

NAMIBIA CLASSIC 19 DAYS, GUIDED SAFARI

for 4 – 8 Guests



This guided journey of 19 days offers you the opportunity to get to know Namibia in all of its facets. **Grand landscapes, fantastic views, friendly people and unique encounters** with animals will cast their spell on you. This tour includes everything that Namibia has to offer, from the **Kalahari** to the **Fish River Canyon**, from the **Namib Desert** to **Twyfelfontein**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and of course the wildlife of **Etosha National Park**. If you seek silence and nature, if you love desert and vastness – Namibia is sure to get under your skin.



Itinerary

Day 1

Arrive in Windhoek

After our arrival we are greeted by our tour guide and transferred to our nearby Guestfarm in the Aucas Mountains. In the afternoon we are taken on a farm drive on this special farm, ending with a sundowner experience.

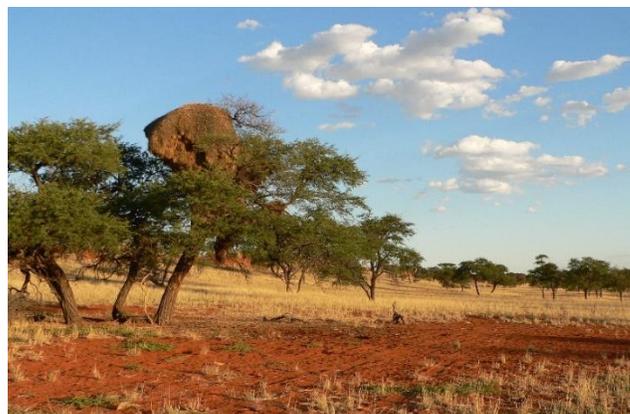
Aucas Safari Lodge, south of Windhoek

Day 2

Journey to the edge of the Kalahari Semi-Desert,

In the morning we pick up our rental vehicle, then travel south, via Rehoboth, to a lodge on the edge of the Kalahari. Red sand dunes and the endemic Camelthorn trees form the landscape. We are taken on a game drive to view the many desert adapted antelope and birds including the giant sociable weaver nests.

Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge



Day 3

Drive via Keetmanshoop to the Fish River Canyon

Today we cover a longer stretch. Geologically interesting Karoo landscape with interesting desert flora including the majestic tree aloe, the Quiver Tree. The dead branches were used by the bushmen as quivers to store their arrows. In the afternoon we can take the first hike to the viewpoints over the majestic Fish River Canyon.

Canyon Lodge at the Fish River Canyon



Day 4

Sightseeing at the Fish River Canyon

The Fish River Canyon is the world's second largest canyon. The canyon is about 160 km long, 27 km wide at some places and up to 550 m deep. The Fish River doesn't carry water continuously, but in the rainy season the river can turn into a torrent, flowing into the Orange River, the border to South Africa. There are also opportunities to hike or take interesting walks in the area.

Canyon Lodge at the Fish River Canyon

Day 5

Journey along the Orange River to Aus

Today's scenic route takes us first south and then along the Orange River. The Orange River forms the border with South Africa and flows through a beautiful desert landscape. Alfalfa and wine are grown along the Orange River. The glowing green provides a welcome change from the otherwise extremely dry environment. In the afternoon we take a trip to the Wild Horses of Garub.

Klein-Aus Vista, Desert Horse Inn Lodge



Day 6

Drive to Sesriem/Sossusvlei

We drive north along the Namib desert edge, one of Namibia's most photogenic landscapes. The vastness of the Namib Desert accompanies our journey with scattered island mountains and dune landscapes.

Even from our lodge, we have a view of the huge sand sea. We visit the conglomerates of the Sesriem Canyon.

Sossusvlei Lodge close to the entrance

Day 7

Sossusvlei

Drive into Sossusvlei, the highest dunes in the world.

Since the sun is still quite deep in the morning, the high dunes shimmer golden, yellow and reddish on one side, but are dark and shady on the other side. As a result, the dune ridge stands out sharply.

Short hike and visit of the photogenic Dead Vlei with its dead tree trunks. The more adventurous can hike up the Big Daddy which is the highest dune in Sossusvlei, with 325m.

Sossusvlei Lodge close to the entrance



Day 8

Via the Gaub-/Kuseb pass to Swakopmund

Driving past the Gaub and Kuseb Pass and transverse the central Namib Desert and vast gravel plains. On this journey we might see ostriches, maybe also springboks, zebras and oryx.

Drive via Walvis Bay to the friendly town of Swakopmund, where you will overnight directly on the beach.

Strand Hotel Swakopmund on the beach, Luxury Room

Day 9

Swakopmund

A very interesting boat ride on the lagoon of Walvis Bay is on the program today. We might see seals, dolphins, flamingos and pelicans.

Many activities are possible in the afternoon (optional). Shopping, enjoying the beach, visit the interesting museum, the aquarium or the crystal gallery. Quad biking in the dunes is also possible.

Strand Hotel Swakopmund on the beach, Luxury Room

Day 10

Drive to the Erongo mountains

We bid the ocean farewell and drive to the Erongo Mountains. In the north we see the majestic Spitzkoppe, also called „Matterhorn“ of Namibia, which rises 600m out of the plain.

Our Lodge is nestled between bizarre granite rock formations. Guided hikes at sunset and sunrise in this wild landscape are included.

Erongo Wilderness Lodge



Day 11

Drive to the Ugab Terraces

A short drive to the Ugab Terrace. In the evening we can enjoy a sundowner drink from the tall Table Mountain next to our lodge. The landscape is special and can be compared to the “Malboro Country” in the USA.

Vingerklip Lodge



Day 12

Journey via Uis to Twyfelfontein

Driving through Khorixas we reach the UNESCO heritage site of Twyfelfontein. On the way we visit the “Petrified Forest”. It is a deposit of large tree trunks that have “turned into stone” more than 280 million years ago, when the glaciers melted in southern Africa and sand covered the tree trunks. Through silicification the wood fossilized. Today these massive fossilized tree trunks are visible due to erosion of surrounding sediment.

In the afternoon we visit the world-famous rock petroglyphs of Twyfelfontein, the Burnt Mountain and the organ pipes. The name Twyfelfontein is Afrikaans, meaning ‘doubtful fountain’ and it is situated at the foot of a huge sandstone massif.

These sedimentary rocks are the fossilized remnants of a primeval desert that covered large areas of today’s Namibia with its sand masses some 180 million years ago.

Twyfelfontein Country Lodge

Day 13

Drive to the Etosha National Park

Over the spectacular Grootberg-Pass and the small town of Kamanjab to the Hobatere Lodge, close to the western entrance of the Etosha National Park.

The park is one of the largest game parks in the world and is considered one of the most outstanding wildlife parks in Africa. First game drive into the park. Before sunset we leave the park to enjoy our lodge.

Hobatere Lodge at the western entrance of the Etosha Park



Day 14

Drive to the Etosha National Park

Whole day game drive to the different waterholes in the western part of the Etosha National Park.

We will see herds of zebras, giraffes, different antelopes and maybe even lions and elephants. After sunset, relax and enjoy sightings of wild animals at the camps' gently floodlit waterhole.

Camp Okaukuejo in the park, Waterhole Bungalow

Day 15

Etosha National Park

Another day of exciting wildlife observations await us today in the Etosha National Park. We have the whole day to visit the various waterholes and, on the way, observe animals such as giraffes, kudu, zebra, oryx, black-faced impala, wildebeest, springbok and ostrich, with some luck also lions and elephants.

Camp Halali inside the Park



Day 16

Drive to eastern Etosha National Park

We spend another day in this animal paradise viewing game at the waterholes, as they quench their thirst. Before sunset we leave the park and proceed to a unique bush camp, your next overnight destination. Let the lodge spoil you while you enjoy a delicious glass of wine for dinner.

Mushara Bush Camp at the eastern entrance

Day 17

Journey via Tsumeb/Otavi to the Waterberg

We leave the wildlife sanctuary of the Etosha Park and drive to a lodge close to Otjiwarongo. Close to Tsumeb we have time for a visit to the historic Lake Otjikoto, where the Germans discarded their guns in 1915. However, most of the weapons were later salvaged and are exhibited in the museum in Tsumeb.

Further on we reach the Waterberg mountain, which 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



Day 18

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. Okonjima is the 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 19

Flight Windhoek - Europe

Drive back to Windhoek and transfer to the airport, departure flight, either in the afternoon or evening to Europe.

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, mineral water 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 affect the final price of the tour

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