

8 Days Desert, Coast and North Namibia Safari (Camping)



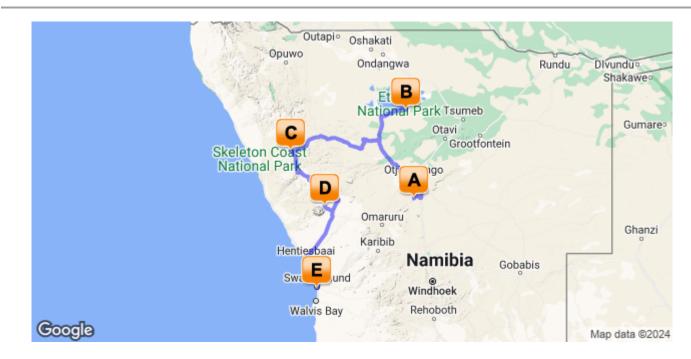








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Introduction

This 8-day safari will take you to three of Namibia's must-see natural wonders. We will visit the Okonjima Nature Reserve which is home to many AfriCAT, a carnivore sanctuary after that we move on to Etosha where you will be seeing wildlife, Africa's best game viewing destinations. We head on to Palmwag best known for its local hiking trails. We will make our way up along the Skeleton Coast and turn inland into the dramatic and scenic Damaraland. Last but not least we will move on to Swakopmund where the desert and the coast come together.

Review

DEPARTURE: This tour departs from Windhoek

- COUNTRY ('S): Namibia
- DESTINATIONS: Okon Etosha S- Palm- Brand Swakop
- TOUR CODE: 8A-NAM
- RETURN: WINDHOEK
- PASSENGERS: Minimum 1 Traveler and a Maximum of 14 Travelers per group
- STYLE: CAMPING
- MEALS: BB: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner
- VEHICLE: 2-3: Double Cab 4x4/ SUV
- 4 7 guests: Toyota Quantum/Landcruiser with a purpose-built trailer
- 8-14 guests: Toyota Dyna truck (a modified safari vehicle) / Iveco Daily 24-Seater

Included

- Qualified Professional driver guide
- Vehicle and fuel
- Park entrance fees as per itinerary
- Passenger liability 15% VAT 2% tourism levy
- Airport transfers

Excluded

- Expenses of personal nature
- Entrance fees not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Meals not mentioned.
- Drinks at lodges and on road
- Travel- and cancellation insurance
- Visa

- All Activities as Mentioned Included on itinerary.
- Accommodation with Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- 24/7 assistance locally
- Optional excursions and activities
- Tips for tour guides
- International & National flights and airport taxes
- Items not mentioned in the itinerary

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Okonjima Plains Camp or similar	Okonjima Nature Reserve	FB	1 Night
Halali Campsite or similar	Etosha South	FB	2 Nights
Palmwag Campsite Gondwana Collection Namibia or similar	Palmwag	FB	1 Night
Brandberg White Lady Camping or similar	Brandberg	FB	1 Night
Tiger Reef Campsite or similar	Swakopmund	FB	2 Nights

Key

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 1: Okonjima Plains Camp, Okonjima Nature Reserve (224.8km)

You will depart to Okonjima camp and stop by the next town in Okahandja to get some snacks and visit the craft center for Midway between the spectacular Etosha National Park and the capital city of Windhoek, lies the well-known Okonjima Nature Reserve. The 22 000 ha nature reserve is home to AfriCAT, a carnivore sanctuary, which gives the captive cats a second chance to be released back into the wild and become completely independent hunters in a protected area right in the middle of commercial cattle farmland.

Included activities

 cat-tracking guided safaris, visits to the local san culture, Game drives in search of elusive leopards and guided bush walks

Overnight: Okonjima Plains Camp

Okonjima Nature Reserve

Midway between the spectacular Etosha National Park and the capital city of Windhoek, lies the well-known Okonjima Nature Reserve. The 22 000 hectare nature reserve is home to AfriCAT, a carnivore sanctuary, which gives the captive cats a second chance to be released back into the wild and become completely independent hunters in a protected area right in the middle of commercial cattle farmland. Visitors can enjoy a stay at a variety of excellent accommodation options including everything from luxury villas to secluded camping. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy thrilling cat-tracking guided safaris, leopard-spotting, off-road night drives and learn about local San culture along the Bushmen trail.

Overnight: Okonjima Plains Camp View iBrochure

Okonjima Plains Camp is within the secluded wilderness area of Okonjima Nature Reserve and has majestic sunset views. Its design honours the Hanssen's family cattle-farming history with its accommodation facility of 10 large View Rooms and 14 spacious Classic Rooms. The Plains Camp Barn includes a dining and lounge area, a curio shop and a terrasse with views over a waterhole and the Okonjima plains. Game drives in search of elusive leopards and guided bush walks offer visitors an intimate, up-close perspective of Namibia's wildlife and, especially, its most protected species. Whether you hike or are an avid bird watcher, there are endless ways to spend your time at Okonjima.

Okonjima Nature Reserve is recognized as one of the premier places to stay to witness carnivores and other endangered species like the aardvark, pangolin and brown hyaena in the wild and to be educated about conservation. The AfriCat Foundation was born in the early 1990's, a Namibia registered non-profit organization which started out primarily as a welfare organization, and has since become focused on research projects which are essential in accomplishing its mission of the long term conservation of Namibia's wildlife.



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Day 2: Halali Campsite, Etosha National Park (226.7km)

After breakfast, you'll depart to Etosha National Park. Before you set out on your adventure, consult with your guide and an animal sightings book to determine the current movement of animals in the area to optimize your game-viewing experience. Detailed maps of the park are also available at each resort curio shop and filling

station. In the heart of the park is the Etosha pan, meaning place of dry water, an extensive flat depression of about 3,107 square feet (947 m). This great white expanse is a place of shimmering mirages; seeing large herds of game in this setting makes Etosha a unique experience in Africa.

Included activities

• Half day or full day Game Drive

Overnight: Halali Campsite

Etosha National Park

Situated in northwestern Namibia, the Etosha National Park offers a premier game viewing experience. The park's diverse vegetation ranges from dense bush to open plains attracting a variety of wildlife. Located in the heart of the park is the Etosha Pan - a shallow depression that covers an area of 5000 square kilometres. Dry and shimmering for most of the year, the pans fill up with water after seasonal rains, making it the perfect habitat for wildlife. In the dry season, the wildlife is attracted to the perennial springs and waterholes that makes for excellent game viewing. Visitors can look forward to world-class game viewing including a variety of large mammals such as lion, elephant, leopard, rhino, zebra, giraffe, a diversity of birdlife such as flamingoes and pelicans.

Overnight: Halali Campsite

In an otherwise flat area Halali Campsite is perched between a few hills and koppies. Thicker vegetation makes this popular with leopard, rhino and elephant. Situated halfway between Namutoni and Okaukuejo, the Halali Campsite is centrally located in close proximity of some of the most popular waterholes of the Etosha National Park. A short walk will take you to the camp's floodlit waterhole with excellent day and night game viewing.

'Halali' is the German word for the traditional ending of a hunt. The campsite signifies the end of game hunting and the rise of eco-tourism in Namibia. Halali offers active guests the largest pool in the park and its strategic location between Namutoni and Okaukuejo makes it a great stopover for lunch, ice cream, a cool drink or just petrol.



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FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 3: Halali Campsite, Etosha National Park

After breakfast you will have a full day to continue with the activities.

Included activity

• Full day game drive

Overnight: Halali Campsite

Basis

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 4: Palmwag Campsite Gondwana Collection Namibia, Palmwag (288.9km)

Clients will get an early breakfast in the morning and depart to palmwag which is beautifully located along a palm-lined tributary of the Uniab River. Water is scarce in this area, so the river's presence often lures elephants closer to the camps. Palmwag is situated halfway between Swakopmund and Etosha and is the ideal base from which to see the sights of the Kunene region or embark on one of the many local hiking trails.

Included activities

• Game Drive

Optional activities

• Visit to Himba Tribe

Overnight: Palmwag Campsite

Palmwag

Palmwag is a nature reserve idyllically located along a palm-lined tributary of the Uniab River, halfway between Swakopmund and Etosha, providing an ideal base from which to see the sights of the Kunene region or embark on one of the many local hiking trails. Water is scarce in this area, so the river's presence often lures elephants closer to the camps. The reserve is notable for its unusual species of palm tree, the hyphaene petersiana, and for being home to the largest population of southwestern black rhinos in Africa. Animal lovers can also get a peek at leopard, lion, cheetah, mountain zebra, Angolan giraffe, springbok, kudu, and African bush elephant.

Overnight: Palmwag Campsite Gondwana Collection Namibia View

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Home to whispering palms and the western desert wilderness, Palmwag Camp is a retreat with a difference. Here is where you will find the desert adapted elephants and the largest predator population outside of Etosha National Park.

Location: 121 km west of Kamanjab on C 43



Basis

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 5: Brandberg White Lady Camping, Brandberg (247.1km)

You will get an early breakfast in the morning and depart to Brandberg. Upon arrival, clients will go visit the White Lady Paintings.

Included activities

• Visit the White Lady Paintings.

Optional activities

 Damara living Museum, Rock engravings, Burn Mountain & Organ Pipes Geological Landscape & Desert Elephants

Overnight: Brandberg White Lady Camping

Brandberg

Situated in northwestern Namibia, the Brandberg, meaning 'Fire Mountain', Massif is Namibia's highest peak, at its zenith, the Königstein (King's Stone), standing at a whopping 2573 metres above sea level. 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. The Tsisab Ravine at its base is permeated with over 45 000 ancient San rock paintings, including the famous 'White Lady'. Visitors flock here to view this unique bushman painting, said to be over 2000 years old. Other popular drawcards include its untouched natural beauty and its free-roaming wildlife such as mountain zebra, kudu, springbok, and desert elephant.

Overnight: Brandberg White Lady Camping

Located amidst tranquil surroundings, Brandberg White Lady Camping offers guests a lovely camping experience in Brandberg, Namibia. The establishment features campsites which come equipped with barbeque facilities and water taps. Shared bathrooms with hot and cold water are available. Guests can either cook meals using the barbeque facilities or dine at the nearby lodge restaurant. Other lodge facilities available to campers include a bar and a swimming pool. Guests can also enjoy a variety of guided drives and hiking trails.



Basis FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 6: Tiger Reef Campsite, Swakopmund (230km)

You will departs to Swakopmund early morning from Brandberg to the coastal side of Namibia. It's about 2 hours' drive to Swakopmund. Once clients have arrived in Walvis Bay they will get lunch and depart to Swakopmund.

Included activities

• Visit museum and City Tour

Optional activities

 boat cruise, air balloon safari, World's Oldest Desert, Sky diving & Desert living museum tour

Overnight: Tiger Reef Campsite

Swakopmund

Set along Namibia's spectacularly scenic coast, the seaside town of Swakopmund is known for its wide-open avenues, colonial architecture, and its surrounding otherworldly desert terrain. Founded in 1892 as the main harbour for German South-West Africa, Swakopmund is often described as being more German than Germany. Now a seaside resort town, Swakopmund is the capital of the Skeleton Coast tourism area and has plenty to keep visitors happy. The quirky mix of German and Namibian influences, adventure options, laid-back atmosphere and cool sea breeze make it a very popular Namibian destination. Visitors can look forward to a number of exciting activities including: quad biking, horse riding, paragliding, fishing, sightseeing and fascinating desert tours.

Overnight: Tiger Reef Campsite

Recently upgraded and under new management the campsite has a large communal lawn area, braai areas, hot showers and wash up areas. Located at the Swakopmund River Mouth, mere metres from the beach, Tiger Reef is a neat campsite with lovely private sites and sprawling communal lawn.



Basis

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 7: Tiger Reef Campsite, Swakopmund

You will get early Breakfast and go on to the activity which is about a 2-hour drive. Located in the beautiful coastal town of Swakopmund with its colonial German character and architecture.

Included activities

• Quad biking and Sandboard

Overnight: Tiger Reef Campsite

Basis

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 8: End of Itinerary (360.8km) Back to Windhoek

You will get breakfast and depart back to Windhoek.

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Travel Information



Located in southwestern Africa, Namibia boasts a well-developed infrastructure, some of the best tourist facilities in Africa, and an impressive list of breathtaking

natural wonders. Visitors can explore the capital of Windhoek and discover the lovely coastal town of Swakopmund boasting remnants of the country's German influence, reflected in the architecture, culture, cuisine and the annual Oktoberfest celebrations. To properly appreciate this extraordinary country, you will have to venture out of the cities to explore the remarkable natural landscapes Namibia has to offer. These include: the impressive Fish River Canyon; the vast Etosha National Park teeming with abundant wildlife, such as lions, desert-adapted elephants and the Hartmann's Mountain Zebra; the hauntingly beautiful Kalahari Desert; and of course the Namib Desert stretching for over 2000 km along the magnificent Atlantic Coast. Namibia is an ideal destination for travellers seeking an unforgettable African experience in a uniquely beautiful untamed wilderness.