

Self-Drive Safari

25 Nights | 24 Days

Endless expanses – Fixed accommodation

Highlights : Windhoek, Kalahari, Fish River Canyon and the Orange River, wild horses, Kolmannskuppe & Lüderitz, Tiras Mountains, Sossusvlei, Sesriem & Dead Vlei, Namib Desert Swakopmund, Erongo Mountains, Etosha National Park, Waterberg, wonderful landscapes, variety of animals and encounters with Bushmen

Inclusions:

24 x nights accommodation
24 x breakfast
18 x dinner
25 x days 4x4 vehicle
1 x Namibia manual
Personal meeting in Windhoek

Price per person sharing: Approximately NAD 104, 240

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	Pick up your rental car. After about 90 minutes' drive, you will reach your first accommodation, a guest farm. Optional: In the afternoon, take a tour with sundowner, visit the gardens and the African Kirikara Art & Craft Weaving and Goldsmith Studios. The observatory, AstroVilla, offers its admirers insights into the galaxies of the universe. Overnight: Guest farm outside Windhoek (dinner overnight breakfast)
2	After breakfast, head south into the Kalahari. Behind the Auas Mountains, the vastness of the country opens up like a picture book. On the way, you will discover gigantic sociable weavers' nests in ancient camel thorn acacias. As you approach the lodge, endless linear dunes stretch across the limestone soil of the Kalahari. Once you arrive at your accommodation, you have some time to relax. Optional activities: Afternoon, guided panoramic drive in the red Kalahari dunes with sundowner. The drive is carried out in an open and comfortable off-road vehicle with a lot of passion and without any hustle and bustle. It is a tour to get to know the Kalahari with unforgettable viewpoints on the red dune ridges (duration approx. 2.5 hours) Explore the Kalahari on foot and on your own. A map with hiking trails is available at reception. Overnight stay: Lodge in the Kalahari (dinner overnight stay breakfast)
3	Before you set off today, you can take part in an optional guided tour to a Bushman village. There you will learn about the way of life and some of the wisdom of this indigenous people. The journey then continues. You penetrate deeper into the Kalahari and soon reach your next accommodation, which is situated almost on the eastern border of Namibia. Optional: walking safaris, game drives (also at night), special game drives for children, bird watching, stargazing, lion tracking, barbecues in the dunes, etc. Overnight stay: Lodge in the Kalahari (dinner overnight stay breakfast)
4	Today you can take part in an optional lodge activity and explore this unique Kalahari environment. We recommend a game drive or lion tracking. Overnight: Lodge in the Kalahari (dinner overnight stay breakfast)
5	You enter the Kgalagadi Park (Botswana) through the border post at Mata Mata. The special feature of this part of the Kalahari is the reddish-yellow sand dunes that can be found here in the extreme southwest of Botswana and whose shapes enchant the observer. The park is famous for its resident Kalahari lions with their distinctive black manes. The camp has a restaurant where meals can be taken. Overnight stay: Camp in Kalagadi Park (self-catering overnight stay)
6	You can explore the Kalagadi National Park extensively on game drives today. The park has a total area of over 3.6 million hectares and is located in the north of the Northern Cape Province of South Africa and in the southwest of Botswana. It borders Namibia to the west. As it is a conservation park that stretches across national borders, it is also one of the Peace Parks. Overnight stay: Camp in Kalagadi Park (self-catering overnight stay)
7	The journey takes you back to Namibia today, and the journey continues south through the contrasting desert world to the Fish River Canyon. At 650 kilometers, the Fish River is the longest river in Namibia. A very long time ago, it set off from the Naukluft Mountains in search of the Orange River in the south of the country. But mountains stood in its way and so, over 120 million years of painstaking work, it created the largest canyon in Africa: the Fish River Canyon, an igneous labyrinth in which temperatures of 50 degrees are nothing special. Your accommodation is located not far from this enormous canyon landscape, in a direct line to the viewpoints. Overnight stay: Lodge at the Fish River Canyon (dinner overnight stay breakfast)
8	After breakfast today, drive on your own to the viewpoint of the second largest canyon in the world. If you look down into the canyon, which is up to 550 m deep, you get the feeling of standing on the edge of eternity. Few places in the world reveal the layers of the earth as dramatically as the Fish River Canyon. The lodge also offers optional morning and afternoon drives, sundowner drives and guided hikes. Overnight stay: Lodge at the Fish River Canyon (dinner overnight stay breakfast)
9	The journey continues to the Orange River, which is the border river between Namibia and South Africa. If time permits, you can take an optional canoe tour on the river. Overnight stay: Lodge on the Orange River (bed breakfast)

10	<p>Continue this morning to the small town of Aus. Admittedly, an excursion to the Grand Duke Friedrich Mountain, the Kempinskiberg or the 2,484-meter-high Moltkeblick sounds very unusual. But you are still in Namibia and the scene of history, where your next accommodation is located at 1,400 meters, is now called the 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 deceleration.</p> <p>Overnight stay: Lodge near Aus (dinner overnight stay breakfast)</p>
11	<p>You can spend the day as you wish.</p> <p>Drive to Lüderitz in the morning with a visit to Kolmannskuppe. The wealth of the inhabitants, based on diamonds, gave rise to Kolmanskop. Over the decades, the desert reclaimed what man had wrested from it. The houses deteriorated visibly and sand piled up meters high in the ruins. Some of the interior furnishings were destroyed or taken away. Kolmanskop finally became a ghost town.</p> <p>Continue to the small harbor town of Lüderitz, which was built on bare rock. On the way back to Aus you might spot the wild horses at the Garub waterhole.</p> <p>For dinner, you can order a prepared barbecue package for your chalet. From your terrace you can enjoy a fantastic sunset with an extraordinary view over the vastness of the desert.</p> <p>Overnight stay: Lodge at Aus (dinner overnight stay breakfast)</p>
12	<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. Here lies the lodge in the heart of the Tiras Mountains.</p> <p>Optional: On a guided tour you will learn about life at a lodge on the edge of the desert.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge in the Tiras area (dinner overnight stay breakfast)</p>
13	<p>Today you will travel further north to the Sossusvlei area. In the afternoon you will reach your accommodation.optional activities: sightseeing flights, balloon trips, nature tours.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge in the Sossusvlei area (dinner overnight stay breakfast)</p>
14	<p>Drive to Sesriem Park in the morning, because a dune landscape in the morning light offers an unforgettable landscape. For many years, the sporadically flowing water of the Tsauchab dry river has been fighting its way through the ever-growing dune landscape of the Namib Desert. However, it will never reach the sea, but seeps away into a natural dune dam. Sossusvlei is surrounded by the highest dunes in the world, which suck the last bit of strength 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>Overnight: Lodge in the Sossusvlei area (dinner overnight stay breakfast)</p>
15	<p>Continue via Solitaire and through the enchanting landscapes of the Namib Desert. Upon reaching Solitaire, visitors will first notice the many car wrecks picturesquely draped along the roadsides. As you drive on, the gravel plains of the Namib spread out before you, with a mountain here and there on the shimmering horizon. Today's drive is not too far, and halfway between Sesriem and Swakopmund is the next lodge in the middle of the Namib Desert. Here you can relax extensively and also go on hikes in the surrounding area.</p> <p>Overnight stay: Lodge in the Namib Desert (dinner overnight stay breakfast)</p>
16	<p>After breakfast, drive to Swakopmund via Walvis Bay. The long gravel roads are occasionally decorated with a small plume of dust. You are surrounded by breathtaking expanses and the most beautiful landscapes of the desert. You drive through granite sculpture landscapes, ancient erosion valleys and cross the occasional dry river. Optional activities: quad biking, camel riding, visit to the museum, aquarium, crystal gallery, riding safari, flight over the Skeleton Coast or Sossusvlei.</p> <p>Overnight stay: Hotel in Swakopmund</p>
17	<p>This morning you have the option of taking part in a catamaran boat trip. Other activities such as desert tours or quad biking are also an option in Swakopmund and the surrounding area.Catamaran cruise: 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>The Desert Tour, also known as the Living Desert Tour, 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>Overnight: Hotel in Swakopmund</p>
18	<p>Today's journey takes us back into the interior of the country, into the picturesque Erongo region. Today's Erongo is no more than a fraction of what was once a mighty volcano. Around 130 million years ago, shortly before the ancient continent of Gondwanaland began to break apart and the continents of South America and Africa were formed, the Erongo massif was formed where it stands today. No matter which side you approach the Erongo from, it always forms a beautiful backdrop. Hikes through the granite fields are ideal in this nature reserve. The reddish mountain slopes and bizarre clusters of huge boulders are surrounded by diverse plant life, which is watered by small streams, especially in summer. From the heights, there are breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside.</p> <p>Here you can take an optional guided hike with the lodge or a nature tour with sundowner.</p> <p>Overnight stay: Lodge in the Erongo region (dinner overnight stay breakfast)</p>
19	<p>Today we continue north to the 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. Etosha National Park has a firm place on the world map of national parks. The numerous herds of animals are dependent on the waterholes for most of the year - ideal conditions for observing and photographing the animals.</p> <p>Overnight: Camp in Etosha National Park (Dinner Overnight Breakfast)</p>
20	<p>With a length of 130 km and a width of 50 km, the Etosha Pan is by far the largest in Africa and also the most striking feature of the park. The total area is approximately 4800 km², which is about a quarter of the total area of Etosha National Park. 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. Today you cross the national park in an easterly direction and thus have the opportunity to drive to the waterholes completely to the east. You leave the park at the Von Lindequist Gate and reach your accommodation after a few kilometers.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge on the eastern side of Etosha National Park (dinner overnight stay breakfast)</p>
21	<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. Return to your lodge in the late afternoon.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge on the east side of Etosha National Park (dinner overnight stay breakfast)</p>
22	<p>You leave the Etosha area this morning, and the drive continues south to your next accommodation, a guest farm located just outside the mining town of Tsumeb.Optional activities on offer here are: Farm and rhino tour. A charming contrast to Etosha: game such as oryx, impala, eland, blesbok and hartebeest live in the mountains of the 30 km² nature reserve. You will almost always come across white rhino. Another highlight are the unique rock engravings of our ancestors. The elephant is famous among experts.</p> <p>Other activities include a visit to the Ghaub Cave. The cave is part of a farm and lies 38 meters below the surface. It has a humid underground world formed by a forced mixture of water and calcium for the last seven million years.</p>

	<p>Rhino tracking: Accompany the trackers of the "Rhino Patrol" on foot in search of the white rhinos. You will learn a lot about the animals' behavior and, if successful, meet them at eye level. Fitness is required.</p> <p>Farm Tour: This tour gives you a fascinating insight into an extraordinary farm operation</p> <p>Overnight: Guest farm near Tsumeb (Dinner Overnight Breakfast)</p>
23	<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 this reason alone. Isotope studies suggest an impact 80000 years ago. A special feature of the meteorite is that there are no signs of impact craters or similar, as is to be expected with a meteorite of this size. Continue via Otjiwarongo to the Waterberg region. Your accommodation is located directly on the Waterberg. In the afternoon, you can take part in an optional nature tour to explore this farm.</p> <p>Overnight stay: Lodge at the Waterberg (dinner overnight stay breakfast)</p>
24	<p>Today you have the opportunity to explore the Waterberg Plateau Park on your own.</p> <p>The Table Mountain massif, which is 20 kilometers wide and 50 kilometers long, consists of porous sandstone. Precipitation seeps through the permeable rock and meets an impermeable clay layer at the bottom. While it is very dry at the top of the plateau, there is plenty of surface water and powerful permanent springs at the foot. The vegetation here is therefore comparatively lush and green and particularly rich in species.</p> <p>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 tsessebe, as well as leopards and cheetahs, are also present today.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge at the Waterberg (dinner overnight stay breakfast)</p>
25	<p>On the way to Windhoek, it is worth making a stop at the woodcarving market in Okahandja. It is the largest woodcarving market in Namibia. Continue to Windhoek.</p> <p>Return your rental car in good time before departure, at Hosea Kutako Airport.</p> <p>Return flight to Germany</p>