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NAMIBIA - THE CLASSIC - 15 DAYS

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**ITINERARY OVERVIEW**

Namibia is a heady mix of big, dramatic landscapes and free-roaming wildlife. This 15-day itinerary allows you time to experience both the Namib and Kalahari Deserts, the majesty and drama of Damaraland, the vast emptiness of the Namibian coastline and the wildlife wonderland of 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**

#	AREAS	KMS	ACCOMMODATION	MEALS
1	Arrival - Windhoek - Erindi	225km / 2h45	<a href="#">Erindi Old Trader's Lodge</a> Guided PM Game Drive	FB
2	Erindi - Etosha	460km / 4h45	<a href="#">Mushara Lodge</a>	DBB
3	Etosha		<a href="#">Mushara Lodge</a> Guided Etosha Game Drive	DBB
4	Etosha	180km own pace	<a href="#">Etosha Safari Lodge</a>	DBB
5	Etosha - Grootberg	270km / 3h30	<a href="#">Grootberg Lodge</a> Sundowner Drive	DBB
6	Grootberg - Palmwag	30km / 45min	<a href="#">Palmwag Lodge</a> PM Scenic Drive	DBB
7	Palmwag - Twyfelfontein	115km / 1h45	<a href="#">Twyfelfontein Country Lodge</a>	DBB
8	Twyfelfontein - Swakopmund	330km / 4h30	<a href="#">Hansa Hotel</a>	B+B
9	Swakopmund		<a href="#">Hansa Hotel</a> Mola Marine Dune Day	B+B+L
10	Swakopmund		<a href="#">Hansa Hotel</a>	B+B
11	Swakopmund - Sesriem	346km / 4h30	<a href="#">Desert Homestead Lodge</a>	DBB
12	Sesriem	120km	<a href="#">Desert Homestead Lodge</a>	DBB
13	Sesriem - Kalahari	310km / 3h40	<a href="#">Kalahari Anib</a>	DBB
14	Kalahari		<a href="#">Kalahari Anib</a> Sundowner Drive	DBB
15	Kalahari - Windhoek - Depart	285km / 3h	Depart	

## ITINERARY DAY-TO-DAY

### DAY 01

*Windhoek - Erindi Private Game Reserve*

You touch down in Namibia at Hosea Kutako International Airport. Welcome to Namibia! After passing through immigration and collecting your luggage, our driver will warmly welcome you in the arrivals hall. You will easily recognise our driver as he will be holding a signboard with your name. 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 and answer any remaining questions. After completing the car rental paperwork and checking the car - you are ready to start your Namibian safari adventure. Arrive at the lodge, check in and relax before joining the guided game drive this afternoon. Travel time from Windhoek to the lodge is approximately 2h45.

Overnight at [Erindi Old Trader's Lodge](#)  
Basis: FB (excluding drinks)

### DAY 02

*Erindi - Etosha (northeast)*

Breakfast. Today's route follows the B1 through the small towns of Otjiwarongo, Otavi and Tsumeb. We recommend lunch at the Minen Hotel or Kupferquelle Resort in Tsumeb. After lunch, you continue north and turn west toward Etosha's Von Lindequist gate. Shortly before the gate, you'll find the entrance to the Mushara Collection. Travel time from Erindi to the lodge is approximately 4h45.

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

### DAY 03

*A Day in Etosha*

You have an early morning start to join a Mushara guide and vehicle for a game drive in Etosha. Explore the northern parts of Etosha Park before returning to Mushara for lunch. Take a break during the hottest part of the day when the animals seek refuge in the shade. In the afternoon, you can return to the park and continue your game-viewing adventure from the comfort of your own vehicle.

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

#### DAY 04

##### *A Day in Etosha*

Breakfast. Today you enjoy a full day's game drive through the middle of Etosha Park. Leave early to enjoy the cool morning air and enter the park through the Von Lindequist gate. Entry fees are N\$150 per adult, N\$50 per child (up to 16 years) and N\$50 per vehicle. Explore the numerous water points where hundreds of animals gather. While spotting the predators may be more challenging, you might get lucky by keeping a keen eye out during the adventure. Slowly make your way to Halali camp, situated in the middle of the park, where you stop for a light lunch. Sit at the Halali waterhole or use the swimming pool and bar facilities before continuing to Okaukuejo. Along the way, you visit the numerous waterholes and natural springs that dot the edge of the pan and are afforded splendid views of the massive Etosha Pan. This shallow depression is dry most of the year but fed by moisture from perennial springs on the fringes. The pan covers about 25 percent of the park. Exit the park through the Andersson gate and arrive at Etosha Safari Lodge shortly. Check in and relax before enjoying a delicious dinner. The distance between Mushara and Etosha Safari Lodge is around 180 km, which you can cover at your own pace, allowing for stops and opportunities to observe the wildlife along the way.

Overnight at [Etosha Safari Lodge](#)

Basis: DBB

#### DAY 05

##### *Etosha - Grootberg*

Breakfast. Today you leave the white clay dust of Etosha behind and travel west into Damaraland. Arrive at Grootberg Lodge in time for lunch. Take some time to unwind and relax during the afternoon before joining a breathtaking sundowner drive along the escarpment – undoubtedly one of Namibia's most magical sunset spots. This must be one of the most magical sundowner spots in Namibia. Dinner and overnight at Grootberg Lodge. The journey time to Grootberg Lodge is approximately 3h30.

Overnight at [Grootberg Lodge](#)

Basis: DBB

#### DAY 06

##### *Grootberg - Palmwag*

Breakfast. Marvel at the incredible scenery from the top of Grootberg. Afterwards, your route winds down to the Damaraland plains. You might notice elephant footprints in the dust on the side of the road. The gentle giants walk between the floodplains and the terraces of the outcrops. Palmwag Lodge appears like a mirage in the dramatic landscape. The Palmwag concession is vast and home to desert-adapted wildlife. Palmwag Lodge offers a guided scenic drive to explore the expansive Palmwag Concession. The journey time from Grootberg to Palmwag is approximately 1h.

Overnight at [Palmwag Lodge](#)

Basis: DBB

### DAY 07

#### *Palmwag - Twyfelfontein*

Breakfast. Today's journey is relaxed and covers a short driving distance, so it doesn't require an early start. Drive south through the ruggedly beautiful landscapes as you make your way to Twyfelfontein. Look for desert-adapted wildlife that hides in plain sight in the roadside vegetation. Visit the Twyfelfontein Rock Art Site, where a local guide will show you around and explain the fascinating history and meaning of the beautiful etchings. The art comes to life in the golden light of the late afternoon. Continue to Twyfelfontein Country Lodge, nearby, and check in. Enjoy another enchanting Damaraland sundowner before sitting down for dinner. The journey time from Palmwag to Twyfelfontein is approximately 1h45

Overnight at [Twyfelfontein Country Lodge](#)  
Basis: DBB

### DAY 08

#### *Twyfelfontein - Swakopmund*

Breakfast. The day's road trip adventure travels through the southern reaches of Damaraland to the icy waters of the Atlantic Ocean. Your route passes the small town of Uis, where we recommend stopping at the Cactus + Coffee Cafe for lunch, coffee and cake. Then, continue past the Brandberg mountain to Hentiesbay and further south to Swakopmund. You can visit Cape Cross Lodge and view the large Cape Fur seal colony. Although this detour adds a bit of extra distance to the day's driving, it is worth considering if you wish to see the seals. Arrive in Swakopmund in the afternoon. Check in at the hotel, and take a leisurely stroll through this characterful town before choosing a restaurant for dinner. The journey time from Twyfelfontein to Swakopmund is approximately 4h30.

Overnight at [Hansa Hotel](#)  
Basis: B+B

### DAY 09

#### *A Day on the Namibian Coast*

Breakfast. Grab an early breakfast before driving the short distance, along the coast, to Walvis Bay. Check in at the Mola Mola office at the Waterfront for a day full of adventures. The day starts with a cruise in the Walvis Bay Harbour, where you'll spot seals, dolphins, pelicans and flamingos. If you're very lucky, you might spot whales and sunfish. Enjoy a light lunch on the boat before returning to the waterfront, where you meet your guide and embark on an epic 4x4 adventure through the dunes of the Namib Naukluft Park to Sandwich Harbour. Return to Swakopmund in the late afternoon and freshen up before choosing a restaurant for dinner. Travel time between Swakopmund and Walvisbay is approx 1h.

Overnight at [Hansa Hotel](#)  
Basis: B+B+L

## DAY 10

### *Explore Swakopmund*

Breakfast. Enjoy the day exploring Swakopmund and its surroundings. Interesting places include the Swakopmund Museum, Cristal Gallery and the Swakopmund Aquarium. You can drive out to the Moon Landscape and see an excellent specimen of the endemic Welwitschia Mirabilis. Alternatively, if the weather is favourable, enjoy a beach day filled with fun. Enjoy lunch and dinner at any of the excellent restaurants in town.

Overnight at [Hansa Hotel](#)

Basis: B+B

## DAY 11

### *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. Stop at Solitaire to refuel and indulge in their famous apple pie before continuing to Desert Homestead Lodge. Check-in and relax while you enjoy a beautiful sundowner before dinner. Travel time between Swakopmund and Sesriem is approx 4h30.

Overnight at [Desert Homestead Lodge](#)

Basis: DBB

## DAY 12

### *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 road is all tar except for the last few kilometres of 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. If you want to visit the Sesriem Canyon, you'll find the access road running along the perimeter fence from the Sesriem gate into the Naukluft Park. Return to your lodge for lunch and visit Sesriem in the afternoon when it is cooler.

Overnight at [Desert Homestead Lodge](#)

Basis: DBB

### DAY 13

#### *Sesriem - Kalahari*

Breakfast. Today you leave the Namib Desert and travel up the Namib Naukluft escarpment to the Kalahari Desert. The Maltahohe Hotel is a great stop for lunch along the way. Arrive at Kalahari Anib Lodge in the afternoon. Check in and enjoy the facilities. Travel time between Sesriem and Kalahari Anib Lodge is approx 4h.

Overnight at [Kalahari Anib Lodge](#)

Basis: DBB

### DAY 14

#### *A Day in the Kalahari*

Breakfast. Enjoy a day relaxing in the beautiful Kalahari. During the afternoon, join a guided, scenic drive on the property. End the day with a sundowner on a Kalahari dune. Then, return to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

Overnight at [Kalahari Anib Lodge](#)

Basis: DBB

### DAY 15

#### *Kalahari - Windhoek - Depart*

Breakfast. Check out and travel north along the B1 to Windhoek. Upon arrival in Windhoek, 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 at the rental depot, from where you will be transferred to the airport to check in for your onward flight. Travel time between Kalahari Anib Lodge and Windhoek is approx 3h.

Basis: Breakfast

## **END OF SERVICES**

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## QUOTE

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT N\$
Per Person (2 Adults sharing)	From N\$ 63 950.00

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

## RENTAL CAR

Toyota Fortuner 4x4 SUV

## GUIDED EXCURSIONS

- Erindi Guided Game Drive
- Mushara Guided Game Drive in Etosha National Park
- Grootberg Sundowner Drive
- Palmwag Scenic Drive
- Mola Mola - [Marine Dune Day](#)
- Kalahari Anib - 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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