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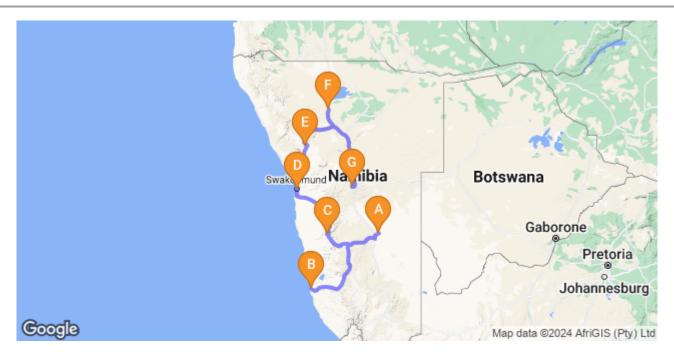






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Kalahari Namibia - Shark Island - Sesriem - Swakopmund - Etosha South – Daan Viljoen



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Introduction

This 12-day Kalahari, Luderitz, Sossusvlei Swakopmund, Skeleton Coast, Etosha National Park and Daan Viljoen is the best of Wildlife, a bit of the Coastal City and the Oldest Desert in Africa. This safari combines the wildlife of Etosha National Park by which guest will have game drives to see animals like Elephants, Hippo, Giraffe and Lions and in Swakopmund clients will have activities (Quadbiking & Sandboarding) to mention a few and an Excursion to Skeleton Coast activities after that they will be heading to Sossusvlei and complete Desert Excursion to visit all the dunes including Deadvlei, Big Daddy, Sesriem, Dune 45 and Sossusvlei Dunes itself! This is one of the best tours for a newcomer to explore Namibia's most visited two Destinations.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Game drive
- Skeleton Coast Excursion
- Quadbiking and Sandboarding
- Sossusvlei Excursion
- Visit to Kolmanskop
- Hiking

Review

DEPARTURE: This tour departs from Windhoek

COUNTRY ('S): Namibia

• DESTINATIONS: Lud- Soss- Swak- Etosh

• TOUR CODE: 9A-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
Kalahari Anib Camping2Go Gondwana Collection Namibia or similar	Kalahari Namibia	FB	1 Night
The Cormorant House or similar	Shark Island	FB	2 Nights
Desert Camp or similar	Sesriem	FB	2 Nights
The Stiltz Hotel or similar	Swakopmund	FB	2 Nights
Ondjamba Hills Camp	Brandberg	FB	1 Night
Etosha Safari Camping2Go Gondwana Collection Namibia or similar	Etosha South	FB	2 Nights
Daan Viljoen Lodge	Daan Viljoen Game Reserve	FB	1 Night

Key

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

<u>Day 1: Kalahari Anib Camping2Go Gondwana Collection Namibia, Kalahari</u> Namibia (281.3km)

Traveling west-north towards small town of Keetmanshoop, after Keetmanshoop turn to the gravel road and short visit to: Quiver Tree Forest & Giant's Playground. Arrival at the lodge for relaxing afternoon in the Kalahari Desert.

Included activities:

Visit to Quiver Tree Forest & Giant's Playground

Overnight: Kalahari Anib

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: Kalahari Anib Camping2Go Gondwana Collection Namibia View iBrochure

Located near to the Kalahari Anib Lodge in Mariental, Gondwana Collection Kalahari Anib Camping2Go is home to eight permanent tents, ideal for travellers who want the luxury of camping, without all the hassle. Each tent is equipt with four beds, an en-suite bathroom and a shower. Guests can make use of the campsites kitchen which is equipt with a fridge, stove, sink and necessary utensils. Campers can make use of all facilities of the lodge, including enjoying tasty meals at the restaurant, taking a dip in the pool or partaking in the lodge's activities.

Location: Approximatly 30 km northeast of Mariental on the C 20 (Kalahari).



Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 2: The Cormorant House, Shark Island (520.9km)

Our first day started with a bang as we drove 8 hours from Windhoek to Luderitz. Why Luderitz? Luderitz is the closest town to the famous abandoned town of Kolmanskop which is somewhere I've had on my bucketlist for years! We took the afternoon to settle into our accommodations.

Included activity

City tour

Overnight: The Cormorant House

Shark Island

Located near the town of Luderitz on the west coast of Namibia, Shark Island, despite its misleading name, is not inhabited by sharks but instead is home to colonies of cape fur seals. This peninsula, formerly an island, offers stunning views of the bay, Luderitz town, and its harbour, making it an ideal destination for self-drive tourists seeking a value-for-money experience. Steeped in history, Shark Island has witnessed various transformations, from being a trading base founded by Adolf Luderitz in 1883 to becoming a site of unspeakable tragedy during Namibia's colonial era. Once used as a concentration camp by the Germans from 1904 to 1908, it has since been repurposed as a memorial site, serving as a poignant reminder of the dark chapters in the region's past.

Overnight: The Cormorant House

Situated on the edge of the Island, The Cormorant House is a self-catering guesthouse that offers luxurious lodgings at the water's side. Share a bottle of wine on the balcony, enjoy breathtaking sunsets, fall asleep to melodic ocean sounds and listen to the cry of the cormorant. Whether you are traveling for leisure, pleasure, business or breakaway, you will find whatever you are looking for at The Cormorant House.

Welcome, we'll be expecting you.



Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 3: The Cormorant House, Shark Island

Kolmanskop was eerie, beautiful, and mysterious bone chilling all at the same time. If all the walls could speak I'm sure they'd have so many stories to share. The town used to be vibrant and rich! Miners flocked to Kolmanskop to mine diamonds, lots of diamonds! By 1956 the whole town was abandoned. When visiting you have 2 options, either you go just for pictures and show yourself around or you take a tour with a guide for about an hour and listen to the history of the town then you can go out on your own to take pictures. We decided to do the tour and it was worth it! There were so many cool stories we would've missed out on.

Included activities

Kolmanskop Excursion

Overnight: The Cormorant House

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 4: Desert Camp, Sesriem (498.5km)

The guest will depart to Sossusvlei and stay 2 nights 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 drive at the Dunes

Overnight: Desert Camp

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: Desert Camp View iBrochure

Self-catering at its Best amidst unparalleled Desert Beauty...

Desert Camp is situated just 5 km from the entrance gate to Sossusvlei and Sesriem Canyon in the Namib Nauklauft Park. Nestled under centuries old camel thorn trees, Desert Camp offers unsurpassed views over the Desert landscapes and surrounding mountains - An absolute must for the nature lover and photographer!

The 28 affordable self-catering accommodation units are equipped with an en-suite bathroom, shaded veranda with a fitted kitchenette, barbeque, power points and an adjacent parking area. Each air-conditioned room features twin beds and a fold-out sleeper couch to accommodate 2 small children (under 12) free of charge when

sharing with 2 full paying adults. Utility boxes with most utensils needed are available at reception and fresh food supplies can be ordered daily.

Facilities at the main building include a fully stocked and serviced bar with big screen television, a sparkling swimming pool and 2 communal bomas with cooking and wash up facilities which are perfect for groups travelling together.

Meals can be enjoyed at the nearby Sossusvlei Lodge restaurant and their Adventure Centre offers a range of exciting Desert activities to explore the area.

A fully stocked shop, fuel and an Internet café is available at the Sossus Oasis Service Station.



Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 5: Desert Camp, 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: Desert Camp

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 6: The Stiltz Hotel, Swakopmund (344.8km)

This morning we leave 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.

Activities included

Excursion to Skeleton Coast

Overnight: The Stiltz Hotel

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: The Stiltz Hotel

This new accomodation is unique in every aspect. It offers the most spectacular views in Swakopmund overlooking either the Atlantic Ocean, the river-bed or the sand dunes and the bird rich lagoon at the river mouth. If that does not take your breath away, the architecture of these wooden bungalows built on stilts will. Each private bungalow has been attended to in the finest detail, interlinked by wooden walkways to the others and to the main dining bungalow. You will feel in a different space, yet you are only minutes away from the charming town centre with plentiful restaurants, loads of activities and all the amenities you could wish for... That is if you really feel like leaving your bungalow!



Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 7: The Stiltz Hotel, Swakopmund

Clients have early breakfast and continue with their activities. Enjoying the cool breeze of the coastal town.

Activities included

Quad biking, sand boarding

Optional excluded activities

 Sky diving & Desert living museum tour, Camel Riding, Boat cruise, air balloon safari, World's Oldest Desert, Sandwich Harbour, Pelican Point Kayaking

Overnight: The Stiltz Hotel

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 8: Ondjamba Hills Camp, Brandberg (246.3km)

Have breakfast and drive towards Damaraland the chief attraction here is the White Lady rock painting in the mountains, which is said to be 20,000 years old. The Uis River, which passes through the town, provides a welcome spot to swim at certain times of the year from the rock paintings at Brandberg to desert elephants and himba tribes.

Included activities

Visit the White Lady painting

Optional activities

 Visit to the desert elephants, Damara living Museum, Doros Crater, Burnt Mountain, Organ Pipes, Petrified Forest and desert-adapted animals

Overnight: Ondjamba Hills Camp

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: Ondjamba Hills Camp

Ondjamba Hills is nestled within some of the most iconic landscapes in Damaraland, 40km northwest of Uis next to the Ugab River.

Ondjamba Hills offers an eclectic fusion of nature, and rustic old-world safari charm with modern chic, creating harmony with the dramatic environment and nature.

Ondjamba Hills offers 20 randomly placed large Meru-style safari tents (10m x 5m) with en-suite bathrooms and an outside veranda with seating arrangements that offer spectacular views over Brandberg Mountain.



Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

<u>Day 9: Etosha Safari Camping2Go Gondwana Collection Namibia, Etosha</u> South (492.5km)

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 Camping2Go

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 Camping2Go Gondwana Collection Namibia View iBrochure

Etosha Safari Camping2Go is home to eight self-catering tents. Each tent is equipped with four beds, an en-suite bathroom and shower while the campsite facilities include a fully equipped kitchen, veranda, grill and a fire pit. Guests staying at the campsite can enjoy a cosy evening around the fire pit, or experience an evening of live music at the Oshebeena Bar near Etosha Safari Camp or indulge in a delicious meal at Okambashu Restaurant. Guests are invited to partake in activities which includes game drives or simply absorb the African sun while lounging at the swimming pool.

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



Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

<u>Day 10: Etosha Safari Camping2Go Gondwana Collection Namibia, Etosha</u> 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 Camping2Go

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

<u>Day 11: Daan Viljoen Lodge, Daan Viljoen Game Reserve (424.4km)</u>

Have a leisurely breakfast, then you have a long drive towards Okahandja. Visitors can look forward to an array of wonderful experiences including spotting an abundance of highland wildlife including baboons, blue wildebeest, springbok, kudu, oryx, Hartmann mountain zebra, giraffe, eland and black-backed jackal, as well as smaller species including dassies, porcupines and yellow mongooses.

Included activities

Hiking

Overnight: Daan Viljoen Lodge

Daan Viljoen Game Reserve

Located in the Khomas Hochland Daan Viljoen Nature Reserve is Namibia's smallest game park spanning just 4000 hectares. Conveniently positioned within 25 kilometres of the capital of Windhoek, it serves as an ideal stopover for travellers looking to enjoy a bush experience that is close to the city. A unique highlight of Daan Viljoen Game Reserve is that visitors are allowed to walk around the park as the park has no large predators. Other highlights include, hiking and mountain biking through the incredibly scenic African bushveld to spot a wide variety of wildlife.

Overnight: Daan Viljoen Lodge

The Daan Viljoen Lodge is situated inside the Daan Viljoen Natural Willdlife Park, approximately 20 kilometres from Windhoek on the C28 road. The lodge offers 19 unique African 'kraal'-inspired chalets, of which 17 are twin/double bed units and 2 units are best suited for families. The en-suite rooms are located next to the Daan Viljoen dam in walking distance from the Boma restaurant. In-room facilities include a ceiling fan, a TV with hotel bouquet channels, a bar fridge, a small safe, a tea and coffee station, a hair dryer, and a writing desk. There is also a private barbecue and

patio with outdoor seating and an umbrella. Daan Viljoen Lodge further provides conference facilities, meeting venues, wedding facilities, walking trails, and game drives inside the park.



Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 12: End of Itinerary (21.6km)

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.