



15 DAYS NAMIBIAN HIGHLIGHTS SAFARI

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## TOUR DETAILS:

15 Days Namibian Highlights Safari is to visit around the main highlights that Namibia has to offer in Africa. In just 16 days and 15 nights, we would never be able to fit in everything you wanted to see but you will see the main most attractions. You will Spend time amongst the ancient dunes in Sossusvlei, Damaraland and from there go back in time with the coastal time of Swakopmund. Experience the vast landscapes of Otjiwarongo and exceptional game viewing at the world-famous Etosha National Park.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit Cape Cross and the Skeleton Coast.
- Full day and afternoon sunset game drive in Etosha National Park.
- Take in the Twyfelfontein Rock Paintings.

## TRIP FACTS:

DESTINATIONS	ACCOMMODATION	NIGHTS	MEALS
<b>Windhoek</b>	Arebbusch Travel Lodge	1 Night	D,B&B
<b>Mariental</b>	Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch	2 Nights	D,B&B
<b>Sossusvlei</b>	Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia	2 Nights	D,B&B
<b>Swakopmund</b>	Pebble Stone House	2 Nights	D, B&B
<b>Skeleton Coast</b>	Cape Cross Lodge	2 Nights	D,B&B
<b>Twyfelfontein</b>	Madisa Camp	2 Nights	D,B&B
<b>Etosha South</b>	Etosha Safari Camp Gondwana Collection Namibia	2 Nights	D,B&B
<b>Erindi Game Reserve</b>	Erindi Old Traders Lodge	2 Nights	D,B&B

## ITINERARY (DAY BY DAY):

### DAY 1: AIRPORT WINDHOEK

**Time/ Distance: 4 min (2.4 km)**

Pick up from the airport. Drive through Windhoek to Arebbusch Travel Lodge. A township tour and dinner will be arranged.

**Overnight & Dinner at Arebbusch Travel Lodge**

## DAY 2 & 3: MARIENTAL

**Time/ Distance: 2 hr 35 min (267.9 km)**

You will be collected between 08:00 and 08:45 from Windhoek hotel. We take the B1 road southwards, heading to Mariental. On the road, you will discover sociable weaver bird nests and the first dunes of the Kalahari Semi-Desert. You will reach your accommodation in the early afternoon.

The next day morning, you will be guided on a walk to a community of bushmen where you will learn about tracking and craft making. In the late afternoon, you will take a sunset nature drive on the Intu Afrika Reserve. After your drive, you'll return to the lodge where you can have dinner and spend the evening as you'd like.

**Overnight & Dinner at Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch**

## DAY 4 & 5: SOSSUSVLEI

**Time/ Distance: 3 hr 52 min (306.5 km)**

Today after breakfast, you will drive west to the world-famous Namib Desert 210 miles from Mariental. You'll go see the iconic red dunes of Sossusvlei. In the afternoon you will reach your lodge, where you will have to enjoy your dinner.

The next morning, we suggest taking an early morning drive to Sossusvlei Dunes to visit Sesriem Canyon. The earlier you get there, the more brilliant and striking the orange colors of the canyon will be with the low sunlight, and you'll be able to better avoid the heat. You can hike around the canyon for as long as you'd wish before driving back to your accommodation.

**Overnight & Dinner at Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia**

## DAY 6 & 7: SWAKOPMUND

**Time/ Distance: 4 hr 52 min (403.2 km)**

Namibia is a land of contrasts. Today we will move from the Swakopmund desert to sea, crossing the Tropic of Capricorn and traversing the Gaub and Kuiseb passes. As we climb out the dry river bed at the bottom of Kuiseb Canyon, a spectacular desert landscape unfolds before us. We will stopover in Walvis Bay to visit the lagoon. It is home to many water birds including Great and Lesser flamingos, Damara terns, pelicans, and avocets. We continue to Swakopmund along the scenic coastal road, with dunes on one side and the cold Atlantic on the other. Dinner will be at the lodge.

The next day, you'll have the entire day free to explore this charming and historic town. Modern Swakopmund has a very strong German influence due to colonization during the 1800s, and a large portion of its residents still speak German today.

**Overnight & Dinner at Pebble Stone House**

## DAY 8 & 9: SKELETON COAST

**Time/ Distance: 4 hr 32 min (227 km)**

Today our adventure takes us to the Atlantic Ocean and our final destination at Cape Cross. We travel westwards where we enter the Skeleton Coast. The coastline itself is a very hostile but fascinating area known for its numerous shipwrecks over the years, all victims of the thick fog, unpredictable currents, and rough seas.

The next day, enjoy a delicious cooked breakfast, and then a short walk to the Cape Cross Seal Reserve. The reserve is home to one of the world's largest breeding colonies of Cape fur seals and during the breeding season, up to 200 000+ seals can be spotted basking on the beach, certainly a sight and smell to behold.

**Overnight & Dinner at Pebble Stone House**

## DAY 10 & 11: TWYFELFONTEIN

**Time/ Distance: 5 hr 12 min (247 km)**

Today you head into one of the most beautiful desert regions in Namibia, Damaraland. You drive west via the Grootberg Pass and then take a detour to visit the ancient Bushman rock engravings at Twyfelfontein.

This morning you will enjoy the Twyfelfontein. It is a rocky site situated in the Kunene Region of north-western Namibia. The site contains around 2,000 rock carvings and in 2007, UNESCO approved it as a World Heritage Site. The site is one of the largest and most important concentrations of rock art in Africa and was proclaimed a National Monument in 1952. Experience cultural and ethnic meeting with the Damara tribe at the Living Museum surrounded by fascinating nature, rock formations, and the magnificent landscape of Damaraland.

### **Overnight & Dinner at Madisa Camp**

## **DAY 12 & 13: ETOSHA SOUTH**

**Time/ Distance: 3 hr 25 min (324.9 km)**

Wake up early and continue traveling south toward Etosha National Park, making some short stops for supplies and fuel. The Etosha National Park is home to over 100 mammal species, 340 bird species, and 110 reptile species. Animals, particularly during the dry season, are dependent on the many waterholes found in the park, and these serve as great places for game viewing. Vegetation in the park is varied but consists mostly of mopane woodland and grassy plains. Arrive at the lodge for dinner.

Today we will spend most of the day searching for animals. We will visit some waterholes and stop to view the Etosha Pan, also known as the "place of dry water". This extensive, flat depression is about 5,000 km<sup>2</sup> and a place of shimmering mirages. Seeing large herds of game in this setting is a unique experience. We may stop at Halali to have lunch, before returning to our lodge. We may also see elephants and lions. In the evening we can enjoy a glass of wine and experience a fabulous dinner at our lodge.

### **Overnight & Dinner at Etosha Safari Camp Gondwana Collection Namibia**

## **DAY 14: ERINDI GAME RESERVE**

**Time/ Distance: 3 hr 30 min (353.3 km)**

The driver-guide will pick you up at the hotel after breakfast. For today's private tour of Namibia, we will drive to Erindi Private Game Reserve 300 km (600 mi) away and arrive there at around lunchtime. After a short lunch break, we will start the game drive arranged by the lodge in an open vehicle. Erindi is a large private nature reserve, home to a wide variety of wildlife and plant. It is common to see the lion, African wild dog, African elephant, hippo, giraffe, black rhino, white rhino, etc. After the game drive, we will go back to the lodge for dinner.

### **Overnight & Dinner at Erindi Old Traders Lodge**

## **DAY 14: DEPARTURE**

**Time/ Distance: 2 hr 1 min (178.1 km)**

Wake up early and have breakfast and back to continue Windhoek. After reach, our guide will drop you at the airport for you back home.

## INCLUDE:

- Dune drive
- Qualified professional driver-guide
- Vehicle / fuel
- Park entrance fees as per itinerary
- Passenger Liability 15%
- VAT 2% Tourism Levy
- Airport Transfers
- Accommodation
- Meals (as per itinerary)

## EXCLUDE:

- Expenses of personal nature
- Entrance fees not mentioned in the itinerary
- Meals, not mentioned
- Drinks at lodges and on road
- Optional excursions and activities
- Tips for tour guides
- International flights and airport taxes
- Items not mentioned in the itinerary

## HOW TO BOOK AND HOW TO PAY:

To reserve this tour, a payment of 30% of the total price must be made at the time of reservation. The balance of 70% can be made 30 days before the departure of your tour. Your deposit can either be made through a Bank Transfer, with the addition of a 45 US Dollar fee or by Credit Card which incurs an additional bank charge of 3.5%