

# NEW AFRICAN FRONTIERS NAMIBIA

TOUR CODE: NA1103

## 11 DAY - NAMIBIAN EXPERIENCE

SAFARI TYPE: Scheduled Tour – Accommodated – Guided Safari  
DURATION: 11 Days / 10 Nights  
DEPARTURE DAYS: Fridays  
DEPARTURE LOCATION: Windhoek – Namibia  
TOUR ENDS: Windhoek – Namibia  
MIN PERSONS: 2

### ROUTING HIGHLIGHTS:

Windhoek – Namib Desert – Sossusvlei – Swakopmund – Twyfelfontein – Opuwo – Etosha – Okonjima - Windhoek

This safari has a fully accommodated itinerary with a selection of lodges, bungalows and guest houses. It is designed to give you some of the very highlights of Namibia's scenery, wildlife and culture.



### Day 1

Windhoek – Solitaire (350 km)

Collection time is between 09:15 and 09:45 from anywhere within Windhoek city. We leave Windhoek on our way southwest over the Eros mountains and the Khomas Hochland Range. The mountain passes provide stunning views and we will make stops to enjoy the scenery and take photos before we descend through the impressive Remhoogte Pass.

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Day 2

Solitaire – Sossusvlei – Solitaire (250 km)

Early start to catch the soft light of the sunrise over the desert. In the cool of the morning we take a walk through the desert, with good chance to see gemsboks, springboks and ostriches. We spend the morning in and around Sossusvlei and drive to Sesriem Camp for lunch, passing by the famous "Dune 45". As the day cools in the late afternoon we make a short excursion to Sesriem Canyon before we return to our lodge.

Day 3

Solitaire – Swakopmund (300 km)

Namibia is a country of contrasts. Today we will move from desert to sea. On our way we cross the Tropic of Capricorn and transverse both Gaub and Kuseb passes, driving down to the dry river bed at the bottom of the Kuseb Canyon before climbing up the other side, watching the spectacular desert landscape unfold before us. Having arrived at the coast, we make a stop in Walvis Bay to enjoy the view of flamingoes and other birds in the lagoons and to visit the salt works. Dinner tonight is at the client's own expense in a local restaurant.

Day 4

Swakopmund

Free day with plenty of time to explore the town. Swakopmund is very pleasant seaside town with lots of shops, a good stretch of beach (although the Atlantic is quite cold here) and an open-air curio market. There is also a very good museum and the Namibian National Marine Aquarium is located in Swakopmund. Alternatively, there are various optional activities that can be arranged. These include a boat-tour (with oysters and champagne!), scenic flights and micro-light flights over the desert, fishing trips (either from the beach or in a boat), quad-bike trips into the desert and over the sand dunes around Swakopmund, sandboarding, skydiving and many other activities. Your guide will discuss all the possible optional activities with you and offer to make pre-booking in advance. (N.B. all extra activities in Swakopmund are subject to availability and are made at the client's own risk and expense). Dinner and lunch tonight are not included in the price of the safari and will be at the client's own expense.

Day 5

Swakopmund – Twyfelfontein (430 km)

We head for Damaraland along the Skeleton Coast with a stop at the seal colony of Cape Cross where we may have a close encounter with thousands of fur seals. We continue to the small town of Uis for supplies. Uis is an old mining town and a good place to buy semi-precious stones. We pass by the Brandberg, the highest mountain in Namibia, and arrive in Twyfelfontein in time for sunset. On the way we will spend some time to experience the old rock engravings that may be found in the area.

Day 6

Twyfelfontein – Opuwo (300 km)

Today we will travel in Damaraland. We will arrive in Opuwo with time to enjoy the swimming pool before an afternoon excursion to a Himba village.

Day 7

Opuwo – Kavita Lion Lodge (250 km)

Leaving Opuwo we begin our journey south with a relatively short drive to Kavita Lion Lodge. A unique wilderness experience, warm hospitality and personal attention await you at Kavita Lion Lodge, situated on our game ranch in northwest Namibia. For your comfort, we offer spacious, well-appointed en-suite bedrooms and thatched chalets, a sparkling pool and delicious meals served outdoors, with the sights and sounds of Africa close-by.

Day 8

Kavita – Okaukuejo, Etosha National Park (200 km)

We enter the Etosha National Park and drive through the restricted "west Etosha" zone. West Etosha is a huge area that has been set aside for wildlife research and to allow the animals to

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breed without disturbance from game drive vehicles. With a special permit we are allowed to transit through this area of the park. However, our special permit does not allow us to leave the main road or to make too many stops along the way. We should be lucky to see many animals, including elephants and maybe both white and black rhinos and mountain zebras, as well as other species that usually do not occur in the main tourist areas of Etosha. We will also have a good chance to see black rhinos at the waterhole of Okaukuejo.

Day 9

Okaukuejo – Namutoni, Etosha National Park

Early start and game drive on our way to Namutoni via Halali Middle Camp. We will have time to explore the camp and visit the waterhole and perhaps also the swimming pool, the bar or the mini-shop. Along the way to Namutoni we will stop to experience the vast Etosha Pan with its shimmering salt crust. We will make another short game drive in the late afternoon, stopping at some of the famous waterholes and waiting for the animals to come and drink.

Day 10

Namutoni – Okonjima (300 km)

Early game drive before leaving Etosha. We drive through small towns via Lake Oshikoto to Okonjima and AfriCat Foundation, where we make an afternoon excursion to see cats and wild dogs and learn about the work of the Foundation.

Day 11

Okonjima – Windhoek (300 km)

Back to Windhoek through the small town of Okahandja with the biggest craft market in Namibia. We stop to explore the market and perhaps buy some souvenirs before heading back to Windhoek. The stalls are operated on a co-operative basis by the local community and the market is a good place to do last-minute-shopping for truly Namibian souvenirs. We aim to arrive back in the city in mid afternoon and you will be dropped off at your accommodation.

TOUR SUMMARY

| Day | Destination          | Accommodation | Meals |
|-----|----------------------|---------------|-------|
| 1   | Namib Desert         | Lodge         | L/D   |
| 2   | Namib Desert         | Lodge         | B/L/D |
| 3   | Swakopmund           | Lodge         | B/L   |
| 4   | Swakopmund           | Lodge         | B     |
| 5   | Damaraland           | Lodge         | B/L/D |
| 6   | Damaraland           | Lodge         | B/L/D |
| 7   | Kaokoland            | Lodge         | B/L/D |
| 8   | Etosha National Park | Bungalow      | B/L/D |
| 9   | Etosha National Park | Bungalow      | B/L/D |
| 10  | Okonjima             | Bungalow      | B/L/D |
| 11  | Windhoek             |               | B/L   |

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