EXPEDITION SERIES:
The African Odyssey

CHAPTER 3

WHISPERS OF KAOKOLAND

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15 days

The Sands of the South

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Whispers of Kaokoland

14 days

The Okavango Passage

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WHISPERS OF KAOKOLAND

Northwestern Namibia is not merely remote, it is elemental. Kaokoland is a place where mountains fracture the horizon, riverbeds carve lifelines through dust, and ancient traditions endure in rhythm with the land. Over 14 days, this expedition ventures into one of Africa's last true wilderness frontiers. Desert-adapted elephants move silently through dry channels. Himba communities live as they have for generations. Baobabs cling to canyon walls above the thundering Kunene River. This is a journey of raw beauty, cultural reverence, and profound isolation.

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ITINERARY

WHISPERS OF KAOKOLAND

2500km

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DAY 0

Expedition Teams Meet

Beneath the Khomas Highlands, the expedition participants gather. Around the dinner table, guides begin to sketch the story of the northwest. The region where roads thin, distances stretch, and the wilderness deepens with every kilometre.

0%	0%	0%
PAVED ROAD	GRAVEL ROAD	OFF-ROAD

DAY 1

Granite Peaks of the Spitzkoppe

The convoy travels west toward the dramatic granite monoliths of Spitzkoppe. Rising abruptly from the plains, these 700-million-year-old formations glow deep orange at sunset. Ancient San rock art shelters beneath overhangs, telling stories of hunters, wildlife, and survival. As night falls, camp rests beneath cathedral-like stars. The Milky Way arching above silent stone.

40%	60%	0%
PAVED ROAD	GRAVEL ROAD	OFF-ROAD

DAY 2

Wild Horizons of the Ugab

The route follows the sandy arteries of the Ugab River, one of Damaraland's life-giving ephemeral rivers. Though often dry, underground water sustains ana trees and desert-adapted wildlife. Tracks of elephant and giraffe cross the sand. In the distance, the imposing massif of Brandberg Mountain watches over the plains. The scale is humbling, the silence immense.

0%	30%	70%
PAVED ROAD	GRAVEL ROAD	OFF-ROAD

DAY 3

Into the Heart of the Huab

Remote tracks weave through the Huab River system, territory known for its desert elephants. Guides read the sand like a book: fresh tracks, broken branches, damp earth. If fortune favours, elephants emerge quietly from the riverine thickets, moving with calm authority through a landscape that seems too harsh to sustain them. This is wilderness at its most honest, unfiltered and unscripted.

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PAVED ROAD	GRAVEL ROAD	OFF-ROAD

DAY 4

Desert Gateway that is Palmwag

Arrival into the greater Palmwag Concession marks the threshold of true Kaokoland. Basalt lava terraces ripple across the land, relics of ancient volcanic activity. Springbok and gemsbok graze the plains, while distant mountains rise in layered blue horizons. The region is one of Namibia's most important conservation areas for free-roaming black rhino.

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PAVED ROAD	GRAVEL ROAD	OFF-ROAD

DAY 5

Silence of the Puros Valley

The convoy pushes deeper into the remote Puros Valley. Here, the land opens into vast, sandy channels framed by ochre mountains. Semi-nomadic Himba people move with their cattle through this terrain, maintaining traditions tied intimately to land and ancestry. Encounters are respectful and guided with sensitivity. This is an opportunity to understand culture without intrusion. Camp is set in the riverbed. The stillness is profound.

0%	40%	60%
PAVED ROAD	GRAVEL ROAD	OFF-ROAD

DAY 6

Into the Northern Frontier

Mountain passes tighten and rise toward the Angolan borderlands. Villages appear unexpectedly, small trading posts alive with colour and rhythm. The journey becomes not only geographical but cultural, where wilderness and human resilience coexist.

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PAVED ROAD	GRAVEL ROAD	OFF-ROAD

DAY 7

Echoes of the mighty Kunene

The desert gives way to water at the Epupa Falls. The Kunene River cascades over rocky ledges, framed by towering makalani palms and ancient baobabs. After days of dust, the sound of rushing water feels almost surreal. This is Namibia's northern lifeline, a ribbon of green at the edge of aridity.

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PAVED ROAD	GRAVEL ROAD	OFF-ROAD

DAY 8

The Rhythm of Epupa

A day to explore. Walk along riverbanks, observe birdlife drawn to fertile waters, and engage respectfully with Himba communities who call this region home. The interplay between river and desert becomes clear, water here is not abundance, but survival. Spend the night listen to the endless thunder that is, Epupa Falls.

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PAVED ROAD	GRAVEL ROAD	OFF-ROAD

DAY 9

The Colours of the North

Leaving the mountains behind, the terrain transitions into broader plains and settled northern communities. Markets pulse with colour. Mopane woodlands thicken as the journey arcs southward toward Etosha.

70%	30%	0%
PAVED ROAD	GRAVEL ROAD	OFF-ROAD

DAY 10

At the Edge of Etosha

Arrival at the gate to Etosha National Park. The land opens into shimmering salt pans that stretch to the horizon. Wildlife sightings intensify with 114 mammal species calling Etosha home. Waterholes become theatres of life.

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PAVED ROAD	GRAVEL ROAD	OFF-ROAD

DAY 11

A Day on Etosha's Plains

Full-day exploration through Etosha’s vast ecosystems. Guides interpret behaviour; why herds move, how predators stalk, how drought shapes the land. The great Etosha Pan gleams like a white sea under the African sun.

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PAVED ROAD	GRAVEL ROAD	OFF-ROAD

DAY 12

A Final Night in the Wild

A gentle southbound drive allows time to absorb the journey's scale, from granite peaks to river cascades. The final campfire glows with stories of isolation, culture, and wildlife encountered far from the ordinary.

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PAVED ROAD	GRAVEL ROAD	OFF-ROAD

DAY 13

Farewell to Namibia

Kaokoland recedes into memory, the mountains, elephants, rivers and dust carried forward in story. Few places remain this raw. Fewer still are experienced this deeply.

100%	0%	0%
PAVED ROAD	GRAVEL ROAD	OFF-ROAD

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Expedition Ready Vehicle
- Accommodation throughout (30% Glamping; 70% Lodging)
- All meals are included during the expedition, with full daily breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Arrival day includes dinner only, while departure day includes breakfast only.
- Complimentary bottled drinking water provided in expedition vehicles on driving days and during remote glamping nights.
- A thoughtfully selected range of standard alcoholic beverages and soft drinks is included during all remote glamping nights.
- Access fees to all National Park & Exclusive Concession areas
- First-aid trained Expert Guiding Team throughout
- Satellite communication for emergencies
- 2-way radio for communication between vehicles
- Expedition Apparel
- Use of professional level Binoculars (1 per vehicle)
- 2x Airport transfers
- Activities: 2x Game drives

YOUR EXPEDITION *VEHICLE*

- Toyota Hilux Extra Cab (2-seater)
- 6 speed Automatic Transmission
- 2.8ℓ Diesel (150kW, 500Nm)
- 145ℓ fuel tank capacity

WHAT IS EXCLUDED

- Fuel throughout. (You receive vehicle full and return it as such)
- Snacks for between meals
- Beverages at lodges and hotels, unless specified as part of the property's offering.
- Optional activities
- International flights to/from Namibia
- Travel Insurance (mandatory)
- Medical evacuation insurance
- Visa fees
- Accommodation incidentals (Mini-bar, laundry, room service etc.)
- Gratuities for guides, lodge staff and service providers, this is for your own discretion.

EXPEDITION RATES

The rates outlined below are all-inclusive of the expedition services and experiences detailed in the brochure, unless otherwise specified. The rates are in Namibian dollars (N$) and VAT included.

- **Option 1 – Shared Vehicle & Shared Room** Enjoy the expedition with a fellow traveler in a shared vehicle, while accommodation is in a double or twin room. ***N$135,000 per person***
- **Option 2 – Private Vehicle & Shared Room** Drive independently in your own expedition-ready vehicle, while still sharing a double or twin room for accommodation. ***N$165,000 per person***
- **Option 3 – Shared Vehicle & Private Room** Share the vehicle with a fellow adventurer but enjoy the privacy of your own room. ***N$140,000 per person***
- **Option 4 – Private Vehicle & Private Room** For maximum independence and comfort, enjoy both your own vehicle and your own room throughout the expedition. ***N$170,000 per person***