

# NAMIBIA CLASSIC 13 DAY, GUIDED SAFARI

for 4 – 8 Guests



See Namibia's highlights on a 13-day guided safari. Experience the vastness of the country, **contrasting landscapes** in all shapes and colours, **traces of ancient cultures** and last but not least an **overwhelming diversity of wildlife**. This tour takes you to the red dunes of the **Kalahari Semi-Desert**, the magnificent towering dunes at **Sossusvlei** in the Namib, the appealing coastal town of **Swakopmund** and into the **Erongo Mountains** before you continue to **Etosha National Park** with its amazing abundance of diverse wildlife. The unique flora of **Waterberg Mountain** and large cats at the **AfriCat-Foundation** are also part of your journey.



## Itinerary

### Day 1

#### *Arrival in Windhoek*

We will be met, at the airport, by our guide. We travel the short distance to the lodge in the Auas Mountains. In the afternoon we enjoy a game drive to view a large variety of animals and birds.

*Auas Safari Lodge south of Windhoek*

### Day 2

#### *Drive to the edge of the Kalahari Semidesert*

We travel south, via Rehoboth and Kalkrand, to reach the linear dune fields of the Kalahari. In the afternoon we are taken on a game drive to explore this area. Camelthorn trees are the dominant vegetation here, many of them home to the huge sociable weaver nests.

*Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge*

### Day 3

#### *Drive to Sesriem/Sossusvlei*

We drive via Maltahöhe over the Tsaris Pass down to the Namib Desert. We travel northwards between the sand sea and the Zebra and Naukluft Mountains to reach Sesriem, the gateway to Sossusvlei. We enjoy a short walk at the Sesriem canyon before a fine sundowner with a view of the distant dune sea.

*Sossusvlei Lodge at the park entrance*



## **Day 4**

### *Sossusvlei*

We depart before sunrise to make the most of the first sun's rays and their effect on the dunes. We drive along the ancient Tsauchab River which has eroded a path deep into the dune sea. We walk to the Dead Vlei and Sossusvlei, large dried out lakes that fill with water only every few years. Afterwards, the tour continues north via Solitaire to our interesting Lodge.

*Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge in the Namib Desert*

## **Day 5**

### *Via the Gaub and Kuiseb Pass to Swakopmund*

We wake to a view across the desert plains and the great escarpment and Gamsberg Mountain to the east. We drive across desolate gravel plains to reach the friendly town of Swakopmund, on the Atlantic Ocean. On this journey we might see ostriches, springbuck, zebras and oryx.

We enjoy a fine seafood dinner at a restaurant overlooking the turbulent waters of the Atlantic.

*Strand Hotel, Swakopmund with sea view*



## **Day 6**

### *Swakopmund*

Today we are taken on an interesting boat cruise on the lagoon of Walvis Bay. We should see seals, dolphins, flamingo's, pelicans and other interesting sea life. We can enjoy some fresh local oysters and sparkling wine. In the afternoon we have some time off to relax, go shopping or visit some of the interesting and historic sites of Swakopmund like the museum, aquarium, crystal gallery or snake park. Quad biking in the dunes is also possible (activities are optional).

*Strand Hotel, Swakopmund*

## **Day 7**

### *Drive to the Erongo Mountains*

Taking leave from the ocean we depart to the Erongo Mountains. In the north we see the majestic Spitzkoppe, also called the "Matterhorn" of Namibia. Lodge amongst the massive granite boulders of the Erongo. A lovely area to walk, we may choose to walk to the nearby bushman paintings. The farm is home to a bushman tribe, we may book an excursion to their "Living Museum" (optional).

*Erongo Wilderness Lodge in the Erongo massive*



## **Day 8**

### *Drive to the Etosha National Park*

We arrive at Etosha, a park over 24000 square km in size and teeming with wildlife, including elephant, rhino and lion. We take game drives to visit the many waterholes, open plains and Mopane thickets hoping to make a rare and special sighting. In the evening we sit at the gently lit waterhole and wait for the nightlife.

*Okaukuejo Rest camp at the waterhole*

## **Day 9**

### *Etosha National Park*

We continue our game drives on the many small roads in this park. A visit to the Pans edge and the waterholes Salvadore, Rietfontein and Nebrowni are a must. On the early morning game drive, we have the biggest chance of finding those elusive Etosha lions and leopards.

*Camp Halali in the park*



## Day 10

### *Drive to Eastern Etosha National Park*

Another day of wildlife viewing. We visit the vast Andoni Plains and the Fishers Pan, a haven for the many water birds found inland. We lunch at the historically interesting Namutoni Fort and depart for our special lodge late in the afternoon.

### *Mushara Bush Camp at the eastern entrance*

## Day 11

### *Drive via Tsumeb and Otavi to the Waterberg*

On the way to Tsumeb, we visit the mysteriously deep Otjikoto Lake, where the Germans dumped their canons in 1915, and the very interesting museum at Tsumeb. The Waterberg mountain is a natural paradise with a unique ecosystem, known for the rare animals and lots of birds and the landscape is breath-taking.

### *Waterberg Wilderness Lodge at the Waterberg*



## Day 12

### *Short drive to AfriCat Foundation*

In the morning we join the guided hike onto the Waterberg plateau, and learn about the fauna and flora. There are a number of interesting walking trails that we can follow to explore this scenic nature environment. The fantastic view from the plateau is worth the climb up.

Short drive to Okonjima, home of the AfriCat Foundation, which researches and rehabilitates cheetahs, wild dogs and hyaenas. We will possibly see leopards and cheetahs during our afternoon game drive.

### *Okonjima Plains Camp, Standard Room*



## Day 13

### *Flight back home*

Before we travel to the airport, we can visit the bustling and cosmopolitan African capital of Namibia, Windhoek. Historically interesting with many special shops and friendly people. Transfer to the airport, departure in the afternoon or evening back home.

**Price on request**

**Included in the price:**

Full board  
Activities as indicated  
Professional tour guide with a 4x4 Landcruiser or VW Crafter  
Entrance fees, permits, drinks and fuel

**Not Included:**

Flights  
Tips and drinks

**Note:**

Guests can request alternative accommodation or change the itinerary to their individual requirements. Should some of the lodges be fully booked, we will be able to find suitable alternatives. This could have an effect on the final price of the tour.

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