

YOUNG DEFENDERS

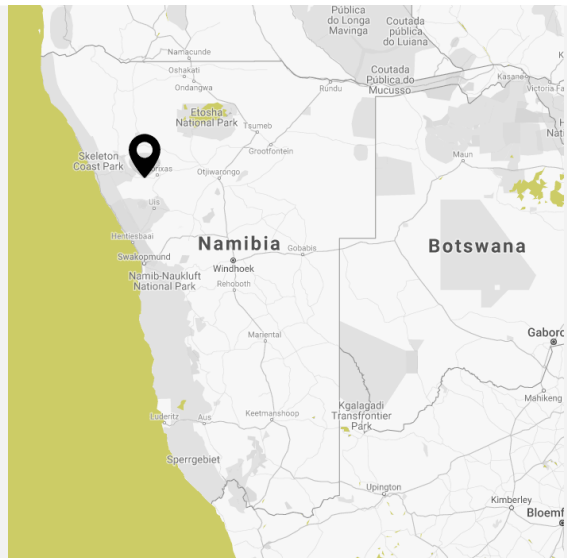
YOUTH CONSERVATION APPRECIATION COURSE - DAMARALAND



LOCATION

GPS CO-ORDINATES

20° 24 55.40 S 14° 38 58.77 E



OVERVIEW

ULTIMATE SAFARIS is an award winning Namibian Conservation Travel Company. We are dedicated to the protection and conservation of the areas in which we operate as these are some of the most pristine and delicate wilderness areas on earth. Our **CONSERVATION TRAVEL FOUNDATION** is actively involved with

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on-the-ground conservation in Namibia, and it fully shares our own conservation ideals. Our Naturalist guide trainers are highly experienced and they act as both mentors and instructors to our YOUNG DEFENDERS during these holiday courses.

Based out of //Huab Under Canvas, the YOUNG DEFENDERS holiday camp embraces the ever-growing desire of families to allow their children a true wilderness experience, while at the same time allowing them to learn about conservation and to be a part of those efforts. There is no greater conservation success story than that of the communal conservancies in North West Namibia, where communities have embraced the protection of wildlife and preservation of wilderness areas for the benefit of future generations.

//Huab Under Canvas is nestled in a grove of Mopane trees on the banks of a tributary of the //Huab River in the heart of Damaraland. Protected from the prevailing winds and the sun, the camp is virtually invisible from anywhere around and it carries arguably the lowest environmental footprint of any camp in Namibia. Tents are raised on mobile platforms and have basic infrastructure such as twin beds, cupboards, solar power and some important comforts such as en suite flush toilets and bucket showers. However, the essence of the camp remains under canvas, mobile and experiential.

There can be no better base than this camp to provide YOUNG DEFENDERS the opportunity to explore true wilderness on foot and by vehicle, under the leadership of our Naturalist guide trainers. YOUNGER DEFENDERS will connect with nature and learn firsthand what it takes to conserve areas such as these, and to enjoy some of the best desert wildlife experiences on offer in Namibia. The ultimate wilderness experience for youngsters!

YOUNG DEFENDERS WILL LEARN HOW TO:

- Track wildlife (including rhino and elephant)
- Identify flora and fauna, and gain an understanding of ecology and biodiversity
- Learn skills to aid survival in the wild and gain other vital life skills
- Understand Namibia's success in the renowned community-based nature conservation program
- Be actively involved in conservation and visit the wilderness areas responsibly
- Appreciate the outdoors
- Qualify with the world-renowned **LEAVE NO TRACE** qualification at the end of the excursion

PRICE:

N\$ 3950 per person (14 participants per excursion)

Bookings with Tatiana at tatiana@ultimatesafaris.na

INCLUDES

- Transport Windhoek/Khorixas - //Huab Under Canvas - Windhoek/Khorixas
- All accommodation and meals (refreshments included)
- All lectures and mentoring
- All planned excursions

WHAT TO BRING

(This list is a guideline; we encourage you to pack as light as possible)

- An adventurous spirit and the desire to disconnect as you connect with nature
- Personal hand sanitizer.

- Personal face mask is required.
- Water bottle is required.
- Camera equipment and binoculars
- Comfortable hiking shoes with ankle support for activities.
- Shade hat with wide brim, preferably with chin strap.
- Sunscreen of SPF #30 or higher.
- Lip balm with sunscreen.
- Sunglasses.
- Headlamp (flashlight) will be useful in camp at night, with spare batteries.
- Enough clothing for 5 days as there is no laundry service available.
- Light and durable clothing for hot days.
- Fleece or pullover for cool evenings and early mornings.
- Swimming costume.
- Flip flops (for showers, pool and camp).
- Buff, bandana, or handkerchief.
- Personal toiletries.

AGE GROUPS:

- Group 1 (born in 2007 & 2008)
- Group 2 (born in 2005 & 2006)
- Or any other tailor made groups as agreed upon

DETAILED COURSE

Day 1

- 07:30 Meet at Ultimate Safaris offices for briefing
- 08:30 Depart Windhoek
- 12:30 Stop for lunch at scenic location alongside the road
- 13:00 Leave No Trace Module 1 – Consideration for other travelers
- 16:00 Arrive at camp for welcome and orientation
- 18:00 Meet around campfire for conservancy history and rhino briefing
- 19:00 Dinner

Day 2

- 07:30 Breakfast
- 08:00 Depart for rhino tracking
- 10:00 Rhino monitoring talk & learn about Rhino Ranger program and Save the Rhino Trust
- 11:00 Leave No Trace Module 2 - Respect for Wildlife
- 13:00 Lunch back at camp
- 16:00 Afternoon walk, looking at tracks, fauna and little things
- 18:30 Leave No Trace Module 3 - Making a campfire
- 19:00 Dinner

Day 3

- 07:00 Breakfast
- 07:30 Leave No Trace Module 4 - Plan ahead and prepare
- 08:00 Morning walk down to springs and check camera traps
- 13:00 Lunch
- 16:00 Afternoon inspection of waterholes and camera traps
- 17:00 Leave No Trace Module 5 - Leave what you find
- 19:00 Dinner

Day 4

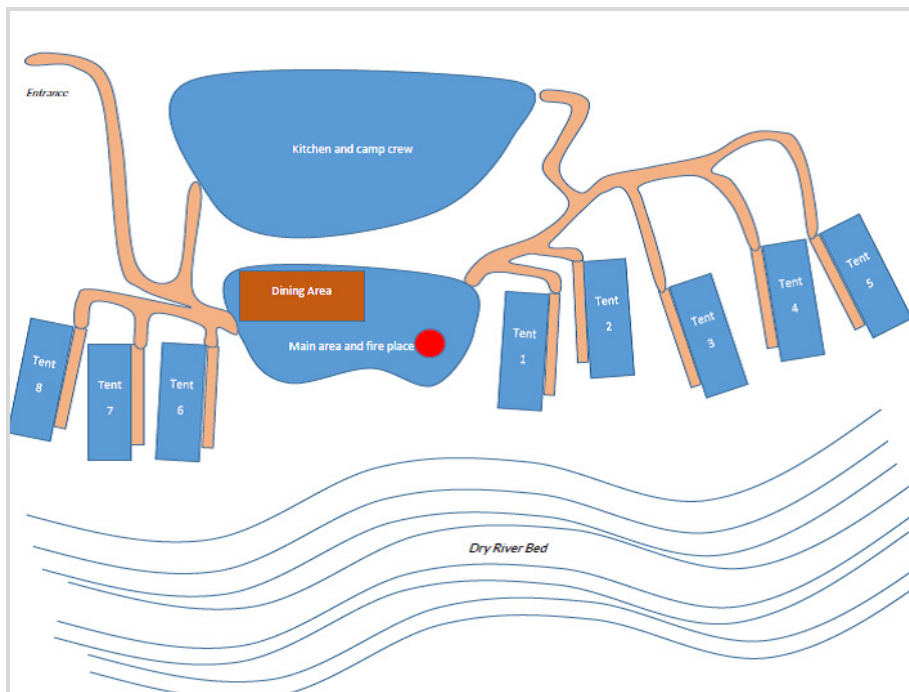
- 07:30 Breakfast

- 08:00 Drive into the river for desert elephant tracking
- 12:30 Leave No Trace Module 6 - Travel and camping on durable surfaces
- 13:00 Lunch in the riverbed
- 18:00 Leave No Trace Module 7 - Dispose of waste properly
- 19:00 Dinner & awards ceremony

Day 5

- 07:30 Breakfast
- 08:00 Pack up
- 09:00 Departure back to Windhoek
- 13:00 Stop for lunch at scenic location alongside the road
- 17:30 Back in Windhoek

CAMP LAYOUT



AREA

Huab Under Canvas is located on a private concession in the //Huab Conservancy. The area is largely sparse semi-arid mountainous savanna, with wooded ephemeral river valleys separating hills and plains and it boasts some of the most magnificent views in Damaraland. As it has a number of natural springs providing water throughout the year for desert-adapted wildlife, the area is home to desert-adapted elephant, black rhino and general plains game, including kudu, giraffe, springbok, oryx, klipspringer and steenbok, as well as predators such as cheetah, leopard, spotted and brown hyena.

IMPACT



SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES



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