also the remarkable landscapes, conservation successes and sense of wilderness that make it so special.

This relaxed 'Go Slow' holiday is centred on an 8-night stay at the outstanding Okonjima Nature Reserve, one of Namibia's foremost conservation areas and home of the renowned AfriCat Foundation. Staying throughout at the comfortable Okonjima Plains Camp, we will enjoy a carefully balanced programme of optional activities focused on some of Africa's most fascinating and elusive mammals. Highlights include specialist tracking experiences for Leopard, Brown Hyena, White Rhinoceros and Temminck's Ground Pangolin, together with game drives, conservation presentations and opportunities to learn more about the pioneering research taking place within the reserve. Equally important, there will be plenty of time to relax at the lodge, enjoy wildlife from the waterhole, or simply soak up the atmosphere of the African bush.

For those wishing to extend their holiday, an optional post-tour extension to Etosha National Park offers the opportunity to experience one of Africa's greatest wildlife destinations. Whether watching elephants gather at a waterhole, searching for predators across the open plains, or enjoying the rich birdlife for which Namibia is renowned, this holiday combines outstanding wildlife encounters with a comfortable pace and exceptional accommodation. It is an ideal introduction (or re-introduction!) to Namibia for anyone seeking a rewarding safari experience without the demands of constantly changing location.



Okonjima

NB. Please note that the itinerary below offers our planned programme of excursions. However, adverse weather and other local considerations can necessitate some re-ordering of the programme during the course of the tour, though this will always be done to maximise best use of the time and weather conditions available.

Itinerary

Day 1 Fly Johannesburg

Today we depart London on an overnight flight to Johannesburg.

Day 2 Travel to Okonjima Nature Reserve

Following a change of aircraft in Johannesburg, we continue to Windhoek, Namibia's capital, where we will meet our expert leader. There is an approximately 3-hour drive north to Okonjima, where we will spend the next seven days and eight nights exploring this important Nature Reserve.

We will be staying at Okonjima Plains Camp, beautifully positioned around one of the reserve's most productive waterholes and undoubtedly one of the lodge's greatest attractions. Situated directly in front of the central Barn building, which houses the reception, lounge, restaurant and viewing deck, the camp offers outstanding opportunities for wildlife-watching throughout the day. Whether enjoying breakfast, relaxing with a coffee or unwinding before dinner, there is always the possibility of wildlife appearing at the water's edge.

As befits a Naturetrek 'Go Slow' holiday, there is plenty of time to relax and enjoy the lodge itself between activities. A swimming pool overlooking the surrounding plains provides a wonderful place to unwind, whilst the comfortable lounge and outdoor viewing areas offer excellent vantage points from which to enjoy the scenery and wildlife. Indoor and outdoor dining areas provide a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere, and the terrace and firepit create an ideal setting for evening drinks, the daily wildlife checklist (for those who wish to participate) and conversation with fellow travellers.


Greater Kudu


Springbok

Accommodation is provided in spacious, air-conditioned rooms, each with private facilities, comfortable seating, tea- and coffee-making facilities and views across the surrounding bushveld. Wi-Fi and mobile phone reception are available in the rooms for those wishing to remain connected, although many guests find it easy to slip into the relaxed rhythm of life on the reserve. For those who enjoy independent exploration, a network of well-marked self-guided nature trails traverses the reserve, with maps available from reception. These trails allow guests to experience the reserve's scenery, birdlife and smaller wildlife at their own pace, adding a further dimension to their stay.

The waterhole itself is a constant source of interest. Regular visitors include Plains Zebra, Southern Giraffe, Greater Kudu, Oryx, Red Hartebeest, Springbok, Warthog and Black-backed Jackal, whilst birdwatchers can enjoy a steady procession of doves, sandgrouse, hornbills, starlings and raptors. After dark, more elusive visitors may appear, including Cape Porcupine, Southern Small-spotted Genet and other nocturnal mammals. Floodlit each evening, the waterhole offers a wonderfully atmospheric setting and often provides memorable wildlife encounters without guests needing to leave the comfort of the lodge.


Southern Small-spotted Genet

Overnight: Okonjima Plains Camp

Day 3 Okonjima Nature Reserve

Located between Windhoek and Etosha, Okonjima Nature Reserve is not only a superb wildlife destination but also one of Namibia's most important centres for conservation research. The reserve is home to the renowned AfriCat Foundation, a pioneering conservation organisation established to improve understanding of Namibia's large carnivores and reduce conflict between wildlife and local communities. Today, AfriCat's work extends far beyond its original focus, encompassing long-term ecological research, habitat conservation and the protection of a range of threatened species.

During our time at Okonjima, we will gain an insight into the reserve's ongoing research programmes and the crucial role they play in safeguarding Namibia's wildlife. Projects currently underway include long-term studies of Leopard, Brown Hyena and Temminck's Ground Pangolin populations, using a variety of techniques such as camera trapping, GPS tracking and individual identification to better understand their movements, behaviour and ecology. Following an introduction to this work, we will make our first foray into the reserve, putting theory into practice as we begin our exploration of this remarkable conservation area.

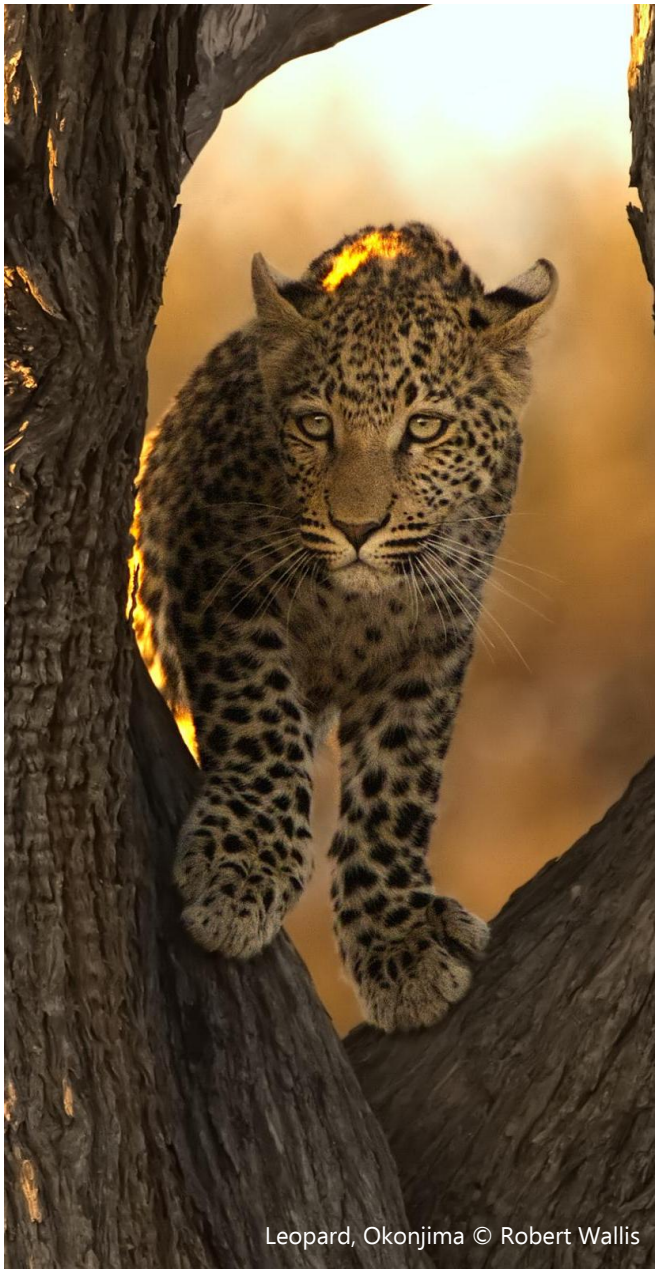
As well as learning about the science behind modern conservation, we will have opportunities to enjoy the reserve's rich birdlife and diverse mammal fauna, set against the backdrop of Namibia's beautiful bushveld landscapes. After a rewarding afternoon in the field, we return to camp for dinner and an opportunity to relax as the sun slowly sets across the African plains.

Overnight: Okonjima Plains Camp

Day 4 Okonjima – Leopard Tracking

Today we take part in our first specialist tracking activity, focusing on one of Okonjima's most iconic residents: the Leopard. Since 1997, the AfriCat Foundation has undertaken extensive research into these elusive predators, and the reserve now supports a well-studied population of more than 35 individually identified animals. This long-term work has made Okonjima one of the best places in Namibia to learn about, and potentially encounter, this magnificent cat.

Accompanied by experienced local guides, we venture into the reserve in search of Leopards that form part of AfriCat's ongoing monitoring programme. A proportion of the adult population carries radio-collars, enabling guides to use specialised telemetry equipment to determine their general whereabouts. Whilst this significantly improves our chances of locating a Leopard, the experience remains very much a wildlife encounter rather than a guaranteed sighting, with the animals continuing to roam freely across the reserve.


Leopard, Okonjima © Robert Wallis

The activity provides a fascinating insight into both Leopard ecology and the wider challenges of carnivore conservation in modern Namibia. Along the way, we learn about territorial behaviour, population monitoring and the relationship between predators and the landscapes they inhabit. Whether or not we are fortunate enough to find a Leopard, the experience offers a unique perspective on the reserve's conservation work and a deeper understanding of one of Africa's most charismatic mammals. With the combination of expert guides, long-term research and excellent habitat, Okonjima remains one of the finest places in the country to search for this iconic species.

Overnight: Okonjima Plains Camp

Day 5 Okonjima – Game Drive

We will set out early this morning on a guided game drive through the Okonjima Nature Reserve, accompanied by knowledgeable local guides whose intimate understanding of the reserve helps bring the landscape and its wildlife vividly to life. Unlike our dedicated tracking activities, today offers a more traditional safari experience, allowing us to explore a wider range of habitats and species at a leisurely pace. Plains game are often encountered in good numbers and may include Greater Kudu, Oryx, Springbok, Impala, Southern Giraffe and Plains Zebra, whilst Warthog, Chacma Baboon and Black-backed Jackal are also regularly seen.


Swallow-tailed Bee-eater


Impala

Birdlife can be equally rewarding. The acacia-dotted thornveld supports a colourful variety of species, including Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, Crimson-breasted Shrike, African Grey Hornbill and Red-billed Buffalo Weaver. Raptors are often conspicuous, with possibilities including Pale Chanting Goshawk, Tawny Eagle and the ever-impressive Bateleur, whilst more open areas may produce Kori Bustard, Northern Black Korhaan and other characteristic birds of Namibia's central plains.

With no specific target species in mind, today's excursion offers an opportunity to enjoy the reserve as a whole, appreciating its diverse wildlife, beautiful landscapes and excellent birdlife while embracing the slower pace that characterises this holiday. As always, there will be plenty of time to pause for wildlife sightings, photography and simply soaking up the atmosphere of the African bush.

Overnight: Okonjima Plains Camp

Day 6 Okonjima – Rhinoceros Tracking

Today is a special day, as we have the opportunity to accompany Okonjima's dedicated anti-poaching team on foot in search of White Rhinoceros. Depending on our group size, we may split into two smaller subgroups to minimise our disturbance. These highly trained and experienced conservation staff spend countless hours in the field monitoring individual animals and play a vital role in safeguarding the reserve's White Rhinoceros population. Joining them offers a rare insight into the realities of modern wildlife conservation and the challenges involved in protecting some of Africa's most threatened mammals.

Tracking is undertaken entirely on foot and without the aid of telemetry, relying instead on the remarkable fieldcraft of the guides and anti-poaching team. By interpreting tracks, droppings and other signs, they gradually build a picture of an animal's movements and whereabouts. This creates a wonderfully immersive experience, allowing us to appreciate both the skill involved and the excitement of tracking large mammals through the African bush.

Whilst sightings can never be guaranteed, the experience itself provides a fascinating perspective on conservation in action. Time spent with the anti-poaching team highlights not only the ongoing threats facing the rhinoceros across Africa, but also the dedication and commitment of those working tirelessly to ensure their future. For many visitors, this behind-the-scenes glimpse into one of Africa's most important conservation challenges becomes one of the most memorable experiences of the entire holiday.



White Rhino

Overnight: Okonjima Plains Camp

Day 7 Okonjima – Brown Hyena Tracking

After yesterday's rewarding wildlife tracking on foot, this morning is deliberately left at leisure, allowing us to enjoy the facilities and wildlife around the camp at our own pace. The waterhole, gardens and surrounding bushveld can all be productive, whilst those who wish may simply relax by the pool or enjoy the views from the lodge.

Later in the afternoon, we set out in search of one of southern Africa's most elusive carnivores, Brown Hyena. Naturally nocturnal and far less frequently encountered than its spotted cousin, this fascinating species plays an important role within the ecosystem as both a scavenger and opportunistic predator. Okonjima is one of the best places in Namibia to learn about and potentially observe this secretive mammal.


Brown Hyena

This activity is closely linked to the long-term research undertaken by the AfriCat Foundation, which has been studying Brown Hyenas on the reserve for many years. Accompanied by experienced guides, we will follow the movements of known individuals, sometimes aided by tracking collars that provide valuable information on their extensive home ranges and complex social structures. Along the way, we will gain insight into the ecology of a species that remains poorly understood across much of its range.

The work carried out at Okonjima is among the most significant Brown Hyena research programmes in southern Africa and contributes directly to conservation planning both within Namibia and beyond. Whether or not we encounter one of these remarkable animals, the experience provides a fascinating glimpse into the science and conservation that underpin the reserve's success.

Overnight: Okonjima Plains Camp

Day 8 Okonjima – Pangolin Tracking

Our final specialist tracking activity focuses on one of Africa's most enigmatic mammals, Temminck's Ground Pangolin. Accompanied by an experienced guide and a dedicated pangolin guardian, we explore the reserve on foot during the late afternoon and early evening, when these predominantly nocturnal animals begin to emerge from their daytime refuges. For many visitors, the opportunity to search for a pangolin in the wild is a true wildlife highlight and one of the most memorable experiences that southern Africa has to offer.

Tracking is undertaken quietly and with great care, following signs left by the animals and relying on the expertise of those who monitor them on a daily basis. Depending on our group size, we may split into two smaller subgroups to again further minimise our disturbance. Encounters can never be guaranteed, but the process of searching for such a secretive creature is rewarding in itself. Should we be fortunate enough to locate a pangolin, observations are conducted at a respectful distance to minimise disturbance and ensure the welfare of the animal.


Temminck's Ground Pangolin © James Rae


Temminck's Ground Pangolin


Temminck's Ground Pangolin

Temminck's Ground Pangolin is one of four African pangolin species and is among the most threatened mammals on the continent. Increasing pressure from habitat loss and illegal wildlife trade has led to growing conservation concerns throughout its range. The long-term monitoring and research undertaken at Okonjima are helping to improve understanding of this poorly studied species, whose nocturnal habits and naturally low population densities make it exceptionally difficult to study in the wild. Spending time with the researchers and guardians responsible for its protection provides a unique window into the efforts being made to secure the future of this remarkable animal.

Overnight: Okonjima Plains Camp

Day 9 Ombu Village & Okonjima Night Drive

For our final day at Okonjima, we will explore some of the wider area, beginning with a visit to nearby Ombu Village. Established to preserve and celebrate the heritage of the Ovaherero people, the village offers a fascinating insight into traditional life and culture. During our visit, we will learn about daily life, including traditional food preparation, perfumes, dress and the distinctive architecture of Ovaherero homesteads. Our local guides will also explain the customs, beliefs, ceremonies and traditions that continue to shape Ovaherero society today, as well as the enduring importance of cattle within their culture.

Returning to Okonjima for lunch, we will have the afternoon free to relax and enjoy the camp's facilities, perhaps spending time at the waterhole, enjoying the pool, or simply soaking up the atmosphere of the reserve. After dinner, we round off our stay with a nocturnal game drive, offering a completely different perspective on Okonjima's wildlife. As darkness falls and temperatures begin to drop, many of the reserve's most elusive inhabitants become active.


Aardwolf


Cape Porcupine

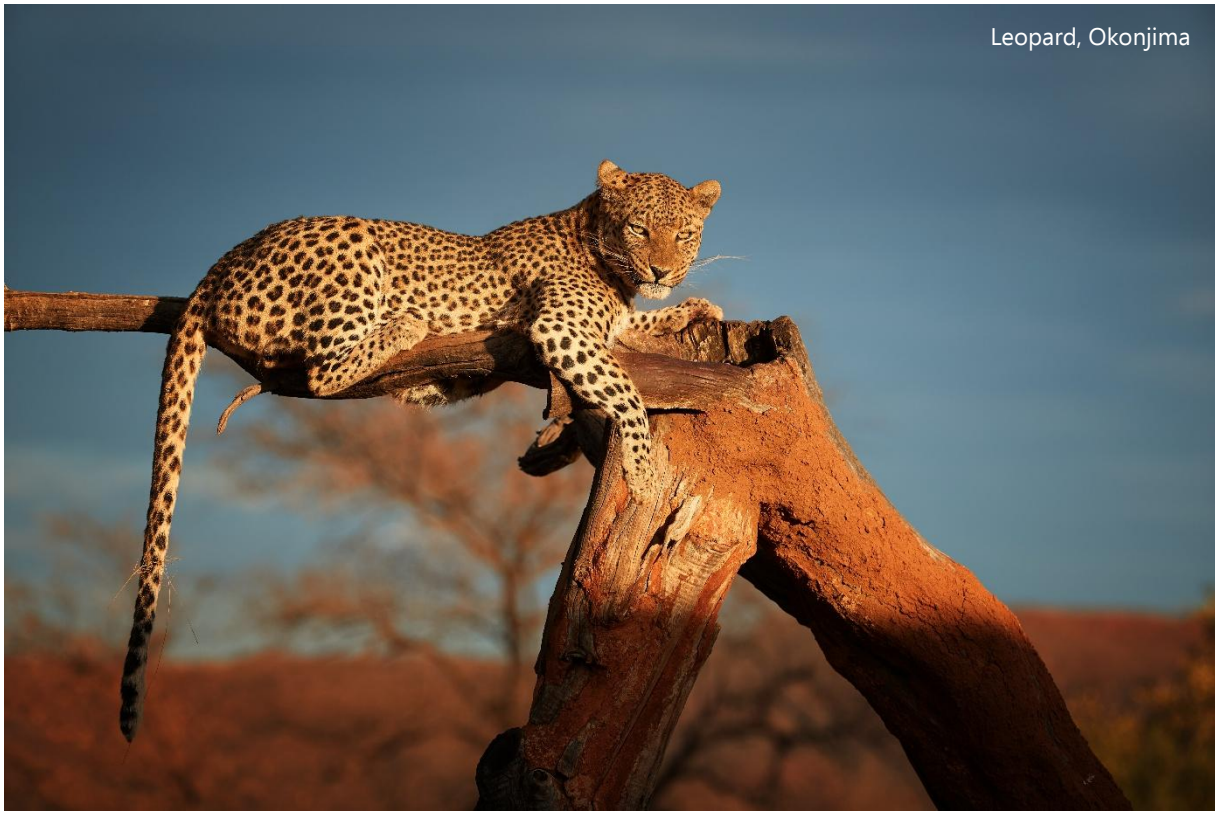
This is an excellent opportunity to search for species that are rarely encountered during daylight hours. Possibilities include Bat-eared Fox, Aardwolf, Honey Badger and Cape Porcupine, whilst owls may be seen perched along the roadside. With luck, we may also encounter Leopard or Brown Hyena as they begin their nightly activities. Other nocturnal mammals found within the reserve include Caracal, Cape Fox, Southern Small-spotted Genet, Serval and Aardvark, together with smaller species such as Springhare, Scrub Hare and a variety of bushveld rodents. Whatever we find, it promises to be a memorable final evening in one of Namibia's most rewarding wildlife reserves.

Overnight: Okonjima Plains Camp

Day 10 – 11 Inbound Flights

This morning we bid farewell to Okonjima after an unforgettable stay and a unique opportunity to experience some of Africa's most celebrated wildlife whilst gaining an insight into the conservation work that helps protect it. For those returning home, we begin the roughly 3-hour drive south to Windhoek Airport, arriving in good time for our overnight flights.

For those continuing on the post-tour extension, we say goodbye to the rest of the group and head north towards Etosha National Park. Covering some 22,000 square kilometres, Etosha is widely regarded as one of Africa's finest wildlife destinations. Dominated by the vast Etosha Pan and surrounded by a mosaic of grasslands, savannah and mopane woodland, the park supports an extraordinary diversity of mammals and birds.


Leopard, Okonjima

Post-tour Etosha Extension

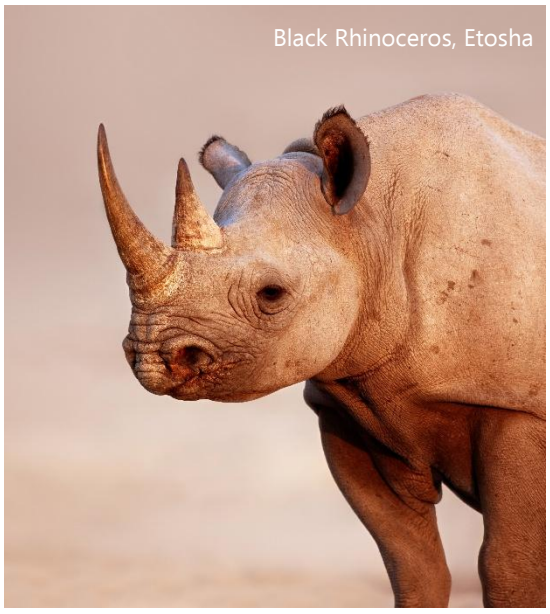
(The minimum number of participants required to run this extension is five; however, we may still be able to operate it with fewer guests for a small per-person supplement.)

Day 10 Travel to Etosha National Park

The name Etosha translates as 'Great White Place', a reference to the vast Etosha Pan that dominates the heart of the park. This immense saltpan, measuring approximately 100 kilometres by 80 kilometres, is the remnant of an ancient inland lake that dried up thousands of years ago and today forms one of Africa's most distinctive landscapes. The surrounding grasslands, woodland and scattered waterholes support an extraordinary abundance of wildlife and make Etosha one of the continent's premier safari destinations.

The character of the park varies considerably throughout the year. During the dry months, wildlife congregates around the permanent waterholes, often providing outstanding game-viewing opportunities. Following the summer rains, however, the landscape is transformed into a mosaic of lush grasslands, seasonal wetlands and shallow pools. Whilst animals are generally more widely dispersed at this time, the park takes on a completely different character, with spectacular scenery, fewer visitors and a notable increase in birdlife as migrants arrive from further north and many resident species adopt their breeding plumage.


Elephant, Etosha


Black Rhinoceros, Etosha

Whatever the season, Etosha offers superb wildlife-viewing. Large mammals may include Elephant, Lion, Leopard, Black Rhinoceros, Southern Giraffe, Blue Wildebeest, Plains Zebra and a variety of antelope, whilst the birdlife is equally impressive, with more than 300 species recorded. The combination of open landscapes, excellent visibility and abundant wildlife ensures memorable sightings throughout the year.

We will spend three nights at the eastern end of the park, staying at the comfortable Mokuti Etosha Lodge. From here, we will set out on daily game drives to explore this remarkable wilderness, making the most of the exceptional wildlife-viewing opportunities for which Etosha is justly famous.

Mokuti Etosha Lodge, situated just outside Etosha's eastern boundary, is ideally placed for exploring this wildlife-rich corner of the park. Set amongst extensive mopane woodland, the lodge offers spacious, comfortable accommodation, attractive gardens and a particularly welcoming atmosphere after a day in the field. Facilities include a swimming pool, restaurant, bar and shaded outdoor areas where guests can relax whilst enjoying the surrounding birdlife. The grounds themselves can be rewarding for wildlife-watching, with species such as Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill, Crimson-breasted Shrike, Burchell's Starling and numerous other birds frequently recorded. Combining comfort, excellent service and a superb location close to the park entrance, Mokuti provides an ideal base from which to enjoy our time in Etosha.

Overnight: Mokuti Etosha Lodge

Day 11 – 12 Etosha National Park

Our days in Etosha will begin as the first light appears over the horizon and the park gates open. Setting out early allows us to take advantage of the cooler temperatures and the heightened activity of many of the park's mammals and birds. We will explore a variety of habitats, from the vast open expanse of the Etosha Pan to grasslands, marshes and acacia-dotted plains, in search of the park's remarkable wildlife. Large herds of Elephant, Southern Giraffe, Blue Wildebeest, Springbok, Gemsbok, Greater Kudu, Red Hartebeest, Black-faced Impala and Plains Zebra are all regularly encountered, whilst smaller species such as Steenbok and Damara Dik-dik often require a little more patience. With luck, we may also encounter some of Etosha's most celebrated residents, including Lion, Leopard and Black Rhinoceros. The early morning hours can be especially productive for more elusive species, and we will be keeping a close watch for Bat-eared Fox, Cape Fox, Spotted Hyena and other mammals as they conclude their nocturnal activities.

One of the great pleasures of Etosha is spending time at the park's famous waterholes, where wildlife gathers throughout the day. By waiting quietly at the most productive sites, we can often enjoy prolonged views of animals arriving to drink, sometimes producing remarkable spectacles as elephants, Southern Giraffes, antelope and predators all visit in succession. These unhurried observations provide excellent wildlife-watching and photographic opportunities, and perfectly complement the relaxed pace of the extension.



Hartmann's Zebra, Etosha National Park

Birdlife can be equally impressive, particularly during and following the summer rains when the park's avian diversity is at its peak. More than 300 species have been recorded from Etosha, and migrants arriving from further north add to an already rich resident bird community. Cuckoos such as Jacobin, Diederik, Klaas's, Striped and African Cuckoo may all be present, whilst many of the weavers and whydahs will be resplendent in breeding plumage. Raptors are a constant feature of the landscape and may include Pygmy, Red-necked and Lanner Falcons, Gabar Goshawk, Bateleur and a variety of eagles and vultures. Other notable species might include Blue Crane, Kori Bustard, Double-banded Courser, Southern White-faced Owl, Rufous-cheeked Nightjar, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, Violet Wood-hoopoe, Crimson-breasted Shrike, Pririt Batis, Black-cheeked Waxbill, Pink-billed Lark and Cape Penduline Tit, ensuring that birdwatchers are rarely short of something to


Crimson-breasted Shrike


Diederik Cuckoo

enjoy.

Overnights: Mokuti Etosha Lodge

Day 13 Travel to Windhoek

After several rewarding days exploring Etosha National Park, we begin the journey back to Windhoek, enjoying a final opportunity to appreciate Namibia's vast landscapes along the way.

For our final night, we will stay at a comfortable lodge on the outskirts of the capital. Set within attractive gardens, it provides a relaxing setting in which to reflect on the highlights of our Namibian adventure. The grounds can be rewarding for birdwatching, and as dusk falls there may be time to enjoy one last African sunset and the clear, star-filled skies for which Namibia is renowned before our journey home the following day.

Overnight: Windhoek

Day 14 – 15 Depart Namibia, Arrive Home

This morning we will head to Windhoek Airport, where we will catch our overnight return flights home.

Tour Grading

Grade A – Most tracking will be conducted from a safari vehicle, except for the designated foot-based activities, namely rhinoceros and pangolin tracking. These excursions are paced slowly to allow maximum enjoyment of our time in the field.

Focus

As a Naturetrek 'Go Slow' holiday, this tour has been designed to maximise enjoyment whilst minimising exertion. Most activities are undertaken at a relaxed pace from safari vehicles, allowing ample time to observe wildlife, enjoy the scenery and learn about the reserve's conservation work. The emphasis is on quality wildlife encounters rather than covering long distances or maintaining a demanding schedule. Our focus throughout will be on tracking and observing the remarkable wildlife of Okonjima Nature Reserve, and whilst there will be a few early starts and occasional evening activities, these are balanced by generous periods of free time at the lodge. Guests will have plenty of opportunity to relax by the pool, enjoy the waterhole, explore the self-guided trails or simply unwind in the comfort of the camp between excursions.

Some activities, including rhinoceros and pangolin tracking, are undertaken on foot. However, these outings are generally unhurried and are designed to enhance the wildlife experience rather than test physical endurance. Anyone with a reasonable level of mobility who is comfortable walking short distances on uneven ground should have no difficulty enjoying the holiday. The overall pace is intentionally relaxed, allowing participants to fully appreciate both the wildlife and the unique atmosphere of one of Namibia's finest conservation areas.

Food & Accommodation Included in the Price

We will stay at the excellent Okonjima Plains Camp, where spacious, well-appointed rooms all have private en suite facilities and views across the surrounding bushveld. The camp provides a comfortable and welcoming base for our stay, with superb wildlife-watching possible directly from the lodge and its famous waterhole.



Okonjima Lodge Plains Camp rooms

All meals are included in the cost of the holiday, from dinner on Day 2 through to breakfast on Day 10. For those participating in the Etosha extension, meals are included through to breakfast on Day 14. Meals are taken at the lodge and are of a high standard, offering a variety of freshly prepared dishes in a relaxed and friendly setting.

Items of a personal nature, together with snacks, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages, are not included in the tour price.

Weather

The climate at Okonjima varies considerably throughout the year, providing different wildlife-watching experiences according to the season. During the hotter, drier months, particularly from September to November, temperatures can be high, often reaching the low to mid-30s°C and occasionally higher. Despite the heat, wildlife-viewing can be excellent, with animals frequently concentrating around water sources. As the first summer rains approach, dramatic skies, fresh vegetation and an influx of migratory birds can add an extra dimension to the experience.

From December to March, Okonjima lies within Namibia's summer rainfall season. Conditions are generally warm to hot, with occasional afternoon or evening thunderstorms and increased humidity. The reserve becomes lush and green, attracting a wealth of birdlife and providing excellent opportunities to observe many resident species in breeding plumage. Mammals remain abundant, whilst the vibrant scenery and improved conditions for photography can make this a particularly rewarding time to visit.

From April to August, rainfall becomes increasingly infrequent and conditions are generally drier and more settled. Days remain pleasantly warm, with clear skies and excellent visibility, whilst mornings and evenings can be surprisingly cool, particularly when travelling in open safari vehicles. As vegetation gradually thins, wildlife can become easier to observe and photograph against the more open landscapes.

Regardless of departure date, participants should come prepared for a range of conditions. Lightweight, breathable clothing is ideal for the warmer parts of the day, whilst a fleece or light jacket is recommended for early morning activities and evening drives. During the cooler winter months, warmer layers, including a windproof jacket, are advisable for early starts and night drives. A sun hat, sunscreen and comfortable walking shoes are essential throughout the year. With its abundance of sunshine, beautiful light and generally pleasant conditions, Okonjima offers an outstanding climate for wildlife-watching throughout the year.

Transport

Please assist our tour leaders (and guides) in ensuring that there is a rotation of seats around the safari vehicle(s) to allow each tour member to enjoy approximately equal time in the front. In order to be fair to all participants, we regret that we are unable to guarantee a perpetual front seat to those who might suffer from motion sickness or other concerns.

How to Book Your Place

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Okonjima Lodge Plains Camp