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## 7 Days Best of Namibia Guided Safaris

This safari will take you to many of Namibia's wonders. We will visit the vast Namib Desert, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to some of the highest sand dunes in the world. Then we move onto the town of Swakopmund where the desert and the Atlantic coast come together. We will then make our way up along the Skeleton Coast and turn inland into the scenic Damaraland. Last but not least we'll visit Etosha National Park, one of Africa's best game viewing destinations.

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### Day 1 (2024)

### Windhoek to Namib Naukluft Park

This morning Mhof Tour and Safaris will collect you from your accommodation or from the Hosea Kutako International Airport upon your arrival (land before 10h00). You then depart Windhoek 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 and you proceed to the lodge along the scenic location on your way. You arrive at Namib Desert Lodge in the late afternoon, and you will stay here 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 and soak in the scenic and tranquil surroundings at Namib Desert Lodge.

**Overnight: Namib Desert Lodge**

**Meal Basis: Lunch, Dinner + PM Sundowner Drive**

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### Day 2 (2024)

### Namib Naukluft Park (Sossusvlei) to Swakopmund

This morning after the early wake up call. You enjoy a quick cup of coffee/tea and rusk. Once you are ready you head the road to park entrance gate to open. (The gates open at sunrise.) You will drive for about +- 30 minutes while appreciating the beauty of the sun that is rising over the amazing red dunes. The dunes in this area some of them are highest in the world, reaching almost 400 meters. They provide opportunities to capture wonderful images in the beautiful morning and evening light.

And just after the full morning's activity, you head the road towards the coast. The attractive drive today takes you northwest through awesome and ever-changing desert landscapes of the Namib Naukluft National Park, including the impressive Ghaub and Kuiseb Canyon via Kuiseb pass. You will meet the coast at the port town of Walvis Bay and then continue north to Swakopmund where you can enjoy the pleasant seaside location and cooler coastal breeze for your next two nights. You will arrive late afternoon and you will have light lunch at the beach whilst you enjoying the breeze. You return to your accommodation and freshen up and you can still explore the town along the waterfront on foot, on your way to the restaurant for your dinner at one of the local restaurants.

**Overnight: Atlantic Villa Hotel**

**Meal Basis: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
+ AM Sossusvlei Excursion**

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### Day 3 (2024)

### Swakopmund

This morning after a breathtaking breakfast, you will be off to Walvisbay for your morning boat cruise and afternoon Sandwich Harbour Tour. Your morning boat cruise will start at 8:00 in the morning. You might be lucky to spot the humpback whale. You will enjoy oysters, sparkling wine, trademark platters with delicious snacks and locally brewed Namibia beer. After you return, your local guide will be waiting for you and you continue with your activity on the Sandwich Harbour Tour. You will return at 4:00 pm and will be dropped off at the waterfront after having the most awesome sightings of the marine wildlife and the most remarkable sighting of Sandwich Harbour where the sand and the sea meet. Your private guide will be waiting for you at the waterfront. Upon your return, he will drive you back to Swakopmund where you will rest for the day. You will be walking to the nearby restaurant for your dinner and explore the town on foot. The rest of the night is on your siesta.

**Overnight: Atlantic Garden Hotel**

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

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### Day 4 (2024)

### Swakopmund to Damaraland

Today we'll continue our safari northwards along the Skeleton Coast. This hostile and suggestively named area is one of the most unusual coastal wildernesses on the planet, protecting about a third of Namibia's long coastline.

After visiting one of the many shipwrecks along the coast for some dramatic photographs, we will turn inland towards spectacular Damaraland. We will drive past the Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain. In the distance, we will also see the Spitzkoppe (sharp head), one of Namibia's most recognizable landmarks.

This beautiful mountainous region is home to an assortment of scientifically important desert-adapted wildlife such as elephant, rhino, zebra and lion, which somehow survive and thrive in this near-barren landscape. We hope to see some of them; a special treat indeed!

We will be at our lodge in time for a sundowner drink while we enjoy the view over this rugged but beautiful landscape. Dinner will be enjoyed at our lodge.

**Overnight: Brandberg White Lady Lodge**

**Meal Basis: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

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### Day 5 (2024)

### Damaraland to Etosha National Park

After breakfast, we will make our way north and visit the Twyfelfontein rock engravings (UNESCO World Heritage site), the organ pipes rock formation and the Petrified Forest en route to Etosha National Park.

Afterwards, we'll arrive at the lodge and freshen up. We will meet up just before sunset and then have dinner at our lodge.

**Overnight: Etosha Safari Camp**

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

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## Day 6 (2024)

## Kamanjab to Etosha National Park

We will explore the southwestern side of world famous Etosha Park today, going for a morning drive in our own vehicle after breakfast, lunch is had en route. You will be returning to the lodge just before they closed the park gates by sunset. You will freshen up and be at your leisure. Dinner will be served and the rest of the night is at your siesta.

In the drier months of the year, almost all the animals tend to congregate around the waterholes dotted around the massive park. They come to drink water and are inevitably followed by predators. This allows us to sit and wait at some of the waterholes and for the action to come to us. This is what sets Etosha apart from other parks in southern or east Africa; unique indeed!

We will return to the lodge after our afternoon game drive in our own vehicle to enjoy dinner. Remember to look up before settling into your bed tonight—the African night sky, undisturbed by city lights out here in the bush, is truly amazing.

**Overnight: Etosha Safari Camp**

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

## Day 7 (2024)

## Departure

After an early morning breakfast, you will drive out on a short game viewing drive before your way back to Windhoek. Your guide will drop you off at your own arranged accommodation. Or if you fly out with the late flight at Hosea Kutako International Airport where you go to catch your international flight back home. Here you say your final goodbyes to your guide.

**Meal Basis: Breakfast**

**Bon Voyage**

**Price valid until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**

**Total travelling amount per person sharing: NAD/ZAR 54 350.00**

**Total travelling amount per single person: NAD/ZAR 57 616.00**

**Price valid until from 01<sup>st</sup> November 2024 until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025**

**Total travelling amount per person sharing: NAD/ZAR 58 123.00**

**Total travelling amount per single person: NAD/ZAR 61 158.00**



## **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 stations. 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.

