SPIRIT OF NAMIBIA

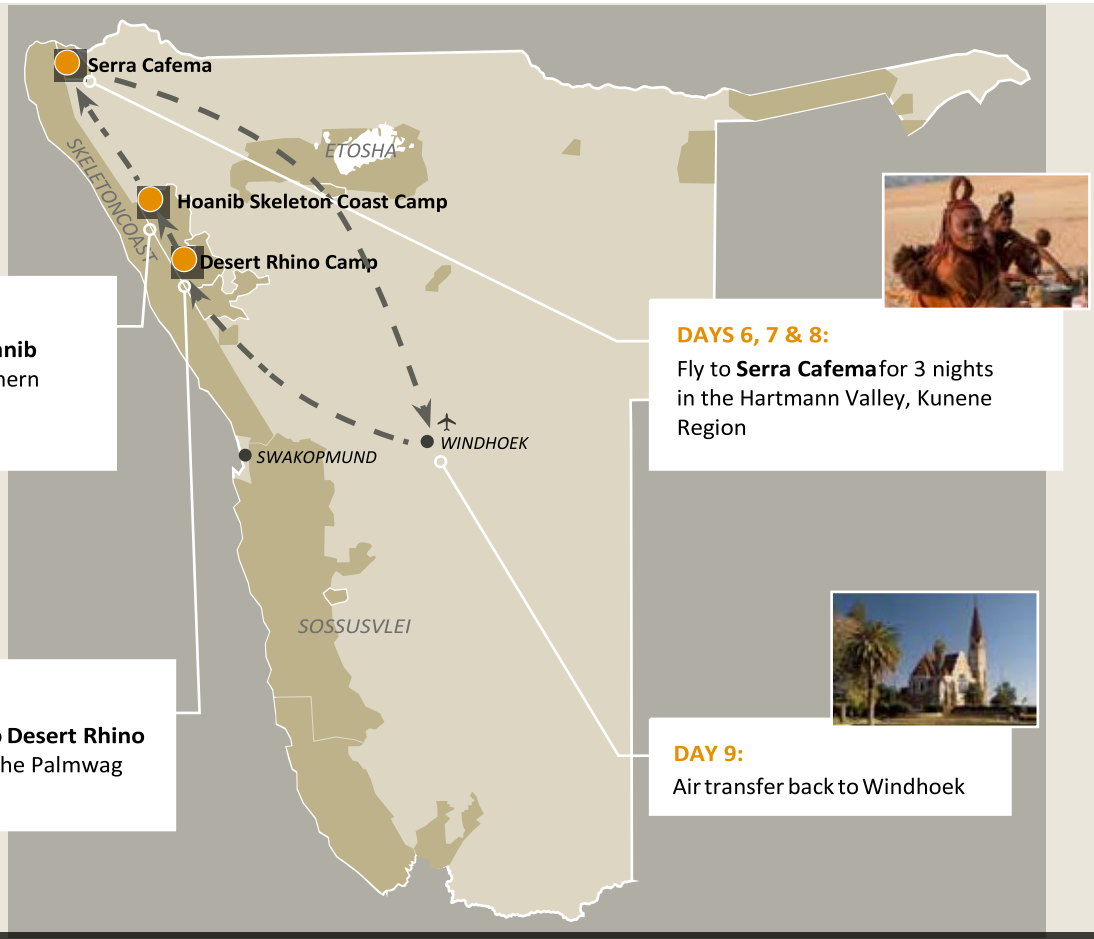
This flying safari highlights the truly secluded Kaokoveld (north-west) region of Namibia, from the fascinating landscapes of Palmwag to the endless and turbulent coastline of the Skeleton Coast and the enormous, hidden Hartmann Valley in the far north. Travelling with Wilderness Air allows one to experience this vast and distinctive area – whether it is the changing colours of the Namib, the oldest desert in the world, the deep blue of the cool Atlantic coast or some of the remotest wilderness areas in Africa. The camps are all situated within private concessions, while accommodation styles vary between traditional tented rooms, canvas and thatch chalets and the unique design of the Hoanib tents.

The Spirit of Namibia itinerary begins at the rocky outcrops of the Palmwag Concession, where the largest free-ranging population of black rhino in Africa roam, before venturing into the wild and desolate Hoanib area, famed for its desert-adapted wildlife and your launch pad to the incredible Skeleton Coast. Here, massive seal colonies can be seen and tales of countless maritime misfortunes revealed. Finally, the oasis of the Kunene River surrounded by mountains and plains, incredible night skies, the desert fauna that could be encountered, visiting the Himba people – one of the last true nomadic groups in Africa – and the wide open spaces will complete this remarkable journey.

BRIEF ITINERARY

DAYS 3, 4 & 5:
Fly north for 3 nights at **Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp** northern Palmwag Concession

DAYS 1 & 2:
From Windhoek, fly to **Desert Rhino Camp** for 2 nights in the Palmwag Concession



DAYS 6, 7 & 8:
Fly to **Serra Cafema** for 3 nights in the Hartmann Valley, Kunene Region

DAY 9:
Air transfer back to Windhoek

DAYS 1 & 2: DESERT RHINO CAMP – SOUTHERN PALMWAG CONCESSION

Fly from Windhoek to Desert Rhino Camp, enjoying the changing and desolate desert landscape below. The 450 000-hectare (1 million-acre) Palmwag Concession supports the largest free-roaming population of desert-adapted black rhino in Africa. Thanks to freshwater springs in the area there is a surprising amount of life here. The opportunity to track rhino by vehicle and on foot is one of the highlights here. Desert Rhino Camp is run in conjunction with the Save the Rhino Trust, with a portion of the guest revenue going to the Trust.

DAYS 3, 4 & 5: HOANIB SKELETON COAST CAMP, PALMWAG CONCESSION AND SKELETON COAST NATIONAL PARK

Fly north to spend three days exploring another diverse and fascinating part of the Palmwag Concession as well as the legendary Skeleton Coast National Park. Game drives and nature walks within this rugged landscape reveal wildlife such as desert-adapted elephant to Hartmann's mountain zebra and giraffe to name a few. A real highlight of your stay (weather permitting) is a visit to the iconic Skeleton Coast. Travelling by air or by land, this fascinating journey takes you via the Hoanib River and floodplain, the dune fields and Klein Oasis, ending at the dramatic rocky coastline itself with its huge Cape fur seal colony.

DAYS 6, 7 & 8: SERRA CAFEMA, MARIENFLUSS CONSERVANCY

Fly by light aircraft to the vast Marienfluss Conservancy in the extreme north of Namibia for a three-night stay at Serra Cafema. The camp is poised along the lush banks of the Kunene River, a rejuvenating band of green, surrounded by the lunar-like landscape of the Namib Desert and the Cafema mountain range to the north. Informative nature drives and eco-friendly quad-bike excursions allow guests to experience this vast, fascinating area. Boating on the river reveals the resident crocodiles and waterbirds living in this riverside oasis. Walking in the remote mountain and river valleys is also a highlight, as is a visit to a Himba settlement. The intriguing fairy circle phenomenon is best viewed in the Hartmann Valley.

DAY 9: DEPARTURE

Transfer by light aircraft to Hosea Kutako International Airport for your onward travel arrangements.

Price from N$ 63.744,50 – N$ 93 495,00 per Person sharing