

# ANZA-BORREGO DESERT NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION



PRESENTS  
A GUIDED TOUR OF

## NAMIBIA



**AUGUST 29 – SEPT 10, 2025**

WITH OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO  
**CAPE TOWN, VICTORIA FALLS, & BOTSWANA**



**HIMBA TRIBE**



**NAMIB DESERT**



**ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

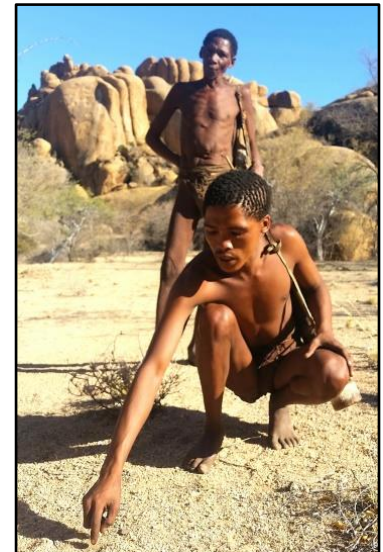
Join Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association, geologist Don Barrie, and GeoTours guide Matt Ebner on a grand tour of Namibia, one of Africa's most rewarding destinations. Namibia has dramatic desert landscapes, impressive geology, prolific wildlife, fascinating cultures, attractive cities, pleasant weather, and excellent accommodations. Optional pre-trip extension to Cape Town (South Africa), Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe), and Chobe National Park (Botswana). A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the ABDNHA. **REGISTRATION OPENS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024 at 9:00 am (Pacific).** Register online at [WWW.GEOTOURS.US/TOUR/NAMIBIA2025](http://WWW.GEOTOURS.US/TOUR/NAMIBIA2025).

**NAMIBIA LAND COST** = \$3390 - includes lodging in a double or twin-shared room, private tour bus, many entries and activities, Professor Don Barrie as group leader, GeoTours guide Matt Ebner, breakfasts, 1 lunch, 6 dinners, and high-quality digital photos of the entire tour. Single rooms are limited and cost +\$790.

**AIRFARE** is additional, approximately \$2000 round-trip from Los Angeles to Namibia. It is not necessary to depart from LAX.



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**HERERO TRIBE**



**DEAD VLEI, NAMIB DESERT**



**LILAC-BREASTED ROLLER**

**GEOTOURS NAMIBIA TOUR – AUGUST 29 – SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**

**TRIP COST = \$3390 (lodging, private bus, entries/activities, breakfasts, 1 lunch, 6 dinners)**

**AIRFARE = \$2000 - approximate cost for round-trip airfare from Los Angeles**

**Friday, August 29 - Depart USA**

Depart USA to Windhoek, Namibia, or go earlier if you want additional time in Windhoek, or if doing the Cape Town/Victoria Falls/Botswana pre-trip extension.

**Saturday, August 30 – En route**

**Sunday, August 31– Windhoek**

Arrive in Windhoek, one of Africa’s nicest capital cities. One night in Windhoek at Hilton Garden Inn or equivalent.

**Monday, September 1 – Windhoek to Etosha National Park**

Visit Windhoek’s highlights in the morning. Drive north and stay at beautiful Toshari Lodge for 2 nights, close to Etosha National Park.

**Tuesday, September 2 - Etosha National Park**

Full day game drive in Etosha National Park, one of Africa’s best national parks. Etosha has an outstanding variety and concentration of wildlife, with the opportunity to see many large mammals, such as elephants, giraffes, springbok, gemsbok, impala, wildebeest, kudu, lions, and the endangered black rhino. Night #2 at Toshari Lodge.

**Wednesday, September 3 - Himba Village to Omandumba**

Visit a Himba village, one of Namibia’s most famous tribes. Learn about their culture and lifestyle. Travel south to the Erongo Mountains and spend one night at a Omandumba Guest Farm.

**Thursday, September 4 - Omandumba to Swakopmund**

Spend the morning walking with the Bushmen to learn about their traditional lifestyle of hunting/gathering. Short hike in the granite landscape around Spitzkoppe, the “Matterhorn of Africa.” Continue to the Skeleton Coast, named for the shipwrecks due to the foggy conditions. Visit Cape Cross Seal Reserve, home to thousands of Cape fur seals. We continue to the charming coastal town of Swakopmund, founded by Germans in the late 1890s. Two nights in Swakopmund at Swakopmund Luxury Suites.

**Friday, September 5 - Swakopmund**

Many optional activities are possible in Swakopmund (additional cost) - scenic flight over the Skeleton Coast, camel riding, or take a desert tour with a naturalist guide. Or just relax and visit Swakopmund Museum, the National Aquarium, or a gem museum. Night #2 in Swakopmund.

**Saturday, September 6 – Swakopmund to Solitaire (Namib Desert)**

Travel down the coast to Walvis Bay where flamingoes feed in the shallow bay. We drive through the remarkable geology of the Namib desert and stop for a classic photo opportunity at the Tropic of Capricorn sign. Continue to the tiny desert town of Solitaire. Afternoon visit to a cheetah conservation centre. Two nights at Solitaire Lodge.



**WINDHOEK**



**TROPIC OF CAPRICORN**



**FLAMINGOS, WALVIS BAY**



**SWAKOPMUND**

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**ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**



**SESRIEM**



**CAPE CROSS**

**Sunday, September 7 - Sossusvlei (Namib Desert)**

Visit the apricot-colored sand dunes of Namib-Naukluft National Park. Start with "Dead Vlei", with tall dunes surrounding a dry lakebed with skeletons of dead trees still standing 500 years after they died. Continue to Sossusvlei, with an optional climb to the top of the dunes. Explore Sesriem Canyon, a narrow fissure carved by a river through the sedimentary rock. Night #2 at Solitaire Lodge.

**Monday, September 8 – Solitaire to Windhoek**

Return to Windhoek with time for shopping and a farewell dinner. One night in Windhoek at Hilton Garden Inn or equivalent.

**Tuesday, September 9 –Windhoek to USA or to Cape Town**

Depart Windhoek on a flight to Cape Town or back to the USA.

**Wednesday, September 10 - Arrive in the USA**



**SKELETON COAST**

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**SPITZKOPPE**



**SPRINGBOK**



**SWAKOPMUND**



**ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**





**CAPE TOWN - V & A WATERFRONT**

**PRE-NAMIBIA TRIP OPTION – August 22 - 31, 2025**  
**CAPE TOWN (South Africa), VICTORIA FALLS (Zimbabwe), CHOBE (Botswana)**  
**Land Cost = \$2600 (flights cost extra)**

**Friday, August 22 - Depart USA**  
Depart USA to Cape Town, South Africa, or go earlier to have additional time.

**Saturday, August 23 – Arrive in Cape Town, South Africa**  
Arrive in Cape Town, South Africa, one of the world’s most beautifully located cities. Stay at the Protea Hotel Cape Town Waterfront (3\*) or equivalent for 4 nights, near the beautiful V & A Waterfront, with shops, restaurants, and gorgeous views.

**Sunday, August 24 - Cape Town**  
Experience some of Cape Town’s highlights: take a bus tour through the city and along the scenic coastline to Camp’s Bay. Take the cableway up to the top of Table Mountain for spectacular views (only operates in good weather). Spend the afternoon relaxing or exploring on your own. Night #2 in Cape Town.

**Monday, August 25 - Cape Town**  
Take a boat to Robben Island (weather permitting), the “Alcatraz” of Africa where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned; it is now a UNESCO world heritage site. Great views of Cape Town from the boat. Afternoon is free; option to visit Groot Constantia wine estate for wine tasting, or optional sunset hike to the top of Lion’s Head for great views (weather dependent). Night #3 in Cape Town.

**Tuesday, August 26 - Cape Town**  
Visit Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, with outstanding floral displays of South Africa’s unique vegetation. Travel through Table Mountain National Park to the southern tip of the Cape Peninsula. Optional downhill hike (1-hour) from Cape Point to Cape of Good Hope, with beautiful beaches and views. Watch African penguins in their native habitat at Boulders Beach. Night #4 in Cape Town.

**Wednesday, August 27 – Cape Town, South Africa – Kasane, Botswana**  
Depart Cape Town in the morning to fly to Kasane, Botswana with a connection in Johannesburg (airfare costs about \$350). Arrive in Botswana mid-day. Afternoon boat cruise on the Chobe River with large numbers of wildlife on the river’s edge. Two nights at The Old House, Kasane.

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**BOAT TO ROBBEN ISLAND**



**CAMPS BAY**



**CAPE OF GOOD HOPE**



**BOULDERS BEACH**



**GROOT CONSTANTIA**



**KIRSTENBOSCH GARDEN**





## CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

### **Thursday, August 28 – Chobe National Park, Botswana**

Enjoy a game drive in the morning at Chobe National Park, with outstanding wildlife, including Africa’s largest population of elephants. Mid-day lunch and rest, then take an afternoon game drive in Chobe National Park. Night #2 in The Old House, Kasane.

### **Friday, August 29 – Kasane, Botswana to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**

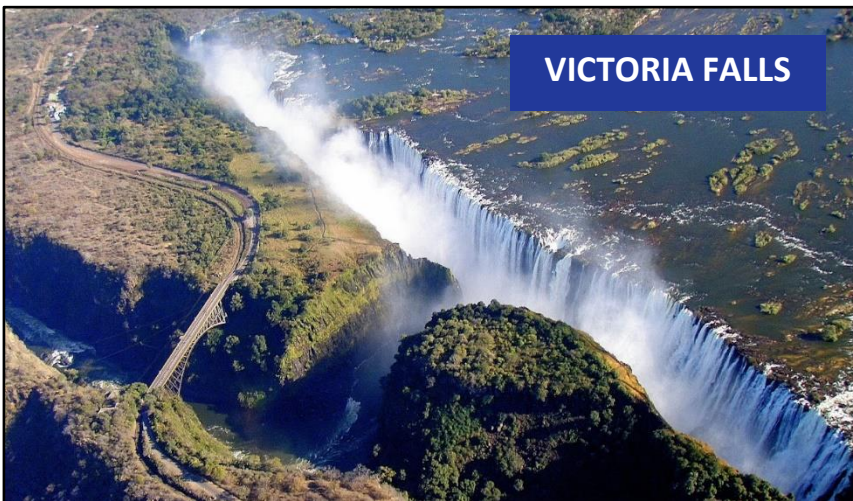
Transfer across the border into Zimbabwe to Victoria Falls for 2 nights. Visit Victoria Falls on the Zimbabwe side. Two nights at A’Zambezi Lodge on the Zambezi River.

### **Saturday, August 30 – Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**

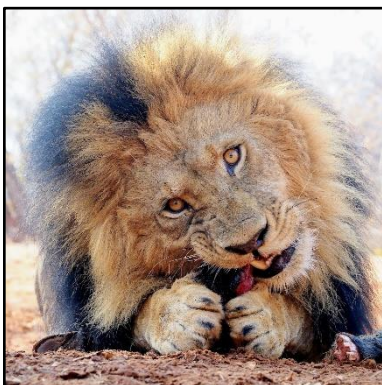
Optional sunrise river cruise (extra cost). Cross the border to Zambia to view Victoria Falls from the Zambian side; option to take a scenic helicopter flight over the falls. Night #2 at Victoria Falls.

### **Sunday, August 31 – Victoria Falls to Windhoek, Namibia**

Optional morning activities at Victoria Falls, for example Wild Hub (extra cost), a wildlife sanctuary with excellent viewing of lions and hyenas. Afternoon flight from Victoria Falls to Windhoek (airfare costs about \$280) to start the GeoTours-ABDNHA Namibia tour.



## VICTORIA FALLS





# ABDNHA NAMIBIA

## TRIP COST

- \$3390 – NAMIBIA land cost
  - Price based on sharing a room. Single rooms are limited; if available single room costs +\$790.
  - Includes 9 nights lodging in a double or twin-shared room, private transport, Don Barrie & Matt Ebner as group leaders, English-speaking guides, breakfasts, 1 lunch, 6 dinners, many activities, tips to guides and drivers.
  - A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association.
- Not included in trip cost: airline tickets, meals not listed, drinks, shopping, visa cost, optional activities.
- Optional Extension – CAPE TOWN (South Africa), BOTSWANA, VICTORIA FALLS (ZIMBABWE & ZAMBIA) land cost
  - Adds 9 days, 8 nights; depart USA on August 21 or 22, 2025; itinerary on previous pages
- \$5990 – NAMIBIA, CAPE TOWN, BOTSWANA, and VICTORIA FALLS land cost (airfare is extra)
  - Price based on sharing a room; single supplement is +\$1650 for 17 nights.
- GeoTours-ABDNHA Alumni discount
  - \$50 if you have done 1 GeoTours-ABDNHA international tours
  - \$100 discount if you have done 2 or more ABDNHA or GeoTours international trips.
- Early Registration Discount - \$50 discount if registering with \$500 deposit by 11/20/24. Register at [www.geotours.us/tour/namibia2025](http://www.geotours.us/tour/namibia2025)

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

- Open to all ages; it is not necessary to be a member of Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association, but registration through November 20, 2024 is only open to ABDNHA members and their roommates.
- Registration opens 9:00 AM (Pacific time) on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024.
  - The registration link can be found at: [WWW.GEOTOURS.US/TOUR/ABDNHA-NAMIBIA2025](http://WWW.GEOTOURS.US/TOUR/ABDNHA-NAMIBIA2025).
- After completing online registration submit a \$500 deposit to GeoTours LLC within 7 days (payment info in the next section).
- If there are any problems registering online then you should contact GeoTours at 310-686-8171 or [info@geotours.us](mailto:info@geotours.us).

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- Payments can be sent by check to GeoTours LLC, 1547 E. Puente St., Covina CA 91724, or online through Venmo or Zelle to [payment@geotours.us](mailto:payment@geotours.us) or 310-686-8171 (GeoTours phone #).
- 1<sup>st</sup> payment of \$500 is due within 7 days of registration.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of \$700 (or \$1300 if doing Namibia + Cape Town/Vic Falls extension) due on January 31, 2025.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> payment of \$1000 (or \$1800 if doing Namibia + the extension) is due on March 30, 2025.
- Final payment is due May 31, 2025. Payments made after June 15, 2025 will have a \$100 late fee.

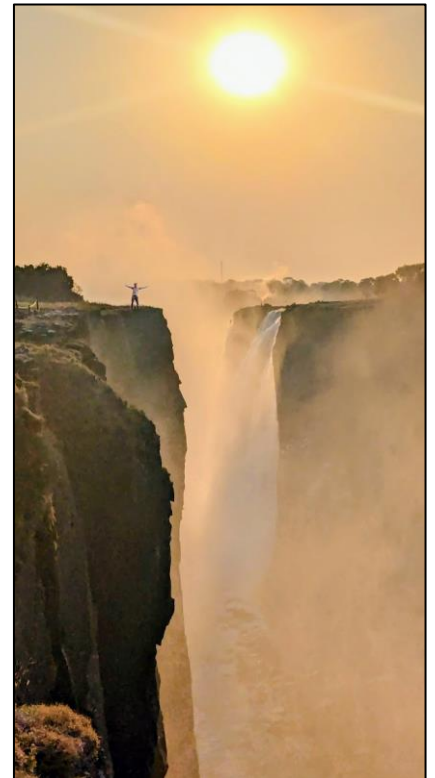
## FLIGHTS

- Airfare is additional; participants will purchase their own tickets. GeoTours will provide information on recommended flights. Participants can travel on their own before or after the GeoTours trip, which will affect the dates and price of airline tickets.
- Approximate airfare is \$2000 round-trip from Los Angeles to Windhoek. If doing the Cape Town, Botswana, Vic Falls extension the total airfare will cost approximately \$2400.

## TRANSPORTATION, PACE, WEATHER

- Private transportation throughout Namibia, with a bus and game drive vehicles just for our group.
- Sometimes the roads are unpaved and dusty.
- This trip has a moderate pace and participants should be able to walk up to 4 miles a day.
- Participants must be able to step up into and out of game drive vehicles.
- Temperatures will be mild during the trip. The temperature in Namibia will usually be in the 70s in the daytime. It is often cool at night and early morning, around 45F. Rain is not likely during the tour, except in Cape Town.

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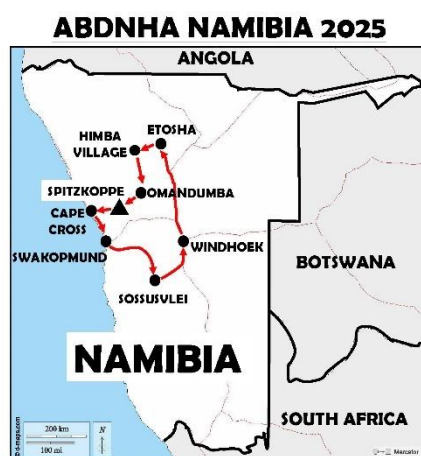
## CANCELLATION POLICY

To cancel your participation, you must inform GeoTours in writing or by email. Cancellation date is the date when GeoTours receives your written notice. \*Cancellation penalty is the amount shown below PLUS any non-recoverable expenses already paid on behalf of the passenger, such as nonrefundable tickets or hotel rooms.

<u>Date of Cancellation</u>	<u>Cancellation Penalty</u>
On or before November 30, 2024	\$100*
December 1 – 31, 2024	\$200*
January 1, 2025 – February 28, 2025	\$400*
March 1 – April 30, 2025	\$600*
May 1 – June 30, 2025	\$700*
After July 1, 2025	No Refund

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

- International travel always has inherent risks for injury, sickness, or loss, so Travel Insurance is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**.
- Compare different travel insurance policies at [squaremouth.com](https://www.squaremouth.com).
  - Trip participants should get Travel Insurance with Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Medical Evacuation, Medical, and Lost/Stolen Baggage.
  - Cancellation coverage means that travel insurance will reimburse nonrefundable trip costs if you cancel for a covered reason. Cancellation coverage only works if you purchase the insurance BEFORE a sickness or injury forces you to cancel, and an insurance claim requires a physician's written advice that you should cancel your trip due to your illness or injury.
  - **Trawick Safe Travels Explorer** (found on [www.squaremouth.com/](https://www.squaremouth.com/)) costs \$300 for a 65-year-old, \$5500 trip cost (airfare + GeoTours price), destination Namibia, Aug 29 – Sept 9, 2025. The cost depends on age and costs more for older travelers.



## HEALTH & COVID POLICY

- These countries do not have any Covid vaccination or testing requirements.
- ABDNHA and GeoTours recommend that trip participants are fully Covid-vaccinated with a recent booster shot/vaccine.
- Group travel in an airplane & tour bus carries the risk of contagious transmission of viruses: common cold, RSV, or Covid.
  - Trip members who become ill should mask themselves on the bus and other enclosed spaces, to prevent infecting others.
  - It is recommended that travelers carry well-fitting N-95 or KN-95 masks in their luggage along with Covid test kits.
- Trip participants who test positive for Covid during the tour will not be required to leave the group. They will decide their best course of action, in consultation with the trip leaders. Such actions might include leaving the group or continuing the trip with caution and responsibility: mask wearing, social distancing, and skipping group meals/activities.
- It is recommended that the group mask up if anyone in the group tests positive for Covid or experiences respiratory illness symptoms.
- If travelers test positive for Covid shortly before the trip, they should consider skipping the trip and should seek reimbursement through their travel insurance. An insurance claim requires a physician's written advice that you should cancel your trip due to your illness.
- While traveling to Namibia and during the trip, travelers should consider wearing a mask in crowded or poorly ventilated indoor areas, on public transportation (e.g., on the airplane) and in transportation hubs (e.g., airports).
- Neither ABDNHA nor GeoTours will reimburse trip participants for Covid-related costs, and there will be no refund to participants who miss any activity or portion of the trip due to Covid or any other reason.
- Participants should seek reimbursement from their travel insurance for any Covid-related costs, trip cancellation, or trip interruption.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS - Trip participants must agree to the Terms and Conditions below.

The program participant agrees that GeoTours LLC and Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association (ABDNHA) assume no liability whatsoever for loss of property, injury, accident, illness, death, irregularity, and delays during the duration of the tour. In addition, the program participant agrees to hold GeoTours LLC and ABDNHA harmless for damage, delay, or cancellation due to equipment problems, quarantine, pandemic, declared or undeclared war and insurrection, terrorist and criminal activity, revolt, civil disturbance, hostility, military action, strikes, labor unrest, any "act of God" or nature and for any act of any third party. The participant, by registering for this tour, agrees that GeoTours LLC and ABDNHA are not responsible for delay, rerouting, omission, and additional expense resulting from the passenger's improper travel documents such as passport, visa, and health document. Any losses and expenses related to such circumstances are within the responsibility of the program participants and not of GeoTours LLC or ABDNHA. GeoTours LLC and ABDNHA are not responsible for acts of any government authority. GeoTours LLC and ABDNHA reserve the right to adjust itinerary and contents and to substitute accommodation providers as deemed necessary. GeoTours LLC and ABDNHA reserve the right to accept or decline any person as a program participant as well as to refuse to retain any participant's membership in the program. Participants that do not participate in an activity or entry, or who leave the tour early or arrive late, will not be entitled to any refund. By registering for this tour, the participant agrees to all such terms and conditions.