



NEW AFRICAN FRONTIERS  
NAMIBIA

Day 2

Kalahari Desert – Fish River Canyon

Travel further south through expansive rocky plains, visiting the unique Quiver Tree forest. Nestled amongst huge dolerite boulders, stacked in such a mysterious way that it seems giants played here. Continue to your overnight lodge, situated in close vicinity to the Fish River Canyon.

Day 3 & 4

Fish River Canyon - Aus

Your morning starts on the edge of the Fish River Canyon, where you'll gaze 550 meters into this magnificent geological phenomenon, the second largest of its kind on earth. Travel to the Succulent Karoo, one of the 20 most important biomes on earth. On the second day travel to Lüderitz and visit a ghost town that was left to the hands of the relentless and unforgiving desert. Other attractions visited consist of the Wild Horses of the Namib Desert, Diaz Point and the coastal town of Lüderitz itself.

Day 5

Aus – Namib Desert

After breakfast drive north through the pre-Namib to your overnight 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.

Day 6

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, erupting 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 visit the Sesriem Canyon, a life sustaining natural phenomenon in the heart of the Namib Desert.

Day 7

Namib Desert – Swakopmund

After breakfast we travel via the desolate, rolling hills of the Kuiseb Moon Valley towards the Atlantic Ocean. In Walvis Bay we visit 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 flamingos feed in this lagoon and present a breath taking 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 8

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 just a few.

Day 9

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

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Africa. This harsh, rocky environment is home to the rare Desert Elephant, the Black Rhino and free-roaming antelope species.

Day 10

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. This would be an opportunity to visit the Welwitschia mirabilis plant – the oldest living desert plant on earth! After a visit to a traditional Damara village proceed on to your overnight lodge situated close to the world-renowned Etosha National Park, and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 11

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.

Day 12

Etosha National Park – Otavi

Today you'll embark on a game drive in the Etosha National Park. You may encounter animal species that you have not seen the previous day and look forward to any new surprises at the different waterholes visited. This afternoon travel to your overnight lodge, where you enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure.

Day 13

Otavi - Otjihavera Mountain Range

Travel south towards Windhoek, where the next three days are spent on a Namibian game farm, situated amidst the scenically beautiful Otjihavera Mountain range. Besides being a haven for birders, the game farm boasts game species such as Eland, Giraffe, Kudu and many other antelope species. The rest of the day is spent at leisure along the sparkling pool, or can be utilised for an optional nature walk.

Day 14

Otjihavera Mountain Range

This morning you can spend at leisure, and can either enjoy an expanded breakfast, enjoy an optional morning game drive or simply relax after many days traveling. In the afternoon embark on a guided game drive in open vehicle in order to experience and learn more about this fantastic area. You'll have plenty of excellent photographic opportunities not only during the game drive, but also while you enjoy a sundowner drink from a hill overlooking the mountainous African savannah.

Day 15

Otjihavera Mountain Range

After breakfast travel into the traditional homelands of the Herero, to visit a multitude of projects and actual villages in order to learn more about the culture and tradition of one of the oldest cultures in Namibia. These highlights include the visit of a school, a garment centre, a day-care centre and a market; you will also visit an actual village of the Herero as well as the Damara, another Namibian ethnic group that is represented in this area. After lunch, enjoy a short game

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drive through the property of the game farm to try and find some of the 11 different game species found here. The rest of the day enjoy at leisure at the farmstead.

Day 16

Otjivera Mountain Range - Windhoek

After breakfast you will travel via mountainous terrain to the International airport, where you will be dropped off for your outbound flight. Alternatively, you can also be dropped off in Windhoek at your accommodation of choice.

TOUR SUMMARY:

BRONZE TOUR

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEAL BASIS	ACTIVITIES	KM
Saturday	Kalahari Anib Lodge		Optional dune drive in the Kalahari Desert	280
Sunday	Canon Roadhouse / Village	Breakfast	Quiver Tree Forest, sundowner walk	440
Monday	Klein Aus Vista Desert Horse Inn	Breakfast	Visit Fish River Canyon	345
Tuesday	Klein Aus Vista Desert Horse Inn	Breakfast	Visit Kolmanskop Ghost Town and Diaz Point, Wild Horses of the Namib Desert	280
Wednesday	Hammerstein Lodge	Breakfast	Optional experience with African big cats	295
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	The Elegant Farmstead	Breakfast	Optional nature walk	380
Friday	The Elegant Farmstead	Breakfast	Game drive on the property	
Saturday	The Elegant Farmstead	Breakfast	Ovitoto cultural tour	
Sunday	End of tour	Breakfast	Travel back to Windhoek	120

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Alternative accommodation may be used

Departure dates:

2011	
Nov	Dec
05	10
12	
19	
26	

2012									
Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
07	04	03	07	05	09	07	04	08	06
21	18	17	21	19	23	21	11	15	13
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Private tour: Any date on request, minimum of 6 participants