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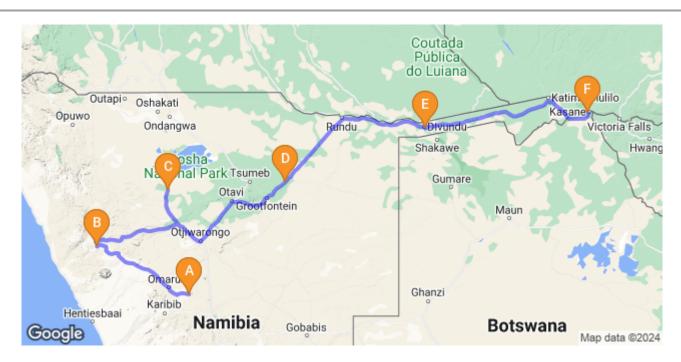








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Introduction

Our 11 day Namibia Big 5 Safari Tour mainly focuses on getting the opportunity to see the big 5 animals (Elephant, Rhino, Buffalo, Leopard and Lion) enjoying the game drive and taking pictures. They are examples of charismatic megafauna, featuring prominently in popular culture, and are among the most famous of Africa's large animals. The term was coined by big-game hunters, and refers to the five most difficult animals in Africa to hunt on foot.

Highlights

- Game drive
- Guided Elephant tours
- Guided bush walks to see game on foot
- Nature drives
- Boat cruise

Review

- DEPARTURE: This tour departs from Windhoek
- COUNTRY ('S): Namibia
- DESTINATIONS: Erindi, Twyfel, Etosha S, Grootfontein, Divundu, Chobe
- TOUR CODE: 10A-NAM
- RETURN: WINDHOEK
- PASSENGERS: Minimum 1 Traveler and a Maximum of 14 Travelers per group
- STYLE: LODGING
- 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 quide
- Vehicle and fuel
- Park entrance fees as per itinerary
- Passenger liability 15% VAT 2% tourism levy

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

- Airport transfers
- All Activities as Mentioned Included on itinerary.
- Accommodation with Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- 24/7 assistance locally

- Visa
- Optional excursions and activities
- Tips for tour guides
- International & National flights and airport taxes
- Items not mentioned in the itinerary

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Erindi Old Traders Lodge or similar	Erindi Game Reserve	FB	2 Nights
Twyfelfontein Country Lodge or similar	Twyfelfontein	FB	1 Night
Etosha Safari Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia or similar	Etosha South	FB	2 Nights
Roy's Rest Camp or similar	Grootfontein	FB	1 Night
Shametu River Lodge or similar	Divundu	FB	2 Nights
Chobe Safari Lodge or similar	Kasane	FB	2 Nights

Key

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

Day 1: Erindi Old Traders Lodge, Erindi Game Reserve (178.6km)

Clients depart to Erindi. Erindi Game Reserve is located southeast of Omaruru, the Erindi Game Reserve is a spectacularly scenic protected reserve in north-western Namibia. 'Erindi', meaning the place of water boasts incredible lush scenery.

Stretching over 79000 hectares, this natural wonderland features comfortable accommodation options and magnificent landscapes encompassing grasslands, savannah, and rugged mountains inhabited by an abundance of diverse wildlife.

Included activities

• Afternoon game drive to view elephants, giraffes, rhino, lion, hyena, zebra, kudu, wildebeest and many other animals

Overnight: Erindi Old Traders Lodge

Erindi Game Reserve

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Overnight: Erindi Old Traders Lodge

Erindi Game Reserve is a jewel in the heart of the wild Namibian landscape. The reserve of 70 000ha is situated 40km east of the town of Omaruru.

Old Traders Lodge provides the accommodation at Erindi Private Game Reserve. This impressive lodge comprises the main dining room and viewing deck as well as 35 well-appointed suites that all have views of a water hole. The spacious suites include; comfortable double or twin single beds with crisp linen and warm blankets, air-conditioning, en-suite bathroom with bath and shower, in-room safe, satellite TV, hairdryers, fridges and kettles.

Erindi falls within the Nama Karoo biome and is arid to semi-arid characterized by scattered low dwarf shrubs interspersed with grasslands. Erindi consists of an amazing array of diverse landscapes including mountains, riverine thickets,

inselbergs ("island mountains") and grassland savannahs for as far as the eye can see.



Basis

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

Day 2: Erindi Old Traders Lodge, Erindi Game Reserve

Have breakfast and a full day of enjoying the activities.

Included activities

Guided bush walks to have a closer view on the wildlife.

Overnight: Erindi Old Traders Lodge

Basis

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

Day 3: Twyfelfontein Country Lodge, Twyfelfontein (276.6km)

Today you head into one of the most beautiful desert regions in Namibia, Damaraland. 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.

Included activities

Nature Drive and Guided Desert Elephant tour

Overnight: Twyfelfontein Country Lodge

Twyfelfontein

Set in the Kunene Region of northwestern Namibia, Twyfelfontein is a spectacularly scenic area, featuring one of the largest and most important concentrations of rock art in Africa. The name 'Twyfelfontein' translates to 'Fountain of Doubt', which refers to the perennial spring situated in the impressive Huab Valley flanked by the slopes of a sandstone table mountain. It was this spring that attracted Stone Age hunters over six thousand years ago, and it was during this time that the extensive group of rock engravings and paintings were produced. Visitors can look forward to basing themselves at some wonderfully shady campsites along the Aba-Huab riverbed, while exploring over thirty different sacred ritual sites of the traditional huntergatherer communities.

Overnight: Twyfelfontein Country Lodge View iBrochure

Welcome to Twyfelfontein Country Lodge. A true landmark situated in the heart of one of the world's most magnificent wilderness regions. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Twyfelfontein in Damaraland is home to one of the largest collections of rock-art engravings found in Southern Africa. Not only did the Khoi-San and tribes of ancient years leave us with a true cultural heritage, but the whole area is characterised by natural wonders such as Doros Crater, Burnt Mountain, Organ Pipes, Petrified Forest and desert-adapted animals – of which the desert-adapted elephant is probably the most well-known species.

Nestled along the mountainside, the lodge beautifully blends in with its surrounding environment. Using natural stone, carefully selected paint colours and thatched roofs, its design compliments the sandstone rock formations with minimum visual impact on this picturesque landscape. Magnificent views from the deck over the Huab Valley, desert plains and distant mountains provide for hours of relaxed comfort, peace and tranquillity.

Twyfelfontein is much more than just accommodation; it is a destination in itself.



Basis

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

<u>Day 4: Etosha Safari Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Etosha South</u> (315.4km)

You will depart to Etosha National Park and stay 2 nights. The park's main characteristic is a salt pan so large it can be seen from space. Yet there is abundant wildlife that congregates around the waterholes, giving you almost guaranteed game sightings. At the same time, Etosha National Park is one of the most accessible game reserves in Namibia and Southern Africa, the concentration of big games around the waterholes makes game viewing incredibly rewarding. You might not even have to leave your rest camp to see lions, elephants, rhino and any number of antelope and zebra quenching their thirst

Included activities

Afternoon Game drive

Overnight: Etosha Safari Lodge

Etosha South

Located just south of the boundary of Etosha National Park in northwestern Namibia, Etosha South makes up the southern region of this wild paradise. The area is comprised of a collection of world class private game reserves. The national park can be accessed via the southern entrance at Andersson's Gate. Visitors can catch a glimpse of a variety of wildlife including: lion, giraffe, elephant, white and black rhino, and a multitude of plains game. Popular activities include: enjoying an open

4x4 safari with an expert guide, half day or full day drives with the option of a picnic lunch with wine on the full day game drive.

Overnight: Etosha Safari Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia View iBrochure

Sip on a drink while watching the ruby sun dip into the mopane woodland. Perched on a hill with expansive views, this stylish lodge offers 65 chalets that provide a peaceful base from which to explore the animal bounty of Etosha National Park.

Location: 10 km south of Andersson Gate on the C 38 (Etosha National Park).



Basis

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

Day 5: Etosha Safari Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Etosha South

Clients have breakfast, today will be a full day of safari game viewing allowing plenty of opportunities for good sightings and spectacular photographs. After breakfast at the lodge, we go out on our morning game drive.

Included activities

Full day game drive

Overnight: Etosha Safari Lodge

Basis

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

Day 6: Roy's Rest Camp, Grootfontein (424.5km)

Clients will grab early breakfast and depart to Grootfontein (meaning 'Big Fountain') is famous for being home to the largest meteorite ever discovered on earth (located roughly 25 kilometres from the town centre). Along the way clients will make a stop at Tsumeb for some shopping and visit the Bushmen village

Included activities

 Visit to Mangetti National Park (home to elephant, eland, wildebeest, kudu, sable, steenbok, duiker, Burchell's zebra, common impalas, gemsbok, and giraffes.)

Overnight: Roy's Rest Camp,

Grootfontein

Situated 450 kilometres from Namibia's capital, Windhoek, within the Otjozondjupa Province of Namibia, Grootfontein (meaning 'Big Fountain') is famous for being home to the largest meteorite ever discovered on earth (located roughly 25 kilometres from the town centre). Hoba is believed to have occurred around 80,000 years ago, and its enormity is a true sight to behold. The town is also unique in that it is extremely lush and fertile during the summer months. Purple Jacaranda trees create a riot of colour around the town. Other must-see attractions include the fascinating Grootfontein Museum, and the Abenab and Berg Aukas Mines. From here, a fantastic network of hiking and biking trails lead into the wild.

Overnight: Roy's Rest Camp

Roy's Rest Camp is a small part of the Elandslaagte farm located in Grootfontein, Namibia. The guest rooms, bungalows and rondavels are spacious, comfortable and well-appointed, equipped with air conditioning, Wi-Fi, mosquito nets, tea/coffee facilities and private bathrooms. The property also offers camping sites on an expansive green lawn with shared ablution blocks, a bush kitchen and barbeque facilities. Guests can enjoy dining at the on-site restaurant serving delicious

traditional farmer's meals. Additional amenities and services include beautiful gardens, a swimming pool, expansive outdoor sitting areas, a lounge area, a souvenir shop, a children's playground and parking.



Basis

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

Day 7: Shametu River Lodge, Divundu (404km)

Early Breakfast and then depart to The Okavango River .A visit to the Mahango Game Reserve Park, where, apart from animals, we will see huge baobabs. Today's episode is not too long and we should be there in the early afternoon. The whole road leads through Caprivi and the area of the Bwabata National Park. The route is decorated with road signs "beware of elephants". This is the route of the largest population of elephants migrating from Chobe to Zambezi.

Included Activity

 A visit to the Mahango Game Reserve Park (home to herds of elephant as well as hippo, buffalo, giraffes, antelope, and many other animals)

Overnight: Shametu River Lodge

Divundu

Set roughly 200 kilometres east of Rundu on the southeastern banks of the great Okavango River, the small village of Divundu is a wonderful destination from which to explore the river, game parks and national reserves of the area. Visitors can enjoy

fishing or bird watching boat safaris, or visit the Mahango Game Park, which is home to herds of elephant as well as hippo, buffalo, giraffes, antelope, and many other animals. The spectacular Popa Falls, a dramatic series of cascades - are a popular must-see attraction. Divundu is also the perfect base for adventures in Botswana and the Okavango Delta.

Overnight: Shametu River Lodge

Shametu River Lodge offers luxurious solitude on the edge of the Okavango river with magnificent views of the unique Popa Falls. The lodge offers 18 luxury thatched chalets and 4 luxury tented chalets. Each is equipped with modern amenities, including en-suite bathrooms, mosquito nets, coffee stations and lounge areas. Guests can enjoy delicious meals at the on-site restaurant or have imported coffee and scrumptious cakes at the coffee shop. Guests can take part in activities such as Mokoro boat trips, sunset cruises or game drives into the Mahango National Park or the Bwabwata National Park.



Basis

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

Day 8: Shametu River Lodge, Divundu

Clients have breakfast and have another day to enjoy safari game viewing allowing them plenty of opportunities for good sightings and spectacular photographs.

Included activities

Mokoro boat cruise

Overnight: Shametu River Lodge

Basis

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

Day 9: Chobe Safari Lodge, Kasane (438.1 km)

Client's after breakfast will be crossing the border with Botswana and reach Kasane - the largest town in this region with a slight architectural chaos characteristic of Botswana. The area has the largest concentration of elephants in the world. Elephant migrations take place very close to the city limits. On the access road, be very careful because huge herds like to run across the main road.

In Kasane, we will go on a boat trip on the Chobe River. During the cruise we will observe many wild animals.

Included activities

Afternoon Boat cruise

Overnight: Chobe Safari Lodge

Chobe River Front

The Chobe River forms the northern boundary of the Chobe National Park which is renowned for its diverse and abundant game viewing opportunities. This section of the park is best known for its dense concentration of wildlife, including elephant and hippo populations, but the waters attract all manner of game including large herds of buffalo and the lions that prey on them - a visit to the Chobe River Front guarantees close encounters with an array of African wildlife. Visitors can look forward to a range of exciting activities such as 4WD along the banks; motorboat cruises; and rare birdlife spotting. For a unique, luxury safari experience, hire a houseboat.

Overnight: Chobe River Camp Gondwana Collection Namibia View iBrochure

Gaze over the flood plains and enjoy luxurious solitude on the banks of the Chobe River. Assuring extraordinary experiences, we offer 20 tented chalets. The lodge

was inspired by the natural beauty of the landscape and all chalets have been constructed using indigenous Mopane timber and canvas. This offers not only a stunning sight, but an environmentally conscious design.

Expect a unique and wondrous experience when visiting the Camp. This region is Namibia's very own version of the Serengeti and offers a rare experience...one of the largest annual Zebra migrations in Africa. And guests can always be assured of the presence of large herds of elephants, gnu and antelope. Activities may be seasonal, but will always amaze and intrigue our guests.

Chobe River Camp is a wildlife and birder's dream and is the ideal place to break away.

Location: Approximately 4km from the Ngoma border post between Botswana and Namibia.



Basis

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

Day 10: Chobe Safari Lodge, Kasane

Clients have breakfast and have a full day of safari game viewing.

Included activities

Morning Boatcruise

Overnight: Chobe Safari Lodge

Basis

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

Day 11: End of Itinerary (57.4km)

Clients have breakfast and fly back to their hometown. (Kasane Airport)

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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.