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NAMIBIA - THE HIGHLIGHTS - 10 DAYS

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**ITINERARY OVERVIEW**

*This perfect 10-day journey includes Namibia's most popular highlights: Sossusvlei, Deadvlei, Swakopmund, Sandwich Harbour and Etosha National Park. The route follows a perfect circle that travels through the incredibly dramatic Namib Desert landscapes and ochre dunes of the south to the icy Atlantic coastline and finally to the dramatic white flats and Mopane woodland of the Etosha National Park. The itinerary includes comfortable, well-placed accommodation, expertly guided activities and a 4x4 car rental. The route can be reversed. All itineraries can be booked on a self-drive or private guided basis.*

**ITINERARY SUMMARY**

Highlights include Dune 45, Sossusvlei, Deadvlei, Tropic of Capricorn, Swakopmund, Sandwich Harbour, Walvisbay Lagoon and Etosha.

#	AREAS	KMS	ACCOMMODATION	MEALS
1	Arrival - Windhoek	50km 0h45	<a href="#">The Weinberg</a>	B+B
2	Windhoek - Sossusvlei	306km 4h	<a href="#">Dead Valley Lodge</a>	DBB
3	Sossusvlei		<a href="#">Dead Valley Lodge</a> Guided excursion to Dune 45, Sossusvlei, Deadvlei & Sesriem Canyon	DBB+L
4	Sossusvlei - Swakopmund	350km 4h30	<a href="#">Strand Hotel</a>	B+B
5	Swakopmund		<a href="#">Strand Hotel</a> Marine Dune Day	B+B+L
6	Swakopmund - Etosha	500km 5h30	<a href="#">Etosha Safari Lodge</a>	DBB
7	Etosha	180km	<a href="#">Mushara Lodge</a>	DBB
8	Etosha		<a href="#">Mushara Lodge</a> Guided Game Drive in Etosha National Park	DBB
9	Etosha - Otjiwa	330km 3h30	<a href="#">Otjiwa Eagles Rest</a> Guided Sundowner Game Drive	DBB
10	Otjiwa - Windhoek - Depart	220km 2h30		

## ITINERARY DAY-TO-DAY

### DAY 01

*Arrival - Windhoek (Eurowings 08:00)*

Welcome to Namibia! A driver from the car rental company will meet you at the airport's arrivals hall and transfer you to the rental depot in Windhoek. We will meet you here to assist with the vehicle collection and ensure you have all you need to start your Namibian adventure. Drive a short distance to your hotel, where you can drop your bags and walk to a nearby cafe for a bite to eat. A driver picks you up from your hotel at 14:00 for a Windhoek City Tour, which takes 3 hours. This fund tour gives historical context to Windhoek's buildings and an insight into the lively culture of Windhoek's informal township, Katatura. We recommend sundowners on the veranda of Heinitzburg Castle before you enjoy dinner at one of the restaurants in the Weinberg complex.

Overnight at [The Weinberg](#)

Basis: B+B

### DAY 02

*Windhoek - Sesriem*

Breakfast. Today you leave Windhoek and travel down the Naukluft escarpment to the Namib Desert. Arrive at the Sesriem gate into the Naukluft Park and pay for your entry permit (costs N\$150 per person and N\$50 per vehicle). Proceed to Dead Valley Lodge to check in. Enjoy the beautiful views over the Namib landscapes before sitting down for a delicious dinner. Marvel at the clarity of the stars when you walk to your room. Travel time from Windhoek to the lodge is approximately 4h.

Overnight at [Dead Valley Lodge](#)

Basis: DBB

### DAY 03

#### *A Day Exploring the Sossusvlei Dunes*

Breakfast. This morning starts early with a light breakfast before joining a guide and car from Dead Valley Lodge for an exciting excursion to Sossusvlei. Staying inside the park gates has the advantage of experiencing the magnificent dunes during sunrise. The route to Sossusvlei and Dead Vlei is a tar road, with only the last few kilometers being thick sandy tracks. Sossusvlei will be on your right, and the parking and route to Deadvlei will be on your left. It is best to visit Deadvlei before the day gets too hot. If you're feeling energetic, we recommend the climb up the crest of Big Daddy Dune. The panoramic views over the sand sea are spectacular. Return to the lodge for lunch and rest during the hottest part of the day. This afternoon you'll join a guide to visit the Sesriem Canyon and marvel at the passage of time layered in the rock sediment of the canyon walls. Travel time: at your own pace.

\*Please remember that sitting on or climbing the ancient trees in Deadvlei is illegal. If you see anyone doing this - please remind them that these iconic skeletons are fragile, and we must all help to protect them.

Overnight at [Dead Valley Lodge](#)

Basis: DBB + L

### DAY 04

#### *Sesriem - Swakopmund*

Breakfast. Shake the Sossusvlei sand out of your shoes and head further north to the icy water of the Atlantic Ocean. Stop at Solitaire to refuel and sample some of their famous apple pie. Your route crosses the Tropic of Capricorn and winds through the Kuiseb Canyon. You'll reach the port town of Walvisbay first. Keep following the coastal road north to Swakopmund. You'll arrive in Swakop during the course of the afternoon. Check in at your hotel or guesthouse and enjoy a stroll through town or on the jetty before choosing a restaurant for dinner. Travel time from Sesriem to Swakopmund is approximately 4h30.

Our Swakopmund restaurant recommendations:

- Brauhaus
- Gabrielle's Pizzeria (booking is essential)
- Altstadt
- Andy's Sushi, Oyster and Fine Seafood Restaurant
- Brewer + Butcher

Overnight at [Strand Hotel](#)

Basis: B+B

## DAY 05

### *A Day on the Namibian Coast*

Breakfast. Drive the short distance, along the coast, to Walvisbay. Check in at the Mola Mola office on the Waterfront for a day full of adventures. The day starts with a cruise in the Walvisbay Harbour, where you'll spot seals, dolphins, pelicans and flamingos. If you're fortunate, you might spot whales and sunfish. You'll return to the Waterfront, where you will meet your guide and embark on an epic 4x4 adventure through the dunes of the Namib Naukluft Park to Sandwich Harbour. The route to Sandwich Harbour depends on the tides. It may run along the beach, past the Lange Wand, before you head through the dune belt to a scenic lookout point from where you can see the whole Sandwich Harbour estuary. Your guide is very experienced, and although you'll want to hold your breath at some of the steep dune descents, you are in skilful hands. A light lunch platter is served in the dunes with various "finger" foods, i.e., spring rolls, crostinis, calamari sticks, chicken wings, and snacks like droëwors, chips, cookies with sparkling wine, beer, coke, and water. In the late afternoon, make your way back to Swakopmund. After freshening up, decide on a restaurant for dinner. The cruise and dune trip is a full day. Travel time between Swakopmund and Walvisbay is approx 1h.

Overnight at [Strand Hotel](#)

Basis: B+B + L

## DAY 06

### *Swakopmund - Etosha*

Breakfast. Enjoy an early breakfast and stock up on water and snacks before you drive out of Swakopmund to Etosha. You can navigate via the Moonlandscape and Goanikontes Oasis (optional) and join the tar road via Usakos, Karibib and Omaruru. We recommend stopping at Kashana in Omaruru for lunch before you continue to Outjo and Etosha Safari Lodge. Arrive at the lodge and relax after the day's long drive. Enjoy a beautiful sundowner looking out over the Mopane woodland before dinner. Travel time from Swakopmund to Etosha is approximately 5h30.

Overnight at [Etosha Safari Lodge](#)

Basis: DBB

### DAY 07

#### *A Day in Etosha National Park*

A full day's worth of game driving awaits. Leave early to enjoy the cool morning air and frequent sightings of animals like springbok, zebra, kudu, elephants, giraffes, steenbok, dik-dik, warthog, lions, cheetahs and even leopards. Etosha is truly an untamed wilderness, and although animal sightings are never guaranteed, each visit to the park brings unique and rewarding experiences. Visit some of the many waterholes that dot the side of the massive salt pan. The lookout point affords splendid views of the huge Etosha Pan. The pan covers about 25 percent of the park and is a shallow depression that is dry for most of the year but fed by moisture from perennial springs on the fringes. Halali camp, situated in the middle of the park, is a good stop for a light lunch. Continue north and finally exit the park through the Von Lindequist gate. Shortly you arrive at Mushara. The travel distance through the park is roughly 180km, and you complete it in your own time. Remember that the park's speed limit is 60km/h.

Overnight at [Mushara Lodge](#)  
Basis: DBB

### DAY 08

#### *A Day in Etosha National Park*

Breakfast. Join a guide from Mushara for a morning game drive in Etosha. The guides have local knowledge and are well aware of the specific areas where different animals can be found. The northern part of the park often rewards visitors with lion sightings. Return to the lodge for lunch and rest during the hottest part of the day. Then return to the park in your vehicle or relax and enjoy the lodge facilities.

Overnight at [Mushara Lodge](#)  
Basis: DBB

### DAY 09

#### *Etosha - Otjiwa Eagle's Rest*

Breakfast. Your journey south begins today. Travel through Tsumeb, Otavi and Otjiwarongo before finally arriving at Otjiwa Reserve. Check in and enjoy the peaceful surroundings. Join a guide for a sundowner game drive before dinner. The farm is home to 25 different game species. Travel time between Etosha and Otjiwa is approx 3h30.

Overnight at [Otjiwa Eagles Rest](#)  
Basis: DBB

**DAY 10**

*Otjiwa - Windhoek - Depart (Eurowings @ 19:00)*

Breakfast. Travel further south to Windhoek. Pay a visit to the Namibia Craft Centre, where you can buy local souvenirs before you return your rental car to the depot. You'll be transferred to the airport to check in for your onward flight. Travel time between Otjiwa and Windhoek is approx 2h30.

**END OF SERVICES**

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## QUOTE

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT N\$
Per Person (based on 2 adults sharing)	From N\$ 52 250.00

Each confirmed itinerary contributes N\$500 towards the [DRC School Project & Community Centre](#) in Swakopmund.

## RENTAL CAR

Toyota Fortuner 4x4 SUV

## GUIDED EXCURSIONS

- Dead Valley Lodge - Guided Sossusvlei Excursion
- Dead Valley Lodge - Guided Sesriem Excursion
- Mola Mola - [Marine Dune Day](#)
- Mushara Lodge - Guided Etosha Game Drive
- Otjiwa - Guided Sundowner Drive

## MEAL ABBREVIATIONS

B+B	Bed and breakfast
B+B+L	Bed, breakfast and lunch
DBB	Dinner, bed and breakfast (excludes drinks)
DBB+L	Dinner, bed, breakfast and lunch (excludes drinks)
FB	Accommodation, meals and local drinks
FI	Accommodation, three meals daily, soft drinks, house wines, local brand spirits and beers, teas and coffees, refreshments during guided activities

## INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

Details about self-drive inclusions and exclusions are available [HERE](#).

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