



MICHAEL POHAMBA HAINDONGO SPECIALIST SAFARI GUIDE - NS



Operates in Namibia and other parts of Africa

Michael (Mike) was born in 1979, in Kwanza Norte, Central Angola during its long civil war. His parents were part of the Swapo Liberation and were exiled. He was raised in Angola Swapo refugees camp until the age of 9. He left when he was included in a school program in Cuba 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 mother in 1994, 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.

He started his tourism career in the Damaraland region, where he was a student and a guide, dividing his time with Mike Hearn of Save the Rhino Trust and leading safaris.

Mike craved further study and went on to do a FGASA course in South Africa and furthered his guiding career at Londolosi bush lodge. He went on to work in Namibia for Wilderness Safaris, and Ultimate Safaris as a guide, getting in depth knowledge of the country's many beautiful properties. He joined Natural Selection in 2019 and is currently based at Etosha Heights.

Qualifications & Expertise.

- 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 FGASA 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.
- Freelance with Thomson Safaris and Nomad Tours.
- Managing and guiding with Hoodia Desert Lodge.
- Expedition training with CCA, (now & Beyond).
- Boat and river training with Serra Cafema.

Years of guiding experience

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

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

To book Mike as your specialist guide contact:

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