

# Self-Drive Safari

## 19 Nights | 20 Days

### Endless Expanses – Fixed accommodation

**Highlights :** Windhoek, Kalahari Desert, Mesosaurus fossils, quiver trees & dolomite rock (playground of giants) Fish River Canyon, desert horses and Namib Desert, Lüderitz & Kolmannskuppe, Sossusvlei, Deadvlei & Sesriem, Swakopmund, Twyfelfontein (Damaraland), desert elephants, Etosha National Park, Waterberg, private game reserve, wonderful landscapes, hiking opportunities, diversity of wildlife and encounters with Bushmen.

**Inclusions:**

19 x nights accommodation  
 19 x breakfast  
 15 x dinner  
 20 x days 4x4 vehicle (double cab)  
 1 x Namibia manual  
 Personal meeting in Windhoek

**Price per person sharing:** Approximately NAD 100,890.00

#### Tour Programm

*This tour program is intended as a suggestion, and depending on your wishes, schedule and budget, we will be happy to create a tailor-made program for you.*

Day	TRAVEL PROGRAM & SERVICES
1	<p>Pick up your rental car. Approx. 30 minutes drive to your accommodation in Windhoek.</p> <p>For the first evening in Windhoek, you should book the desired restaurant in advance (we will be happy to help you with this).</p> <p>Optional: Guided Katutura tour, city tour (also on your own).</p> <p><b>Overnight: Windhoek Luxury Suites (bed   breakfast)</b></p>
2	<p>After breakfast, head south into the Kalahari.</p> <p>Behind the Aua Mountains, the vastness of the country opens up like a picture book. On the way you will discover gigantic sieve weavers' nests in ancient camel thorn acacias. As you approach the lodge, endless linear dunes stretch across the limestone soil of the Kalahari.</p> <p>Optional activity: afternoon guided panoramic drive in the red Kalahari dunes with sundowner. It is a tour to get to know the Kalahari with unforgettable viewpoints on the red dune ridges (duration approx. 2.5 hours)</p> <p><b>Overnight: Bagatelle Kalahari Lodge (dinner   overnight stay   breakfast)</b></p>
3	<p>Before you set off, you can take an optional activity to a Bushman village. There you will learn about the way of life and some of the wisdom of this indigenous people.</p> <p>Then continue south through the contrasting desert world.</p> <p>Today's journey ends at the Quiver Tree Forest near Keetmanshoop. The "playground of the giants" - a jumble of granite rocks piled on top of each other - is a special motif for every photographer as the sun sets and rises.</p> <p>In the afternoon, you can consider an optional exploration of these remnants of forgotten times on a guided tour, while enjoying Namibia's hospitality and comfort in rustic accommodation.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Mesosaurus Camp near Keetmanshoop (dinner   overnight stay   breakfast)</b></p>
4	<p>After breakfast, the journey continues in a southerly direction.</p> <p>It is worth taking a break at the Naute Dam. The Naute Dam was built to supply water to the surrounding villages and to irrigate the fruit plantations. This fruit, which spoils quickly if left unrefrigerated, is now distilled. This is the background to the "Naute Dam Distillery" project. Not far from the mighty gorge landscape of the Fish River, your next accommodation lies between mighty granite rocks.</p> <p><b>Overnight stay: Canyon Lodge (dinner   overnight stay   breakfast)</b></p>
5	<p>At 650 kilometers, it is the longest river in Namibia. And in the Naukluft Mountains it set off a very long time ago in search of the Orange River in the south of the country. But mountains stood in its way and so, in 120 million years of painstaking work, it created the largest canyon in Africa, the Fish River Canyon.</p> <p>Optional: Today you should consider a guided tour to the canyon viewpoints in a lodge vehicle.</p> <p><b>Overnight stay: Canyon Lodge (dinner   overnight stay   breakfast)</b></p>
6	<p>You penetrate further into the Namib Desert and spend the night near Aus.</p> <p>And the scene of history, where your next accommodation is situated at 1,400 meters, is now called Aus Mountains. A place where everyone can come to rest. Silence, endless expanses, a fantastic view of the Aus mountains and widescreen sunsets are the program for a pleasurable slowdown.</p> <p><b>Overnight stay: Klein Aus Vista (dinner   overnight stay   breakfast)</b></p>
7	<p>Today you should not only visit the Wild Horses of the Namib, but also the historic town of Lüderitz.</p> <p>In the morning you should drive to Lüderitz and visit the ghost town of Kolmannskuppe. The houses were falling into disrepair and sand was piling up meters high in the ruins. Some of the interior furnishings were destroyed or taken away. Kolmannskop finally became a ghost town.</p> <p>Continue to the small harbor town of Lüderitz, a small town built on bare rock. On the way back, you can spot the wild horses at the Garub waterhole.</p> <p><b>Overnight stay: Klein Aus Vista (dinner   overnight stay   breakfast)</b></p>
8	<p>Today you drive through a geologically beautiful area into the southern Namib Desert. The rugged Tiras Mountains rise like a chain of islands from the endless expanses of red dunes and yellow grasslands. Koimasis Ranch is also located here in the heart of the Tiras Mountains.</p> <p>Optional: On a guided tour you will learn about life on a farm on the edge of the desert.</p> <p><b>Overnight stay: Koimasis Farm in the Tiras Mountains (dinner   overnight stay   breakfast)</b></p>

9	<p>Today the journey continues to the vicinity of the famous Sossusvlei, where you will arrive in the afternoon at your accommodation, which is located at the entrance to the Sesriem Park.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Desert Camp in the Sesriem area (dinner   overnight stay   breakfast)</b></p>
10	<p>Drive into the park early in the morning, as a dune landscape in the morning light offers an unforgettable landscape. Sossusvlei is surrounded by the highest dunes in the world, which suck the last bit of energy out of your legs as you climb them. Once at the top, you are richly rewarded with a fantastic view. Dune 45 is the most popular dune to climb.</p> <p><b>Overnight stay: Desert Camp in the Sesriem area (dinner   overnight stay   breakfast)</b></p>
11	<p>After breakfast, drive to Swakopmund via Solitaire and Walvis Bay. Upon reaching Solitaire, the first thing visitors notice are the many car wrecks picturesquely draped along the roadsides.</p> <p>As you drive on, the gravel plains of the Namib spread out before you, here and there a mountain on the shimmering horizon. Arrival in Swakopmund at midday.</p> <p>Optional activities: quad biking, camel riding, visit to the museum, aquarium, crystal gallery, riding safari, flight over the Skeleton Coast or Sossusvlei</p> <p><b>Overnight stay: Hotel Pension Rapmund in Swakopmund (bed   breakfast)</b></p>
12	<p>This morning you can consider either a catamaran boat trip or desert tour (optional).</p> <p>Catamaran boat trip: Between Walvis Bay and Swakopmund, on the rugged coast of the Atlantic Ocean, you will experience the unique nature and wildlife of the Walvis Bay lagoon on board a spacious and comfortable catamaran. The four-hour trip takes you from the industrial harbor across the Walvis Bay oyster beds out to Pelican Point, home to a large colony of fur seals. The tour offers many highlights. Among other things, pelicans are hand-fed in flight. You will learn many interesting things about these animals.</p> <p>Desert Tour: Also called The Living Desert Tour, this is a unique experience in 4WD vehicles that aims to introduce our visitors to the impressive beauty of the Namib Desert and showcase life in the desert. The coastal dune belt, which may seem 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. A unique opportunity to experience the desert up close.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Hotel Pension Rapmund in Swakopmund (bed   breakfast)</b></p>
13	<p>Continue north on the salt road towards Henties Bay. Here you can continue to Cape Cross, where, in addition to the cross of the Portuguese navigator Diego Cao, there is a colony of dwarf fur seals. From Henties Bay, continue north via Uis to the vicinity of Twyfelfontein. Damaraland offers a wealth of geological and archaeological highlights. Named after the Damara people, the region is home to Namibia's highest peak, the Brandberg, and Twyfelfontein, one of the most important rock engravings and paintings of the San, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.</p> <p><b>Overnight stay: Twyfelfontein Country Lodge (dinner   overnight stay   breakfast)</b></p>
14	<p>This morning you should go on a guided drive in search of the desert elephants (optional). The afternoon is at leisure. Optional excursion (on your own): Visit to the rock engravings at Twyfelfontein.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Twyfelfontein Country Lodge (dinner   overnight   breakfast)</b></p>
15	<p>After breakfast, drive in a north-easterly direction into the world-famous Etosha National Park. The entrance to the park is through the Anderson Gate. Right from the entrance you have the opportunity to spot big game in the wild.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Okaukuejo Camp in Etosha National Park (bed   breakfast)</b></p>
16	<p>If you wish, you can leave the camp and explore the park on your own. Etosha National Park has a biodiversity that is hard to beat. A variety of animals gather at the waterholes, which can lead to a spectacular experience. Each individual waterhole has a unique character. For example, the Okondeka waterhole is one of the best for lion spotting. The predator can often be spotted here with prey. The waterhole is a natural spring and is located just north of Okaukuejo on the western edge of the pan. Continue to the eastern side of the park where your next accommodation is located just outside the Von Lindequist Gate.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Mokti Etosha Lodge in the Etosha East area (dinner   overnight stay   breakfast)</b></p>
17	<p>Today you have another opportunity to drive to various waterholes in the park in your rental car. Set off early to drive into the park as soon as the gates open. At one particular waterhole there is usually a leopard resting in the tree after its nightly hunt.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Mokuti Lodge in the Etosha East area (dinner   overnight stay   breakfast)</b></p>
18	<p>On the drive to the Waterberg, it is worth making a detour to the Hoba Meteorite. This is probably the largest lump of iron (over 50 tons) of its kind and is worth seeing for that reason alone. Continue via Otjiwarongo to the historic Waterberg area.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Waterberg Plateau Lodge (dinner   overnight stay   breakfast)</b></p>
19	<p>Today you have the opportunity to explore the Waterberg Plateau Park on your own.</p> <p>The 20-kilometre-wide and 50-kilometre-long Table Mountain massif consists of porous sandstone. Precipitation seeps through the permeable rock and meets an impermeable layer of clay at the bottom. Thanks to reintroduction, the two rhino species found in Namibia, white and black rhino, the only known healthy groups of African buffalo, sable, roan and lyre antelope as well as leopards and cheetahs can be found here today.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Waterberg Plateau Lodge (dinner   overnight stay   breakfast)</b></p>
20	<p>On the way to Windhoek, it is worth stopping at the woodcarving market in Okahandja. It is the largest woodcarving market in Namibia.</p> <p>Continue to Windhoek. Here you have the opportunity to buy a souvenir that you have not yet found. Suitable shops are Bushmen Art, Rogel Souvenirs, Ernst Holz and the Craft Center.</p> <p>Return your rental car in good time before check-in at Hosea Kutako Airport.</p> <p><b>Return flight to Germany</b></p>