

Guided Small Group Safari

15 Nights | 17 Days

(minimum 6 persons, maximum 12 persons)

Namibia Highlights – Lodge & Hotel Accommodation

Highlights: Windhoek, Kalahari Desert, Fish River Canyon, Lüderitz, Kolmanskop, Sossusvlei & Sesriem Canyon + Deadvlei (Unesco World Heritage Site), Swakopmund, Twyfelfontein (Unesco World Heritage Site), Desert Adapted Elephants, Etosha National Park – Experience the abundance of wildlife in their natural habitat, variety of landscapes, and the opportunity to meet the San bushmen

Inclusions:

- 15 x Overnights
- 15 x Breakfast
- 13 x Dinner
- 16 Days Mercedes Sprinter 12 Seater Bus, including fuel
- Activities as listed in the programme
- Comprehensive Travel Documentation Pack
- 1 x Namibia Handbook
- Tips for porters at hotels and lodges
- English speaking Tour Guide for duration of tour
- Bottled water whilst travelling in bus

Exclusions:

- Personal Expenses
- Telephone calls
- Meals that are not mentioned in the programme, drinks
- Souvenirs
- International Flights
- Visa Fees
- Travel Insurance
- Optional Activities
- Any other services not mentioned in the programme

Per person price sharing in Double Rooms: Approximately NAD 101,160.00 per person

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

Tour Programme

Day	Tour Description
1	<p>Arrival in Windhoek at the Hosea Kutako International Airport. Here you will be met by our experienced local tour guide, who will take and your journey can commence with the drive south into the Kalahari desert.</p> <p>After breakfast your Namibia safari can start with the drive south into the Kalahari Desert.</p> <p>Behind the Auas 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 camel thorn 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 lodge, you will can spend some time to relax and unwind. During the afternoon you can explore this desert environment on a guided scenic drive which will show you the red Kalahari dunes. 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. At a private spot in the dunes enjoy a sundowner before you head back to the lodge. Alternatively, you can also explore the Kalahari on foot, a map for walking trails is available at the reception.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge in the Kalahari Desert (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast & Scenic Nature drive)</p>
2	<p>Before breakfast you will 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>The remainder of the day can be spent at leisure in the quiet and tranquil Kalahari environment, or you can opt to book another activity directly with the lodge. We would recommend a combination of a game drive with visit of a cheetah enclosure. The guide will share all there is to know about these fastest running African cats.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge in the Kalahari Desert (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast & San Bushmen village visit)</p>
3	<p>After breakfast the journey continues in a southerly direction through the contrasting desert environment. The drive takes you past the Quiver Tree Forest near the town of Keetmanshoop. Gazing out over this harsh and unforgiving landscape, it is hard</p>

	<p>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. Your lodge is not far from the mighty and dramatic Fish River Canyon landscapes.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge in the vicinity of the Fish River Canyon (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast)</p>
4	<p>Today you can enjoy a guided tour of to sites of the Fish River Canyon. Via a long and winding path the lodge vehicle drives deep into the canyon, and you can marvel at the fascinating geological features en route. During the late afternoon you are returned to the lodge.</p> <p>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. It is a vast labyrinth, in which temperatures of 50 degrees in the summer months are considered quite normal.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge in the vicinity of the Fish River Canyon (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast & Canyon Site Seeing Drive)</p>
5	<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 at 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>
6	<p>Today an outing to the nearby town of Lüderitz and surrounds is planned for the morning. Here we first visit the ghost town of Kolmanskop. In 1908, by chance, the first diamond was found here. The boom that was triggered by this event, resulted in 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 was based on the diamond discovery. This gave rise to Kolmanskuppe 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. Kolmanskuppe eventually finally became a ghost town.</p> <p>The tour continues to the small harbour town of Lüderitz. Just 20,000 people live here. At first glance, the town conveys an extremely bizarre sight to its visitors. On the one side you have the cold Atlantic Ocean, and on the opposite side the desert is visible. In the midst of these two contrasts, a small town was built on the bare rocks. The symbol of the town is the church that was built in 1911 on the highest point of a rock.</p> <p>On the way back to Aus we might spot the wild horses of the Namib at the Garub waterhole.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge in the vicinity of Aus (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast & Lüderitz site seeing)</p>
7	<p>Today the journey takes us 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. In the afternoon we will reach your lodge which is situated near the entrance gate of the Sesriem National Park.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge in the vicinity of Sossusvlei (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast)</p>
8	<p>Just before sunrise this morning we drive into 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, or "vleis", 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 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: Lodge the vicinity of Sossusvlei (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast & visit to Sossuvlei, Dead Vlei & Seriem Canyon)</p>
09	<p>We continue our journey further north 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 we continue from here, the gravel plains of the Namib spread out before us. Here and there a mountain can be seen on the flickering horizon. We also cross the Tropic of Capricorn before driving via Walvis Bay to Swakopmund. Afternoon arrival in the coastal town of 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>
10	<p>This morning you can consider to optionally partake in one of two activities. These are either a half-day 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 Bayer oyster banks to Pelican Point, which is home to a large colony of fur seals. The tour offers</p>

	<p>many highlights. Among other things, pelicans are 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>The afternoon can be spent at leisure and we can explore the town of Swakopmund on foot, or relax in the hotel.</p> <p>Overnight: Hotel in Swakopmund (Bed & Breakfast)</p>
11	<p>The journey continues 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>We 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>
12	<p>During the morning we will visit the Twyfelfontein Rock Engraving area. These are famous as being some of the best Bushman drawings and rock engravings in southern Africa. Interesting rock formations and the remains of prehistoric volcanic activity can also be found in this area.</p> <p>Optionally, during the afternoon you can book a guided tour in search of the desert-adapted elephants, with the lodge directly.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge in the Twyfelfontein area (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast)</p>
13	<p>After breakfast we drive north-east to the world-famous Etosha National Park. The entrance to the park is through the Anderson Gate. From the moment you drive in you have the opportunity to spot big game in the wild. We spend the next two nights in a rest camp in the Etosha National Park, where we will undertake daily game drives in our own tour vehicle to the various waterholes, in order to see as much game as possible.</p> <p>Overnight: Camp in the Etosha National Park (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast)</p>
14	<p>Today we explore the central Etosha National Park in our own tour vehicle, on a full day game drive. 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 on the western edge of the pan. In the late afternoon we return to our rest camp for another overnight.</p> <p>Overnight: Camp in the Etosha National Park (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast)</p>
15	<p>Today we start our return journey to Windhoek. We drive via the towns of Outjo, Otjiwarong and Okahandja to Windhoek, where we arrive during the course of the afternoon. We have one overnight in an hotel situated in a quiet suburb of Windhoek.</p> <p>Overnight: Hotel in Windhoek (Bed & Breakfast)</p>
16	<p>We can spend the morning at leisure in Windhoek, on a guided city tour. Depending on your flight departure you have the opportunity to purchase some last souvenirs, if you wish. Recommended shops are Bushmen Art Souvenirs, Ernst Holz, and also the Craft Centre in the centre of town, to mention but a few.</p> <p>During the afternoon you will be transferred to Hosea Kutako Airport, here you bid your guide farewell, prior to checking in for your return flight home.</p>