

SAMPLE ITINERARY

EHRA is one of the only organisations focusing on human-wildlife conflict mitigation, and we believe it is possible for both to coexist amicably. The majority of the work that we do is concentrated in the North West region of Namibia, known as the Southern Kunene region, which is considered one of the most stunning areas in the world. Its free-roaming desert elephants are among the most special wildlife you will ever see, and their ability to survive in the harsh conditions of the Namib Desert showcase nature at its best.

Expect to get sweaty, learn about conservation, make new friends, sleep under the stars and enjoy the natural surroundings.

Day 1 – Swakopmund

Arrive at the Skeleton Coast town of Swakopmund for a briefing with the EHRA team

Day 2 – Swakopmund to EHRA base camp

The drive to EHRA's desert Base Camp, located in an incredibly beautiful spot on the edge of the Ugab River, takes approximately four hours. Once at camp, we unpack, make dinner and have a briefing

Build Week

Join other volunteers in the construction of walls around community water pumps, tanks and windmills to ensure elephants can access water without damaging infrastructure. This is challenging but rewarding work that has a direct impact for conservation.

Patrol Week

Track different elephants and herds to build up a data bank on their movements. EHRA can plan water point protection work based on where the elephants are. Visit farmers to assess risk of elephant human conflict arising in the area. Monitor elephants during the week and record deaths, births injuries and take ID photos for the database.

Day 13 – Return to Swakopmund

We say our goodbyes to Base Camp and head back to Swakopmund

What is wild camping?

Our guests will visit one of the most un-spoilt and also most sensitive areas of Africa and so we will conduct the tours in the most sustainable way possible. We will only take from the land what is necessary for survival and basic comfort and leave nothing but footprints. Water and wood usage in the semi-arid to arid desert environment is extremely limited. Toilets are a shuffle and a box of matches and wet wipes or small buckets of water can be used for cleaning. You will soon discover that out here one doesn't seem to need a shower every day and it's wonderful to experience the true value of water!