



17 DAYS BEST OF NAMIBIA

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## TOUR DETAILS:

17 Days Best Of Namibia Self-drive Tour is the perfect accommodated trip where you will visit the various highlights of Namibia Starting from Windhoek the Capital city, on to Sossusvlei where you will have a great experience of the famous dunes, from there head on to Swakopmund the Coastal Ancient City with a variety of activities to choose from, then head on to northern Namibia with the likes of Twyfelfontain with its great landscapes and Etosha with its Wildlife and finally Waterberg Plateau with one of the largest Plateau. Take a road trip through Namibia, seeing the country's top highlights along the way. Climb ancient dunes at dawn in Sossusvlei, see German-colonial architecture in coastal Swakopmund, and hike the vast landscapes of Damaraland before two incredible days of safari in Etosha National Park, the best place in the world to see an endangered black rhino.

## SELF-DRIVE INFORMATION:

- **Emergency Services:** Emergency evacuation services are included.
- **Drivers:** A valid and unendorsed license must be produced by all drivers. The minimum age for authorized drivers is 23 years.
- **Fuel:** The renter will receive the vehicle with a full tank of fuel. Upon the return of the vehicle/termination of the hire, the vehicle will be refilled at the renter's expense.
- **Insurances:** The rental vehicle includes Zero Excess.
- **Rental Agreement:** Upon renting the vehicle the renter and additional drivers will be required to complete a standard rental agreement with the car rental company. A valid credit card is required for the rental deposit.
- **Health:** It is the client's responsibility to ensure that he/she is medically fit and able to embark on the tour.
- **Force Majeure:** We do our utmost to conduct the tour as described in the program; however, we cannot guarantee it. Unfavorable weather conditions, rivers in flood, organizational problems, unforeseen events, or other factors may force us to

change the course of the tour. We apologize for the inconvenience.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Embark upon a great safari across the breathtaking Namibia wild world!
- Dig into German architecture and adventure sports in Swakopmund.
- Climb some of the biggest dunes in Africa in Sossusvlei.
- Game viewing in Etosha National Park & African Wild Cat Safari.

## TRIP FACTS:

DESTINATIONS	ACCOMMODATION	NIGHTS	MEALS
<b>Kalahari</b>	Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch	1 Night	BLD
<b>Fish River Canyon area</b>	Ai-AisHotsprings	2 Nights	BLD
<b>Lüderitz</b>	Luderitz Backpackers	1 Night	BLD
<b>Sossusvlei</b>	Le Mirage Resort & Spa	2 Nights	BLD
<b>Swakopmund</b>	Guesthouse	2 Nights	BLD
<b>Brandberg</b>	Brandberg White Lady	2 Nights	BLD
<b>Spitzkoppe</b>	Spitzkoppe Campsites	1 Night	BLD
<b>Etosha National Park</b>	Okaukuejo Resort	3 Nights	BLD
<b>Waterberg</b>	Waterberg Camp	1 Night	BLD

## ITINERARY (DAY BY DAY):

### DAY 1: WINDHOEK TO KALAHARI

**Time/ Distance: 3 hr 7 min (354 km)**

Guest will start their journey after receiving the vehicle from the company representative and drive towards the south on the main highway from Windhoek, traveling through the high strip of Kalahari Desert that overhangs onto the eastern side of Namibia. Guest



can stop at small towns along the way including Rehoboth to buy some snacks or lunch. It is a traditional home of the Baster people and on to Kalkrand where you bid the main road farewell and head off into the Kalahari.

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

### **DAY 2: KALAHARI TO FISH RIVER CANYON AREA**

**Time/ Distance: 3 hr (356 km)**

Guest will have breakfast and then go on an early morning nature drive into Kalahari before leaving the town of Mariental and head-on south to Keetmanshoop where you have the opportunity of visiting the Messosaurus Fossil Site and Quivertree Forest. Quiver trees are not in fact trees; they are a type of aloe, so-called because the branches fork "victoriously". These odd-looking plants dot the landscape in this part of the world and are locally common; however, they are one of the world's rarest flora species. Fish River Canyon is Carving out an epic rocky wonderland in the south of Namibia, the Fish River has created Africa's largest and the world's second-largest canyon. Hot, dry, and stony, the Fish River Canyon measures a whopping 160 kilometers in length, at times 27 kilometers in width and 550 meters in depth.

#### **Overnight & Dinner at Ai-AisHotsprings**

### **DAY 3: FISH RIVER CANYON AREA**

Early this morning head towards the main viewpoint of the Fish River Canyon National Park from where you can see how impressive this canyon is. This is an ideal opportunity for photos and to spend some time experiencing this amazing sight. Viewing from the top you can see the river sparkling in the sunlight far below us and can barely imagine how many millennia it took for the forces of erosion to carve such a magnificent vista.

#### **Overnight & Dinner at Ai-AisHotsprings**

### **DAY 4: FISH RIVER CANYON TO LÜDERITZ**

**Time/ Distance: 2 hr 7 min (270 km)**

The guest will drive to the coastal town of Luderitz. On route, they will see the exclusive Namib wild horses. These horses are the only feral horses in Namibia and have, very unusually, become adapted to an existence with very limited water. The area is still abandoned, and the desert has encroached over the entire town, giving an eerie feeling and real meaning to the word "ghost".

#### **Overnight & Dinner at Luderitz Backpackers**

### **DAY 5: LUDERITZ TO SOSSUSVLEI**

**Time/ Distance: 6 hr 27 min (498.1 km)**

You will depart in the morning to the Sossusvlei area. The drive reveals the transition from Kalahari thornveld to the true desert of the Namib; Lilyveld, a valley 30km north of Maltahöhe, springs into bloom for about a week after good rains; Duiwiseb Castle is an interesting diversion 70km south-west of Maltahöhe. Along the way, clients will get Lunch that will be served along the way where the guide will pullover by a big tree and serve lunch at 12h00-13h00. After arrival guests will have leisure time before going on a Sundowner drive to Elim dune around 17h30 or 18h00.

#### **Overnight & Dinner at Le Mirage Resort & Spa**

### **DAY 6: FULL DAY AT SOSSUSVLEI**

You will have breakfast and must go into the park for the Desert to Sossusvlei Excursion which includes: Dune 45 Deadvlei, Hiddenvlei, and Big Daddy. You can have regular stops to take pictures and have some exposure to the Dunes. Guest will be back around lunchtime and will have some leisure time for themselves at the pool while the tour guide prepares lunch for them.

#### **Overnight & Dinner at Le Mirage Resort & Spa**

### **DAY 7: SOSSUSVLEI TO SWAKOPMUND**

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

Guest will depart in the morning to Swakopmund where you are heading north-west. guest will cross the Tropic of Capricorn and traverse both the Gaub and the Kuiseb pass, driving down to the dry river bed at the bottom of the canyon before climbing up the other side, Side seeing the huge desert landscape before you. On their way, guests can have lunch in Walvis Bay and continue to Swakopmund.

### **Overnight & Dinner at Cornerstone Guesthouse**

## **DAY 8: SWAKOPMUND AREA**

You will have breakfast and then have leisure time today. Swakopmund is a very enjoyable coastal town with lots of shops, a good stretch of beach, and an open-air curio market. There is also a very good museum and the Namibian National Marine Aquarium is located in Swakopmund.

Otherwise, numerous optional activities can be arranged. These include airplane and microlight flights over the desert, scenic drives, fishing trips (both from the beach or in a boat), four-wheel motorcycle (quad bike) trips into the desert and over the dunes around Swakopmund, sandboarding trips (also in the dunes), skydiving, surfing, bird-watching, and many other activities are available.

### **Overnight & Dinner at Cornerstone Guesthouse**

## **DAY 9: SWAKOPMUND TO BRANDBERG**

**Time/ Distance: 2 hr 9 min (198.9 km)**

You will be leaving early and heading north along the coast, guest can visit the seal colony at Cape Cross where it is possible to see thousands of Cape Seals in the water and on the surrounding rocks and beaches. From Cape Cross guests will return east, inland, and back into the desert, traveling on to the small town of Uis, an old mining town, located more or less in the middle of nowhere. Uis is one of the best places to buy semi-precious stones for which Namibia is famous. Here, rough Amethyst, Tourmaline, etc. can be found at bargain prices. From Uis, you will drive to Namibia's highest mountain, The Brandberg, (2573 m). Brandberg Mountain is an ancient Bushman spiritual site. Named for the vivid shade of orange it sometimes turns at sunset, this is undoubtedly the main highlight of the region. The Brandberg has been sacred to the San people for centuries.

### **Overnight & Dinner at Brandberg White Lady**

## **DAY 10: BRANDBERG**

You will grab early breakfast and can go visit the White Lady paintings and from there have some leisure time to enjoy the area.

Overnight & Dinner at Brandberg White Lady

## DAY 11: BRANDBERG TO SPITZKOPPE

**Time/ Distance: 2 hr (99.5 km)**

Guest will depart in the morning to Spitzkoppe which is situated in Namibia's spectacularly scenic Namib Desert, between Usakos and Swakopmund, the Spitzkoppe is a group of bald granite peaks forming one of Namibia's most recognizable and dramatic landmarks. These enormous towering domes provide a paradise for hikers and mountaineers, from beginners interested in guided historic walks to professional climbers eager to ascend some challenging slopes.

**Overnight & Dinner at Spitzkoppe Campsites**

## DAY 12: SPITZKOPPE TO ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

**Time/ Distance: 4 hr 25 min (417.0 km)**

You will get breakfast in the morning and depart to Etosha. If time permits, enter Etosha for an afternoon game drive. Depending on how often you stop today, on entering the park, the first stop would be Okaukuejo where you pay your entry fee and I suggest you pop in at the local shop to purchase some drinks and snacks and most importantly, a map of Etosha which will show you all the waterholes along the way. Etosha has lions, giraffes, rhinos, zebras, springbok, and elephants. This on top of many lesser and common plains herds, and abundant birds makes game viewing in Etosha.

**Overnight & Dinner at Okaukuejo Resort**

## DAY 13: ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

You will take early breakfast and can go on the full day game drive and around 12h00 -13h00 clients will have lunch inside the park and continue with the game drive up till the afternoon and after the game, drive guest will have leisure time to enjoy the atmosphere before dinner.

**Overnight & Dinner at Okaukuejo Resort**

## DAY 14: ANOTHER DAY AT ETOSHA

You will have an early breakfast and can go visit the Himba Cultural Village and from there have leisure time to rest or enjoy at the bar.

Overnight & Dinner at Okaukuejo Resort

## DAY 15: ETOSHA TO WATERBERG

**Time/ Distance: 2 hr 54 min (278.7 km)**

You will get an early breakfast and depart from Etosha to Otjiwarongo while enjoying the beautiful landscape. Waterberg Plateau National Park is situated in north-central Namibia and named for the springs that emanate from its foothills, the Waterberg Plateau National Park is a fascinating geological site featuring compressed sandstone crags, 200 million-year-old dinosaur footprints, and petrified dunes.

**Overnight & Dinner at Waterberg Camp**

## DAY 16: WATERBERG AREA

Guest can go on a Rhino Drive in the morning which will approximately take 3 hours, it will be a round trip through the African bush savannah at the foot of the Waterberg. Guest will almost always rub shoulders with rhinos. With a little luck, visitors will have an encounter with animals such as the giraffe, oryx, eland, red hartebeest, blue wildebeest, and kudu.

**Overnight & Dinner at Waterberg Camp**

## DAY 17: WATERBERG TO WINDHOEK

**Time/ Distance: 3 hr 6 min (304.7 km)**

Guest depart back to Windhoek and hand over the Vehicle. Our Guide will drop them at Airport for departure.



## INCLUDE:

- Vehicle 4x4 Renault Duster (2-4 Pax)
- Vehicle Toyota Quantum Mini Bus (5-10 Pax)
- GPS
- 1 Extra Spare Tyre
- On-Road Assistance
- Passenger liability 15%
- VAT 2% tourism levy
- Airport transfers
- Breakfast for the Client

## EXCLUDE:

- Upgrade to 4x4 Pick-Up Toyota Hilux
- Expenses of personal nature
- Fuel Cost for Duration of Tour
- Vehicle Rental Deposit
- 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
- Lunch and Dinner will be at the client's cost. All accommodations serve dinner and lunch. but the Client will have the right to choose where to have lunch and dinner.
- Porterage and Gratuities
- International/National Flights and Airport Taxes
- Travel/Medical Insurance

## 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%