



# Conservancy Safaris

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*make your footprint count*



## DESERT DUST DEVIL

3 days and 2 nights

Minimum 2, Maximum 9 participants

**This mini safari is ideal for those with a hectic schedule to enjoy an authentic desert excursion. It is also ideal for self-drive visitors who wish to have a short but quality guided experience.**

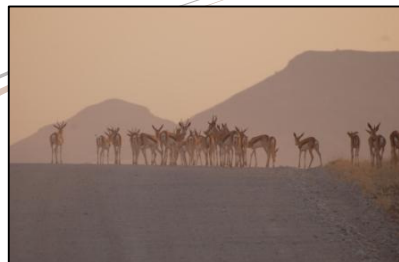
**Meet us in central Damaraland at Palmwag Lodge where it is also safe to leave your vehicle.**

### ITINERARY

*Our itinerary remains flexible because of environmental, climatic and human factors*

#### Day 1

Our team will meet you at Palmwag Lodge at about 09h00. We travel north via Sesfontein (which means "six springs"), then cross the spectacular Giribis Plains with its mysterious Fairy Circles and, following the course of the Gomatum River, head towards the 3 568 square kilometre Puros Conservancy. This vast area, with a population of less than 300 Himba and Herero herders, is one of the conservancies that own our company and we will be hosted here for the night.



We have a choice of activities which will be tailored to suit your special interests - wildlife or people or both. You may want to climb a dune hummock or drive up to sundowner hill, with its spectacular desert view. Spend the evening around the campfire in the Puros Conservancy Campsite, where elephants may stroll past your tent. Chat to our conservancy host, who will bring us up to date with conservancy activities and village life. This is a good opportunity, if you are interested, to obtain insights into the real conservation problems and their local solutions.

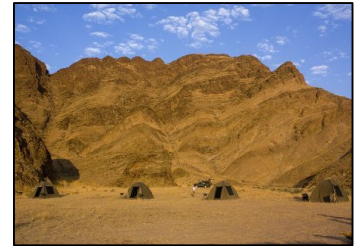
**Overnight: Camping at Puros Community Camp Site**

#### Day 2



You may wish to rise early to drive into the river bed, looking for desert adapted elephants and other fascinating wildlife. Then call in at the local shop and perhaps visit the local school. The teacher enjoys talking to visitors and the enthusiasm of the young learners in this remote settlement never fails to impress. See Puros village which has elephants to thank for its water tank and taps. Visit a small cultural business run by Himba women and take advantage of a shopping opportunity.

We travel on a little used track, crossing spectacular scenery towards the Hoanib River, a linear oasis with majestic Ana, Leadwood and Camelthorn trees marking its course. The rest of our day is spent exploring, searching for desert elephants, desert lions, giraffe, oryx and other wildlife which seasonally use this ephemeral river's resources. In the late afternoon we climb out of the river bed and make our camp at the foot of high hills providing us with a fantastic view across the Hoanib Valley. Enjoy the mouth-watering cuisine prepared by our back-up crew and immerse yourself in the sounds, scents and flavours of an African night around a crackling campfire, knowing your presence is making conservation sustainable for the people and animals who share this vast reason.



**Overnight: Bush Camping in the Hoanib**

**Day 3**



We make use of the cool early morning as we slowly head up the Hoanib River, still looking for wildlife. This is also the best time for photography with the soft light emphasising and highlighting the magnificent mountains flanking the river bed. The Hoanib River, a narrow ribbon of green winding through the desert from east to west, is a vital life support system for a host of fascinating creatures. See how they have had to adapt to survive in this incredible environment.

We leave the Hoanib River and drive via Sesfontein, arriving back at Palmwag Lodge mid to late afternoon.

<u>RATES</u>	
<u>01 January 2012 to 31 December 2012</u>	
<b>RATE PER PERSON: N\$14,650</b>	
<b>SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: N\$2,685</b>	
<b>** The rate quoted above applies if there are 4 or more guests booked on the safari. Should there be less than 4 a surcharge will apply. It is also possible to book a private safari - price on request.</b>	
INCLUDED	EXCLUDED
<b>3 light lunches, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts</b>  <b>Beer, wine, non-alcoholic beverages</b>	<b>Travel to and from Palmwag Lodge</b>  <b>Accommodation prior or after the safari on Day 3</b> <b>(however we can assist you with reservations if you wish)</b>

Rates are in Namibian Dollars, are influenced by industry increases and may change without prior notice. Our rates include 15% VAT.