

New
BLACK RHINO
Tracking in the Namib
2019

Track Critically Endangered desert-adapted black rhino and meet the neighbouring communities of Damaraland.




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There is a purpose

“There is a purpose that drives everything we do – a shared passion and love for the natural world and wildlife, and an urgent need to conserve some of the most remote and pristine places on Earth.”

THE LUXURY OF PURPOSE

Introducing Black Rhino Tracking in the Namib, one of a portfolio of eight life-changing, ‘purposeful’ journeys crafted to offer guests access to unique and privileged, behind-the-scenes conservation and community projects run by ourselves and our partners.

On this itinerary we invite you to join us in Namibia’s untamed Damaraland region to participate in the rhino conservation initiatives that we support here

All funds raised from this itinerary are directly channelled to the Save the Rhino Trust (SRT) Namibia NGO.



A rhinoceros is standing in a dry, rocky landscape. The ground is covered with reddish-brown rocks and sparse, dry vegetation. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a clear blue sky. The overall scene is a vast, open savanna or desert environment.

16 – 21 June 2019

Namibia

Desert Rhino and
Damaraland Camps

Trip guaranteed to travel
with minimum 4 guests

BLACK RHINO TRACKING IN THE NAMIB



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On this journey...

- Gain first-hand exposure to the remote rural communities of this world-leading Namibian community conservancy system
- Track Critically Endangered black rhino on foot across the parched rocky desert of north-western Namibia accompanied by community and rhino conservation experts
- Witness the impact of community-based conservation and see how it has saved the black rhino and many other desert-adapted species



About the Purpose

Together with our partners Save the Rhino Trust (SRT), we have managed to dramatically and sustainably increase the range of desert-adapted black rhino in Namibia, as well as the overall population, such that the Namibian north-west is now indisputably home to Africa's most important population of black rhino to have survived outside a formally-protected park.

Itinerary

- Day 1 Fly into Damaraland Camp, afternoon game drive, evening presentation on Wilderness Safaris and partners in north-west Namibia and conservancy system, overnight Damaraland Camp.
- Day 2 Morning game drive to Huab River, interaction with community at De Riet and discussions on Riemvasmakers, water and elephants, lunch in camp, afternoon with Oom Jantjie Rhyn and sundowners at lovebird roost, overnight Damaraland Camp.
- Day 3 Day trip to Desert Rhino Camp via Bergsig, Dopsteek and Wêreldsend. Overnight Damaraland Camp.
- Day 4 Morning activity, picnic with SRT, overnight Desert Rhino Camp.
- Day 5 Day trip rhino tracking and picnic with SRT, overnight Desert Rhino Camp.
- Day 6 Morning game drive, then return flight to Windhoek.

Ts & Cs apply



Rates

4 Guests R113,022 per person sharing

Single Supplement R15,270

Exclusions:

- International long-haul flights to and from Windhoek.
- Meals not specified.
- Items of a personal nature i.e. telephone calls, laundry, mini-bar etc.
- Cancellation, baggage and medical insurance.
- Staff gratuities.
- Any new government taxes, levies, fuel or industry increases which are beyond our control.
- Visa fees – where relevant.
- Departure taxes, unless specified.





Namibia



ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

ATLANTIC OCEAN

KEY

- Wilderness Safaris – Classic Camp
- Wilderness Safaris – Adventures Camp
- Point of Interest
- Rock Art

Serra Cafema

KAOKOVELD

OTJINJANGE RIVER

KUNENE RIVER

SKELETON COAST NATIONAL PARK

HOARUSEB RIVER

Möwe Bay seal colony

HOANIB RIVER

Hoanib Skeleton Coast

DAMARALAND

Desert Rhino Camp

UNIAB RIVER

Damaraland Camp

KOIGAB RIVER

Doro Nawas

Twyfelfontein

HUAB RIVER

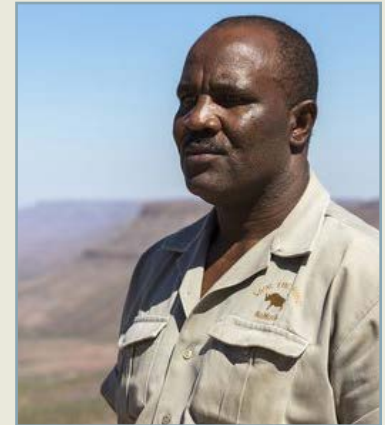


Meet your Expert

Simson Urikob, CEO Save the Rhino Trust

Simson is a son of Damaraland with vast experience in all aspects of SRT, beginning his career here in 1991. Since then he has held several positions within the organisation, including leader of the camel team and Director of Field Operations. After achieving his MSc with Merit from the University of Kent, Simson became SRT's Director of Research. In 2014, he was appointed Chief Executive Officer of SRT.

Simson is a member of the African Rhino Specialist Group and winner of the Namibia Nature Foundation Environmental Award. Like all the best conservationists, Simson looks towards to the future, with respect for the past.



"I strongly believe that my success is due to the late Blythe Loutit and Mike Hearn, who both helped me and encouraged me all along. Now it is my turn to help make a difference. Through education and communication, I am able to pass on my knowledge to the next generation, and I know that my work will carry on. That's why I love it."



Meet your Expert

Jermain Ketji – Wilderness Safaris Namibia Community Liaison Manager

Jermain Ketji has been in community-based conservation and tourism for over 12 years, starting as a research assistant in the Kavango and Caprivi regions of Namibia before piloting cultural tourism concepts in the Omaheke region. He served as a business advisor for the Namibian community-based Tourism Association and its Rural Development Project before venturing into business as a tour operator specialising in cultural tours. He joined Wilderness Safaris as a freelance guide in 2005 before taking on a full-time role in 2006 as a community liaison officer. He has since served as a guide and moved up the ranks to Relief Manager and Concession Manager, to his current position as Community Liaison Manager, focusing amongst others, on managing joint venture agreements with conservancies well as liaising with key stakeholders in conservation, tourism, and grassroots community development with a focus on education.

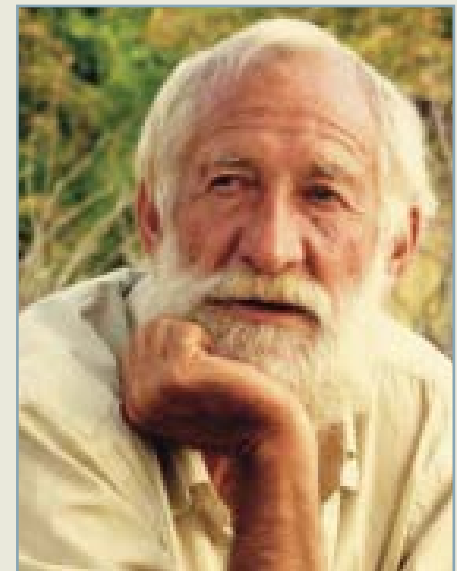


Garth Owen-Smith, Award-Winning Namibian Conservationist

Garth Owen-Smith is the 2015 winner of the Prince William Lifetime Conservation Award, having spent more than 40 years pioneering community-based conservation in the Kaokoveld and Zambezi (formerly Caprivi) region.

Garth's best-selling book, *An Arid Eden* (Jonathan Ball Publishers, 2010) is a personal account of his life's work in the Kaokoveld. He is internationally recognised as a founder of community-based natural resource management in southern Africa, and he and his partner, Dr Margaret Jacobsohn, have won some of the world's top conservation awards for their work in Namibia's two most remote corners – the north-western Kunene Region and Zambezi in the north-east.

Garth trained as a forester in the 1960s but chose to start working in the arid Kunene. He is well-known and highly respected in numerous communities across Namibia.



Meet your guide

Gerhard Thirion

Growing up on a game farm just north of Namibia's world-famous Etosha Game Reserve, Gerhard developed his lifelong passion for wildlife, nature and indigenous culture at an early age. His holidays were spent horse-riding, walking in the African bush, sleeping under the stars, fishing, conducting game capture operations and helping his father repair fences destroyed by elephants. After several years languishing in a city-based operational capacity, Gerhard made a decision to return to the bush where his love for sharing nature with visitors could be realised. After qualifying as a guide, Gerhard spent the next two years running safaris throughout Namibia on a freelance basis. His big break finally came at the start of the new millennium when he was offered a permanent position with Wilderness Safaris as a mobile safari guide. He believes that he has the best job in the world as it permits him to combine his profound love for Namibia with its diverse wildlife, cultures and landscapes.





Partner and Beneficiary

Save the Rhino Trust (SRT)

For almost four decades Save the Rhino Trust Namibia has worked tirelessly to protect the desert-adapted black rhino of the Kunene and Erongo regions, and from a point of near-extinction the rhino population has rebounded, a remarkable success SRT is proud to be part of.

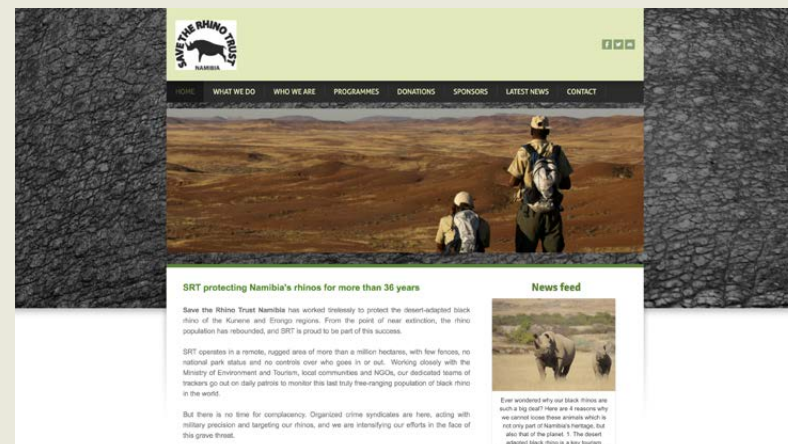
SRT operates in a remote, rugged area of more than a million hectares, with few fences, no national park status and no controls over who goes in or out. Working closely with Namibia's Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET), local communities and NGOs, dedicated teams of trackers go out on daily patrols to monitor this last truly free-ranging population of black rhino in the world.

Thanks to ongoing and generous support of donor organisations and individuals, SRT has proved its sustainability over a period of 36 years. SRT's formal Memorandum of Understanding with MET serves as recognition of the value of the work done by the Trust in assisting the Ministry in the protection of black rhino over three decades.

However, despite strong worldwide and local support, various funding gaps remain each year, and donor support is essential.



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