

## NAMIBIA - COMFORT SAFARI - 11 DAYS

## ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Truly experience Namibia by embarking on an enriching 11-day journey through Namibia, exploring its beauty and culture with comfort and affordability. The route includes Namibia's most popular highlights: Sossusvlei, Deadvlei, Swakopmund, Etosha National Park, and Cape Cross on the southern end of the Skeleton Coast. The itinerary includes comfortable, well-priced accommodation 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**

The highlights include Etosha, Damaraland, Twyfelfontein, Cape Cross, Swakopmund, Walvisbay Lagoon, Tropic of Capricorn, Dune 45, Sossusvlei, Deadvlei.

#	AREAS	KMS	ACCOMMODATION	MEALS
1	Arrival - Windhoek - Otjiwa	215km 2h30	Otjiwa Eagle's Rest Lodge Guided Sundowner Drive	DBB
2	Otjiwa - Etosha South	200km 2h	Etosha Safari Lodge	DBB
3	Etosha South	own pace	Etosha Safari Lodge	DBB
4	Etosha - Damaraland	320km 3h30	Twyfelfontein Country Lodge	DBB
5	Damarland		Twyfelfontein Country Lodge AM: Visit Twyfelfontein PM: Elephant Drive	DBB
6	Damaraland - Cape Cross	300km 3h50	Cape Cross Lodge	DBB
7	Cape Cross - Swakopmund	165km 2h	Atlantic Garden Boutique Hotel	В+В
8	Swakopmund		Atlantic Garden Boutique Hotel Dolphin Cruise	B+B
9	Swakopmund - Sesriem	320km 4h	Sossusvlei Lodge	DBB
10	Sesriem		Sossusvlei Lodge	DBB
11	Sesriem - Windhoek - Depart	300km 4h		



#### **ITINERARY DAY-TO-DAY**

**DAY 01** 

Windhoek - Otjiwa Private Reserve

Welcome, to Namibia! After passing through immigration and collecting your luggage, our driver will warmly welcome you in the arrivals hall. You will be transferred from the airport to the car rental depot in Windhoek. We will meet you here to hand you your welcome pack, which contains your printed itinerary, accommodation vouchers, detailed directions and a beautiful map of Namibia, among other things. Afterwards, we will enjoy a cup of coffee together and discuss any remaining questions you may have. On completion of the car rental paperwork and checking the car - you are ready to start your Namibian safari adventure. An easy drive on tar roads brings you to the Otjiwa Reserve. Check in at the lodge and freshen up before you join a guide for a scenic game drive and your first Namibian 'sundowner'. Travel time between Windhoek and Otjiwa is approximately 2h30.

Overnight at Otjiwa Eagle's Rest Lodge

Basis: DBB

**DAY 02** 

Otjiwa - Etosha (south)

Breakfast. Drive northwest to the southern end of the Etosha National Park. Check in at Etosha Safari Lodge and freshen up after the day's drive. Then drive the short distance to the Andersson Gate, entering Etosha for a late afternoon game drive. Make a stop at Okaukuejo Camp and take a moment to observe the bustling waterhole. Exit the park before sunset and return to the lodge. Travel time between Otjiwa and the southern end of Etosha is approximately 2h00.

Overnight at Etosha Safari Lodge

Basis: DBB

**DAY 03** 

A Day in Etosha

Breakfast. You enter the Etosha National Park through the Andersson gate. Enjoy the morning exploring the park and visit the natural and artificial waterholes that dot the edge of the dry salt pan. The animals gather at these water points in their hundreds. The predators are more challenging to spot, but you may get lucky by keeping a keen eye out. Stop at Halali for lunch and a break over the hottest part of the day. Continue your game viewing later in the afternoon. Exit the park before sunset. Travel time: at your own pace.

Overnight at Etosha Safari Lodge

Basis: DBB



## **DAY 04**

Etosha - Twyfelfontein

Breakfast. Leave the white clay of Etosha behind and head west into beautiful Damaraland. After driving through the small town of Khorixas, you can stop at the San Living Museum and Petrified Forest Heritage Site along your way to Twyfelfontein. The San Living Museum supports a few San Bushmen families enthusiastic about sharing insights into their traditional lifestyle with visitors. The Petrified Forest is a fascinating collection of 280-million-year-old petrified tree trunks. As you travel along the C39, you'll see homemade signs advertising petrified forests and welwitschias. Himba women sell arts and crafts from small stalls beside the road, and customers who stop are rewarded with big smiles and dancing. Arrive in the Twyfelfontein area in the afternoon. Check in at your lodge and relax while enjoying the peace and beauty of your surroundings. Enjoy a spectacular Damaraland sundowner before sitting down for dinner. Travel time from Etosha to Twyfelfontein is approximately 3h30.

Overnight at <u>Twyfelfontein Country Lodge</u> Basis: DBB

# **DAY 05**

A Day in the Twyfelfontein Area

Breakfast. Join a guide to visit the nearby Twyfelfontein Rock Art site. This UNESCO World Heritage site is small (less than 1 km2). Still, it includes some great galleries of rock engravings (petroglyphs) depicting an extraordinary diversity of wild animals – rhino, elephant, giraffe, oryx, ostrich, flamingo, zebra and many more - and footprints. The engravings are often superimposed on one another. They are engraved on the massive rock faces of free-standing boulders in completely exposed positions. They were probably made over a period of 2,000 years by local San hunter-gatherer peoples and represent an important aspect of San ritual and belief systems. Return to the lodge for lunch and rest during the hottest part of the day. During the afternoon, you join your guide to explore the dry riverbeds and floodplains of the area. You'll search for the desert-adapted wildlife that thrives here. Enjoy another beautiful Damaraland sundowner before turning in for a good night's rest under the sparkling stars of the Milky Way.

Overnight at <u>Twyfelfontein Country Lodge</u>
Basis: DBB



## DAY 06

Twyfelfontein - Cape Cross

Breakfast. Today you'll leave Damaraland behind and drive to Cape Cross via Springbokwater. The desolate landscape of the Dorob National Park holds many secrets. Although it looks barren, desert-adapted flora and fauna thrive here. Along this part of the C34, three shipwrecks, namely The South West Sea, Winston, and Zeila, are still partly visible. The relentless forces of the sea and the beach have gradually engulfed these wrecks, leaving very little remaining to be seen. Arrive at Cape Cross Lodge. Relax after the day's journey. Dinner and overnight at Cape Cross Lodge. Travel time from Twyfelfontein to Cape Cross is approximately 4h00.

Overnight at <u>Cape Cross Lodge</u>
Basis: DBB

**DAY 07** 

Cape Cross - Swakopmund

Enjoy breakfast, after which we recommend visiting the nearby Cape Fur Seal colony. (Cape Cross is open daily from 10:00 to 17:00, and entrance costs N\$150 per person and N\$50 per vehicle). Mornings offer the perfect opportunity to visit the seal colony, as there are fewer visitors then. The colony emits a strong odour, so we recommend bringing a buff or scarf to cover your mouth and nose if the wind blows from the 'wrong' direction. Then travel south along the coast, through the fishing town of Hentiesbay, to Swakopmund. This quirky, historic town offers visitors an excellent base to explore the area. Enjoy dinner at one of Swakopmund's many excellent restaurants. The journey time from Cape Cross to Swakopmund is approximately 2h.

Overnight at <u>Atlantic Garden Boutique Hotel</u>
Basis: B+B

# **DAY 08**

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 'classic' dolphin cruise. Sail alongside dolphins, seals, pelicans, and whales, and enjoy fresh oysters, sparkling wine, and many more delightful surprises. Enjoy the abundant bird and mammal life, close encounters with pelicans and seals, invigorating sea air, and a delectable spread of fresh oysters and bubbles—all during the course of a morning.

Overnight at <u>Atlantic Garden Boutique Hotel</u>

Basis: B+B



## **DAY 09**

Swakopmund - Sesriem

Breakfast. Today you leave the Atlantic waters and travel deep into the ancient Namib Desert. Drive along gravel roads with dramatic landscapes unfolding around every corner. The rock formations around the Gaub and Kuiseb Canyons are genuinely marvellous. These ephemeral riverbeds were once home to elephants, rhinos and lions. Their petrified footprints are still visible in the clay today preserved by the shifting sands covering them. The Kuiseb River Valley divides the sandy southern dune area and the vast northern gravel plains. Cross the Tropic of Capricorn and stop at Solitaire for their famous Apple Pie and to refuel before continuing to your lodge. Check in and relax while you enjoy a beautiful sundowner before dinner. Travel time between Swakopmund and Sesriem is approx 4h30.

Overnight at <u>Sossusvlei Lodge</u> Basis: DBB

## **DAY 10**

A Day in the Sossusvlei Area

Breakfast. This morning is an early start to grab a light breakfast before departing the lodge for the Sesriem gate into the Namib Naukluft Park. This gate opens at sunrise, and you might find a queue of cars waiting to enter the park. Once you've completed the entry permit paperwork and paid the entry fees (N\$150 per person + N\$50 per vehicle - the permit is valid for a day and allows multiple entries), you drive the 60km to the Sossusvlei dunes. This route to the dunes is a well-maintained tar road, except for the last few kilometers of 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. To visit the Sesriem Canyon, you'll find the access road running along the perimeter fence from the Sesriem gate into the Naukluft Park. Park your car at the Sesriem parking area and walk down into the canyon to marvel at the layers of sediment that clearly show the passage of time over millions of years. Exit the park, return to your lodge for lunch, and relax for the rest of the day. You also have the option to visit Sesriem late afternoon when it is cooler.

Overnight at <u>Sossusvlei Lodge</u> Basis: DBB



**DAY 11** 

Sossusvlei - Windhoek - Departure

Indulge in a hearty breakfast before you start your journey back to Namibia's capital, Windhoek. The route passes the desert outpost of Solitaire before winding up the spectacular Spreetshoogte Pass. We recommend you stop at the lookout point at the top of the pass. The views over the escarpment to the desert below are breathtaking. Upon arrival in Windhoek in the early afternoon, take a moment to visit the Namibia Craft Centre. Here, you can purchase souvenirs and grab a bite to eat. After this stop, proceed to return your rental car, from where you will be transferred to the airport to check in for your onward flight. Travel time between Sesriem and Windhoek is approx 4h.

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## QUOTE

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT N\$		
Per Person (2 Adults sharing)	From N\$ 47 725.00		

Each confirmed itinerary contributes N\$500 towards the <u>DRC School Project & Community Centre</u> in Swakopmund.

#### **GUIDED EXCURSIONS**

- Otjiwa Sundowner Drive
- Twyfelfontein Country Lodge Elephant Drive
- Twyfelfontein Country Lodge Guided Twyfelfontein Excursion
- Mola Mola Marine Dolphin Cruise

#### **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 <u>HERE</u>. Details about private guided inclusions and exclusions are available <u>HERE</u>.