



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 long civil war. His parents were part of the Swapo Liberation and were exiled. He was raised in an Angola Swapo refugees camp until the age of 9 when he left for Cuba where he spent a few years in a school program run by UNICEF in a joint venture with the Red Cross.

When Namibia gained independence, he returned to Namibia to finish high school. Michael then went on to study Nature conservation and Management at Polytechnic of Namibia. 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 guided at Londolozi before returning to guide in Namibia where he gained an in-depth knowledge of the country's many beautiful wilderness areas. He joined Natural Selection in 2019 and is currently based at Etosha Heights.

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, 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.
- Wilderness Safaris intermediate guiding training.

- 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.
- Managing and guiding with Hoodia Desert Lodge.
- Expedition training with CCA, now &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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