

# 11 DAYS NAMIBIAN HIGHLIGHTS SAFARI (Lodging) Tour









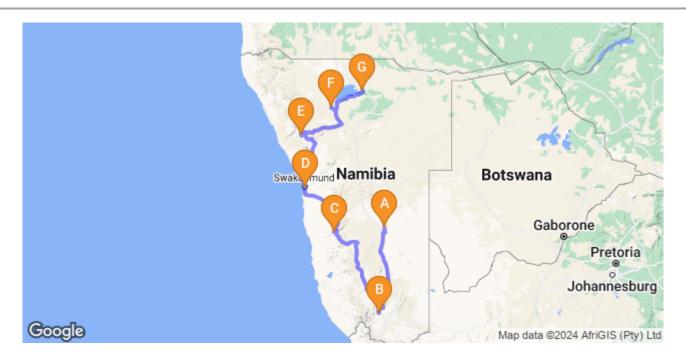






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Kalahari Namibia - Fish River Canyon - Sesriem - Swakopmund - Twyfelfontein - Epacha Private Game Reserve - Onguma Game Reserve 11 Days / 10 Nights



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#### Introduction

Our 11 DAYS NAMIBIAN HIGHLIGHTS SAFARI (Lodging) Tour is to visit around the main highlights that Namibia has to offer in Africa, 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.

## <u>HIGHLIGHTS:</u>

- Full day and afternoon sunset game drive in Etosha National Park.
- Twfylefontein Rock Paintings.
- Crystal Gallery
- Sunset Nature Drive

## **Review**

DEPARTURE: This tour departs from Windhoek

- · COUNTRY ('S): Namibia
- DESTINATIONS: Kala- Fish- Sesriem- Swakopmund- Twyfel- Epacha- Onguma Game
- TOUR CODE: 11A-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
- Airport transfers
- All Activities as Mentioned Included on itinerary.
- Accommodation with Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- 24/7 assistance locally

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

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch or similar	Kalahari Namibia	FB	1 Night
Canyon Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia or similar	Fish River Canyon	FB	1 Night
Sossusvlei Lodge or similar	Sesriem	FB	2 Nights
Hansa Hotel or similar	Swakopmund	FB	2 Nights
Twyfelfontein Country Lodge or similar	Twyfelfontein	FB	1 Night
Epacha Game Lodge & Spa or similar	Epacha Private Game Reserve	FB	2 Nights
Onguma Tented Camp or similar	Onguma Game Reserve	FB	1 Night

# Key

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

# Day 1: Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch, Kalahari Namibia (260.8km)

You will get morning Breakfast and depart to Mariental which is located close to magnificent the Hardap Dam, which is the largest reservoir in Namibia. The Hardap Irrigation Scheme has breathed life into this arid terrain, which is now fertile with farmlands covered in citrus, melons, lucerne, wine, and maize, and dotted with ostrich farms.

#### Included activities

Sunset Nature Drive

# **Optional activities**

 guided walk to a community of bushmen where you can learn about tracking and craft making

Overnight: Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch

## Kalahari Namibia

Spreading across Botswana, South Africa and Namibia, the Kalahari meaning 'the great thirst' is an exceptionally beautiful living desert. The landscape is characterised by a large semi-arid sandy savannah draped over a gently rolling inland sea of sand covering most of Botswana and large parts of Namibia and South Africa. It is also the last bastion of the indigenous San people with the modern world having enveloped all the other areas they once roamed. The Namibian portion is made up of red sands covered in thin, wispy, mostly golden grass and dotted with acacia trees and wide-ranging wildlife including gemsbok, impala, jackals and cheetah.

# Overnight: Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch View iBrochure

The lodge lies on the edge of the Southern Kalahari in the mixed tree and shrub Savannah.

The ranch is characterized by huge red sands dunes running parallel, and in a northern-westerly to south-easterly direction. This 'Spirit of Africa' atmosphere, coupled with service, delivered with graciousness and charm, in an unashamedly luxurious setting, will be the hallmarks of this establishment, providing excellent value and unforgettable memories for the discerning traveller.



Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

# <u>Day 2: Canyon Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Fish River Canyon</u> (427.8km)

The guest will depart to Fish River Canyon and stay 2 nights where they will be camping. The Fish River Canyon with its beautiful sunsets and spectacular landscapes.

# **Included activity**

Nature drive, game drive

Overnight: Canyon Lodge

# **Fish River Canyon**

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 kilometres in length, at times 27 kilometres in width and 550 metres in depth. The awe-inspiring natural beauty of this ancient geological marvel draws visitors from around the globe. For those looking for adventure, the intense 85 kilometre Fish River Hiking Trail through1.5 billion years of geological history will definitely thrill avid adventure enthusiasts, and for visitors looking to relax, head over to the canyon's southern end to enjoy a soak in the mineral waters of the renowned hot springs of Ai-Ais, or take in the spectacularly scenic views from Hobas Restcamp as well as numerous other viewpoints along its

rim. Other popular activities include: scenic chartered flights, horse riding, nature drives and seasonal kayaking.

Overnight: Canyon Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia View iBrochure

A gem in the rugged environment, Canyon Lodge is a fusion of farmhouse flavour and natural splendour. Walkways lead to 30 natural stone chalets nestled amongst granite boulders. Celebrate dawn amongst the quiver trees and the aweinspiring adventure of life from the rim of the Fish River Canyon.

Location: approximately 20 km east of the Fish RIver Canyon on the C 37



#### **Basis**

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# Day 3: Sossusvlei Lodge, Sesriem (573.6km)

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.

#### Included activities

Enjoy the sundowner Dune Drive

Overnight: Sossusvlei Lodge

#### Sesriem

As there is no accommodation at Sossusvlei, visitors to this desert wilderness are likely to end up staying at Sesriem, 65 kilometres away, where camps and lodges serve as a base from which to explore the dunes. Sesriem Canyon, a deep chasm carved through the rocks by water, is a striking natural feature of the area that is best explored on foot. Stony walls rise up sharply on both sides of the canyon, while birds roost in its crags and lizards dart along the ledges. The canyon's name was coined when early settlers used it as a water source, using six lengths of leather ('ses riem – six thongs) tied together to lower buckets into the water at the base of canyon.)

# Overnight: Sossusvlei Lodge View iBrochure

Luxury right at the entrance gate to Sesriem Canyon and the famous Sossusvlei

Situated at the Entrance Gate to the Namib Naukluft Park, Sossusvlei Lodge offers direct access to the towering red sand dunes, the famous pan of Sossusvlei, the scorched black trees of Dead Vlei and the remarkable depths of the Sesriem Canyon.

The Superior Accommodation units at Sossusvlei Lodge feature a patio to enjoy views over the Desert landscapes, a spacious air-conditioned twin-bedded room and a full en-suite bathroom. The Standard Family Units feature two rooms back to back connected by a lockable inter-leading door between the two private bathrooms. An elegant Junior Suite boasts a spacious bedroom, living area, patio with a splash pool, large bathroom and inspiring views.

Experience the true art of Hospitality with the thoughtful touch of attentive staff to contribute to a truly memorable experience. Facilities include a sparkling pool, bar, sundowner deck, beer garden and an al fresco terrace where one can enjoy exquisite food, award-winning wines and magnificent views of the floodlit waterhole.

The Sossusvlei Lodge Adventure Centre provides a range of activities including Guided Excursions to Deadvlei and Sossusvlei, Elim dune walks, Sundowner Trips, Hot Air Ballooning, Scenic Flights and much more to explore the area's natural beauty.



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## Day 4: Sossusvlei Lodge, Sesriem

Guest will wake up and have breakfast before going into the park for Sossuvlei Excursion which includes Dune 45, Deadvlei, Hiddenvlei, and Big Daddy. The tour guide will have regular stops to let clients take pictures and have some exposure of the Dunes.

## Included activities

Sossusvlei Excursion (Deadvlei, Big Daddy, Dune 45)

Overnight: Sossusvlei Lodge

#### **Basis**

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

# Day 5: Hansa Hotel, Swakopmund (345.9km)

This morning we leave Sossusvlei and make our way to the cooler coastal town of Swakopmund by the Atlantic Ocean. This town resembles a small German town with its architectural buildings, palm-lined streets, seaside promenades, restaurants,

cafes, art galleries and museums. We spend the next 2 nights in Swakopmund enjoying the various different activities on offer.

#### **Activities included**

Visit the crystal gallery

# **Optional excluded activities**

Sky diving & Desert living museum tour

Overnight: Hotel Pension A La Mer

## **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: Hansa Hotel**

Centrally situated, the hotel serves as the perfect getaway to all tourists amenities which Swakopmund and surrounding areas have to offer, from sand-boarding some of the highest dunes in the world to big game viewing in one of our country's world-known game parks. Surrounded by local tour operators, aviation and safari offices and five minutes from the beach, the Hansa Hotel is perfect for the discerning traveler looking for an adrenaline filled holiday or merely a bit of relaxation.



Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

## Day 6: Hansa Hotel, Swakopmund

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

## Included activities

Quad biking, sand boarding,

# **Optional activities**

Boat cruise, air balloon safari, World's Oldest Desert

Overnight: Hotel Pension A La Mer

#### **Basis**

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

# Day 7: Twyfelfontein Country Lodge, Twyfelfontein (333.5km)

Guest will have breakfast and take off to Twyfelfontain they we will admire the rock drawings of the Bushmen. Twyfelfontein is famous because of its many rock paintings and rock engravings (Petroglyphs) of the San (Bushmen) of which 2500 were counted. Specifications about the age of the engravings fluctuate and a period of 1000 – 10000 years is stated. Remarkable is that the engravings were made

without the use of metal tools. It is presumed that quartz tools were used instead as many quartz chips were found here.

# **Included Activity**

Rock painting

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.



Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

# Day 8: Epacha Game Lodge & Spa, Epacha Private Game Reserve (328.3km)

You will depart from Windhoek 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: Epacha Game Lodge**

# **Epacha Private Game Reserve**

The Epacha Private Game Reserve is one of the largest in Namibia, a 13, 000-hectare area of enthralling hills and plains fringing the famous Etosha National Park. The reserve is home to various antelope, some endangered, and rare animals like the Black-faced Impala and Bat-Eared Fox. Visitors can look forward to game drives, night-time excursions, clay pigeon shooting and indulge in the various treatments offered by the onsite spa. Guests can also visit the traditional Himba village, where they'll be able to learn more about the fascinating and ancient Himba culture.

# Overnight: Epacha Game Lodge & Spa View iBrochure

Epacha Game Lodge & Spa is located on top of the hills of the 13,000 ha large Epacha Private Game Reserve, which borders the main road to Etosha National Park and has its gate at only 60 km from the entrance of the park.

The lodge is known for its unique Victorian decoration style and its high quality service. Next to using this lodge as a perfect home to explore the Etosha National Park it also offers a wide variety of activities on its own Private Game Reserve. When it opened its doors to the public in 2001, Epacha Game Lodge was also the pioneer in Namibia to combine the wildlife & wellness experience at the Mystique Spa.

After a long and memorable trip to Etosha National Park it is a very pleasant and relaxing experience to enjoy one of the many treatments on offer at the Spa.

The main lodge building houses a cosy library, cognac & cigar room and an exquisite wine cellar below the restaurant. The stunning infinity pool and pool-bar offer free WiFi connection for the guests. For incentive groups or corporate trips, Epacha also has a large conference room to your disposal.



#### **Basis**

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

# Day 9: Epacha Game Lodge & Spa, Epacha Private Game Reserve

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 Campsite, we go out on our morning game drive.

#### Included activities

Full day game drive

# Overnight: Epacha Game Lodge

#### **Basis**

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

## Day 10: Onguma Tented Camp, Onguma Game Reserve (232.7km)

Clients have breakfast and depart to Onguma Game Reserve and another full day to continue with the safari.

#### Included activities

Full day game drive

**Overnight:** Onguma Tented Camp

# **Onguma Game Reserve**

Situated east of Etosha, bordering Fisher's Pan, Onguma Game Reserve is one of Namibia's best-kept secrets. The reserve offers visitors the opportunity to experience Africa in all her beauty and diversity. Onguma Game Reserve features over 34000 hectares of protected land scattered with a variety of wildlife including plains game, black rhino, kudu, giraffe, zebra, lion, cheetah, leopard and more than 300 bird species. The seasonal rains attract thousands of migrating birds to the Fisher's Pan wetland area. The neighbouring Etosha National Park is home to a rich array of wildlife, including four of the Big 5. Visitors can enjoy game drives, guided walks and rhino research drives within the private reserve as well as wildlife safaris into Etosha National Park to view abundant game in the largest national park in Namibia.

# Overnight: Onguma Tented Camp View iBrochure

In the local Herero language, Onguma means, "the place you don't want to leave." With a stunning main building and seven tents providing private, exclusive accommodation, Onguma Tented Camp, certainly lives up to its name.

Like the bush where soft air blows against sharp thorns, Onguma Tented Camp is a study in contrasts. Textures such as stone, suede, linen and steel create a setting that is sleek and modern but also inherently of the earth. Inspired by a photograph of an Oryx on Etosha's Fisher's Pan, the interior echoes the colours of its natural surrounds. Grey, charcoal, black, white, and creams, together with a touch of muted or unexpectedly bright green, adds sophistication and earthiness to the atmosphere of this seven tent camp.

The water-level hide will provide hours of game viewing opportunities for guests.

Onguma Game Reserve now offers guests an opportunity to start their safari from the moment they touch down at the private airstrip!



#### **Basis**

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

# Day 11: End of Itinerary (531.8km)

After Breakfast the guest will be on their way to the airport depending on what time their flight departs.

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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.