

NAMIBIA CLASSIC

21 DAYS, SELF-DRIVE TOUR



Valid until October 2021
for 2 – 4 persons

This 21-day self-drive trip in a four-wheel drive vehicle offers you the opportunity to get to know all facets of the country. **Grandiose areas, varied sceneries, friendly people and unique animal experiences** will fascinate you. From the **Kalahari**, the **Fish River Canyon**, the **Namib Desert** to the UNESCO World Heritage Site **Twyfelfontein** and the animal world in the **Etosha National Park**, you will find everything Namibia has to offer. If you are looking for silence and nature, if you are fascinated by desert and vastness, Namibia is the place to be.



Itinerary

Day 1

Flight Europe – Namibia

Night flight directly or with stopover to Windhoek.

Day 2

Arrival in Windhoek

Arrival and transfer to the lodge. In the middle of the African bush we can relax in the garden and by the pool, from where we have a beautiful view of the farmland. In the afternoon we take a farm tour.

[Guesthouse Voigtland](#) near the airport (DBB)

Day 3

Drive to the edge of the Kalahari semi-desert

In the morning we pick up our rental car and drive via Rehoboth and Kalkrand into the Kalahari. At sunset we take a nature tour in an open jeep in the up to 30 m high red longitudinal dunes with typical flora and fauna of the Kalahari Semi-Desert.

[Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge](#) in the Kalahari (FB)

Day 4

Journey via Keetmanshoop to the Fish River Canyon

Today we are facing a longer stretch. We drive through arid areas with many succulents like quiver trees. The bushmen used the dead branches of these trees as quivers for their arrows. We can take a closer look at this Aloe species at the quiver tree forest. Not far from the Quiver Tree Forest is the Giant's Playground, an ancient volcanic rock formation that transport every observer into a fascinating fantasy world. Continuing to the Canyon Lodge we enjoy the spectacular view over the Fish River Canyon.

[Canyon Lodge](#) at Fish River Canyon (DBB)



Day 5

Sightseeing of the Fish River Canyons

The Fish River Canyon is considered the second largest canyon in the world. It is about 160 km long, in places up to 27 km wide and 550 m deep. During the rainy season, the water meanders like a snake through a grey-brown rocky landscape towards the Orange River, the border river to South Africa. The docile and rather harmless appearing river has managed to erode the canyon during many millions of years. There are many hiking possibilities either at the lodge and in the canyon.

[Canyon Lodge at Fish River Canyon \(DBB\)](#)

Day 6

Drive 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 to South Africa and flows through a beautiful desert landscape. Along the Orange River alfalfa and wine are cultivated. The shiny green is a welcome change to the otherwise extremely dry environment. In the afternoon we can take an excursion to the wild horses of Garub (optional).

[Klein-Aus Vista, Desert Horse Inn Lodge \(DBB\)](#)



Day 7

Journey to Sesriem/Sossusvlei

We drive northwards along the edge of the Namib Desert, one of the most photogenic landscapes in Namibia. On the way the unbelievable vastness of the Namib Desert with isolated island mountains and dune landscapes gives us an idea what to expect in the next few days. From our lodge we have a view over the huge sand sea. Own sightseeing of the Sesriem Canyon is possible.

[Sossusvlei Lodge near the park entrance \(DBB\)](#)

Day 8

Sossusvlei

Own drive to Sossusvlei, the highest dunes in the world. As the sun is still quite low in the morning, the high sand dunes shimmer golden, yellow, and reddish on one side, but are dark and shady on the other side. Thus, the dune ridge stands out razor sharp. Short hike and visit of the photogenic Dead Vlei with its dead tree trunks.

[Sossusvlei Lodge near the park entrance \(HP\)](#)



Day 9

Over the Gaub- & Kuiseb-Pass to Swakopmund

We pass the Gaub- and Kuiseb and cross the central Namib Desert. On the way we will certainly see ostriches, but maybe also springboks, zebras and oryx antelopes. Via Walvis Bay we reach the coastal town of Swakopmund, where we spend the night directly by the sea.

[Strand Hotel Swakopmund by the sea, Luxury Room \(BB\)](#)

Day 10

Swakopmund

Today we take a remarkably interesting boat trip in the lagoon of Walvis Bay. We see seals, dolphins, flamingos, and pelicans.

In the afternoon, many activities are possible (optional). Shop, enjoy the beach, visit the museum, the aquarium, or the crystal gallery. Quad biking in the dunes is also possible.

[Strand Hotel Swakopmund by the sea, Luxury Room \(BB\)](#)

Day 11

Drive to the Erongo-Mountains

We say goodbye to the ocean and drive to the Erongo mountains. In the north we see the majestic Spitzkoppe, also called the Matterhorn of Namibia, which surmounts its surrounding by 600 meters. Our lodge is embedded between bizarre rock formations of granite. Guided hikes in this wildly beautiful landscape are offered.

[The Erongo Wild \(DBB\)](#)



Day 12

Journey via Uis to Twyfelfontein

We drive via Uis, past the 2573m high Brandberg massif to the UNESCO World heritage site, Twyfelfontein. The name Twyfelfontein is Afrikaans, means "dubious spring" and it is located at the foot of a huge sandstone massif. These sedimentary rocks are the petrified remnants of a primeval desert, which about 180 million years ago covered wide areas of today's Namibia with its sand masses.

[Twyfelfontein Country Lodge at Twyfelfontein \(DBB\)](#)



Day 13

Twyfelfontein

In the morning we can visit the world-famous rock engravings of Twyfelfontein, the Burnt Mountain and the Organ Pipes (optional). In the afternoon we join the lodge in search of desert elephants in the dry riverbed of the Aba-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 adapted elephants.

[Twyfelfontein Country Lodge at Twyfelfontein \(DBB\)](#)

Day 14

Drive through Damaraland

Since the route for today is not far, we can start the day with a relaxed breakfast. Afterwards we drive via Khorixas to the Ugab terraces. On the way we can visit the "Petrified Forest". This is a collection of up to 30 meters long fossil tree trunks, which were formed 280 million years ago when the glaciers in southern Africa melted, depositing the trunks in Namibia which were then exposed again after millions of years by erosion. In the evening we enjoy a sundowner drink from the high Table Mountain right next to our lodge. The landscape is special and can be compared to the "Marlboro" area in the USA.

[Vingerklip Lodge \(DBB\)](#)



Day 15

Journey to the Etosha National Park

The Etosha National Park with its specie biodiversity beckons. The park is one of the largest game reserves in the world and is considered one of the most outstanding game parks in Africa. The animals are attracted by the Etosha Pan, a huge depression, which is rarely filled with rainwater. At the edge of the pan there are waterholes where animals and birds flock together throughout the whole year. Own game drives in the park. In the evening we can watch the coming and going of the animals at the illuminated waterhole.

[Camp Okaukuejo in Park, Waterhole Chalet \(BB\)](#)

Day 16

Etosha National Park

Exciting animal observations await us today in Etosha National Park. We spend the whole day visiting the different waterholes and observing animals like giraffes, kudus, zebra, oryx antelopes, black-nosed impala, wildebeest, springbok, ostrich and with some luck even lions.

Camp Halali in Park (BB)

Day 17

Journey through the eastern Etosha National Park

Once again, we enjoy the abundance of wildlife in the park and watch many wild animals at the waterholes quenching their thirst. In the evening we leave the park in eastern direction. For dinner we enjoy a delicious glass of wine at the lodge.

[Mushara Bush Camp](#) at the eastern park entrance (DBB)



Day 18

Drive via Tsumeb/Otavi

We leave the wildlife of the Etosha Park and drive to Otjiwarongo. Before Tsumeb we can stop at Lake Otjikoto, where the Germans sank their cannons in 1915. However, most of the guns were later lifted and are on exhibit in the museum in Tsumeb.

Today we stay at a lodge in typical African style. Maybe in the afternoon we take a farm tour on the grounds of the lodge, which has an unusually high game population (optional).

[Frans Indongo Lodge](#) northeast of Otjiwarongo (DBB)

Day 19

Drive towards Windhoek

Today we drive to Okahandja, where we can visit the big woodcarving market. We continue to Okapuka, just outside Windhoek. The farm is 120 square kilometres large with many game species like rhinos, sable antelopes, eland antelopes, giraffes, wildebeests, kudus, and springboks. We can relax at the pool, review the past days and rest before the long flight tomorrow. In the late afternoon we go on a last game drive.

[Okapuka Lodge](#) close to Windhoek (DBB)



Day 20

Flight Windhoek – Europe

Drive to Windhoek and return of the rental car. Transfer to the airport, departure in the afternoon or evening to Europe.

Day 21

Arrival Europe

We land early in the morning with many beautiful memories of our dream safari.

Costs pro person

Valid until October 2021, the final costs depend on the availability of accommodation.

For 2 people: ZAR 72'800.-

(about CHF 3'935.- or around EUR 3'640.-)

For 4 people: ZAR 62'700.-

(about CHF 3'390.- or around EUR 3'135.-)

Sgl-supplement: ZAR 10'100.-

(about CHF 545.- or about EUR 505.-)

(Exchange rate from 06. August 2020)

Included in the price

Accommodation/meals/activities as described
Toyota Hilux 2.4TD 4x4, Double Cab, insured without excess
BBF = Bed & Breakfast DBB = Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
FB = Full board

Not included in the price

Flight
Meals (where not mentioned)
Tips, entrance fees, petrol/diesel

Remarks

Program changes are possible according to agreement and personal wishes.
If certain designated accommodations are already fully booked, small changes in the program are possible.

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