



MICHAEL POHAMBA HAINDONGO SPECIALIST SAFARI GUIDE – NATURAL SELECTION



Operates in Namibia and other parts of Africa

Michael (Mike) was born in 1979, in Kwanza Norte, Central Angola during its civil war. His parents were part of the Swapo Liberation. He was raised in Angola Swapo refugees camp until the age of 9. He left when he was included in a school programmed in Cuba. Like other kids that went to Germany, Romania, and

Slovakia, this was his life changing chance in life. The programme was run by UNICEF in a joint venture with the Red Cross.

It was terminated in 1990, when Namibia gained its independence. He then joined his biological mom in 1994, 4 years after the Namibian independence and finished high school in Namibia in Oshakati and Windhoek respectively. Michael then went on to join Polytechnic of Namibia, now the University of science and Technology. Where he enrolled to study Nature conservation and Management.

Through Polytech he was introduced to Llyod Camp, to be a guide trainer and through in-service training, Llyod placed him at Rhino camp, where he was a student and a guide, dividing his time with Mike Hearn Save the Rhino Trust and rhino tented camp.

After his project study with Polytechnic, Mike went to do a FAGAS level in South Africa and his guiding career started at Londolozi bush lodge. After this he joined Conservation Corporation of Africa (CC Africa) the now &beyond, as a camp assistant and trainee guide. Later joining wilderness safaris, were he worked in almost all the camps and lodges in Namibia, including assisting with Il diamante panorama and wilderness overland Safaris. After wilderness Safaris, Michel joined Ultimate safaris as an overland guide for 7 good years, before starting at Natural Selection where he is still currently guiding.

Years of guiding experience

Mike has 18 years guiding experience and has been guiding since 2004.

Regional knowledge and expertise

Namibia, Botswana, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Zambia.

Ideal for accompanying

Adventurous families, multi-generation family travel, couples, solo travelers, small groups.

Areas of special interest

Wildlife, Kunene region of Namibia, travelling, reading, hiking.

Qualifications & Expertise.

- Mike is based at Etosha Heights, but he can guide anywhere else in Namibia.
- He has a Nature Conservation and Management Diploma Polytechnic, NATH level 3.
- As well Wilderness Safaris entry level and intermediate guiding training. Working in all WS camps & lodges in Namibia.
- Weapon proficiency level 2 Ongava Game Reserve and a FAGAS level 1.
- Ultimate safaris guides training. 7 years working as an overland guide with Ultimate Safaris.
- Cheetah conservation future leaders training with National Geographic Children Expeditions.
- Free-lance with Thomson Safaris and Nomad Tours.
- Managing and guiding with Hoodia Desert Lodge.
- Expedition training with CCA, now and beyond.
- Boat and river training with Serra Cafema.

Languages: English, Afrikaans, Portuguese - fair, Spanish - poor, Oshiwambo. Herero and Kimbundu

Currently Lives: Mike is based at Etosha Heights, in Namibia.

'It excites me to take guests on safari and show them the beauty and diversity that Namibia and Africa have to offer. It's like discovering new gems each and every day.' – Michael Pohamba Haindongo

To book Mike as your specialist guide contact:

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