

NAMIBIA VET SAFARIS

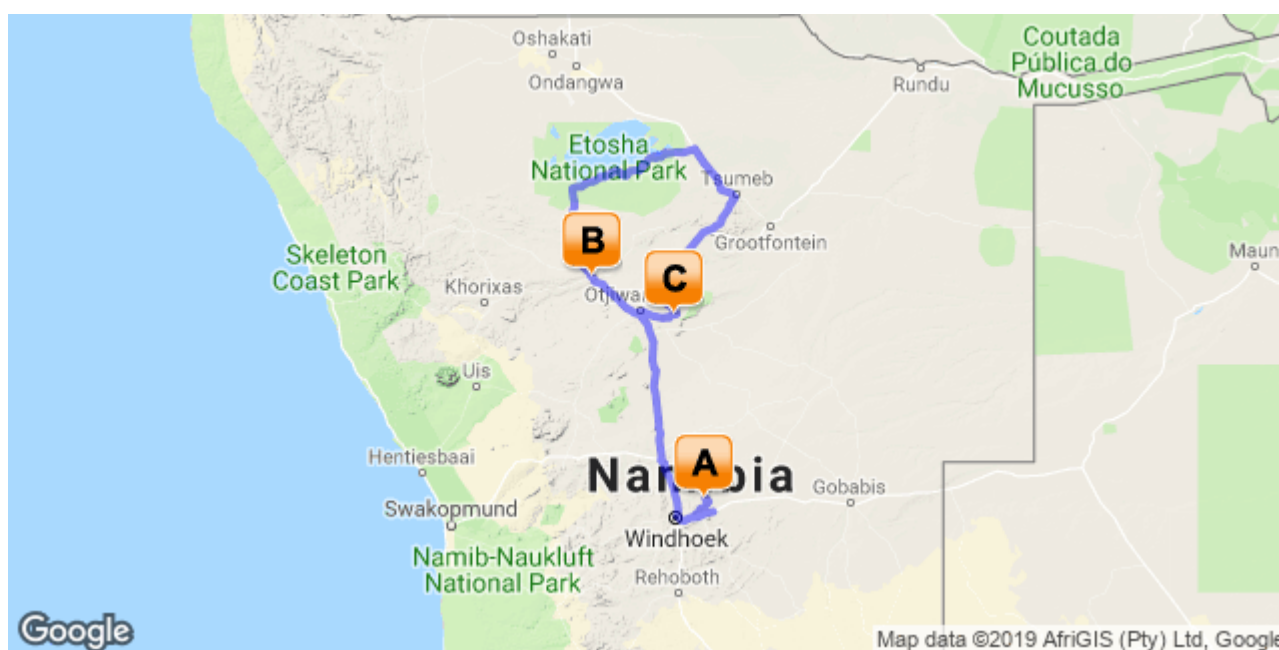
July 2020

Namibia Vet Safaris: Cheetah Safari

Greater Windhoek - Outjo - Waterberg Region

12 Days / 11 Nights

20 July 2020 – 31 July 2020



Conservation is ingrained in Namibia and this safari gives you the chance to be involved and learn more about endangered African species – especially the Cheetah. Get involved with the conservation efforts and witness the country’s innovative conservation measures first hand.

Conservation areas we will visit on this safari:

- Naankuse Wildlife Sanctuary
- REST (Rare and Endangered Species Trust)
- Etosha National Park
- CCF (Cheetah Conservation Fund)



General Overview of Conservation in Namibia:

Namibia became a leader in conservation and was the first African country to incorporate protection of the environment into its constitution. Through the creation of communal conservancies, rural communities are given the opportunity to manage their natural resources sustainably and to benefit from wildlife. This is now considered as a complimentary land use method in conjunction with agriculture and livestock herding.

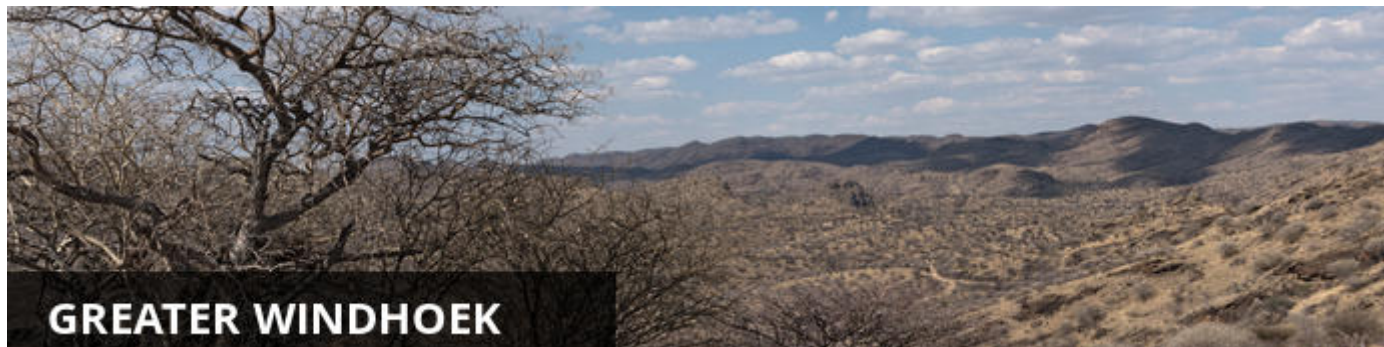
As a result, poaching has become less and less socially acceptable, as conservancy members are committed to protecting and sustaining wildlife for their tourism value. Namibia's conservancy movement and other conservation efforts, such as eco-tourism, have restored populations of Lions, Cheetahs, Black Rhinos, Zebras and other native wildlife of the world's richest dry land.

There are many types of conservation categories including wildlife conservation, soil conservation and habitat conservation, amongst others. Wildlife conservation in Namibia is one of our most important priorities, as we love the flora and fauna that our ecosystem can support.

If you go anywhere in Namibia, you're likely to find that some part of the experience involves wildlife conservation in one way shape or form as 42% of the land is dedicated to wildlife conservation initiatives under private or public ownership.

Accommodation	Destination	Start	End	Basis	Duration
Na'an ku se Wildlife Sanctuary	Greater Windhoek	20 Jul	24 Jul	FB	4 Nights
Etotongwe Lodge	Outjo	24 Jul	28 Jul	D, B&B	4 Nights
Cheetah Conservation Fund	Waterberg Region	28 Jul	31 Jul	FB	3 Nights

Day 1-4: Na'an ku se Wildlife Sanctuary , Greater Windhoek



Windhoek, the capital of Namibia, is encircled by magnificent mountains, expansive valleys, fertile farmlands, lodges and luxury guest farms. The landscape of the Greater Windhoek area surrounding this bustling city is characterised by vast valleys, thick scrub, rocky hills, and covered in golden savannah. Visitors can explore the dry river beds and mountainous scrublands, as well as enjoy birding, leopard-spotting and view large quantities of wildlife in the north; visit the more arid eastern part with its olive, potato and date plantations; explore the rolling hills of the Khomas Hochland Mountains in the west of the Greater Windhoek area and soak up the epic views along a number of scenic passes leading off the high plateau including: Bosua Pass, Gamsberg Pass and Spreetshoogte Pass.

Day Itinerary

Welcome to Namibia! Welcome to Namibia! A representative will be waiting for you in the arrivals hall of Hosea Kutako International airport. After brief introductions, you will be transferred to Naankuse Wildlife Sanctuary where you will spend the next 4 nights.

The programme for the next 5 days will include the following activities: (programme subject to change)

- Work with the vet team
- Spend time with the research team in the reserve on Cheetah research
- Cheetah walk
- Cheetah tracking – if any collared Cheetahs in the reserve
- Regular activities such as sunset game drives and Baboon walk
- Optional activities like the San Bushman experience and Horse riding

Overnight: Na'an ku se Wildlife Sanctuary

The Naankuse Foundation Wildlife Sanctuary provides a safe haven and second chance for countless injured, orphaned and conflict animals. Wherever possible their aim is to release animals back into the wild.

Only animals too ill, abused or habituated remain at the sanctuary. This is done purely for their safety and survival chances, particularly vital for big cats. The release of carnivores, both cheetahs and leopards, is a top priority at Naankuse – “returning the wild to the wild” being the mantra that forms the backbone of our projects.

Orphaned animals are raised with dedication, and their natural needs are carefully considered. They tend away from the feeling of “captivity” and instead create an environment where their natural behaviours are nurtured and encouraged. For example, baboons thrive in large enclosures and enjoy daily bush walks. The sanctuary provides a home to the smallest of meerkats, mongooses and rock hyraxes, to the largest of carnivores such as lions, leopards, cheetahs and African wild dogs, with a wide range of feathered, furry and scaled animals in between.

Optional Activities at Na'an ku se

- Full Carnivore Feeding Tour (Lion, Cheetah, Baboon, Wild Dog, Leopard, Caracal)
- Ancient San Skills Academy
- Guided Nature Walk
- Guided Horse Riding Excursion
- Ancient San Stories under the stars
- Cheetah Experience
- Caracal Walk
- Hunting with San Bushmen
- Sunset & Night Drive
- Snake Experience
- Baboon Walk

Day 5-8: REST (Rare & Endangered Species Trust)



Located in Namibia's Kunene region, the city of Outjo is known as the gateway to Etosha. Outjo's central position also makes it an excellent stopover en route to the Skeleton Coast and Damaraland, but that's not the only reason to visit this small town. Set amidst rolling hills, Outjo is a charming getaway boasting attractive forest and savannah surrounds, friendly locals and several historical sites. Roughly an hour's drive to the west you will find the Ugab Rock Finger, a 35-metre high stone monolith, while slightly further on is a 250-million-year-old petrified forest. Visitors can look forward to a variety of interesting sights including: visiting the local Franke Haus Museum, for a historical account of the area; and exploring the nearby Hopewell Farm to find magnificent volcanic tiger's eye deposits.

Day Itinerary

This morning after breakfast we make our way North where we will spend the next 4 nights at a lodge in Outjo. This is a perfect base for visiting REST as well as Etosha National Park. Depending on the work available at REST we will spend either 2 or 3 full days here and have an option to do a full day visit to Etosha National Park.

Day Itinerary

The programme for the next 2/3 days will include the following activities: (programme subject to change)

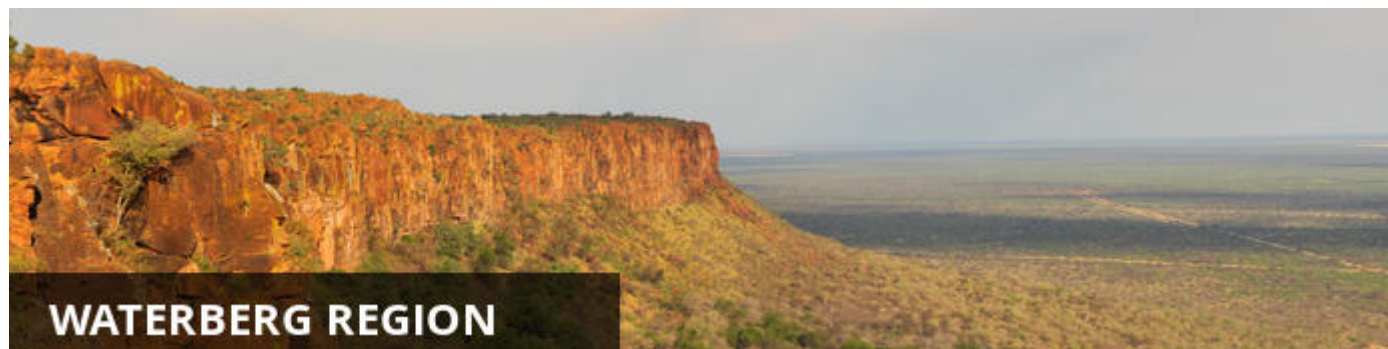
- Rare and Endangered Species Trust where the group will learn about rare and endangered species such as Pangolins and Vultures. This will be hands on work where you will assist with veterinary care for any of the resident patients and new arrivals.

Overnight: Etotongwe Lodge



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 9: Cheetah Conservation Fund, Waterberg Region

Situated just south of the renowned Etosha National Park, the Waterberg Region encompasses the magnificent Waterberg Plateau National Park and the farming districts from Outjo and Otjiwarongo in the west, to Grootfontein and Tsumeb in the east. Tranquil, vast, and breathtakingly beautiful, the Waterberg region is known for its natural attractions including undulating bushveld hills, deep gorges, clear streams, and magnificent mountains. The area features many game reserves which are home to an array of wildlife including the endangered roan and sable antelopes, rhino, blue wildebeests, Cape vulture and much more. Visitors can look forward to hiking through spectacular landscapes, jumping on a safari to the Waterberg Plateau and immerse themselves in the local Herero culture.

Day Itinerary

This morning we will make our way to Etosha National Park for a full day drive through the Park.

We will enjoy wonderful game viewing and hopefully seeing wild Cheetah in the park. Our guide will discuss Cheetah conservation, behaviour, population etc

We will arrive at the Cheetah Conservation Fund early evening where we will spend 3 nights.

Overnight: Cheetah Conservation Fund

Day 10-11: Cheetah Conservation Fund, Waterberg Region

Day Itinerary

The programme for the next two days will include the following activities: (programme subject to change)

- Cheetah Run
- Cheetah Drive
- Working with the wildlife vets on current cases
- Work with the research team on ongoing Cheetah research work
- Spend time with the CCF team and learn about Cheetah conservation work in Namibia

Cheetah Conservation Fund

Founded in Namibia in 1990, Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF) is the global leader in research and conservation of cheetahs. CCF is dedicated to saving the cheetah in the wild.

The vast majority of wild cheetahs are outside protected areas, in areas populated by humans. Saving this magnificent animal from extinction requires innovative conservation methods that address the welfare of both cheetah and human populations over large landscapes. CCF has developed a set of integrated programs that work together to achieve this objective. CCF's programs have effectively stabilized and even increased the wild cheetah population in Namibia.

CCF's mission is to be the internationally recognized centre of excellence in the conservation of cheetahs and their ecosystems. CCF will work with all stakeholders to develop best practices in research, education, and land use to benefit all species, including people.

CCF is an international non-profit organization headquartered in Namibia, with operations in the United States, Canada, Australia, Italy and the United Kingdom, and partner organizations in several other nations.

Day 12: Departure

Day Itinerary

After breakfast we will make our way back to Windhoek for your return flight home or optional extension.

Basis

Bed & Breakfast

INCLUSIONS:

- Transportation to and from Windhoek
- Full board accommodation on a double sharing basis.
- All meals (lunch could be packed or en route)
- All park entry fees
- Airport transfer fees
- Activities as specified on the itinerary

EXCLUSIONS:

- International Flights
- Pre and post trip accommodation
- Extra optional activities not specified in the itinerary
- Laundry
- Drinks
- Items of a personal nature
- Other unspecified cost in the itinerary.

NOTES:

- Pre and post trip accommodation can be arranged
- Trip extensions to Sossusvlei , Swakopmund or Damaraland can be arranged