



NEW AFRICAN FRONTIERS  
NAMIBIA

Day 1

Windhoek – Namib Desert

This morning you will be collected at your accommodation establishment. You then depart Windhoek in your safari vehicle with your personal guide and drive southwest through the scenic Khomas Hochland highlands before you head down the Great Escarpment into the Namib Desert below. A picnic lunch will be served at a scenic location en-route. You will arrive at Hoodia Desert Lodge in the late afternoon where you will stay for two nights whilst you explore the remarkable sights of the Namib Desert with your guide.

Accommodation: Hoodia Desert Lodge, including Lunch and Dinner

Day 2

Sossusvlei

This morning you will rise early for a magical excursion with your guide into the Namib Naukluft National Park, entering the Park gates at sunrise to capture the dunes whilst the light is soft and shadows accentuate their towering shapes and curves. This area boasts some of the highest free-standing sand dunes in the world. Your guide will give you an insight on the formation of the Namib Desert and its myriad of fascinating creatures and plants that have adapted to survive these harsh environs. Once you have explored to your heart's content you can enjoy a relaxing picnic breakfast under the shade of a camel thorn tree.

Return to Hoodia Desert Lodge in the early afternoon for a late lunch, stopping off to view Sesriem Canyon if you haven't already done so the day before. The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure.

Accommodation: Hoodia Desert Lodge, including Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 3

Namib Desert – Swakopmund

The fascinating drive today takes you northwest through awesome and ever changing desert landscapes of the Namib Naukluft National Park, including the impressive Gaub and Kuiseb canyons. 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 air for your next two nights. There will be time this afternoon to wander around town and along the waterfront on foot if appeals, before heading off for dinner at the popular Tug Restaurant by the jetty which specializes in fresh seafood.

Accommodation: Swakopmund Guesthouse / Similar, including Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 4

Swakopmund

After an early breakfast your guide will drive you along the scenic coastal road back to Walvis Bay for a memorable seal and dolphin cruise within the outer lagoon and harbour. This is an ideal way of seeing Cape fur seals, Heaviside and bottlenose dolphins, pelicans, flamingos and a wide variety of other sea birds. If you are lucky, there is also a chance of seeing whales, leatherback turtles and sunfish. During the course of the cruise snacks will be served along with local sparkling wine and fresh oysters. You will return to the jetty at roughly 12h30 after which you may like to explore Walvis Bay further before returning to Swakopmund for an afternoon at leisure at your guesthouse or in town. You may also like to partake in some of the many activities that Swakopmund has to offer, these include camel rides, scenic flights, quad-biking in the dunes, sky diving and more (all at extra cost).

Accommodation: Swakopmund Guesthouse / Similar, including Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 5

Swakopmund – Damaraland

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Continue on your safari, heading north and east into the wonderful and diverse region of Damaraland. You will pass Namibia's highest mountain, the Brandberg which peaks at 2,573 m above sea level, and take time to view game and absorb the vastness of the scenery along the way. Damaraland is typified by displays of colour, magnificent table topped mountains, rock formations and bizarre-looking vegetation. The present day landscape has been formed by the erosion of wind, water and geological forces which have formed rolling hills, dunes, gravel plains and ancient river terraces. It is the variety and loneliness of the area as well as the scenic splendour which will reward and astound you, giving one an authentic understanding of the word 'wilderness'.

Accommodation: Camp Kipwe, including Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 6

Damaraland

After an early breakfast you will be treated to an exciting 4x4 excursion along the ephemeral Aba Huab River valley to explore this remarkable region and to search for game, including the elusive desert adapted elephants if they are in the area. Damaraland is home to a variety of desert adapted wildlife and hidden desert treasures. You will return to Camp for lunch and this afternoon you may visit Twyfelfontein and other nearby attractions if you haven't already done so, or take a walk with your guide into the local area around Camp, or relax and enjoy some well-deserved leisure time.

Accommodation: Camp Kipwe, including Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 7

Damaraland – Etosha National Park

Today after breakfast you depart and head to Etosha National Park, travelling via the Grootberg Pass. Along the way your guide will take you to visit a local Himba settlement – you may have to search for a while as the semi-nomadic Himba people sometimes move location with no notice. They are one of the last most traditional peoples of Namibia and have little time for conventional practices. You will learn about the customs and traditions of this very proud nation, and will be given insight into their beliefs, way of life and everyday routine.

Accommodation: Dolomite Camp, included Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 8

Etosha National Park

Today after breakfast you will game drive your way east across the western section of the Park to arrive at Okaukuejo Resort in the afternoon, having had lunch en-route. The afternoon can again be spent game viewing at the excellent floodlit waterhole where game comes and goes throughout the day and night, or possibly heading out on another game drive with your guide. Etosha National Park covers 22,270 km<sup>2</sup>, of which approximately 5,000 km<sup>2</sup> is made up of saline depressions or 'pans'. The largest of these pans, the Etosha Pan, can be classified as a saline desert in its own right. The Etosha Pan lies in the Owambo Basin, on the north-western edge of the Namibian Kalahari Desert. Until three million years ago it formed part of huge, shallow lake that was reduced to a complex of salt pans when the major river that fed it, the Kunene, changed course and began to flow to the Atlantic instead.

Accommodation: Okaukuejo Camp, including Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 9

Etosha National Park

Full day of exciting game viewing within Etosha National Park, on game drives with your guide and at Okaukuejo's busy waterhole.

Accommodation: Okaukuejo Camp, including Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

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Day 10

Etosha National Park – AFRICAT Foundation (Okonjima)

Today you game drive your way from Okaukuejo Resort to exit Etosha National Park at Andersson Gate, and then continue south to stay at Okonjima Bush Camp, located at the base of the Omboroko Mountains near Waterberg. This is a wonderful highlight with which to conclude your safari. Here you can enjoy the welcoming atmosphere, superb accommodation and fantastic activities; starting with a guided afternoon excursion and a visit to the night hide after dinner

Accommodation: Okonjima Bush Camp, including Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 11

Afri- Cat Foundation (Okonjima)

You will rise early this morning for another memorable guided activity before you return to Bush Camp for a sumptuous breakfast. After freshening up you will depart for Windhoek in the late morning, via the town of Okahandja, to arrive back at roughly 14h00. Upon your arrival into Windhoek you will be transferred to your accommodation establishment of choice, or to Windhoek International Airport to check-in for your ongoing flight (departure flights must be no earlier than 16h00 or a final night in Windhoek can be arranged at additional cost if required).

Included:

- Accommodation as stated above.
- Transportation in a luxury air-conditioned safari vehicle.
- Meals stipulated above.
- Services of a registered and experienced English-speaking safari guide.
- Entrance fees and excursions as described in above itinerary.
- Return airport transfers from Windhoek International Airport – Windhoek – Windhoek International Airport.
- Mineral water on board the safari vehicle.
- Welcome pack.

Excluded:

- International flights to Namibia and airport taxes.
- Any meals not included in the above itinerary.
- Any entrance fees and excursions not included in the above itinerary.
- All beverages with the exception of mineral water on board the safari vehicle.
- Laundry (laundry service available at lodges at extra cost).
- Gratuities.
- Items of personal nature (telephone expenses, curios, medicines etc).
- ENTRY VISA FEES.
- BANK CHARGES (as per bank or 3.5% commission for VISA/MASTER and 4.5% commission for AMEX).

Handy Tips

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- Luggage: Is normally restricted to 20 kg (not including photographic equipment) per person in a *soft*, hold all type bag. Weight is generally less important than volume as everything is carried with you on safari. If adding extensions that involve light aircraft transfers the luggage limit may be reduced further to 12 kg in soft bags (please enquire if this may apply to you). If required, any extra luggage can be stored at our base when visitors are away on safari.
- Vehicles: Vehicles used are normally specialized 4x4 safari vehicle, equipped with air-conditioning and fridges for drinks and snacks. A trailer for luggage is taken if required.

Departure Dates

- SAFARI 1: Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2012  
SAFARI 2: Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
SAFARI 3: Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012  
SAFARI 4: Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012  
SAFARI 5: Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> August to Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2012  
SAFARI 6: Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012  
SAFARI 7: Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012  
SAFARI 8: Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November to Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012