



Two night fly-in visit to Onduli Ridge in Damaraland For AVIADEV and African Hospitality Investment Forum Delegates

Namibia is a vast country, even by African standards, covering an area approximately four times the size of the United Kingdom but with a population of around 2.5 million - one of the lowest densities in the world. It is also an 'ageless land'; visible through our heritage of rock art created by stone-age artists and geological attractions. Added to the space and silence, these all contribute to a feeling of antiquity, solitude and wilderness. The climate is typical of a semi-desert country. Days are warm to hot and nights are generally cool. Temperatures are modified by the high plateau in the interior and by the cold Benguela Current that runs along the Atlantic coastline. Except for the first few months of the year, the country is generally dry with very little rain.

Fly-in safaris afford guests the opportunity to experience much of the best of this magnificent and varied country even when they only have limited time. Guests are hosted by the resident guides and managers at the lodge.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- See the rugged and dramatic landscape of Namibia from the air on a fly-in tour.
- Explore the Damaraland region whilst staying at the Onduli Ridge.
- Search for desert adapted elephant in ephemeral river systems.
- Walk amongst pre-historic rock art at the UNESCO World Heritage Site at Twyfelfontein.

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Day 1 Windhoek to Onduli

You will be collected from your hotel and transferred to Windhoek Eros Airport in time to board your scheduled seat rate flight to Onduli Ridge, leaving at 10:30 and arriving at Camp Doros Airstrip at 11:45. You will then be met by a guide from Onduli Ridge and transferred to the lodge for your two night stay. You will then have time to freshen up and enjoy lunch before joining a scheduled afternoon activity.

Onduli Ridge has only six rooms, nestled amongst the granite boulders that surround the camp, and the more temperate climate of central Damaraland allows for naturally ventilated rooms, partial open-air bathrooms, and largely open communal areas. The camp is designed to maximise the views of the extraordinary local landscapes. A king size bed cooled by its own 'climate conditioner' (Evening Breeze) is the perfect place for afternoon siestas and the bed can also be rolled out onto your private deck for a night under a billion stars if that appeals. The camp exudes character and meticulous attention to detail while meeting all requirements. Exceptional activities combine with delicious food that tantalizes the palate to create a genuinely unforgettable stay with exceptional quality, while everything blends effortlessly into the natural surroundings.

Overnight: Onduli Ridge. All meals, most local drinks and scheduled shared activities.

Day 2 Damaraland

Today you can explore the fascinating landscapes with your naturalist guide both by vehicle and on foot. Damaraland is a surprising refuge for desert adapted wildlife that may include elephant, giraffe, oryx, springbok and even some predators such as lion. However, as with any wildlife sightings in Namibia, this depends on many factors including seasonality so specific sightings are never guaranteed. The wildlife roams large tracks of unfenced desert landscapes and finding game can be challenging, but this is all part of the adventure of exploring this wild untouched gem of Namibia. Today's focus will be largely on tracking the elusive desert adapted elephants in the ephemeral river systems, which means spending most of the day out. Your guide will take along a delicious picnic lunch and you will return to camp in the late afternoon.

Desert Adapted Elephant: In habitats with sufficient vegetation and water an adult elephant consumes as much as 300 kg of roughage and 230 liters of water every day of its life. Their ranges extend from river catchments in northern Kaokoveld as far south as the northern Namib. Apart from the Kunene River, seven river courses northwards from the Ugab provide them with possible routes across the desert, right to the Skeleton Coast. The biggest are the Hoarusib, the Hoanib, the Huab and the Ugab Rivers. Desert adapted elephant in Kaokoland, and the Namib walk further for water and fodder than any other elephant in Africa.

To meet their nutritional and bulk requirements they browse on 74 of the 103 plant species that grow in their range. Not a separate species or even a subspecies, they are an ecotype unique to Namibia in Africa south of the equator, behaviorally adapted to hyper-arid conditions.

Overnight: Onduli Ridge All meals, most local drinks and scheduled shared activities.

Day 3 (Sunday 2024) Damaraland to Windhoek

Today after breakfast, you will have time to enjoy the tranquility of the lodge before you are transferred back to Doro Nawas airstrip in time for your scheduled seat rate flight back to Windhoek. The flight is scheduled to depart Doro Nawas airstrip at 12:40, arriving Windhoek International Airport at 13:55. Upon arrival you will be transferred back to your hotel or guesthouse

PRICE : BOOKINGS SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FLIGHTS AND ACCOMMODATION AT THE TIME

The normal cost of this short safari is N\$ 53,940 er person sharing and N\$ 63,080 per single person

**Delegates from AVIADEV and AHIF are eligible for a discount of 15 % on this price making it :
N\$ 45,850 per person sharing and N\$ 53,630 per single person – offer valid only from 10 to 30 June 2024**

INCLUDED:

- Accommodation and meals as stated above.
- Scheduled shared activities at Onduli Ridge.
- Most local drinks at Onduli Ridge (excluding premium branded drinks).
- Scheduled shared seat rate flight from Windhoek Eros Airport to Doro Nawas airstrip and Doro Nawas Airstrip to Windhoek International Airport.
- Return airport transfers Windhoek – Eros Airport and from Windhoek International Airport – Windhoek.

EXCLUDED:

- All premium and imported wines, champagnes and spirits.
- Laundry (laundry service available at lodge at extra cost)
- Gratuities.
- Items of personal nature (telephone expenses, curios, medicines etc).

NOTES:

- Services subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Rates subject to change without prior notice due to circumstances beyond our control e.g., fuel increases, currency fluctuation etc.
- Terms and conditions apply.

HANDY TIPS:

- **Health:** No vaccinations are mandatory but please consult your doctor for medical advice.
- **Luggage:** Is restricted to 20 kg (including photographic equipment) per person in a **soft**, hold all type bag.
- Passengers weighing more than 100 kg may be restricted further in the amount of luggage they can take

**For Bookings : Bookings can only be made directly by delegates who should contact Ultimate Safaris (clemensia@ultimatesafaris.na) and state whether they are a delegate from AVIADEV or from AHIF
Please let us know if you would like to add extra nights to extend this stay as this may be possible if accommodation availability allows that.**