

## Namibia Diaries

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EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

### 1. Wild Wonders of Namibia

Namibia hosts an impressive wildlife in a very harsh and unforgiving land. “Wild Wonders of Namibia” looks at some of the species that have adapted to the hostile conditions of the Namib Desert in search of food and water. This episode covers the entire wildlife of Namibia from deserts to plains, from the ocean to its rare wetlands.

### 2. Ancient People of Namibia

The southwest coast of Africa is a geography defined by deserts and resources are scarce. Water is very limited or simply unavailable. However, there are people that have managed to survive such formidable and unforgiving conditions for at least 30 thousand years. The Bushmen who have inhabited these lands forever, are one of the few remaining hunter-gatherer communities on the planet today. We walk for days on endless plains with the Bushmen, hunt and gather by traditional methods, take a peek at the colorful life of the Himba people and witness how the Topnaar have survived in the harsh desert conditions with the help of one peculiar fruit. This is the story of the ancient people of Namibia whose ancestors seem to have left a trace on every grain of desert sand around them.

### 3. Etosha: The Great White Place

Etosha is considered to be one of the best wildlife attractions on the planet. Water is scarce, yet Etosha hosts an amazing diversity of animals from herds of African elephants to the endangered black rhino. Waterholes are a source of life for all the animals on the plains, including the predators that live around these permanent waterholes stalking their prey.

### 4. Diamond Rush

When diamonds were discovered around Kolmanskop and Elizabeth Bay some hundred years ago, people rushed to take part in the mining. Towns were erected, engineers, workers and families moved in. They became small cities with social life, boasting with energy. However, they were deserted in 1954 and they became ghost towns overnight. Nature took over since. “Diamond Rush” tells the story of these ghost towns and their new residents; sand, grass and brown hyenas.

### 5. Wild Coast of Namibia

Namibia is home to one of the wildest and most unforgiving coastlines in the world. The Atlantic Ocean stretches from north to south along the west of the country. Like most of the region, the conditions here are formidable. A unique geography where the ocean ends and the desert starts. The coast is always

wavy and rough but thanks to the nutrition rich Benguela current, it hosts a diverse wildlife. Thousands of penguins, gannets and fur seals prefer these shores to breed and feed.

## **6. Erindi and the Wild Dogs**

Erindi is one of the few places in Namibia where water is available year round. This protected area hosts some of the rarest species in Africa, including the endangered African wild dog. With its impressive landscape, big cats and large herds of plains animals, Erindi is a unique wildlife attraction. Nowhere else can wild dogs be seen this close.

## **7. Rare Species & Nature Conservation**

With her fragile nature, incredible landscape and rare species that she hosts, Namibia is a natural history gem. Scientists and NGO's work tirelessly to conserve and protect these natural values. CCF (Cheetah Conservation Fund), GLP (Global Leopard Project), KCP (Kwando Carnivore Project) are some of these amazing organisations that are documented trying to protect Namibia and her wildlife.

## **8. The Namib Desert**

Namib is considered to be the oldest desert on the planet. Devoid of water, it's an unlikely place for life to thrive. However, despite all the odds, Namib boasts a diverse wildlife. Species on this harsh land have adapted to living under the scorching African sun with very limited food and water.