

NEW AFRICAN FRONTIERS
NAMIBIA

Day 1

Windhoek – Kalahari Desert

Leaving Windhoek, travel into the largest sand mass on earth, the Kalahari Desert. The bushman refer to it as the “Soul of the World”, an emotive description for this area! With its deep red sand dunes and endless grass plains interspersed with Acacia's and shrubs, it is the only form of survival for a vast amount of specially adapted wildlife. Enjoy the opportunity to experience the fauna and flora that has survived this desert environment for thousands of years.

Day 2

Kalahari Desert – Fish River Canyon

Travel 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

This morning starts on the edge of the Fish River Canyon, where you 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 you will 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 you will continue north through the pre-Namib to our 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, entrapping our senses, and providing an opportunity to capture this awesome landscape on film. Sossusvlei is where the mostly dry Tsauchab River ends abruptly amongst majestic dunes, 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 7

Namib Desert – Swakopmund

After breakfast you'll travel via the desolate, rolling hills of the Kuiseb Moon Valley towards the Atlantic Ocean. In Walvis Bay 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, spend the rest of the day at leisure.

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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, this town 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 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. You will also 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

Today you will 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. In the afternoon we travel to your overnight lodge, where you can enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure.

Day 13

Etosha National Park - Gocheganas Nature Reserve

Departing Etosha, travel south towards Windhoek, where the next three days are spent on a nature and Wellness Reserve situated amidst the scenically beautiful Auas Mountain range. Besides being a haven for birders, the game farm boasts game species such as Eland, Giraffe, Kudu and many other antelope species, as well as the rare and endangered rhino. The rest of the day is spent at leisure along the sparkling pool, or can be utilised for an optional nature walk or wellness treatment.

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Day 14

Gocheganas Nature Reserve

Spend the morning at leisure and enjoy an extended 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 have plenty of excellent photographic opportunities not only during the game drive, but also while we enjoy a sundowner drink from a hill overlooking the mountainous African savannah.

Day 15

Gocheganas Nature Reserve

The entire day is spent at leisure on the game reserve. Your luxurious bungalow allows you an uninterrupted and spectacular view over the mountainous savannah, and serves as a wonderful location to unwind and relax. You can unwind with a wellness treatment in the modern and comprehensive wellness centre, and can explore the natural surrounding on a scenic walk or by mountain bike. Your dinner is enjoyed in the large restaurant overlooking a frequented watering hole.

Day 16

Gocheganas Nature Reserve – Windhoek

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

TOUR SUMMARIES:

GOLD TOUR

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEAL BASIS	ACTIVITIES	KM
Saturday	Intu Africa Zebra Lodge	Dinner	Nature drive in the Kalahari Desert	280
Sunday	Canon Lodge	Breakfast, Dinner	QuiverTreeForest, sundowner walk	460
Monday	Klein Aus Vista Eagle's Nest	Breakfast, Dinner	VisitFishRiverCanyon	345
Tuesday	Klein Aus Vista Eagle's Nest	Breakfast, Dinner	Visit Kolmanskop Ghost Town and Diaz Point, Wild Horses of the Namib Desert	280
Wednesday	Sossusvlei Lodge	Breakfast, Dinner	VisitSesriemCanyon	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,	CapeCross	460

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		Dinner		
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	
Wednesday	Namutoni Camp	Breakfast, Dinner	Game viewing in the Etosha National Park	300
Thursday	Gocheganas Nature Reserve	Breakfast, Dinner	Optional nature walk	560
Friday	Gocheganas Nature Reserve	Breakfast, Dinner	Game drive on the property	
Saturday	Gocheganas Nature Reserve	Breakfast, Dinner	Wellness treatment, optional mountain biking, hiking or game drive	
Sunday	End of tour	Breakfast	Travel back to Windhoek	120

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
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Private tour: Any date on request, minimum of 6 participants