

NEW AFRICAN FRONTIERS
NAMIBIA

TOUR CODE: NA0905

9 DAY - NAMIBIA HIGHLIGHTS

SAFARI TYPE: Scheduled Tour – Accommodated – Guided Safari
DURATION: 9 Days / 8 Nights
DEPARTURE DAYS: Wednesday (see departure dates below)
DEPARTURE LOCATION: Windhoek – Namibia
TOUR ENDS: Windhoek - Namibia

This tour is operated in two class & price categories:

Min 2 pax and Max 16 pax (BRONZE option)

Min 2 pax and Max 6 pax (GOLD option)

Vehicles used will be Microbus / Bus

Languages spoken are English

ROUTING HIGHLIGHTS:

Windhoek – Namib Naukluft Desert Park - Sossusvlei – Sesriem – Swakopmund - Cape Cross
– Damaraland – Twyfelfontein - Etosha National Park - Windhoek

ITINERARY:



Day 1

Windhoek - Namib Desert

Departing Windhoek, travel to your lodge in the Namib Desert. This is the gateway to Sesriem Canyon and Sossusvlei, where some of the highest sand dunes on earth stand towering over the white desert plains. The afternoon can be spent relaxing at the pool, or taking part in optional activities offered at our lodge.

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Day 2

Namib Desert

This morning demands an early start. The first rays of sunrise paint the mountains of sand into a variety of apricot, red and orange, contrasted against a crisp blue skyline, enrapturing our senses, and providing an opportunity to capture this awesome landscape on film. Sossusvlei, where the mostly dry Tsauchab River ends abruptly amongst majestic dunes, sees us walking up one of these dunes to admire the desert landscape. Thereafter you'll visit the Sesriem Canyon, a life sustaining natural phenomenon in the heart of the Namib Desert.

Day 3

Namib Desert – Swakopmund

After breakfast you will travel via the desolate, rolling hills of the Kuiseb Moon Valley towards the Atlantic Ocean. In Walvis Bay a visit to the shallow lagoon, one of the most important wetland areas on the African continent and a RAMSAR world heritage site. Over 80% of the African flamingoes feed in this lagoon and present a breathtaking picture when they appear in groups counting a few hundred thousand. Having arrived in the coastal town of Swakopmund, we have the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 4

Swakopmund

Swakopmund is the perfect location for walking tours, shopping, relaxing at a quaint coffee shop or along the sandy beaches. This being Namibia's playground, they also have a wide variety of activities on offer, ranging from dolphin cruises, desert tours and scenic flights to quad biking, paragliding, parachuting and kite surfing - to mention but a few.

Day 5

Swakopmund – Damaraland

Heading further north, travel along vast lichen fields to Cape Cross, a fur seal reserve where at times over 80'000 animals frolic in the waves of the Atlantic. Drive via the Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain (2579m), into the Damaraland, one of the least populated and geologically diverse areas in Africa. This harsh, rocky environment is home to the rare Desert Elephant, the Black Rhino and free-roaming antelope species.

Day 6

Damaraland – Etosha National Park

Start the morning with a visit to Twyfelfontein, a heritage site where bushman communities engraved and painted over 2500 pictures some 6000 years ago! Close by explore the Burnt Mountain, Organ Pipes and the Petrified Forest - all geological phenomena depicting the creation and evolution of some of the oldest landmasses on earth. Here you'll also visit the Welwitschia mirabilis plant – the oldest living desert plant on earth! After a visit to a traditional Damara village proceed on to our lodge situated close to the world-renowned Etosha National Park, and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 7

Etosha National Park

The day is devoted purely to the abundant wildlife found in the Etosha National Park, which surrounds a parched salt desert known as the Etosha Pan. The park is home to 4 of the Big Five - Elephant, Lion, Leopard and Rhino – its waterholes supporting a rich diversity of birds and mammals, including rare species such as black-faced Impala, roan, cheetah, and Namibia's smallest antelope, the Damara Dik-Dik.

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Day 8

Etosha National Park

Today we again game drive in the Etosha National Park. We may encounter animal species we have not seen the previous day and look forward to any new surprises at the different waterholes visited. In the afternoon we travel to our lodge, where we enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure.

Day 9

Etosha National Park - Windhoek

After breakfast we continue southwards to Windhoek, where we visit the craft markets in the main street of the capital city, where after we are driven to our hotel or to the international airport for our return flight.

TOUR SUMMARIES:

BRONZE TOUR

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEAL BASIS	ACTIVITIES	KM
Wednesday	Hammerstein Lodge		Travel into the Namib Desert	430
Thursday	Namib Desert Lodge	Breakfast	Dead Vlei, Sossusvlei, Sesriem Canyon	280
Friday	Schweitzerhaus Hotel	Breakfast	Walvis Bay lagoon - RAMSAR World Heritage site	290
Saturday	Schweitzerhaus Hotel	Breakfast	At leisure, book activities with your consultant	80
Sunday	Damaraland Mopane Lodge	Breakfast	Cape Cross	440
Monday	Etosha Safari Camp	Breakfast	Twyfelfontein, Burnt Mountain, Organ Pipes Petrified Forest, visit a Damara traditional village.	500
Tuesday	Etosha Safari Camp	Breakfast	Game viewing in the Etosha National Park	300
Wednesday	Ohange Lodge	Breakfast	Game viewing in the Etosha National Park	470
Thursday	End of tour	Breakfast	Travel back to Windhoek	420

Alternative accommodation may be used

GOLD TOUR

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEAL BASIS	ACTIVITIES	KM
Wednesday	Sossusvlei Lodge	Dinner	Visit Sesriem Canyon	360
Thursday	Sossusvlei Lodge	Breakfast, Dinner	Dead Vlei, Sossusvlei	120
Friday	Hansa Hotel	Breakfast, Dinner	Walvis Bay lagoon - RAMSAR World Heritage site	370
Saturday	Hansa Hotel	Breakfast, Dinner	Marine Cruise	80
Sunday	Vingerklip Lodge	Breakfast, Dinner	Cape Cross	460
Monday	Epacha Game Lodge & Spa	Breakfast, Dinner	Twyfelfontein, Burnt Mountain, Organ Pipes Petrified Forest, visit a Damara traditional village.	515
Tuesday	Epacha Game Lodge & Spa	Breakfast, Dinner	Game viewing in the Etosha National Park	

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Wednesday	Namutoni Camp	Breakfast, Dinner	Game viewing in the Etosha National Park	300
Thursday	Windhoek	Breakfast	Travel back to Windhoek	540

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Departure dates:

2011	
Nov	Dec
09	14
16	
23	
30	

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Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Dct
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