

# NEW AFRICAN FRONTIERS NAMIBIA

TOUR CODE: NA 1602

## 16 DAY – WHOLE OF NAMIBIA TOUR

SAFARI TYPE: Scheduled Tour – Accommodated – Guided Safari  
DURATION: 16 Days / 15 Nights  
DEPARTURE DAYS: Mondays & Wednesdays (See Departure Dates Below)  
DEPARTURE LOCATION: Windhoek – Namibia  
TOUR ENDS: Windhoek – Namibia  
VEHICLE: Vehicle type/size dependant on number of participants  
MIN / MAX PEOPLE: 2 / 14

### ROUTING HIGHLIGHTS:

Windhoek – Kalahari Desert - Keetmanshoop – Quiver Tree Forest - Fish River Canyon - Southern Namib - Lüderitz – Kolmanskop, Ghost Mining Town – Aus - Namib Naukluft Park – Sossusvlei – Sesriem Canyon - Swakopmund - Damaraland – Twyfelfontein - Etosha National Park - Otjiwarongo region - Windhoek



### ITINERARY:

Day 01:

Windhoek - Kalahari

Departure around 07:45. Drive from Windhoek via Dordabis (visit the oldest Karakul weavery of Namibia), Uhlenhorst and Stampriet to Gochas. Afternoon nature drive.

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Accommodation: Kamelruhe Guesthouse or similar (dinner/bed/breakfast).

Day 02:

Fish River Canyon

Drive to the Kokerboom forest (quiver tree), explore the area, continue to Keetmanshoop and proceed past the Naute Dam to the Cañon Lodge.

Accommodation: Canon Lodge (dinner/bed/breakfast).

Day 03:

Southern Namib

Visit the Fish River Canyon, the second largest canyon in the world. This gigantic ravine, in places almost 500 metres deep, has been gorged out of vast undulating plain in the course of thousands of years. Proceed to Klein Aus Vista via Seeheim and Aus.

Accommodation: Desert Horse Inn (dinner/bed/breakfast).

Day 04:

Lüderitz

Day visit to Lüderitz, the first German settlement in Namibia, named after the merchant Adolf Lüderitz from Bremen, who bought this area in 1883. This drive takes you through intriguing "moon" landscape of endless desert vistas and bizarre rock formations. The small harbour town is perched on rugged black rock, offset by the deep blue waters of the bay, and is surrounded by bays, coves and fjords. During the morning visit to the "ghost town" of Kolmanskop where diamonds were first discovered in Namibia. Afterwards sightseeing in and around Lüderitz and return to Klein Aus Vista.

Accommodation: Desert Horse Inn (dinner/bed/breakfast).

Day 05:

Southern Namib

Continue through the scenic Neisip Plain and drive along the edge of the Namib Desert, the Tiras Mountains and the Nubib Mountains to Namib Desert.

Accommodation: Namib Desert Lodge (dinner/bed/breakfast).

Day 06:

Namib Naukluft Park

In the early morning depart on an excursion to the Sesriem Canyon and Sossusvlei, a large clay pan in the centre to the Namib Desert, surrounded by the highest sand dunes in the world. Arrive round about lunch time at the Namib Desert Lodge. In the afternoon take part in a dune drive.

Accommodation: Namib Desert Lodge (dinner/bed/breakfast).

Day 07:

Windhoek

Drive via Remhoogte Pass and Rehoboth and visit the Oanob Dam. Return to Windhoek. Arrival in the late afternoon.

Accommodation: Safari Court (bed/breakfast)

Day 08:

Swakopmund

Travel from Windhoek across the rolling hills of the Khomas Hochland at an altitude of more than 2000 metres above sea level, down the Gamsberg Pass into the Namib, which is the oldest desert in the world. The landscape varies from rugged mountains and rocky outcrops to sand-filled

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valleys and endless vistas of plains. After a short rest with lunch packs proceed through the Namib-Naukluft Park, where, with a bit of luck, one can see ostriches, springbok, oryx and mountain zebras. Then on to the Welwitschia Plain, where the Welwitschia plant, a living fossil that is only found in the Namib and southern Angola occurs in large numbers. Drive to the so called "moon valley" – a fascinating rock formation which is millions of years old. Arrival in Swakopmund at about sunset. Lunch packs en route.

Accommodation: Orange House or similar (bed/breakfast).

Day 09:

Swakopmund

After breakfast, depart to Walvis Bay for a boat cruise with champagne, fresh oysters and snacks on board. Return to Swakopmund. In the afternoon city tour through Swakopmund and rest of the day at leisure.

Accommodation: Orange House or similar (bed/breakfast).

Day 10:

Damaraland

Drive via the tarred road into the interior, pass the Spitzkoppe and proceed to the beautiful Erongo mountain area. In the late afternoon sundowner drive.

Accommodation: AI A IBA LODGE (Dinner/bed/breakfast)

Day 11:

Damaraland

Early morning start for a three hours drive in open vehicles on the premises of the lodge.

Numerous pre-historic rock-paintings will draw you into the spell of mystic Africa.

Afterwards proceed to the Ugab terraces.

Accommodation: VINGERKLIP LODGE OR SIMILAR (dinner/bed/breakfast).

Day 12:

Etosha National Park

Trip proceeds to the famous Etosha National Park. First game-viewing drive.

Accommodation: Toshari Lodge or similar (Dinner/ bed/ breakfast).

Day 13:

Etosha National Park

One full day of game-viewing in the Etosha National Park. This national park is one of the major sanctuaries for wildlife in Africa. The area was proclaimed a game reserve as far back as 1907. The size is 22270km<sup>2</sup> and it consists mainly of bush and grass savanna. This type of landscape provides excellent opportunities for game-viewing at the numerous waterholes or in the open countryside. The Etosha Pan, which the park is named after, is approximately 6000km<sup>2</sup> in size. In the language of the Ovambo people, Etosha means "place of dry water", or "large white place".

Accommodation: Camp Halali or similar (dinner/bed/breakfast).

Day 14:

Etosha National Park

After breakfast enjoy another day in the Park.

Accommodation: Camp Halali or similar (dinner/bed/breakfast).

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Day 15:

Otjiwarongo area

Today we depart Etosha and proceed to the small town of Otjiwarongo. En route we visit Lake Otjikoto and the Mine Museum.

Accommodation: Frans Indongo Lodge (dinner/bed/breakfast).

Day 16:

Windhoek

Early morning Game Drive on the property and then return to Windhoek via Okahandja. Arrival in Windhoek in the late afternoon.

2011/12 DEPARTURE DATES:

2011		2012									
Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
09	26	18	06	05	02	16	04	02	06	12	01
21			22	21	09		11	18	15	24	10
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Services Included:

Overland trips and all sightseeing as per itinerary. Overnight in double rooms with private shower/bath and toilet in hotels and rest camps. Breakfast throughout the tour, 1 lunch pack and 12 dinner. English speaking tour guide. (Other languages can be spoken on tour)

Not Included:

Expenses for personal belongings e.g. lunches except day 8 and 3 dinner, drinks and telephone calls as well as tips in the restaurants and for the tour guide.