

Summary of Services: Guided "Heavy Off-Road" Kaokoland Tour –
September/October 2026



Day 1	Time	Services	Ref	Contact
Day Notes		Meeting with the Guide and Tour Group at Spitzkoppe (An individual pre-tour program is possible, or guests can choose to accompany the guide on his drive from Windhoek to Spitzkoppe.) This afternoon, all tour participants will meet up with the guide at one of the campsites in the Spitzkoppe Restcamp. Together, we'll set up our first shared camp for the night. As the sun sets, we'll gather around the crackling campfire for a traditional braai (barbecue), where the guide will give a short briefing and go over the upcoming adventure in detail. We'll be camping at the foot of the mighty Spitzkoppe—an iconic granite peak—and spending the night under Namibia's breathtaking starry sky. <u>Dinner is included in the tour price; drinks are to be brought by each guest.</u>		
Overnight		Check In Spitzkoppe Campsites Dinner		

Day 2	Time	Services	Ref	Contact
Day Notes		Tour Start & Intro to Off-Road Driving After a restful night in your rooftop tent and a hearty breakfast, our off-road adventure through the remote Damaraland begins. We set off in convoy, heading toward the mighty Brandberg—the highest mountain in Namibia. On this first driving day, you'll get to know your vehicle on easy off-road trails. All vehicles are equipped with radios, so your guide can share tips and tricks with you in real-time as you drive.		

Damaraland is a land of rugged mountain ranges, steep slopes, and dry river valleys. It boasts some of Namibia's most breathtaking scenery—a raw, untouched wilderness of savannas, canyons, sandy hills, and rocky mountains. Watch for wildlife that has adapted to survive in this harsh, sun-scorched environment.

Tonight, we'll set up our wild camp near the massive Brandberg. A hill made of giant granite boulders offers natural shelter from the southwesterly wind that often picks up in the afternoon. Enjoy the sweeping desert vistas and take in the stunning view of Namibia's tallest peak.

Our bush camp comes with a mobile shower and a simple bush toilet. We'll sleep in rooftop tents on the vehicles, spending a magical night under the stars—far from any artificial lights that might spoil the sky. Dinner will be cooked over the open fire, and we'll gather around the flames to soak in the stillness of the desert.

Breakfast, a picnic-style lunch, and dinner are included in the tour price. Guests are asked to bring their own drinks.

Overnight

Check In Brandberg West Wild Camping

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 3	Time	Services	Ref	Contact
Day Notes		Conquering a challenging Canyon After a peaceful night in our tents, we'll start the day with a delicious breakfast and breathtaking views. Our journey continues north, deeper into the dramatic desert landscapes of Damaraland. Early in the day, we face the first real challenge of the tour: navigating a rugged, rocky canyon in the remote northwest of Namibia. But don't worry—the guide will be right there with you, offering support, guidance, and encouragement as you take on this exciting section of the route. From there, we push on through sweeping open		

plains and dry riverbeds—prime territory for spotting desert-adapted wildlife.

Tonight, we spend another night in the untouched wilderness, far from civilization, embracing the raw beauty and absolute freedom of our wild camp.

Breakfast, a picnic lunch, and dinner are included in the tour price. Drinks should be brought individually.

Overnight

Check In Löwenkopf Wild Camp

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 4	Time	Services	Ref	Contact
Day Notes		In Search of Desert Elephants After another restful night in our tents, we'll start the morning with a hearty breakfast before packing up camp and continuing our journey northward. Today's route takes us through the sandy riverbed of the Huab River—prime territory for spotting desert-adapted elephants. Keep your eyes peeled! These majestic giants often blend into the landscape, hiding behind bushes and shrubs. Always observe them from a respectful and safe distance. Part of the drive will follow gravel roads as we make our way to Palmwag. Tonight, we'll camp at the beautiful site of Palmwag Lodge. If you'd prefer a bit more comfort, you have the option to upgrade to a room at the lodge—just let us know when booking your tour. Nestled among tall palm trees on the banks of the dry Uniab River, Palmwag Lodge sits in the heart of Damaraland in northwestern Namibia. It's internationally renowned for its stunning scenery, diverse desert wildlife, and the rare chance to spot critically endangered black rhinos in their natural habitat. Dinner this evening will be enjoyed together in the lodge's restaurant. <u>Breakfast, a picnic lunch, and dinner are included in</u>		

Overnight	<u>the tour price. Drinks are organized individually.</u> Check In Palmwag Campsite Gondwana Collection Namibia Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch
-----------	---

Day 5	Time	Services	Ref	Contact
Day Notes		Into the Kaokoland Today, we continue our journey north along dusty gravel roads that will take us—over the coming days—deep into communal lands. In other words, we’re heading into the heart of the real, wild Africa. As we pass through scattered villages, we’ll encounter people from various ethnic groups and tribes. Caution is advised, as livestock—cattle, goats, and sometimes even children—often wander near the roadside. Roughly 30 kilometers before we reach Opuwo, we’ll pass through a hilly landscape dotted with rare baobab trees. We’ll stop here to admire the size and majesty of these ancient giants. Once in Opuwo, it’s absolutely essential to fill up your vehicle and any extra fuel canisters. We’ll be heading into remote terrain where the next fuel stop is nearly 900 kilometers away. If you need to stock up, there’s also a well-equipped supermarket in town. Our stunning accommodation for the night sits on a hill overlooking Opuwo, offering panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. We’ll camp at the lodge’s campsite, though there is an option to upgrade to a room—please let us know at the time of booking if you'd prefer that. Dinner will be served at the lodge’s restaurant. Optional Activity: In the afternoon, those interested can visit a nearby Himba village. The Himba are a semi-nomadic people who still live largely in traditional ways in the remote Kaokoland. This cultural visit offers a fascinating insight into their unique way of life, and your guide		

Overnight	will be happy to accompany you.			
	<u>Breakfast, a picnic lunch, and dinner are included in the tour price. Drinks should be purchased individually.</u>			
	Check In Camping at Opuwo Country Hotel Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch			

Day 6	Time	Services	Ref	Contact
Day Notes		Journey to the Van Zyl's Pass Today we leave Opuwo behind and follow gravel roads that wind past scattered Himba villages, giving us glimpses of everyday life in this remote region, until we reach the small and charming settlement of Okangwati. From here, the route becomes more rugged as we venture onto narrow, challenging tracks through the highlands of Kaokoland. Eventually, we'll arrive at a dramatic point where the land seems to drop away beneath us—this is the edge of the legendary Van Zyl's Pass. But the descent itself—that breathtaking challenge—awaits us tomorrow. Tonight, we'll wild camp near the pass, giving ourselves time to rest and mentally prepare for the incredible experience ahead. <u>Breakfast, a picnic-style lunch, and dinner are included in the tour price. Drinks are self-catered.</u>		
Overnight		Check In Van Zyls Pass Camp Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch		

Day 7	Time	Services	Ref	Contact
Day Notes		Conquering Two Mountain Passes The entire morning will be dedicated to navigating the famous 10 km-long Van Zyl's Pass. Your guide will be with you every step of the way, ensuring you tackle this challenging route safely and without		

incident.

By midday, we should reach the stunning Marienfluss, where we'll take a well-deserved break and enjoy a delicious lunch surrounded by breathtaking scenery.

Afterward, we'll conquer another pass, which will lead us into the Hartmann Mountains.

This is where we'll set up camp for the night, a wild camp that will allow us to unwind after an exhilarating day. Enjoy the evening by reflecting on the adventure, with a cold beer or wine in hand.

Breakfast, a picnic lunch, and dinner are included in the tour price. Drinks are on your own.

Overnight

Check In Hartman Valley Wild Camping

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 8	Time	Services	Ref	Contact
-------	------	----------	-----	---------

Day Notes

The Hartmann Valley

Today, our journey takes us south through the picturesque Hartmann Valley. On narrow, often rocky trails, we wind our way through the majestic mountains and valleys of Kaokoland, surrounded by a striking and untamed natural landscape.

Along the way, we'll pass several notable landmarks, including the famous *Rooi Drom*—a red-painted barrel that marks the point where we turn toward Marble Camp. The challenging Rooi Drom Pass leads us toward an abandoned marble mine, where we'll take a well-earned rest.

Afterward, we'll continue our route along a mostly stony path, eventually reaching the Khumib River, which we'll follow for several kilometers.

Our camp for the night is set up along the dry riverbed of the Khumib, beneath an ancient tree that has stood the test of time. Here, we can embrace the peace and freedom of nature, unwinding in a cozy atmosphere as we reflect on the day's adventures.

Overnight	<u>Breakfast, a picnic lunch, and dinner are included in the tour price. Drinks are self-catered.</u>			
	Check In Khumib River Wild Camping			
	Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch			

Day 9	Time	Services	Ref	Contact
Day Notes		The Fascinating Dry Rivers of Kaokoland Today, we'll spend the day traveling across sandy terrain, as we journey through several dry riverbeds in this remote corner of Namibia. After crossing the Khumib River, we'll follow the winding course of the picturesque Hoarusib Riverbed. Once we've passed this, we'll continue through stark desert landscapes until we reach the banks of the Hoanib River. The Hoarusib and Hoanib Rivers are two of the most fascinating dry rivers in Kaokoland, offering a rare opportunity to observe desert wildlife such as giraffes, elephants, lions, and antelopes in their natural habitat. For our final night in the wild, we'll set up camp close to the Hoanib River, immersing ourselves in the tranquility and solitude of this untamed, people-free world. <u>Breakfast, a picnic lunch, and dinner are included in the tour price. Drinks are self-catered.</u>		
Overnight		Check In Hoanib River Wild Camping Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch		

Day 10	Time	Services	Ref	Contact
Day Notes		In Search of Kaokoland's Desert Wildlife Today, we'll spend a considerable amount of time driving along the Hoanib Riverbed. These riverbeds are lifelines in the desert, providing vital food and water for the animals that live here. The most common wildlife species include desert elephants, giraffes, big cats like lions, leopards, and cheetahs,		

as well as various antelope species such as oryx, kudu, and springbok. Zebras and ostriches are often seen here as well.

In the afternoon, we'll leave the Hoanib River behind, traveling across dusty plains, passing through the small settlement of Sesfontein before continuing on to our stunning campsite at the Khowarib Lodge.

Important Note: Upon leaving the Hoanib River, a **fee** must be paid at the concession gate:

- **Vehicle:** N\$ 150
- **Per person:** N\$ 100

This fee is payable **in cash by each participant on-site**.

The Khowarib Lodge is situated directly on the Hoanib River, where it flows through a narrow gorge known as Khowarib. We'll spend the night at the scenic Khowarib Lodge campsite. If you prefer, you can also choose to book a room at the lodge. Please let us know at the time of booking if you'd like to upgrade.

Dinner will be served at the lodge's restaurant.

Breakfast, a picnic lunch, and dinner are included in the tour price. Drinks are self-catered.

Overnight

Check In Khowarib Lodge and Safaris Campsite

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 11	Time	Services	Ref	Contact
Day Notes		Your Guide departs today Today marks the end of our shared adventure. After breakfast, you'll be free to continue your journey. You have the option to enjoy additional self-drive days through Namibia or, if you prefer, you can accompany the guide as they make their way back to Windhoek. If you wish, we can also assist in planning and booking any additional activities to make your		

Namibian adventure even more thrilling.

Breakfast is included in the tour price.

We hope you've had an unforgettable and adventurous tour through Damaraland and Kaokoland, and we look forward to hearing your feedback.

Warm regards

Your Team at MEINE NAMIBIA SAFARIS