

YOUR AFRICA STORY

# NAMIBIA - Southern Cross Adventure - 21 DAYS

#### ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Perfect for the adventurous explorer. A well-crafted, 21-day itinerary takes you to Namibia's deep south, the Fish River Canyon, and ghosts of times past at Kolmanskop, slack-packing in one of the world's true dark-sky reserves at NamibRand, climbing the massive dunes at Sossusvlei, feeling the Atlantic Ocean's icy breath at Sandwich Harbour, exploring the Spitzkoppe, marvelling at incredible rock art at Twyfelfontein and world-class game viewing in Etosha National Park. You'll also visit the home of Africat at Okonjima, where a guide will expertly guide you to find an elusive and regal leopard. The itinerary includes comfortable, well-placed accommodation, a sprinkle of glamping, 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 the Kalahari, Fish River Canyon, Luderitz, Kolmanskop, NamibRand Nature Reserve, Dune 45, Sossusvlei, Deadvlei, Tropic of Capricorn, Walvisbay, Swakopmund, Sandwich Harbour, Spitzkoppe, Damaraland, Twyfelfontein, Etosha, Okonjima.

#	AREAS	KMS	ACCOMMODATION	MEALS
1	Arrival / Windhoek	50km / 45min	The Windhoek Luxury Suites Windhoek City Tour	B+B
2	Windhoek - Kalahari	280km / 3h	Kalahari Anib Lodge Guided Sundowner Drive	DBB
3	Kalahari - Fish River	420km / 4h30	Canyon Lodge	DBB
4	Fish River Canyon		<u>Canyon Lodge</u> Guided Canyon Drive	DBB
5	Fish River - Luderitz	410km / 4h30	Alte Villa	B+B
6	Lüderitz		Alte Villa	B+B
7	Lüderitz - NamibRand	375km / 4h45	Tok Tokkie Trail	DBB+L
8	NamibRand		Tok Tokkie Trail	FB
9	NamibRand - Sesriem	100km / 1h30	Desert Homestead Lodge	DBB
10	Sesriem	150km	Desert Homestead Lodge Guided Excursion to Sossusvlei	DBB
11	Sesriem - Swakopmund	360km / 4h30	The Stiltz	B+B
12	Swakopmund		The Stiltz Marine Dune Day	B+B+L



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#	AREAS	KMS	ACCOMMODATION	MEALS
13	Swakopmund	120km	The Stiltz Living Desert Tour	B+B
14	Swakopmund - Spitzkoppe	160km / 2h	Spitzkoppen Lodge	DBB
15	Spitzkoppe - Twyfelfontein		Spitzkoppen Lodge Guided Rock Art Excursion	DBB+L
16	Twyfelfontein	240km/3h40	Twyfelfontein Adventure Camp	DBB
17	Twyfelfontein - Etosha	355km / 4h	Okaukuejo Guided Night Drive	DBB
18	Etosha	180km	Mushara Bush Camp	DBB
19	Etosha		Mushara Bush Camp Guided Etosha Game Drive	DBB
20	Etosha - Okonjima Reserve	350km / 3h45	Okonjima Plains Camp Guided Leopard Drive	DBB
21	Okonjima - Windhoek - Departure	215km / 2h45	Visit the AfriCat Carnivore Care Centre Depart	



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

**DAY 01** 

Arrival - Windhoek

Welcome to Namibia! A driver from the car rental company will welcome 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, ensuring you have everything necessary to embark on your Namibian adventure. After a short drive, arrive at your hotel, where you can unload your luggage and walk to a nearby bistro 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. The tour is fun and 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 a nearby restaurant.

Overnight at <u>The Windhoek Luxury Suites</u>
Basis: B+B

DAY 02

Windhoek - Kalahari

Breakfast. Travel from Windhoek to the Kalahari. You'll arrive in time for lunch. Relax until it is time to join a guide for a scenic sundowner drive and enjoy a gorgeous sunset on a Kalahari dune. Travel time from Windhoek to the lodge is approximately 3h.

Overnight at <u>Kalahari Anib Lodge</u> Basis: DBB

**DAY 03** 

Kalahari - Fish River

Breakfast. Leave the Kalahari and travel south along the B1 highway. Stop in Keetmanshoop for lunch and take time to stretch your legs. This is a great opportunity to visit the beautiful Quiver Tree Forest and Giant's Playground situated close to Keetmans. Arrive at Canyon Lodge in the late afternoon. Relax and enjoy the facilities before you sit down for a hearty dinner. Travel time from the Kalahari to Canyon Lodge is approximately 4h30.

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



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**DAY 04** 

A Day Exploring the Fish River Canyon

Breakfast. This morning, you join a guide from the lodge to visit the main lookout point over the Fish River Canyon, which will give you a fascinating insight into the ancient geology of the canyon landscape.

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

**DAY 05** 

Fish River - Lüderitz

Breakfast. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before driving to Luderitz. Enjoy lunch in Aus enroute to Luderitz. Arrive in Luderitz in the afternoon and check in at Alte Villa. Explore this quirky town on foot. Purchase your permits for your Kolmanskop visit at Desert Deli and Gifts. A permit costs N\$85 for adults and N\$50 for kids younger than 15. Enjoy dinner at one of the town's restaurants. Travel time from the Fish River to Lüderitz is approximately 4h30.

Overnight at <u>Alte Villa</u> Basis: B+B

**DAY 06** 

Explore Lüderitz & Beyond

Breakfast. Kolmanskop is open from 08:00 - 13:00 and has two guided tours. The first tour starts at 09:30, and the second starts at 11:00. Return from Kolmanskop and continue your exploration of Luderitz. If it is a nice day - consider spending time on Aphrodite Beach.

Overnight at <u>Alte Villa</u> Basis: B+B

**DAY 07** 

Lüderitz - NamibRand Nature Reserve

Breakfast. Travel from Luderitz to the Namib Desert via Helmeringhausen. Please ensure you arrive at NaDEET on the NamibRand Nature Reserve by 13:00 to have lunch and to receive a short briefing about the hike. You'll meet your Tok Tokkie guide and hike to your first overnight camp. The journey time from Lüderitz to NaDeet is approximately 4h45.

Overnight at <u>Tok Tokkie Trail</u> Basis: DBB + L



# **DAY 08**

A Day of Hiking on the NamibRand Nature Reserve

Spend the full day hiking in the magnificent NamibRand Nature Reserve with your guide. This evening, you enjoy dinner prepared on the open fire before falling asleep on your comfortable camp bed under a blanket of stars.

Overnight at <u>Tok Tokkie Trail</u> Basis: FB

# **DAY 09**

NamibRand - Sesriem

Breakfast. A beautiful morning hike back to NaDEET, where you have lunch. Then, travel the short distance to Sesriem. Check in at your lodge and spend the rest of the day relaxing and enjoying the facilities. Travel time between NaDEET and Sesriem is approx 1h30.

Overnight at <u>Desert Homestead Lodge</u>
Basis: DBB

# **DAY 10**

A Day in the Sossusvlei Area

This morning, you will have an early start to ensure you are at the Namib Naukluft gate when it opens at sunrise. Join a guide from the lodge and travel in a 4x4 vehicle to the Sesriem entrance gate into the Namib Naukluft Park. Once you have passed the gate, travel 60km between the majestic dunes of Sossusvlei until you arrive at the parking areas for Sossusvlei and Dead Vlei. Spend the morning visiting Sossusvlei, Deadvlei and Dune 45 on your way back to the gate. If you're feeling energetic, climb Big Daddy Dune and admire the expanse of the Namib Sandsea and the sight of Marble Mountain nearby. Explore the Sesriem Canyon before exiting the park and returning to the lodge for lunch and a relaxing afternoon.

Overnight at <u>Desert Homestead Lodge</u>
Basis: DBB



**DAY 11** 

Sesriem - Swakopmund

Breakfast. Travel through the Namib landscapes from Sesriem to Swakopmund. Stop at Solitaire for apple pie, coffee, or tea before continuing along your route to 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. Arrive in Swakopmund in the afternoon and relax before choosing a restaurant for dinner. Travel time from Sesriem to Swakopmund is approximately 4h30.

Overnight at <u>The Stiltz</u> Basis: B+B

**DAY 12** 

A Day on the Namibian Coast

Breakfast. Drive to Walvis Bay for an adventure-filled day. First, explore the Walvis Bay Harbour and its marine wildlife on a catamaran. On your return to the harbour, meet your guide and 4x4 vehicle, spending the afternoon driving through the Namib dunes to Sandwich Harbour. You'll spend the afternoon driving through the Namib dunes to Sandwich Harbour. This is one of the most spectacular views in Namibia. The dune trip includes a light lunch at a scenic lookout point. Travel time between Swakopmund and Walvisbay is roughly 45min.

Overnight at <u>The Stiltz</u> Basis: B+B+L

**DAY 13** 

Exploring the coastal dunes of the Namib Desert

Breakfast. Join a guide for an exciting educational tour which discovers the beauty and life within the coastal dunes of the Namib. This tour focuses on the fauna and flora (The little five) of the dune belt and includes a 4x4 scenic dune drive with excellent photographic opportunities. Suitable for adults and children.

Overnight at <u>The Stiltz</u> Basis: B+B



DAY 14

Swakopmund - Spitzkoppe

Breakfast. Travel from Swakopmund to the Spitzkoppe. Consider driving via the Moon Landscape and stopping at Goanikontes for a bite to eat before continuing to the Spitzkoppe. Arrive at the lodge and check in. Spend the rest of the day exploring the area. Travel time between Swakopmund and Spitzkoppen Lodge is roughly 2h.

Overnight at <u>Spitzkoppen Lodge</u>

Basis: DBB

**DAY 15** 

Spitzkoppe Discovery

Breakfast. Today, you'll join a local guide for a tour of Bushman's Paradise, the Zebra Pool, Rock Archa and the Golden Snake painting. Lunch is included in the excursion. Return to the lodge and relax after the day's activities.

Overnight at Spitzkoppen Lodge

Basis: DBB+L

**DAY 16** 

Spitzkoppe - Twyfelfontein

Breakfast. Travel from Spitzkoppe to Twyfelfontein via Uis. Arrive at your lodge in time for lunch. Check in and relax before driving the short distance to the Unesco World Heritage Site at Twyfelfontein to admire the rock art in the company of a local guide. Return to the lodge for a beautiful sundowner before dinner. Travel time between the Spitzkoppe and Twyfelfontein is roughly 3h40.

Overnight at Twyfelfontein Adventure Camp

Basis: DBB

**DAY 17** 

Twyfelfontein - Etosha

Breakfast. Travel from Twyfelfontein to Etosha. Enter the park through the southern Andersson gate. As soon as you enter the park, your game viewing begins. Check in at Okaukuejo. You have time for an afternoon game drive in the park before returning to the lodge for an early dinner. Then, join a guide for a night game drive in the park. Travel time between the Spitzkoppe and Twyfelfontein is roughly 4h.

Overnight at Okaukuejo

Basis: DBB



**DAY 18** 

A day in Etosha

Breakfast. Enjoy a full-day game drive through the middle of Etosha. Have lunch at Halali (situated in the centre of the park). Exit the park through the Von Lindequist gate and check in at your lodge. Travel distance through the park is roughly 180km, which you complete at your own pace. Please remember that the park's speed limit is 60 km/h.

Overnight at <u>Mushara Bush Camp</u> Basis: DBB

**DAY 19** 

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 National Park before returning to Mushara for lunch. Take a break during the hottest part of the day when animals seek refuge in the shade. Later in the afternoon, return to the park for more game viewing in your own vehicle.

Overnight at <u>Mushara Bush Camp</u> Basis: DBB

**DAY 20** 

Etosha - Okonjima

Travel from Etosha to Okonjima via Tsumeb, Otavi and Otjiwarongo. Arrive at Okonjima and check in at Plains Camp. Join the afternoon guided leopard drive. Return to the lodge for dinner. Travel time between Etosha and Okonjima is roughly 4h.

Overnight at Okonjima Plains Camp Basis: DBB

**DAY 21** 

Okonjima - Windhoek - Depart

An early morning visit to the Okonjima Africat Carnivore Care Centre with a guide. Return to the lodge for brunch before checking out and travelling south to Windhoek. Return your rental car to the depot and transfer to the airport to check in for your onward flight. Travel time between Okonjima and Windhoek is roughly 2h45.

**END OF SERVICES** 



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# **QUOTE**

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT N\$
Per Person (2 Adults sharing)	From N\$ 99 000.00

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

# **RENTAL CAR**

Toyota Fortuner 4x4 SUV

#### **GUIDED EXCURSIONS**

- Windhoek City Tour
- Kalahari Anib Sundowner Drive
- Canyon Lodge Guided Canyon Drive
- Desert Homestead Lodge Guided Sossusvlei Excursion
- Mola Mola Marine Dune Day
- Guided Living Desert Tour
- Spitzkoppen Lodge Guided Excursion
- Okaukuejo Guided Night Drive in Etosha
- Mushara Bush Camp Guided Etosha Game Drive
- Okonjima Plains Camp Guided Leopard Drive
- Okonjiima Plains Camp Visit the Carnivore Care Centre

## **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>.