

NEW AFRICAN FRONTIERS NAMIBIA

TOUR CODE: NC0601

6 DAY – TASTE OF NAMIBIA TOUR

SAFARI TYPE: Scheduled Tour – Camping – Guided Safari
DUARTION: 6 Days / 5 Nights
DEPARTURE DAYS: Saturdays (weekly)
DEPARTURE LOCATION: Windhoek – Namibia
TOUR ENDS: Windhoek – Namibia

ROUTING HIGHLIGHTS:

Windhoek – Etosha National Park – Windhoek – Sossusvlei – Windhoek

This safari has a guaranteed departure every Saturday of the year, with a minimum of 2 people. There is no single supplement, and the price is virtually fully inclusive of everything you will need whilst travelling for six days. The style is limited participation, assisted camping. The third night is spent in a quality Windhoek guest-house and the cost is inclusive. Collection time is between 08:00 & 08:30 from anywhere within the Windhoek city limits.

This safari can also be combined:

Two of the world's natural wonders, the Okavango Delta and the mighty Victoria Falls can also be included by combining this trip with our 10 day Delta and Falls Safari.

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Day 1, Saturday

Windhoek – Okaukuejo camp, Etosha National Park (450 km) (LD) (camping)

You will be collected at your Windhoek accommodation between 08:00 & 08:30

Travelling north, you pass through some of the country's best established commercial farmland and stop at quaint towns along the way, arriving at Anderson Gate by mid-afternoon. After entering Etosha we game drive our way through to Okaukuejo, Etosha's main rest camp and resort where we will check in and set up camp. Originally the site of a German fort built in 1901, Okaukuejo now houses the Etosha Ecological Institute, founded in 1974; the round watchtower is a remnant of the fort.

After your evening meal there are still more chances to see Etosha's big game at a floodlit waterhole, situated on the boundary of our camp and easily reachable within a minute or two on foot.

The waterhole has been described as one of the "best game viewing opportunities in Southern Africa" and the ideal venue to witness peculiar animal politics. Black rhino, Africa's tallest elephants, lion and numerous species of antelope are regular visitors during the cool, dry season.

Day 2, Sunday

Okaukuejo – East Etosha, Namutoni region (BLD) (camping)

A full day's worth of game driving awaits and we leave early to enjoy the cool morning air, making our way to Halali camp, situated in the middle of the park.

Along the way we visit several waterholes and are afforded splendid views of the massive Etosha Pan, a shallow depression that is dry for the greater part of the year, but fed by moisture from perennial springs on the fringes. The pan covers about 25 percent of the park. The game viewing is excellent throughout the year and we have the chance to spot a few new species that are not normally seen on the Okaukuejo side of the park.

We stop at Halali camp for a rest and a leisurely lunch and there is time to visit the waterhole and to make use of the swimming pool and bar facilities before continuing to the eastern side of the park and our camp next to Fort Namutoni.

Day 3, Monday

East Etosha – Windhoek (500km) (BL)

Be prepared for the long, scenic transit back to Windhoek. We pass through towns and rural areas, stopping in the small town of Okahandja, the home of Namibia's largest wood carving market. The stalls operate on a local co-operative basis and offer a vast array of truly Namibian souvenirs.

We are due back in Windhoek at 16:00 and you will be dropped off at your accommodation on our return. This night's accommodation is included in the price of the safari, but dinner will be for the client's own account.

Day 4, Tuesday

Windhoek – Sesriem area (350 km) (LD) (camping)

You will be collected at your Windhoek accommodation between 08:00 & 08:30

We travel out over the Eros Mountains and along scenic roads on our way south-west to the desert. We also pass over part of the Naukluft Mountains, which are of particular interest for the ancient geological history of this part of the country. Heading down from Namibia's

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central plateau by way of the beautiful Remhoogte Pass, we reach open plains and the tiny settlement of Solitaire.

We cross some open grass savannah and farmlands before the terrain gives way to the immense red sand dune desert of the Namib. We aim to arrive at our camp during the late afternoon and watch the colours glow and change on distant mountains to the east.

Day 5, Wednesday

Sesriem area – Sossusvlei – Sesriem area (camping) (BLD)

A pre-dawn start is essential this morning as we want to catch the soft light of the sunrise on the desert. After passing through Sesriem, the gateway to the dunes, we head into the heart of the dune field, reaching Sossusvlei on foot, trekking the last 5 km through the dunes.

Landscape photo opportunities abound in the cool of the morning, with dawn's soft light first illuminating the dunes from crest down the back slope, then blazing orange everywhere, creating a powerful contrasting vista across the whole desert.

Ancient mineral pans, stunted camel thorn trees and the chance of seeing a gemsbok or ostrich makes it essential to remember your camera!

We spend the morning in and around Sossusvlei, also visiting dune 45. As the day wears on we return to Sesriem for lunch, escaping the heat of the afternoon. As the day cools off in the late afternoon we will take a short excursion to the Sesriem Canyon.

Day 6, Thursday

Sesriem area - Windhoek (450 km) (BL)

After breakfast we begin our journey back to Windhoek following a different route, ascending the massive Gamsberg Pass in the Khomas Hochland Mountain Range on our way back to civilization. In the Solitaire area we will stop at the 'N/a'an ku se Foundation', a 500 hectare Conservation Centre which hosts an educational centre and wildlife tracking within the purpose built enclosures and receive information on the carnivore surveillance in the greater Namib area.

We are due back in Windhoek at 16:00 and you will be dropped off at your accommodation on our return. Your accommodation tonight is not included in the price of the safari.

Tour Summary

| Day | Destinations | Accommodation | Meals | Approximate km |
|------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Saturday | Windhoek – Etosha National Park | Camping | Lunch & Dinner | 450 km |
| Sunday | Etosha National Park | Camping | Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner | Game drive |
| Monday | Etosha National Park - Windhoek | Guest House | Breakfast & Lunch | 500 km |
| Tuesday | Windhoek – Sesriem | Camping | Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner | 350 km |
| Wednesday | Sesriem | Camping | Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner | - |
| Thursday | Sesriem - Windhoek | - | Breakfast & Lunch | 450 |

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Tour Notes:

Maximum group size is 14 people, with a minimum of 2 participants. Transport for up to 8 people will be in a minibus and for 9 people and more in a specialised vehicle.

The style of safari is limited participation, you will be asked to assist put up and taking down your own tent. However there will be a camp assistant to complete all the other campsite chores. Your tour guide will do all the shopping, cooking and day – to – day organization of the safari. Unless otherwise specified, all safaris will be conducted in English.

Included:

- * All transport
- * Three meals a day (unless differently specified)
- * Tap drinking water
- * Tea and coffee in camp
- * All camping equipment
- * Park entrance fees
- * Camping fees
- * Professional guide
- * Camp assistant
- * Pick up and Drop off at from accommodation in Windhoek

Excluded:

- * Sleeping bag (can be hired)
- * Alcoholic beverages
- * Soft drinks
- * Personal travel insurance

Useful items to bring with you:

- * Two litre water bottle
- * Torch
- * Towel
- * Sun hat
- * Pillow

The tents are canvas dome type, which are easy to assemble. Your mattress is approximately 5 cm thick with its mattress cover and each client has a camp chair with backrest.

Clients are limited to one soft, barrel type bag per person with maximum weight of 15kg, one medium sized hand luggage bag, one medium sized camera bag and a sleeping bag.

We suggest a sleeping bag range of "3 – 4 season". Sleeping bags can be hired by prior arrangement for a cost of N\$: 60.00 per 6 day trip. When selecting your clothing please be aware that Namibian summer temperatures (December - March) can reach 45°C and winter temperatures (June - September) can be as low as -5°C. The rainy season is between December and April.

All evening meals on camping safaris (unless stipulated) are cooked by your guide on an open fire. Salads and fresh vegetables will be served daily where readily available. Fresh fruit will also be supplied when possible. We cater for vegetarians, but please notify us prior to departure.

Namibia is a low risk malarial destination, but we recommend seeking professional medical advice, enabling you to make informed decisions on personal malaria protection.

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All tap water in Namibia has been purified or comes directly from boreholes and is safe to drink. We supply tap drinking water, but bottled mineral water is available at shops and rest camps.

Electrical plugs are 220 V and are 3 pin (round pin as opposed to square pin the same as South Africa). Adaptors can be purchased in Windhoek or at our office. It is possible to re-charge batteries at some campsites.

The Namibian Dollar (N\$) has a fixed 1-1 exchange rate to the South African Rand (ZAR). ZAR notes and coins are legal tender in Namibia.

Airport transfers and pre-and-post safari accommodation can be arranged on request.

It is customary in Namibia to tip 10% at restaurants. Your guide and assistant can be tipped at your own discretion, but we ask that the guide be tipped separately from your assistant.

GENERAL NOTES:

PASSPORTS must be carried with you at all times whilst on safari and in the vehicle. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your safari finishes/you leaving the country. You may not be allowed into Namibia if your passport does not have the required 6 months; we cannot accept any responsibility or refund on a safari in this scenario.

CURRENCY – The Namibian Dollar (N\$) is tied permanently 1-1 to the South African Rand (SAR). SAR notes and coins are legal tender in Namibia. Credit cards are widely accepted at ATM's. Traveller's cheques can be changed only in major towns but it is advisable to carry a limited amount of cash with you.

PERSONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE is not included but is compulsory when travelling on any safari. Travel insurance is for your own protection and we consider it to be an essential part of modern international travel. Please consult your travel agent prior to leaving home or contact us.

VISA REQUIREMENTS – Visas are your own responsibility; persons arriving without the relevant visa for their safari will not be refunded in this scenario.

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