



Namibia Mountain Bike Expedition  
25<sup>th</sup> September - 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020



## Join us...

On an unforgettable, active adventure exploring remote northern Namibia by Mountain bike. Our five night expedition takes us through the spectacular 450,000 hectare private concession in Damaraland. We will spend 3 nights in the most exclusive locations camping under the stars in this wild landscape.

The private mobile camp is fully serviced with simple dome tents, bucket showers and an amazing camp crew that prepares delicious, simple meals while making sure that you will enjoy an ice cold beer and a G & T at the end of every day.

Finish at one of Africa's unique safari camps, the epicenter of desert adapted wildlife which includes...elephant, springbok, oryx, cheetah, giraffe, brown and spotted hyena, jackal, leopard, lion.....



# Itinerary Overview

25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

AM Weinberg Boutique Hotel | Windhoek | Namibia

26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Wild camping in the Palmweg Concession | Damaraland  
| Namibia

29<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp | Skeleton Coast | Namibia



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- 1 night Am Weinberg Boutique Hotel
- 3 nights Wilderness camping
- 2 nights Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp



## Windhoek

Situated in Central Namibia, the cosmopolitan city of Windhoek serves as the capital of the country. It is home to an international airport and a plethora of restaurants, shops, entertainment venues and accommodation options. The city is clean, safe and well-organised, with a colonial legacy that is reflected in its many German eateries and shops, and the widespread use of the German language. Windhoek has an interesting mix of historical architecture and modern buildings, many of which are worth a look, including the Alte Feste an old fort, the 1896 Christuskirche Christ Church, and the more contemporary Supreme Court.





## Am Weinberg Boutique Hotel

Windhoek | Namibia

The Am Weinberg Estate's Boutique Hotel provides all of the exclusivity and privacy you might expect from this prestigious Estate – making it the perfect retreat when travelling on vacation or business. The elegant 41-bedroom hotel wraps around a heritage building, creating an inviting courtyard. This design complements its historic character, while modern amenities ensure the utmost comfort. Aside from the location and spectacular views, hotel guests also have access to facilities including the Estate's Soulstice Day Spa, Be Hair Salon, five upmarket restaurants and the Conference Centre.





## Damaraland

This vast desert landscape is known as one of the most beautiful regions in Namibia. Huge, untamed and ruggedly beautiful, Damaraland is an exceptionally scenic landscape featuring open plains, ancient valleys and spectacular rock formations. You can take in the dramatic vistas while cycling through this amazing landscape and enjoy spectacular stargazing in crystal-clear night skies. Afternoons will be spent tracking the black rhino on foot as well as looking for other wild animals such as the desert elephants, giraffe, oryx, springbok, jackal, mountain zebra, brown and spotted Hyena, leopard and lions.





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Windhoek | Namibia

- Arrival at Eros International Airport airport, Windhoek
- Meet & Greet and road transfer to AM Weinberg Boutique Hotel, Windhoek
- Introduction and briefing
- Overnight at AM Weinberg Boutique Hotel



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Windhoek to Palmwag | Damaraland

- Transfer to Eros Airport
- Private charter flight from Windhoek to Palmwag
- Start the first day of mountain biking
- Overnight in wilderness mobile camp



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Palmwag Concession | Damaraland

- 3 nights mountain biking and camping under the stars in fully serviced mobile camp
- Tracking black rhinos on foot in the afternoons
- Top notch local Namibian guide plus AE specialist safari guide
- Overnight in different locations in the wilderness mobile camp.



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- Arrive at Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp and settle into camp with an ice cold beverage and swim by the pool
- Afternoon game drives
- Overnight at Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp



## Skeleton Coast | Namibia

In a remote area of the Kaokoveld, with gravel-strewn plains and dry riverbeds that draw fascinating wildlife, lies Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp. Game drives explore this isolated area, moving along the riverbed's narrow ribbon of vegetation, where a surprising wealth of desert-adapted animals can be found; in camp the research centre provides even more insights. The unforgiving Skeleton Coast, with its shipwreck remains and noisy colonies of Cape fur seals, is accessed either by a fascinating drive or flight, depending on the weather.





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- Game drive excursions
- Walking safaris
- Dune and hidden spring explorations
- Overnight at Hoanib Sekeleton Coast Camp



1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Hoanib Skeleton Coast to Windhoek

- Private charter flight from Hoanib Skeleton Coast to Windhoek
- International flight home



## Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp

The name “Skeleton Coast” conjures up romantic images of desolate beauty, and proudly remote Hoanib in the Kaokoveld does not disappoint. The dry bed of the Hoanib River supports a thin green ribbon of vegetation and the wild beaches of the Atlantic coast are within reach, with their noisy seal colonies and eerily quiet shipwreck remnants.

Eight large en-suite tents (including one family unit) and the main area provide shady viewpoints, while nature drives into the surrounding area reveal a wealth of desert-adapted wildlife. Desert-adapted lion and brown hyaena may also be glimpsed in this vast but far from lifeless landscape.





## Included

- Anderson Expeditions specialist guide
- Private charter from/to Windhoek
- All accommodation and camping equipment as per the itinerary
- All meals, local beverages
- All activities and park/conservation fees as per itinerary
- Mountain bike mechanic and spare parts for hired bikes



## Excluded

- International flights or airport taxes
- Hotels, meals, activities, transport not listed in the itinerary
- Dinner and drinks in Windhoek
- Mountain bike – available for hire on surcharge
- Staff gratuities and personal expenses
- Visa costs
- Travel Insurance



## Need to know...

This is an active and physical expedition and participants should be in good health and reasonably fit to get the most out of the trip. Up to 80km may be covered per day on the bikes so being a competent rider is important. There is a back up vehicle and riders that need to may opt to travel certain sections by vehicle. The terrain includes rocky and sandy sections as well as some hilly areas. The ride is conducted as an expedition through this spectacular region and a comfortable pace is set to allow for maximum enjoyment of the landscape and wildlife. This is not a race or endurance event.





## Children in the Wilderness

Anderson Expeditions has chosen to support Children in the Wilderness as our conservation partner on this expedition. We will be making a donation to CITW on behalf of each traveller that joins us on this trip.

Children in the Wilderness is a non-profit organisation supported by ecotourism company Wilderness Safaris, which aims to facilitate sustainable conservation through leadership development and education of rural children in Africa. Insight, care and commitment are required to conserve Africa's pristine wilderness and wildlife areas.

If we are to ensure that these places continue to exist – in this generation and those to come – we need the rural children of Africa to understand the importance of conservation and its relevance in their lives. Hence, our Children in the Wilderness programme: an environmental and life skills educational programme for children, focusing on the next generation of decision-makers; inspiring them to care for their natural heritage and to become the custodians of these areas in the future.



# Namibia

Located in southwestern Africa, Namibia boasts a well-developed infrastructure, some of the best tourist facilities in Africa, and an impressive list of breathtaking natural wonders. Visitors can explore the capital of Windhoek and discover the lovely coastal town of Swakopmund boasting remnants of the country's German influence, reflected in the architecture, culture, cuisine and the annual Oktoberfest celebrations. To properly appreciate this extraordinary country, you will have to venture out of the cities to explore the remarkable natural landscapes Namibia has to offer. These include: the impressive Fish River Canyon; the vast Etosha National Park teeming with abundant wildlife, such as lions, desert-adapted elephants and the Hartmann's Mountain Zebra; the hauntingly beautiful Kalahari Desert; and of course the Namib Desert stretching for over 2000 km along the magnificent Atlantic Coast. Namibia is an ideal destination for travellers seeking an unforgettable African experience in a uniquely beautiful untamed wilderness.





## Richard Anderson

After university Richard was trained and subsequently guided in the Kruger National Park and in Northern Zululand in South Africa where his naturalist passions, including animal behaviour and birdwatching were developed. He spent time leading leopard research safaris and as a specialist private guide on various South African reserves. Pursuing his passion for exploring the bush on foot, Richard then trained and qualified as a walking trails guide and led multi-day walking safaris in the northern Pafuri region of the Kruger National Park.

After time spent training guides in South America, Richard returned to Africa and established himself as a pan-African safari guide, leading specialist trips throughout southern and east Africa and as far afield as the Horn of Africa and the central, west region of the continent. He has led kayaking expeditions in Madagascar, walking trails in the Kruger Park, cultural expeditions to the Omo Valley, canoe trails on the Zambezi river and flying safaris on the Skeleton Coast. He regularly guides trips to Namibia, South Africa, Botswana, Rwanda, Tanzania and Kenya and has recently added Ethiopia and Chad to his repertoire.

Guests on a safari led by Richard described their experience with the following:  
*"Richard... it was by far the best travel experience we have ever had. Much of this was due to your expertise, vast and intricate knowledge, wonderful humour and your personal capacity to manage people, and create an exhilaratingly fun space in which we all felt safe and confident. Thank you for being our friend, such*



# Useful information



**Travel Documents** – please make copies of passports and visa documents and carry these with you



**Cash** - be sure to have some cash for gratuities and incidental purchases.



**Laundry** – laundry service is provided in all the lodges. In the city hotels it is provided on surcharge.



**Climate** – expect hot and dry conditions. The air is very dry, moisturizers and lip balms are needed in addition to sunblock and sunglasses



**Binoculars** – we strongly recommend that you travel with at least one pair of good binoculars



**Time zone** – Time zone in South Africa and Namibia is GMT+2 hours



**Medical information** – please seek professional medical advice from your local travel clinic prior to travel



**Luggage restrictions** – Luggage, including camera equipment and hand luggage is restricted to 15kg on the charter flight



**Don't forget your hat!**



**Wi-Fi connectivity** – there is wifi in all Hotels and Lodges



We are looking forward to sharing this  
amazing adventure with you!

