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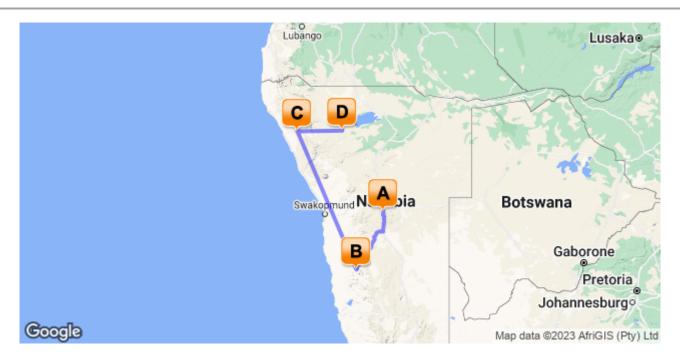








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Introduction

Set off for the exclusive NamibRand Nature Reserve where you can expect to find dazzling night skies, bright red dunes and desert plains scattered with antelope. From here you'll journey to distant Kaokoland where you'll be able to track desert-adapted wildlife along ancient riverbeds and get a deeper insight into the life of the indigenous Himba people. The wildlife-packed Etosha Heights Private Reserve, where you'll experience the bush after dark on exciting night-time game drives, provides a thrilling conclusion to your safari.

Highlights:

- Township Tour, Money Exchange
- Sundowner drives and nature walks
- Sossusvlei Excursion (Deadvlei, Big Daddy, Dune 45, Sossusvlei itself)
- Climbing the dunes
- Himba excursion, tracking elephants
- Bush Walks
- Half day or full day Game Drive

Review

- DEPARTURE: This tour departs from Windhoek
- COUNTRY ('S): Namibia
- DESTINATIONS: Whk- NamibRand- Hoanib- Etosha Heights
- TOUR CODE: 8A-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 Excluded

- Qualified Professional driver guide
- Vehicle and fuel
- Park entrance fees as per itinerary
- Passenger liability 15% VAT 2% tourism levy
- Airport transfers
- All Activities as Mentioned Included on itinerary.
- Accommodation with Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- 24/7 assistance locally

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

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Olive Grove Guesthouse or similar	Windhoek	FB	1 Night
Kwessi Dunesor similar	NamibRand Nature Reserve	FB	2 Nights
Hoanib Valley Camp or similar	Hoanib River	FB	2 Nights
Safarihoek Lodge or similar	Etosha Heights Private Reserve	FB	2 Nights

Key

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

Day 1: Olive Grove Guesthouse, Windhoek (3.4km)

Guest will be picked up at the airport and depart to Windhoek and will be picked up by the tour guide after lunch to go on a Windhoek Township tour if they arrive early In Windhoek and if times permits otherwise they will do the city tour the next morning before departing to the Dunes. Windhoek is situated in Central Namibia; the cosmopolitan city of Windhoek serves as the capital of the country. It is home to an international airport and a plethora of restaurants, shops, entertainment venues and accommodation options. The city is clean, safe and well-organised, with a colonial legacy that is reflected in its many German eateries and shops, and the widespread use of the German language.

Included activities

Township Tour, Money Exchange

Overnight: Olive Grove Guesthouse

Windhoek

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Overnight: Olive Grove Guesthouse View iBrochure

Olive Grove is a small upmarket accommodation establishment situated close to the city centre in a quiet, peaceful area. The guesthouse takes homely atmosphere to a different level.

The newly renovated, open-plan kitchen allows guests to see how meals are prepared, while they enjoy a drink in the lounge. The menu was also reinvented and is now fully a la carte, quite unique for a guesthouse. Home-style food is rounded off with great presentation, pushing up the level of the guesthouse dining experience.

Whilst each of the ten rooms and one suite cater for every need of the most discerning traveller, the emphasis remains one of simplicity and elegance.



Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 2: Kwessi Dunes, NamibRand Nature Reserve (348.3km)

Neighbouring the Namib-Naukluft National Park in southern Namibia, the 200,000-hectare NamibRand Nature Reserve boasts one of the country's most striking landscapes, complete with sweeping desert plains, craggy mountains, fairy circles and fiery red dunes. From your well-positioned lodge, you'll set out on scenic drives, nature walks and quad biking excursions – keeping an eye out for wildlife like gemsbok, Burchell's zebra and the bat-eared fox along the way. You can even traverse the landscape on horseback, enjoy hot air balloon flights and embark on day trips to the mighty sand dunes of Sossusvlei. A designated International Dark Sky Reserve, the area's stargazing opportunities are phenomenal.

Included activities

Sundowner scenic drives and nature walks

Overnight: Kwessi Dunes

NamibRand Nature Reserve

Spanning an area of 172,200 hectares and encompassing four distinct ecosystems, the NamibRand Reserve of southern Namibia is among the largest privately owned

game parks in Southern Africa. Founded to conserve the unique environment and wildlife species of the Namib Desert, the park's mix of dunes, mountains, rocky outcrops, sandy flats, and gravel plains provides habitats for a diversity of mammals, including hyenas, jackals, foxes, antelopes, and various wild cats. A plethora of bird species, reptiles, insects, and frogs also have their home here, alongside an array of plant species. Discover the mysterious 'fairy circles', unexplained bare patches in the sand, or enjoy a night of sublime stargazing - having been named Africa's first International Dark Sky Reserve, it is one of the least light-polluted areas in the world.

Overnight: Kwessi Dunes View iBrochure

At Kwessi Dune lodge, you'll find 12 cool and comfortable (and air-conditioned) chalets- 10 x twin/ double and 2 x family chalets all with canvas walls and thatched roofs. Each bedroom has a separate 'star gazer' room, completely open to the sky, and the perfect spot from which to watch the celestial theatre show above. Views from the rooms, the main area and the swimming pool are of the vast, desert vistas and when you can bear to tear your eyes away, enjoy quad biking, scenic drives and walks, hot air ballooning*, helicopter flights*, horse riding* and day trips to Sossusvlei*.

*These activities are at an extra cost



Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 3: Kwessi Dunes, NamibRand Nature Reserve

Guest will wake up and have breakfast before going into the park. The tour guide will have regular stops to let clients take pictures and have some exposure of the Dunes. Guest will be back around lunch time and will have some leisure time for themselves at the pool

Included activities

Sossusvlei Excursion (Deadvlei, Big Daddy, Dune 45, Sossusvlei itself)

Overnight: Kwessi Dunes

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 4: Hoanib Valley Camp, Hoanib River (678 km)

After a hearty breakfast you'll catch a flight to Sesfontein, transferring to your camp in northwestern Namibia's Kaokoland. Rugged, remote and incredibly beautiful, Kaokoland is roamed by a remarkable array of desert-adapted wildlife who make their home amidst the region's Rocky Mountains, sand dunes and desert.

Included activities

Climbing the dunes

Overnight: Hoanib Valley Camp

Hoanib River

Where Kaokoland meets the Skeleton Coast, in western Namibia, the 270-kilometre-long Hoanib River is one of the last water oases in the country, providing a haven for numerous animals. Home to 75% of Namibia's endemic species, including the largest numbers of desert-adapted, free-roaming elephants, lions, and rhinos in the world, as well as zebra, kudu, and giraffe, this is a truly exceptional and awe-inspiring place. Visitors can enjoy taking a wonderful four-wheel-drive route, going on adventurous hiking trails, running down enormous sand dunes, or climbing massive, strangely shaped rock formations as well as several guided nature walks.

Overnight: Hoanib Valley Camp View iBrochure

Located in one of the most beautiful areas of Namibia, the camp and its surrounds are truly breathtaking with many visitors feeling time spent here is a life affirming experience. The north western area, Kaokoland, is identified by its vast open desert wilderness, towering dunes and swathes of rocky mountains. Tucked into the backdrop are six guest tents exuding a modern safari style that reflects their surrounds in the furnishing and design.

Your days are spent exploring this spectacular area, understanding its unique geology, wildlife and culture. Home to one of the last great nomadic tribes, the iconic Himba, as well as the identifiable Herero, there is plenty of opportunity for cultural interaction. The Giraffe Conservation Foundation, with whom this is a joint venture, add a wealth of specialist knowledge to your morning and afternoon drives, searching for the desert adapted elephant, giraffe, lion, black rhino and mountain zebra. Alternatively there are few better places to spend restful time contemplating the beauty around you than from the privacy of your veranda before enjoying exceptional hosting and dining.



Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 5: Hoanib Valley Camp, Hoanib River

Clients have breakfast and be able to explore the area on foot and by vehicle, tracking elephants, giraffes and the endangered black rhino along the ancient, dry riverbeds. Bird watchers will have the opportunity to spot Monterio's hornbills and Verreaux's eagles in the valleys, while visits to nomadic Himba settlements offer a unique insight into life in this isolated region.

Included activities

Himba excursion, tracking elephants

Overnight: Hoanib Valley Camp

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 6: Safarihoek Lodge, Etosha Heights Private Reserve

Clients have breakfast and another light aircraft flight now brings you to the exclusive Etosha Heights Private Reserve neighbouring Namibia's celebrated Etosha National Park. The area is renowned for its prolific display of wildlife, with elephants, big cats, hippos, wildebeest, antelope and both black and white rhinos roaming free and unobstructed across the flat savannah. When not enjoying guided game drives or bush walks, you can wildlife-watch from the comfort of your own room or get close-ups in the double-tiered photography hide. You can even experience the magic of the Namibian bush after dark on an exciting night-time game drive.

Included activities

Bush Walk and afternoon game drive

Overnight: Safarihoek Lodge

Etosha Heights Private Reserve

Set just outside the south-western border of Etosha National Park, Etosha Heights Private Reserve offers enthralling landscapes, a huge variety of flora and fauna, and a wide range of thrilling activities. Vast savannah, rivers, forests, Mopani woodland, salt pans and dolomite hills spread themselves over the 60,000-hectare area. Numerous safaris and game drives offer the chance to see kudu, lion and the elusive mountain zebra (in the hills) and sable, black-faced impala, giraffe, aardvark, elephant and many more (around the waterholes). Visitors can also take night drives and bush picnics. A double-storey photography hide allows close-up encounters with an incredible diversity of gorgeous birdlife and animal life. Fantastic luxury facilities are provided by the accommodation options.

Overnight: Safarihoek Lodge View iBrochure

Safarihoek Lodge is located on Etosha Heights Private Game Reserve and is part of a 60,000ha reserve which shares borders, for about 65kms, with Etosha National Park. It consists of 9 farms that were originally used for domestic farming. Over a period of time, acquired and combined to create a stunning wildlife reserve that they are now privileged to be part of.

With an array of animals which include various species of antelope, predators, birds as well as others. Guests can be assured their time spent at Safarihoek Lodge will make for an interesting and memorable safari.

Etosha Heights Namibia partakes in various conservation efforts and projects that are currently operational and many more still to come. The main goal and vision is to encourage and develop sustainable eco-friendly tourism, all to the benefit of the area, animals as well as the community.



Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 7: Safarihoek Lodge, Etosha Heights Private Reserve

After breakfast, you'll have the entire day to spend in 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: Safarihoek Lodge

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 8: End of Itinerary

You will get early 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.