
NAMIBIA LUXURY SAFARI - 12 DAYS

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Embark on a 12-day journey exploring the towering dunes and ochre landscapes of the world's oldest desert. Experience Africa's most important collection of San rock art and enjoy incredible game viewing in the Etosha National Park and a 70,719-hectares of pristine wilderness in a private game reserve. The itinerary is reversible and can be experienced on a self-drive or privately guided basis. Your Namibian journey promises to be moving, offering ample time for contemplation and breathing space amidst the wild landscapes. It includes high-end accommodations and a 4x4 car rental, available for booking on a self-drive or private guided basis.

ITINERARY SUMMARY

Highlights include Dune 45, Sossusvlei, Deadvlei, the Tropic of Capricorn, Swakopmund, the Walvisbay Lagoon, Sandwich Harbour, Damaraland, Twyfelfontein, Etosha, Erindi.

#	AREAS	KMS	ACCOMMODATION	MEALS
1	Arrival - Windhoek	50km 0h45	The Weinberg	B+B
2	Windhoek - Sesriem	325km4h	Dead Valley Lodge	DBB
3	Sesriem	120km	Dead Valley Lodge Visit Sossusvlei	DBB+L
4	Sesriem - Swakopmund	360km4h30	Strand Hotel	B+B
5	Swakopmund	120km	Strand Hotel Marine Dune Day	B+B+L
6	Swakopmund - Damaraland	330km4h30	Camp Kipwe Visit Twyfelfontein Site	DBB
7	Palmwag	115km1h45	Camp Kipwe Scenic Elephant Drive	FB
8	Damaraland - Etosha	266km3h30	Etosha Oberland Lodge	FB
9	Etosha		Etosha Oberland Lodge	FB
10	Etosha	290km3h30	Erindi Old Trader's Lodge Game Drive	FB
11	Etosha - Waterberg		Erindi Old Trader's Lodge Game Drive	FB
12	Waterberg - Departure	180km2h10	Departure	

ITINERARY DAY-TO-DAY

DAY 01

Arrival - Windhoek

Welcome to Namibia! A driver from the car rental company will meet you in the arrivals hall of the airport 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 luggage and walk to a nearby cafe for a bite to eat. You will be picked up from your hotel at 14h00 for a 3-hour Windhoek City Tour. The tour offers a fun experience while providing historical context to Windhoek's buildings and an insightful glimpse into the vibrant culture of the city's informal township, Katutura. To round off the Windhoek experience, stop for sundowners on the veranda of Heinitzburg Castle before enjoying dinner at one of the excellent restaurants near your hotel.

Overnight at [The Weinberg](#)

Basis: B+B

DAY 02

Windhoek - Sesriem

Breakfast. Before you depart from Windhoek, we recommend stopping at Maerua SuperSpar to purchase snacks for your journey. Travel from Windhoek to Sesriem via the Spreetshoogte Pass and Solitaire. There will be ample opportunities to capture beautiful photos along the way. Arrive at your lodge in the afternoon. Relax and enjoy the sundowner views over the desert landscape before dinner. Travel time from Windhoek to Sesriem is approximately 4h.

Overnight at [Dead Valley Lodge](#)

Basis: DBB

DAY 03

A Day in the Sossusvlei Area

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 early 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. After your morning adventure, return to the lodge for a well-deserved lunch and rest during the hottest part of the day. In the afternoon, join a guide to explore Sesriem Canyon and marvel at the passage of time etched in the layers of rock sediment on the canyon walls. Travel time: at your own pace.

Overnight at [Dead Valley Lodge](#)

Basis: DBB + L

DAY 04

Sesriem - Swakopmund

Breakfast. Travel through the Namib landscapes from Sesriem to Swakopmund. Stop at Solitaire for their famous apple pie, coffee, or tea before continuing northwest towards the Atlantic Ocean. The route crosses the Tropic of Capricorn and continues through the Gaub and Kuiseb canyons that cut through the Namib gravel plains. There will be opportunities for photo stops and a picnic lunch at a lookout point en route. Arrive in Swakopmund in the afternoon and stroll through this lovely, small town or relax before choosing a restaurant for dinner. Travel time from Sesriem to Swakopmund is approximately 4h30.

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 excursion. Travel time between Swakopmund and Walvisbay is approx 1h.

Overnight at [Strand Hotel](#)

Basis: B+B+L

DAY 06

Swakopmund - Damaraland

Breakfast. Travel from Swakopmund to Twyfelfontein via Hentiesbay and Uis. You'll arrive at Camp Kipwe in time for lunch. During the afternoon, you join a local guide from Camp Kipwe to visit the Twyfelfontein Unesco World Heritage Site showcasing an incredible outdoor gallery of ancient rock art, the Burnt Mountain, and Organ Pipes geological sites. The Twyfelfontein UNESCO, World Heritage site, is small (less than 1 km²). 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. The art was probably made over a period of 2,000 years by local San hunter-gatherer peoples and offers an insight into San ritual and belief systems. Travel time from Swakopmund to Twyfelfontein is approximately 4h.

Overnight at [Camp Kipwe](#)

Basis: FB

DAY 07

A Day in the Twyfelfontein Area

Start your day with an early light breakfast, and then join a local guide from Camp Kipwe to explore the area's dry riverbeds and floodplains. Together, you will search for the fascinating desert-adapted wildlife that thrives in this unique environment. Namibia has a unique population of desert-adapted elephants. These small herds of elephants are led by matriarchs who carry in-depth knowledge of the ephemeral river systems and know where to find food and water, even in dry years. Your guide will stop at a scenic lookout point, where you can admire the beautiful views before finding the best spot for an al fresco safari breakfast. Return to the lodge for lunch and spend the afternoon relaxing and enjoying the facilities. Indulge in the spectacular views and mesmerising atmosphere while enjoying a sundowner as you listen to the melodies of a choir of Barking Geckos calling for a mate across the sandy river valley. Afterwards, savour a superb dinner to complete your unforgettable experience.

Overnight at [Camp Kipwe](#)
Basis: FB

DAY 08

Twyfelfontein - Etosha

Breakfast. This morning, you head east toward Etosha. We recommend visiting the 'official' Petrified Forest to marvel at the 280 million-year-old fossilised tree trunks. Along the road, you'll see several handmade signs advertising the Petrified Forest and Welwitschias. These signs direct visitors to 'unofficial' petrified forest sites. Himba women sell arts and crafts from small stalls beside the road, and customers who stop are rewarded with big smiles and dancing. Arrive at your lodge in time for lunch. Rest during the hottest part of the afternoon before entering Etosha for an afternoon game drive. Make a stop at Okaukuejo Camp and take a moment to relax at the popular waterhole while having a cold drink. Enjoy the sight of numerous animals coming and going. Afterwards, ensure you exit the park gates before sunset. Travel time between Twyfelfontein and Etosha is approx 3h30.

Overnight at [Etosha Oberland Lodge](#)
Basis: FB

DAY 09

A Day in Etosha

Today, you will explore Etosha National Park with a knowledgeable guide from the lodge. The excursion starts early in the morning with an 'early bird' breakfast, thoughtfully prepared for you before departure. Spend the day visiting the waterholes and springs that dot the salt pan's edge and enjoy this great park's landscape and animals. The animals gather at these water sources during the dry season. Etosha is famous for mammal herds numbering into the hundreds. You will enjoy a perfect vantage point from an all-terrain vehicle to observe elephants and rhinos, giraffes and lions, meerkats and flamingos – all in safety and comfort. A lunch break is scheduled during the hottest part of the day when the animals seek shade and become harder to spot. Return to the park for more game viewing in the afternoon and exit the Anderson Gate before sunset. Enjoy dinner at the lodge while viewing the busy waterhole where animals, including rhinos, come to quench their thirst. The duration of the Etosha game drive is 7-8 hours.

Overnight at [Etosha Oberland Lodge](#)

Basis: FB

DAY 10

Etosha - Erindi Private Reserve

Breakfast. Leave the white clay dust of Etosha behind and travel south to Erindi Private Reserve. Your route travels via the small towns of Outjo and Ojtiwarongo before you will arrive at Erindi Old Trader's Lodge in time for lunch. After an afternoon rest, join a local guide from Erindi on a game drive before returning to the lodge for dinner. The travel distance between Etosha and Erindi is roughly 3h30.

Overnight at [Old Trader's Lodge](#)

Basis: FB

DAY 11

A day enjoying Erindi Private Reserve

Breakfast. Enjoy the entire day to unwind and relax at Erindi. Join your last guided game drive this afternoon before a delicious dinner in the Namibian bush.

Overnight at [Old Trader's Lodge](#)

Basis: FB

DAY 12

Erindi - Windhoek - Departure

Enjoy your last breakfast in the African bush before you start your journey south to Windhoek. You'll arrive in Windhoek in time for lunch. Pay a visit to the Namibia Craft Centre for a light lunch and souvenir shopping before returning your vehicle to the car rental depot. From here, you will be transferred to the airport in time to check in for your onward flight. Travel time between Erindi and Windhoek is approx 2h30.

END OF SERVICES

QUOTE

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT N\$
Per Person sharing (2 Adults sharing)	From N\$ 75 000.00

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

RENTAL CAR

Toyota Fortuner 4x4 SUV

GUIDED EXCURSIONS

- Guided Excursion to Sossusvlei, Dead Vlei and Sesriem Canyon
- Mola Mola - [Marine Dune Day](#)
- Camp Kipwe - Twyfelfontein Excursion
- Camp Kipwe - Elephant Drive
- Etosha Oberland - Guided Etosha Game Drive
- Erindi Private Reserve - 2 x Guided Game 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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