

6 Days Classic Namibia Guided Safaris

Day 1 (2024)

Windhoek to Namib Naukluft Park

This morning your representative from Mhof Tour and Safaris will collect you from your accommodation in Windhoek unless you arriving at Hosea Kutako International Airport. You then depart from Windhoek at 09h00AM in your safari vehicle with your private guide and drive southwest through the scenic Khomas Hochland highlands before heading down the Great Escarpment into the Namib Desert below. Lunch is had en route. You arrive at Namib Desert Lodge in the mid -afternoon, where you will stay for two nights whilst you explore the remarkable sights of the Namib Desert with your guide. If there is still time today, your guide will take you to visit Sesriem Canyon, a nearby geological attraction, or explore Elim Dune. However, if you prefer, you can just relax at the scenic and tranquil surroundings at Namib Desert Lodge. You return and freshen up after a long day for Dinner and the rest of the night is spent at your siesta.

Namib Desert Lodge:

Complementing the magnificence of a red sand sea, Namib Desert Lodge lies at the foot of ancient fossilised dunes. Make some space for wonder. A sunset or early morning drive through the red dunes exploring the sand masterpiece is breath-taking. Atop the ridge as the sand begins to glow deep rich sienna, a view of utter beauty is illuminated in gold, extending from the soft dunes around you to the green ribbon of riverine trees in the distance and the purple-blue mountains. Tolkien would be taken aback - and inspired, I'm sure, by such fantastical scenery! One of the Sossusvlei lodges, Namib Desert Lodge is imbued with its own special character.

Enjoy the relaxed and friendly ambience while cooling off at the pool, watching gemsbok arrive at the waterhole to drink, walking the trails into the dunes or dining in the cosy restaurant. Down-to-earth and homely, it is a place to put up feet, explore, discover and love. For the ultimate desert experience, spend a night in the dunes at Dune Star Camp. An intimate adventure, this slick and simple hideaway stands alone deep in the Namib Desert. The spacious wooden bungalows have beds with wheels to enable guests to sleep out under the stars and a dining area with a large wooden deck affords the best views of the landscape. Be prepared to fill up with desert splendour and a renewed energy for the incredible adventure of Life. Enjoy the quiet at Namib Desert Lodge away from the bustle around Sesriem, 60km away. Ideal for groups, families or individual travellers, there is space for all. A trip to Namibia is only complete with a sojourn in the Namib Desert.





Overnight: Namib Desert Lodge

Meal Basis: Lunch, Dinner + PM Sundowner Drive

Day 2 (2024)

Namib Naukluft Park (Sossusvlei)

This morning you will be waken up very early for a fascinated excursion with your guide in the Namib Naukluft National Park, normally setting off before sunrise to capture the dunes whilst the light is soft and shadows that you can notice the towering shapes and curves. This area boasts some of the highest free-standing sand dunes in the world and your guide will give you an insight on the formation of the Namib Desert and its myriad of attractive creatures and plants that have adapted to survive these harsh environs. Once you have explored Sossusvlei, Deadvlei and surrounding dune fields. You then return to Dead Valley Lodge in the early afternoon and the late afternoon can be spent to visit Sesriem Canyon afterwards if you haven't already done it on previous day. The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure.

Sossusvlei:

This most frequently visited section of the massive 50,000 km² Namib Naukluft National Park has become known as Sossusvlei, famous for its towering apricot coloured sand dunes which can be reached by following the Tsauchab River valley. Sossusvlei itself is actually a clay pan set amidst these star shaped dunes which stand up to 300 meters above the surrounding plains, ranking them among the tallest dunes on earth. The deathly white clay pan contrasts against the orange sands and forms the endpoint of the ephemeral Tsauchab River, within the interior of the Great Sand Sea. The river course rises south of the Naukluft Mountains in the Great Escarpment. It penetrates the sand sea for some 55 km before it finally peters out at Sossusvlei, about the same distance from the Atlantic Ocean. Until the encroaching dunes blocked its course around 60,000 years ago, the Tsauchab River once reached the sea; as ephemeral rivers still do in the northern half of the Namib.



Sand-locked pans to the west show where the river previously flowed to before dunes shifted its endpoint to where it currently gathers at Sossusvlei. Roughly once a decade rainfall over the catchment area is sufficient to bring the river down in flood and fill the pan. On such occasions the mirror images of dunes and camel thorn trees around the pan are reflected in the water. Sossusvlei is the biggest of four pans in the vicinity. Another, famous for its gnarled and ghostly camel thorn trees, is Deadvlei which can be reached on foot over 1 km of sand. Deadvlei's striking camel thorn trees, dead for want of water, still stand erect as they once grew. They survived until about 900 years ago when the sand sea finally blocked the river from occasionally flooding the pan.

Sossusvlei:



Dead Vlei:



Sesriem Canyon:



Overnight: Namib Desert Lodge

**Meal Basis: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
+ AM Sossusvlei Excursions + PM Sesriem Visit**



Day 3 (2024)

Namib Naukluft Park (Sossusvlei) to Swakopmund

The attractive drive today takes you northwest through amazing and ever-changing desert landscapes of the Namib Naukluft National Park, including the impressive Ghaub and Kuiseb Canyon via Kuiseb pass. Here you will meet the coast at the port town of Walvis Bay. As the morning is taking you on a most incredible activity to Walvis Bay. You arrive at Walvis Bay and here you meet with the local guide at waterfront and depart on half day Sandwich Harbour tour which is starting at 12h00 until 16h30. You will have light lunch before you are off on your most remarkable breathtaking activity. After the activity you continue north to Swakopmund where you can enjoy the pleasant seaside location and cooler coastal breeze for your next one night. After you arrive at Swakopmund and check in you freshen up for your dinner and you can explore the town along the waterfront on foot, before the dinner at the local restaurant.

Whereby you will meet with your local guide for Sandwich Harbour. He will then collect you upon your arrival at waterfront after the morning boat cruise and will take you on breathtaking 4x4 ride towards the Sandwich Harbour to explore the stunning view on this tour. This drive will take you on magnificent scenic drive along the Walvis Bay Lagoon and the salt mines. If you are lucky you might spot some flamingos. You return to waterfront and meet with your private guide and you return to Swakopmund from Walvis Bay after one of the remarkable activities and long day. You will freshen up for your dinner and the dinner is had at any of the local restaurants which your guide will choose.

Swakopmund:

Swakopmund resembles a small, German coastal resort nestled between the desert and the sea. It boasts a charming combination of German colonial architecture blended with modern hotels, shops, restaurants, museums, craft centres, galleries and cafés. Swakopmund had its beginnings as a landing station in 1892 when the German Imperial Navy erected beacons on the site. Settlers followed and made attempts to create a harbour town by constructing a concrete Mole and then an iron jetty - which attempts were ultimately unsuccessful. The advent of World War one halted developments, and the town sank into decline until half a century later when infrastructure improved and an asphalt road opened between Windhoek and Swakopmund. This made reaching the previously isolated town quicker and easier and it prospered once again to become Namibia's premier resort town. Although the sea is normally cold for swimming there are pleasant beaches and the cooler climate is refreshing after time spent in the desert.





Sandwich Harbour Tour:

Sand and sea, ocean and ancient sand dunes . . . if you are looking for a beyond epic adventure, our Sandwich Harbour Tour with 4x4 Experience is just for you! Begin your day, or end your day with a +-6-hour, beautiful expedition! We offer both AM and PM tours, where our experienced guides and equipped 4x4's will take you through the stunning dune landscape of Sandwich Harbour. With huge sand dunes and the Atlantic Ocean at your feet, you will have epic photo ops and magical memories to take home - Often described as 'one of my most amazing experiences ever!'



Atlantic Garden Boutique Hotel:

Located in Swakopmund, 400 metres from The Mole Beach, Atlantic Garden Boutique Hotel provides accommodation with a garden, free private parking and a bar. The property is close to Otavi-Bahnhof, Hohenzollernhaus and German Evangelical Lutheran Church. The accommodation offers a 24-hour front desk, airport transfers, a tour desk and free WiFi. Guest rooms in the hotel are equipped with a coffee machine. Each room is equipped with a private bathroom with a shower, free toiletries and a hairdryer. At Atlantic Garden Boutique Hotel all rooms come with air conditioning and a safety deposit box. Guests at the accommodation will be able to enjoy activities in and around Swakopmund, like cycling. Popular points of interest near Atlantic Garden Boutique Hotel include Palm Beach, South Beach and Atlanta cinema. The nearest airport is Walvis Bay Airport, 48 km from the hotel.



Overnight: Atlantic Garden Boutique Hotel

**Meal Basis: Breakfast, Dinner
+ PM Sandwich Harbour Tour**

Day 4 (2024)

Swakopmund to Etosha National Park

This morning after having your breathtaking scrumptious breakfast you head the road towards Etosha National Park. Lunch is had en route. You will be arriving in the late afternoon. After you check in you meet with your guide at the main area and will be off in your private vehicle on a game viewing, visiting waterholes. If you are lucky you will spot the predators but otherwise you will see zebra, giraffe, elephant, rhino and many different species of antelope. After short game drive you will return to freshen up for your dinner. After dinner you can either still relax at the main area watching game that comes and goes and the rest of the night is at your siesta.

Etosha National Park:

Etosha is famous for its wildlife Since Etosha National Park is the gateway to Northern Namibia and Ovamboland, it's a very popular stop on any Namibian tour. Above all, it is known as Namibia's foremost wildlife sanctuary. The landscape is unique and varied and subsequently home to a wide variety of animals.





Okaukuejo Resort:

Okaukuejo Resort is the largest and main camp of Etosha National park. The Resort is only 110km from the nearest town Outjo. The most adjacent gate is Andersson gate, which is 17km from Okaukuejo Camp. The lodge offers a variety of accommodation and camping facilities. Upon arrival, you will see the large entrance gate and a lookout tower. All visitors need to check-in upon arrival at the reception in Okaukuejo Camp.

Overnight: Okaukuejo Resort

**Meal Basis: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
 + PM Short Game Viewing Safari**

Day 5 (2024)

Etosha National Park

Today is spend on another exciting morning guided game drive you will be off on within the Etosha National Park at different waterholes, just after early breakfast to see more of the wide variety of game and bird species. You might be very lucky to see the early predator hunting. Lunch is had en route. You drive back after lunch and continue with your game drive. Your return to Okaukuejo Resort before sunset before they close the gates by sunset, the rest of the evening can be spent on game viewing at the camp's floodlit waterhole, where you can see how the animals comes and goes while enjoying your dinner, and afterwards.

Overnight: Okaukuejo Resort

**Meal Basis: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
 + AM + PM Game Viewing Drive**

Day 6 (2024)

Departure

Today, on our return to Windhoek, we will pass by the marble and gold mines and visit Namibia's largest craft market in Okahandja, the administrative centre of the Herero people. You will be dropped off at your accommodation in Windhoek just after lunch.

Meal Basis: Breakfast, Lunch

Bon Voyage



Price valid until 31st October 2024

Total travelling amount per person sharing: NAD/ZAR 42 150.00
Total travelling amount per single person: NAD/ZAR 45 310.00

Price valid until from 01st November 2024 until 31st October 2025

Total travelling amount per person sharing: NAD/ZAR 45 350.00
Total travelling amount per single person: NAD/ZAR 48 100.00

INCLUDED/EXCLUDED

Includes:

- Accommodations
- Vehicle
- Tour Guide
- Activities & Entrance Fees as stated
- Meals as stated

Excludes:

- Local and International flights
- All expenses of a personal nature
- Visa Fees
- Tips and Gratuities
- Personal insurance



Travel Info

Namibia is situated in the South – Western corner of Africa and is a land of remarkable contrasts. Despite its size (four times the size of Great Britain), It is sparsely populated with an estimated population of 2.1 Million people. The small population is largely due to the arid conditions, with a national average rainfall of 270mm per year.

Visa:

It is advisable to double –check visa requirements for your country of origin prior to travelling Visas are valid for up to three months from date of entry.

Time Zone:

GMT+2 in the summer (the first Sunday in September to the first Sunday in April);
GMT+1 in the winter (the first Sunday in April to the first Sunday in September)

Electricity:

220volts AC50hz

Mobile Phones:

Mobile communication system is GSM, roaming agreements exist with most international mobile phone operators. Coverage is limited areas.

Internet:

There are internet cafes situated throughout the country and most hospitality establishments offer an internet service.

Shopping:

Windhoek and Swakopmund offer a selection of stylish shops. Local crafts are sold in specialised, shops, as well as at street markets, most shops are open from Monday to Saturday, with selected shops and street markets open daily.

Money:

The Namibian Dollar (NAD: symbol N\$) is the country's official currency.it is equivalent to the South African Rand which is also legal tender in Namibia.

Currency Exchange:

Traveller's cheques can be exchanged during normal banking hours at any of the commercial banks, or at bureau de change offices.

Credit Cards:

American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa are accepted. Check with your credit/debit card company for details of merchant acceptability and other services which may be available. Credit cards are not usually accepted at petrol station. ATM's for cash withdrawal are readily available in all towns.



Air Travel:

The National airline is Air Namibia, offering daily flights from Frankfurt to Windhoek. British Airways, South African Airways, Air Berlin and TAAG also fly to Namibia. Flying time from Frankfurt to Windhoek is 11 hours and flying time between Windhoek and Johannesburg/Cape Town is 2 hours. Departure taxes are levied but included in the ticket price.

Air Charter:

Visitors pressed for time may opt to travel from A to B by air. Planes can be chartered from several reputable charter companies.

Travelling by Road:

Namibia has approximately 5 450km of well-maintained tarred roads and 37 000km of gravel roads which differ in condition. Vehicles travel on the left-hand side of road. Self-drive visitors should exercise caution when driving on gravel roads. Do not exceed 80km/h.

Car Hire:

All major international car rentals are represented in Namibia. Vehicles are available at the Airport and Windhoek city centre, as well as some of the other major centres. An International Driving Permit is required.

What to Pack:

Namibia has typical semi-desert climate with hot days and cool nights. It is therefore advisable to include both summer and winter clothing.

Checklist:

A small first aid kit, sunglasses, sun protection cream, a hat, moisturizing lotion and lip balm, comfortable walking shoes, a swimsuit, binoculars, toiletries, a small torch, travel insurance documents, and a telephone list (of family/friends/medical practitioner back home to contact in case of emergency) are recommended.

Health:

Private medical care in major towns and cities is good, especially in Windhoek. There are several private clinics which maintain international standards. Most remote towns have a modest hospital or clinic.

Vaccinations:

Take the usual precautions and consult your doctor. There are no mandatory vaccinations for travelers from Europe. The risk of contracting malaria is restricted mainly to three northern parts of the country and is usually limited to the wet summer months.

Insurance:

It is advisable to take out foreign travel health insurance which includes cover for repatriation. When signing for insurance, ensure that the cost for emergency flights within Namibia is covered, as well as repatriation to your home country. Emergency air evacuation is generally reliable if all paperwork is available and in order. Ensure your contract and passport are easily accessible in case of an emergency.



Weather:

The Namib Desert coastline is usually cool with a thick coastal fog. The country has summer rainfall. Summer temperatures are high while the nights are cool. Winter nights can be very cold, but days are generally pleasant. In summer (September to April) the average interior temperature ranges from 20-34C during the day. Temperatures above 40C are often recorded in the extreme north and south of the country. The coast has a relatively stable range of 15-25C. In Winter (April-September) temperatures in the interior range from 18-25C during the day and can drop to below freezing at night.

