

# **Damaraland Camino**

# Travel Itinerary



Day 1

#### Welcome to the Damaraland Camino!

Your adventure begins around 10 a.m. when we pick you up directly from your accommodation in Windhoek. We'll collect all our fellow adventurers from various stops, ensuring everyone is comfortably on board before heading out.

The journey to Camp Madisa includes a scenic drive with a late lunch stop in the quaint mining town of Uis, nestled near the majestic Brandberg Mountain (please note, lunch is on your own account). Here, you'll get a taste of small-town Namibia before we continue to our starting point.

Upon arrival at Camp Madisa, it's time to settle in, meet the group, and choose your tent for the night. After a quick orientation and safety briefing, you can relax as we light the fire and prepare a delicious braai (BBQ) under the stars. Tonight, all camping and dinner are included—our first taste of what's to come!



Day 2

### Into the Wild - Following the Goantagab River

At first light, we hit the trail! Today, we'll start our journey along the dry riverbed of the Goantagab River. No worries about wet feet—Namibia's inland rivers are usually just sandy beds that only carry water briefly each year.

To ease into the rhythm, today's hike covers a manageable 15 km. As we walk, our expert hiking guide will point out animal tracks, unique flora, and any wildlife we encounter. You're welcome to walk at your own pace, but we ensure everyone stays together so the slowest hiker is never left behind.

Breakfast is enjoyed on the go, with plenty of time to reach our mobile camp set up by our dedicated support team before lunchtime. Here, you'll find your tents pitched, meals prepared, and a 10m x 6m shade net to escape the afternoon heat.

Tonight, we rest under the stars at Moringa Camp, surrounded by the rugged beauty of Damaraland.



Day 3

### Uphill to Euphorbia Camp - Embrace the Solitude

We rise with the dawn again for an early start. Today's trek gradually leads us uphill, though you may not even notice it as you get lost in the tranquility of the landscape. This is your day to disconnect—let the rhythm of the hike help you leave behind any stress and immerse yourself in the serenity of nature.

This region is home to a relatively high population of black rhinos by Namibian standards, so keep your eyes peeled for these elusive giants as they wander between watering holes

Breakfast will be served en route, and by lunchtime, we'll arrive at our next camp. The sunset here is nothing short of magical, casting a golden glow over the iconic Brandberg Mountain. As night falls, you'll be treated to an awe-inspiring stargazing experience, with no light pollution to dull the brilliance of the Milky Way.

In this remote wilderness, keep in mind that lions, elephants, rhinos, leopards, and cheetahs all roam freely—adding to the wild charm of our evening at Euphorbia Camp.



Day 4

## Downhill to Cheetah Camp - Walking Towards the Brandberg

Today, we enjoy a slightly easier 15 km descent toward Cheetah Camp. The iconic Brandberg massif looms ever closer on the horizon, offering a stunning focal point for the day's journey.

We'll cross through sandy terrain reminiscent of the "Meseta" on the famous Camino Francés—though the Namibian version offers its own unique charm and endless desert vistas.

Breakfast is served on the move, and by the time we reach camp, you'll have the rest of the afternoon to yourself. Unwind under the shade, read a book, play a game, meditate, or simply relax. The choice is yours.

We spend another peaceful night wild camping beneath a canopy of stars.

Wild camping at Cheetah Camp.



Day 5

# The Grand Finale - Descent to Brandberg White Lady Lodge

Our final hiking day is nothing short of spectacular! We descend a mini-escarpment to reach our beloved "Breakfast Tree" before continuing through granite boulders and down to the Ugab River for the last leg of our trek.

The landscape transitions to open gravel plains, where the sight of the towering Brandberg draws us closer. After a rewarding 15 km walk, we finally arrive at Brandberg White Lady Lodge—mission accomplished!

Celebrate your achievement with an optional elephant drive to spot the famed desertadapted elephants (a lodge activity available at your own cost). In the evening, we'll gather for a farewell braai, savoring our last night together under Namibia's dazzling night sky.



Day 6

#### **Homeward Bound**

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast as the desert wakes around you. Afterward, our shuttle will take you back to Windhoek, allowing you to relax and reflect on the unforgettable journey you've just completed.

# A Culinary Journey in the Wilderness

Our Caminos are renowned for the hearty, wholesome meals we provide. Using mostly locally-sourced, free-range game meat, organic chicken, and seasonal vegetables, we strive to keep our dishes nutritious and delicious. Expect plenty of surprises along the way!

We cater to all dietary needs and ensure that even vegetarians leave the table satisfied. Rest assured, each meal will be a highlight in its own right.

Read here what other hikers experienced.

Pack you spirit of adventure, a light daypack, and a soft duffel bag - no hard-shell suitcase, please.

Space is limited, but we promise the experience will be limitless.