

Self-Drive 20 Nights | 21 Days Bush Adventure Safari – Camping, Lodge & Hotel Accommodation Combination

Highlights: Windhoek, Kalahari Desert, Fish River Canyon, Aus, Lüderitz and Kolmanskop, Sossusvlei and Sesriem Canyon, Deadvlei (Unesco World Heritage Site), Swakopmund, Twyfelfontein (Unesco World Heritage Site), desert adapted elephants, Etosha National Park – Seeing a diverse number of animals in their natural habitat, ever changing landscapes, opportunity to meet the San bushmen.

Inclusions:

- 20 x Overnights
- 6 x Breakfast
- 4 x Dinner
- 21 days 4x4 vehicle rental (fully equipped)
- Comprehensive Travel Documentation Pack
- 1 x Namibia Handbook
- Personal Meet & Greet Service in Windhoek

Price per person sharing: Approximately NAD 59,120.00

Tour Programme

This Tour Programme is an itinerary suggestion which is meant to serve as a tour example, and depending on personal preference, timeframe as well as individual budget, we can prepare an individualized, tailor-made tour programme.

Day	Tour Description
1	<p>Arrival in Windhoek at the Hosea Kutako International Airport. Here you take on your fully equipped 4x4 vehicle (including camping gear and rooftop tents) and thereafter drive to your hotel in Windhoek (approximately 30 minutes drive).</p> <p>For your first evening in Windhoek we recommend that you book the desired restaurant in advance. We can gladly assist with recommendations as well as the table reservations.</p> <p>Optional Activities: Guided Katutura Township Tour, Sight-seeing in Windhoek (can also be undertaken in own arrangement).</p> <p>Overnight: Hotel in Windhoek (Self-catering)</p>
2	<p>After breakfast your Namibia safari can start with the drive south into the Kalahari Desert.</p> <p>Behind the Avas mountains, the vast expanse of the country opens up like a picture book. On the way you will discover large sociable weaver nests in ancient camelthorn acacias. As you approach the lodge, the endless dunes stretch linearly across the Kalahari Desert. Oryx, springbok and other smaller mammals avail themselves for wonderful animal motifs, in the backdrop of the red dune sands. The Kalahari (also Kgalagadi) is a thorn bush savannah, partially also a dry savannah, but is sometimes referred to as a desert because of the prevailing red sands.</p> <p>Upon arrival at the camping site, you can spend some time to relax and unwind. Optional Activities on offer here are: An afternoon guided scenic drive in the red Kalahari dunes with a sundowner. This activity is offered in an open and comfortable off-road vehicle. The guide will share his knowledge and passion for this area. This is a tour to get to know the Kalahari with its unforgettable landscapes, fauna and flora. Alternatively, you can also explore the Kalahari on foot, a map for walking trails is available from reception.</p> <p>Overnight: Camping in the Kalahari Desert (Self-Catering)</p>
3	<p>Before breakfast you can opt to visit a traditional bushman village with a guide. Here you will get to know the way of life and some wisdom of the ancient San tribe.</p> <p>Thereafter you continue in a southerly direction through the contrasting desert environment. The journey takes you past the Quiver Tree Forest near the town of Keetmanshoop. Gazing out over this harsh and unforgiving landscape, it is hard to imagine that you are standing at the foot of an ancient lake. True to Namibia, this is a place of contrast and diversity, with the earth's history clearly evident in the beautiful rock formations here.</p> <p>Overnight: Camp in the Keetmanshoop area (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast)</p>
4	<p>Today your journey continues further south, to the Fish River Canyon. At 650 kilometres the Fish River is the longest river in Namibia. A very, very long time ago, the Fish River left the Naukluft mountains attempting to find its way to the Orange River, in the south of the country. But mountains blocked its flow and so the largest canyon in Africa was formed. It took 120 million years of meticulous work for the creation of the Fish River Canyon.</p> <p>Overnight: Camping at the Fish River Canyon (Self-Catering)</p>

5	<p>Today you have the option to visit the various lookout points at the Canyon. It is a vast labyrinth, in which temperatures of 50 degrees in the summer months are considered quite normal.</p> <p>Overnight: Camping at the Fish River Canyon (Self-Catering)</p>
6	<p>You continue your journey further into the Namib Desert today, to the small town of Aus.</p> <p>Admittedly, a trip to the "Friedrich" mountain, or the "Kempinski mountain" and even the 2,484 meter high "Moltkeblick", all sound like very unusual destinations, as these landmarks all carry German names. Nevertheless, you are still in Namibia.</p> <p>The lodge is situated about 1,400 meters above sea level, on the fringes of the Aus mountains. A place that invites travellers to relax and enjoy the solitude. The silence, endless landscapes, a fantastic view from the Aus mountains, all contribute to a memorable stay here.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge in the vicinity of Aus (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast)</p>
7	<p>You can choose to arrange your sight-seeing programme today according to your own wishes and interests.</p> <p>We recommend that you drive to Lüderitz in the morning, and visit the ghost town of Kolmanskop. In 1908, by chance, the first diamond was found here. The boom that was triggered by this event, ensured the rapid growth of this settlement, on the northern border of the now diamond restricted area. It was initially only intended as a diamond prospector camp. The wealth of the residents based on diamond findings gave rise to Kolmanskoppe or also known as Kolmanskop. Over the decades, however, the desert took back what man had wrestled from it. The houses fell into disrepair and the sand started piling up meters high in the ruins. The interior was partially destroyed or removed. Kolmanskoppe eventually finally became a ghost town.</p> <p>Continue to the small harbour town of Lüderitz. Just 20,000 people live here. At first glance, the city conveys an extremely bizarre sight to its visitors. On one side you have the cold Atlantic Ocean, and on the opposite side the desert is visible. In the midst of these contrasts, a small town was built on the bare rocks. The symbol of the city is the church that was built in 1911 on the highest point of a rock.</p> <p>On the way back to Aus you might spot the wild horses of the Namib at the Garub waterhole.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge in the vicinity of Aus (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast)</p>
8	<p>Today your journey takes you through one of the most spectacular and scenic landscapes of Namibia, through the southern Namib Desert. Like a chain of islands, the rough Tiras mountains rise out of the endless expanses of the desert vistas and yellow grassy plains. During the afternoon you will reach your camping site.</p> <p>Overnight: Camping in the Tiras region (Self-Catering)</p>
9	<p>Today you continue your journey through the southern Namib Desert. In the afternoon you will reach your campsite, which is not far from the famous Sossusvlei.</p> <p>Overnight: Camping in the vicinity of Sossusvlei (Self-Catering)</p>
10	<p>Early this morning we recommend that you have an early start and drive through the Sesriem Park, because a dune landscape in the morning light of the rising sun offers an unforgettable dramatic landscape, and photographic opportunities. For many years, the sporadically flowing water of the Tsauchab dry river, has been fighting its way through the ever-expanding dune landscape of the Namib Desert. However, this river will never be able to reach the sea, but instead it seeps away in natural dams made by the surrounding dunes. The Sossusvlei for instance, is surrounded by some of the highest dunes in the world, which can drain the last strength out of your legs, when you climb them. But once at the top, you will be amply rewarded with a fantastic view. Dune 45 is the most popular dune to climb here. Upon your return, you can also pay the smaller Sesriem Canyon a visit.</p> <p>Overnight: Camping in the vicinity of Sossusvlei (Self-Catering)</p>
11	<p>Continue your journey via Solitaire and through the enchanting landscapes of the Namib Desert today. The first thing that strikes the visitor when entering Solitaire is the many old timer car wrecks which are picturesquely draped along the roadside. As you continue from here, the gravel plains of the Namib spread out before you. Here and there a mountain can be seen on the flickering horizon. Today's drive is not too far, as the next campsite is located halfway between Sesriem and Swakopmund, in the middle of the Namib Desert. Here you can relax and also go hiking in the area, as there are a number of hiking trails here.</p> <p>Overnight: Camping in the Namib Desert (Self-Catering)</p>
12	<p>Today you drive via Walvis Bay to the coastal town of Swakopmund. The long winding gravel roads are occasionally decorated by small dust plumes. You are surrounded by breath-taking views and the most beautiful landscapes of the Namib desert. You drive takes you through granitic sculptured landscapes, ancient erosion valleys and crosses not only dry rivers, but also the Tropic of Capricorn. Midday arrival in Swakopmund.</p> <p>Optional activities: quad biking, camel rides, visit to the museum, aquarium, crystal gallery, horseback safari, and scenic flights over the Skeleton Coast or Sossusvlei.</p> <p>Overnight: Hotel in Swakopmund (Bed & Breakfast)</p>
13	<p>This morning you can consider to optionally partake in a variety of activities on offer here. We recommend either a catamaran Marine Cruise on the Walvis Bay Lagoon, or a half-day Living Desert Tour.</p> <p>Catamaran Marine Cruise: Between Walvis Bay and Swakopmund, on the rough Atlantic coast, you will experience the unique nature and wildlife of the Walvis Bay lagoon on board a spacious and comfortable catamaran. The four-hour cruise goes from the harbour port via the Walvis Bay oyster banks to Pelican Point, which is home to a large colony of fur seals. The tour offers many highlights. Among other things, pelicans are</p>

	<p>hand-fed in flight. You will learn a lot of interesting things about these and other marine animals. At the end of the cruise you are offered snack platters with fresh oysters and sparkling wine.</p> <p>The Desert Tour, also called the Living Desert Tour, is a unique experience in 4x4 vehicles intended to introduce the visitor to the impressive beauty of the Namib Desert and to showcase life in the desert. The coastal dune belt, which may appear barren and lifeless to some, is home to a fascinating variety of small animals that have adapted to the desert. They survive thanks to the fog that regularly rolls in from the cold Atlantic Ocean.</p> <p>Admire the "Dancing White Lady", a spider that cartwheels down the dunes at 44 revolutions per second to escape any enemy. Admire the transparent desert gecko with webbed feet that look like snowshoes. Learn about the different bugs and insects and how these manage to survive in the desert. A unique opportunity to experience the desert up close.</p> <p>Overnight: Hotel in Swakopmund (Bed & Breakfast)</p>
14	<p>Continue further north today via the salt road towards Henties Bay, and onwards via Uis into the picturesque Damaraland.</p> <p>Both regions in the northwest are characterized by lonely stretches and barren desert landscapes, which are repeatedly interrupted by green oases and are home to the famous desert adapted elephants.</p> <p>You will reach the lodge in the early afternoon. The Damaraland offers a wealth of geological and archaeological highlights. The area is named after the Damara people and is home to Namibia's highest mountain, the Brandberg, and Twyfelfontein, where some of the best preserved San rock engravings can be found. This is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge in the Twyfelfontein area (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast)</p>
15	<p>This morning you can explore the rock engravings at Twyfelfontein, in own arrangement. The Twyfelfontein area is famous for some of the finest Bushman rock engravings in southern Africa. Interesting rock formations and the remains of prehistoric volcanic activity include the Organ Pipes, Burnt Mountain, Doros Crater and the Petrified Forest.</p> <p>Thereafter the journey continues to the Grootberg plateau, where you will spend the next two nights in this pristine landscape.</p> <p>Overnight: Camping near the Grootberg Plateau (Self-Catering)</p>
16	<p>Optional: In the Grootberg Conservancy there are numerous walking trails which you can explore. Alternatively, you can also enquire at the main lodge if there is availability to join a Rhino Tracking Activity, or a Tour to see the elusive Desert Elephants, if you are interested in either activity (subject to availability).</p> <p>Overnight: Camping near the Grootberg Plateau (Self-Catering)</p>
17	<p>Today your journey takes you further north-east. Here, in the immediate vicinity of the world famous Etosha National Park, your equipped campsite offers scenic views onto the surrounding savannah landscapes.</p> <p>Overnight: Tented Chalet in the vicinity of the Etosha National Park (Self-Catering)</p>
18	<p>Today you can explore the Etosha National Park in your own vehicle, on a full day game drive. Immediately after entering the park you will have the opportunity to see a variety of game in its natural habitat. The Etosha National Park has a biodiversity that can hardly be surpassed. A variety of animals gather at the various waterholes, which offers spectacular opportunities for game viewing. Each individual waterhole has a unique character. For example, the Okondeka waterhole is one of the best for spotting lions. Very often the predator can be seen here with prey. The waterhole is a natural spring and is located just north of Okaukuejo, on the western edge of the pan. In the late afternoon you return to your campsite outside the park.</p> <p>Overnight: Tented Chalet in the vicinity of the Etosha National Park (Self-Catering)</p>
19	<p>Today you have another opportunity to explore the central area of the park in your own vehicle. At 130 km long and 50 km wide, the Etosha Pan is by far the largest pan in Africa and is also the park's most distinctive feature. The total pan area measures about 4800 square kilometres, which is roughly about quarter of the total area of Etosha National Park.</p> <p>In the late afternoon you return to your camping site outside of the park.</p> <p>Overnight: Tented Chalet in the vicinity of Etosha National Park (Self-Catering)</p>
20	<p>The journey takes you further south today to a campsite in a private game reserve that dedicates itself to the protection of large African cats. Optionally you can book a leopard tracking activity or a game drive with the lodge directly</p> <p>Overnight: Camping in a private game reserve near the Oromboko Mountains (Self-Catering)</p>
21	<p>Today you start your return journey to Windhoek. On the way to the capital it is worthwhile stopping at Namibia's largest wood carving market in Okahandja (time permitting), where you can purchase hand-carved souvenirs, basketry or jewellery. Thereafter you drive to Hosea Kutako International Airport, where you return your rented vehicle, prior to checking in for your flight home.</p>