

Conservation research: Namibia's desert-dwelling giraffe

Join us for a two week hands-on wildlife conservation adventure in arid and beautiful north-west Namibia.

Not for the faint-hearted, these trips combine long days in a 4x4, wilderness camping and up-close encounters with big game – all while contributing to long-term conservation research.

Activities may include:


- Tracking and observing giraffe
- Monitoring and recording giraffe behaviour
- Photographing and identifying individual giraffe
- Biopsy darting giraffe to collect DNA samples

Daily camp duties include making and breaking camp, preparing food on an open fire and doing the dishes! Participants will also spend a day at our head office in Windhoek after the trip to help with reporting and data entry.

Our field work is based in the Kunene Region, a vast desert landscape where giants roam the dry riverbeds that are towered by old Acacia. Adjacent to the infamous Skeleton Coast, this area forms part of the larger Namib Desert and sees an annual rainfall of <100mm.

Despite its aridity, the research area is home to a wide variety of life-forms, each cleverly adapted to its desert environment. In addition to giraffe you might be lucky enough to spot elephant and predators such as jackal, hyena or desert lion; herbivores such as steenbok, oryx, and springbok; a wide variety of birds and insects; and even the odd elusive endangered black rhino.

Nomadic people have lived in the Kunene Region for the past 600 years and we might visit rural communities to share information about their local wildlife.



LOVE TO HELP
BUT CAN'T MAKE IT
TO NAMIBIA?
WHY DON'T YOU
ADOPT A GIRAFFE?



How can I apply?

When? Spaces are available for research supporters on only a few fieldtrips per year. Please contact us for exact dates.

Where? The field-trips begin and end in Windhoek (Namibia's capital), an easy city to fly into and you will travel to the far Northwest of the country. Exact destinations will depend on research needs.

How much? Your contribution is US\$2,000 per person. This covers your food, transport and accommodation while in the field. In Windhoek you will stay at your own cost, but we can help with booking your accommodation.

Interested? For more information, contact GCF at conservation@giraffeconservation.org