

ACACIA TOUR – NAMIBIA'S HIGHLIGHTS



10 May to 22 May 2020

13 September to 25 September 2020

25 October to 06 November 2020

for 4 – 12 participants

Itinerary



Day 1

Arrival in Windhoek

Arrival at Windhoek International Airport. We are welcomed by our guide and transferred to Windhoek. In the afternoon we explore the historic and cultural highlights of Namibian capital during a city tour. We visit buildings like the Christ Church, Tintenpalast (German for Ink Palace – the house of parliament) and “Alte Feste” where the German colonial past is clearly visible. In the evening we enjoy one of the numerous game specialities in a restaurant.

Villa Moringa Guesthouse (BB)



Day 2

From Windhoek to the Kalahari

After breakfast we head south to the Kalahari Farmhouse, located at Stampriet. In the afternoon we go for a sundowner drive in an open-roofed vehicle. We drive through the red sand dunes with typical flora and fauna of the Kalahari Desert. The Kalahari sunset we experience with a drink and panoramic views across the Kalahari Dunes.

Auob Country Lodge or similar (DBB)



Day 3

Via Tsaris Pass to Sesriem

Via Mariental to Maltahöhe we head towards Sesriem. On the way, the fantastic landscapes at the Namib edge let us guess what awaits us in the next days. The incredible vastness of the Namib Desert with isolated island mountains and dune landscapes. The Sossusvlei Lodge is located directly at the park entrance in Sesriem. From our luxurious bungalow we have a wonderful view into the Namib Desert. We look forward to the fine dinner, a large, varied buffet.

Sossusvlei Lodge (DBB)

Day 4

Visit to Sossusvlei

Today we get up before sunrise. We experience the trip to Sossusvlei in a fascinating dream landscape. Since the sun is still quite low after sunrise, the high sand dunes on one side shimmer golden, yellow and

reddish, but on the other side are dark and shady. Thus, the dune ridge stands out razor sharp. After the sightseeing of Sossusvlei and Deadvlei we might want to climb the "Big Daddy"? It is one of the highest sand dunes in the world with a height of about 300 meters and a big challenge! Before we leave the park, we visit the Sesriem Canyon. Afterwards we drive north to the Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge. We can relax at the swimming pool and at sunset take a little hike around the local mountain.

Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge (BB)

Day 5

Drive to the Atlantic coast

After breakfast we are well strengthened to tackle the Gaub- and Kuiseb Canyon and the central Namib Desert. On the way we will see ostriches, maybe springboks, zebras and oryx antelopes. Via Walvis Bay we drive to Swakopmund and move into our room in the Swakopmund Sands Hotel, directly at the beach. In the afternoon we can explore the coastal city or take a walk along the beach.

Swakopmund Sands Hotel (BB)



Day 6

Catamaran-Boat cruise

Early in the morning we drive to Walvis Bay and undertake a very interesting "Dolphin & Seal Cruise" with the catamaran. We will certainly see hundreds of seals, possibly dolphins, pelicans and flamingos. We can enjoy some fresh local oysters and sparkling wine. In the afternoon we have time to look around in Swakopmund, to shop or to try a cake in one of the German cafés. It is certainly worthwhile to visit the museum, where the history and the different cultures of Namibia are presented very vividly. Also, the sea aquarium and the snake park are interesting.

Swakopmund Sands Hotel (BB)

Day 7

Via Uis to Twyfelfontein

We say goodbye to the sea and drive inland to Uis. With a view of the Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain, we drive to Twyfelfontein Country Lodge in Damaraland. The name Twyfelfontein is Afrikaans and means "doubtful spring". The spring lies at the foot of a huge sandstone massif. In the afternoon we visit the rock engravings at Twyfelfontein and make a short detour to the Burnt Mountain and the Organ Pipes.

Twyfelfontein Lodge (DBB)



Day 8

Drive to the Ugab Terraces

Today we experience a very special Nature Elephant Drive in the dry riverbed of the Aba-Huab and the Huab. Between high camel thorn and white acacia trees we drive in the deep river sand and hope to spot some of the rare desert elephants. Afterwards we leave Twyfelfontein and drive to the "Petrified Forest", where we are reminded of what happened here geologically 280 million years ago. Afterwards we go to the Ugab Terrace Lodge. The lodge is nestled on top of the Ugab Plateau with a fantastic view.

The Vingerklip is not far away and the landscape is very special and can be compared to the "Marlboro" area in the USA. Maybe we go for a short hike and explore the area, or we take a plunge into the swimming pools.

Ugab Terrace Lodge (DBB)

Day 9

Via Outjo to Etosha National Park

Today we want to head into the realm of wildlife of Etosha National Park. The park is one of the largest wildlife reserves in the world and one of the most outstanding wildlife parks in Africa. The animals are attracted by the Etosha pan, a huge depression rarely filled with rainwater. But on its edge, there are waterholes where herds of land animals and birds can be watched the whole year.

The mineral-rich water allows grasses, bushes and trees to thrive in which the game likes to hide.

Our current accommodation, Etosha Safari Lodge, is located just a few kilometres from Andersson Gate, the entrance to the park. In the afternoon we enjoy the first game drives.

Etosha Safari Lodge (DBB)



Day 10

Etosha National Park

Exciting wildlife viewing awaits us in the Etosha National Park. We have the whole day to visit the various waterholes and to see wildlife such as giraffes, kudu, zebra, oryx antelope, black-faced impala, wildebeest, springbok, ostrich and with some luck even lions. Namibia has the largest population of the rare black rhinos.

Etosha Safari Lodge (DBB)

Day 11

Waterberg

We leave the wildlife of Etosha National Park and drive via Outjo and Otjiwarongo to the Waterberg. The Waterberg is a natural paradise with a unique vegetation. It is known for its rare mammal species, colourful bird life and its magnificent scenery. On a small hike we see almost all the trees and shrubs that exist in Namibia.

Waterberg Wilderness Lodge (DBB)



Day 12

Drive to Windhoek

Today we drive to Okahandja, where we visit the big woodcarving market. We continue to Okapuka Ranch, just outside Windhoek. The game reserve is boasting numerous mammal species like rhino, sable- and eland-antelopes, giraffes, black wildebeest, Kudu and springbok on its 120 sq. kilometres of savannah-grassland. We can relax at the pool, review the past days and relax before the long flight tomorrow. In the late afternoon we do a last game drive.

Okapuka Lodge (DBB)

Day 13

Departure

Unfortunately, our Namibia holiday comes to an end. We drive to Windhoek, where we can take some impressions of Namibia's capital and do some last shopping (depending on the departure time). Afterwards we drive to the airport where we say goodbye to our tour guide.

Tour dates 2020 (from/to Windhoek):

10.05.2020 bis 22.05.2020

13.09.2020 bis 25.09.2020

25.10.2020 bis 06.11.2020

Price from/to Windhoek:**Per person sharing ZAR 55'000**

(approx. CHF 3'820 or approx. EUR 3'440)*

Single supplement ZAR 6'300

(approx. CHF 440 or approx. EUR 395)*

* with exchange rate on 24 June 2019

Participants minimum 4 and maximum 12

Included

Meals and accommodations as stated (or similar)

Mineral water during drives

Activities as stated

Professional Tour guide in 4x4-Landcruiser or VW

Crafter/Combi

Park entrance fees

Fuel

BB = overnight with bed and breakfast

DBB = overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast

Excluded

Flights

Tips

Own drinks

Meals not mentioned

activities not included in the above program

Please note

Accommodations are subject to change.

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