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## NAMIBIA - THE HIGHLIGHTS - 7 DAYS

# **ITINERARY OVERVIEW**

This well-crafted 7-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 accommodations, a professional tour guide and car rental.

#### **ITINERARY SUMMARY**

#	AREAS	KMS	ACCOMMODATION	MEALS
1	Windhoek - Sossusvlei	306km 4h	Sossusvlei Lodge	DBB
2	Sossusvlei		Sossusvlei Lodge	DBB
3	Sossusvlei - Swakopmund	350km 4h30	Swakopmund Sands	B+B
4	Swakopmund		Swakopmund Sands	B+B+L
5	Swakopmund - Etosha	500km 5h30	<u>Toshari Lodge</u>	DBB
6	Etosha		<u>Toshari Lodge</u>	DBB
7	Etosha - Windhoek	390km 3h45	Depart	



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

**DAY 01** 

Arrival - Windhoek - Sesriem

Welcome to Namibia! 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. Depart from the airport and journey towards the Namib Desert through Windhoek, descending the Naukluft escarpment. You'll have ample opportunities for photo stops to capture the stunning scenery along the route. Arrive at the lodge in the afternoon and 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.

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

**DAY 02** 

A Day Exploring the Sossusvlei Dunes

This morning, you have an early start to ensure you are at the Namib Naukluft gate at sunrise when it opens. 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. Spend the morning visiting Sossusvlei, Deadvlei and Dune 45 on our way back to the gate. If you are feeling energetic, climb the Big Daddy dune and admire the expanse of the Namib Sandsea and the sight of Marble Mountain nearby. Return to your lodge in time for lunch and to rest during the hottest part of the day. Later in the afternoon, visit the Sesriem Canyon.

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

**DAY 03** 

Sossusvlei - Swakopmund

Breakfast. Shake the Sossusvlei sand out of your shoes and head further north to the icy water of the Atlantic Ocean. We'll stop at Solitaire to refuel and sample some famous apple pie. The route crosses the Tropic of Capricorn and winds through the Kuiseb Canyon before reaching the port town of Walvisbay. Continue along the coastal road north to Swakopmund. Arrive in Swakop in the afternoon and check in at your hotel. Enjoy a stroll through town or on the jetty before choosing a restaurant for dinner.

Overnight at <u>Swakopmund Sands</u>
Basis: B+B



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### **DAY 04**

A Day on the Namibian Coast

Breakfast. We drive the short distance, along the coast, to Walvisbay and check in at the Mola Mola office on 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 fortunate, you might spot whales and sunfish. On your return to the Waterfront, 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 skillful 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. Meet your guide at the Mola Mola office before being transferred to Swakopmund. Freshen up before choosing a restaurant for dinner. The cruise and dune trip will take up the entire day. Travel time between Swakopmund and Walvisbay is approx 0h40.

Overnight at <u>Swakopmund Sands</u> Basis: B+B+L

# DAY 05

Swakopmund - Etosha

We'll enjoy an early breakfast, stock up on water and snacks for the road, and drive from Swakopmund to Etosha. Our route travels via the Moon Landscape and Goanikontes Oasis before joining the tar road via Usakos and Karibib. We stop in Omaruru for lunch before continuing to Outjo and Toshari 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.

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



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# DAY 06

A Day in Etosha National Park

Breakfast. A full day's worth of game driving awaits. We leave early to enjoy the cool morning air and frequent sightings of animals. Visit some of the many waterholes that dot the side of the massive salt pan. The lookout point affords splendid views of the massive 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. We return to the lodge for lunch and to rest while the day is hottest. In the afternoon, we will return to the park for an afternoon game drive and take a break at Okaukuejo Camp, where you can observe the bustling activity at the waterhole as various animals come and go. We exit the park before sunset and return to the lodge to freshen up before dinner.

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

# **DAY 07**

Etosha - Windhoek - Depart

Breakfast. Before heading south to Windhoek, you'll have the opportunity for one final early morning game drive in Etosha. Our route travels through the small towns of Outjo, Otjiwarongo and Okahandja before we arrive in Windhoek. Depending on your flight departure, there may be time for lunch and souvenir shopping at the Namibia Craft Centre. Transfer to the airport to check in for your onward flight.

# **END OF SERVICES**



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# **QUOTE**

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT N\$
Per Person (based on 4 adults sharing 2 double rooms) Private Guided	From N\$ 32 000.00
Per Person (based on 6 adults sharing 3 double rooms) Private Guided	From N\$ 27 360.00
Single Supplement	From N\$ 4140.00

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

## **RENTAL CAR**

VW Transporter 8-Seater

#### **GUIDED EXCURSIONS**

• Mola Mola - Marine Dune Day

## **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 what is included and excluded from the quote are available HERE.