



Overview

10-Day Namibia Highlights Safari – Kalahari, Namib, Swakopmund, Damaraland & Etosha

This 10-day tour is designed to showcase the very best of Namibia, combining vast deserts, dramatic canyons, rugged landscapes, charming coastal towns, and abundant wildlife. Ideal for first-time visitors or those seeking a comprehensive exploration, this safari offers a perfect balance of adventure, wildlife viewing, and cultural experiences, starting and ending in Windhoek.

Tour Highlights:

- **Kalahari Desert:** Begin your journey in the arid Kalahari, home to unique desert-adapted wildlife. Spot oryx, springbok, and other species while enjoying the striking red sands and vast open landscapes.
- **Namib Desert & Sossusvlei:** Explore the iconic Sossusvlei Dunes and the surreal Deadvlei clay pan, climb the famous Dune 45, and visit Sesriem Canyon for dramatic desert scenery and sunrise photography opportunities.
- **Swakopmund:** Visit Namibia's charming coastal town with German colonial architecture, vibrant cafés, and craft markets. Optional adventure activities include sandboarding, quad biking, skydiving, or scenic flights over the Namib coastline.
- **Damaraland:** Discover the rugged wilderness of Damaraland, home to desert-adapted elephants, giraffes, and other wildlife. Explore unique geological formations, quiver tree forests, and the ancient rock engravings at Twyfelfontein, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- **Etosha National Park:** Conclude your safari with game drives in Etosha, one of Africa's premier wildlife parks. Spot elephants, lions, leopards, rhinos, and abundant antelope species at the park's waterholes.



- Camping & Lodge Options: Stay in a combination of budget lodges, standard lodges, or campsites, providing an authentic Namibian experience while accommodating different travel preferences and budgets.

Included

- Full day visit to Sossusvlei, Dune 45, Sesriem Canyon and Dead Vlei
- Accommodation and meals as per itinerary
- All ground transportation in A 4x4 safari vehicle
- Round trip transport
- Multi-lingual Professional Safari Guide/ Driver
- All applicable Game Park Entrance Fees

Excluded

- Additional activities not included in the itinerary
- Meals not included in the itinerary
- Alcoholic drinks and beverages not included in meal plans

Tour Plan

Day 01 Windhoek – Kalahari

Guests are picked up from their accommodation in Windhoek for the first leg of the journey. Just before Mariental, we veer eastwards into the Kalahari Desert to overnight at Kalahari Anib Lodge. The stylish, spacious and refreshing lodge is imbued with the spirit of the Kalahari with its burnished sand, ostrich eggshell light fittings and camelthorn trees. Accommodation: Kalahari Anib Lodge Meals: Dinner Optional Extra Activity: Sundowner Dune Drive across the Kalahari dunes.



Day 02 **Kalahari – Namib Desert**

After a good night's sleep and a full breakfast, it's time for a taste of the ancient Namib Desert. The route takes you past the majestic Namib Naukluft Mountains near Büllsport before reaching the Namib with its combination of spectacular desert scenery and majestic mountains. Namib Desert Lodge is set below an impressive ridge of fossilised sand dunes, formed 20-million years ago. The highlight of the afternoon is a drive to the crest of the fossilised dunes for a view of some of the best scenery on the planet. Accommodation: Namib Desert Lodge Meals: Breakfast & Dinner Optional Extra Activity: Afternoon Dune Drive to a pristine spot on the crest of a fossilised dune for a view of the awe-inspiring desert landscapes

Day 03 **Namib Desert: Sossusvlei & Sesriem Canyon**

It's an early start today for the drive southwards to Sesriem and Sossusvlei for some of the highest sand dunes in the world and the magnificent otherworldly landscape. The vlei – or seasonal pan – fills with water in years of good rainfall when the Tsauchab River rushes through the Sesriem Canyon into the desert. The river's flow is curtailed by the belt of apricot-coloured dunes at Sossusvlei where it eventually sinks sleepily into the sand. For most of the year, Sossusvlei is a dry pan, encircled by mighty sand dunes. The best view is from a height and it is worth a short climb up the adjacent Big Daddy dune to marvel at the desert vista. Accommodation: Namib Desert Lodge Meals: Brunch & Dinner

Day 04 **Namib Desert – Swakopmund**

Enjoy a buffet breakfast at Namib Desert Lodge before the journey through the fascinating desert landscape to Swakopmund. First stop is the desert outpost of Solitaire, famous for its apple pie. The route crosses the Tropic of Capricorn, marking the sun's turning point at 23° south on its annual journey through the heavens, before meandering through the Gaub and Kuiseb canyons. The cool and often misty town of Swakopmund, which lies between the crashing Atlantic Ocean and the Namib Desert, balances the day's journey perfectly. Old German architecture, wide streets and a plethora of restaurants, coffee and curio shops make this coastal town a joy to explore. The Delight hotel is a fresh breeze in the desert,



providing a delightful home for your stay in Swakopmund. Accommodation: The Delight
Meals: Breakfast

Day 05 **Swakopmund**

A highlight of a stay at The Delight is its scrumptious breakfast spread. Pour yourself a glass of champagne and freshly-squeezed orange juice and savour Walvis Bay oysters before heading off to explore the town. Or, choose an activity or excursion. Swakopmund is the adventure capital of Namibia and excursions range from Living Desert tours, kayaking in the Walvis Bay lagoon and dolphin cruises to sandboarding, quad-biking and skydiving. Take your pick, or just relax – ending the day in one of Swakopmund’s popular restaurants.

Accommodation: The Delight Meals: Breakfast Optional Extra Activities: Take a scenic flight, join a living desert tour or a dolphin cruise. Swakopmund is the activity playground of Namibia. Activities range from sky-diving and sand-boarding to the more peaceful desert trips.

Day 06 **Swakopmund – Damaraland**

After your day of fun and exploration, we continue northwards to Henties Bay along the coast before veering inland towards Uis and the Brandberg massif. Rock art is on the agenda today with a visit to Twyfelfontein, home to a treasure-trove of ancient rock engravings. The area was once visited by groups of hunters and gatherers, who congregated at the rock pools in the dry season. Their shamans beseeched the gods for rain, healing for their people and luck for the hunt, hammering their prayers into the sandstone rock. The dry desert environment has preserved these engravings for thousands of years. Other stops include the Organ Pipes, Burnt Mountain and Petrified Forest, testament to the Earth’s intriguing geological history. In the afternoon, it’s a pleasure to arrive at Damara Mopane lodge set in a mopane woodland, where each chalet charmingly sports its own vegetable garden. Accommodation: Damara Mopane Lodge Meals: Breakfast & dinner

Day 07 **Damaraland**



Enjoy this leisurely day at Damara Mopane Lodge. Cool off in the large turquoise pool, rest and put your feet up with a favourite book. Don't miss the afternoon walk to the sunset deck for a sundowner drink and an exceptional view of the landscape. Accommodation: Damara Mopane Lodge Meals: Breakfast & dinner

Day 08 Damaraland – Etosha National Park

Today we travel into the heart of the country, Etosha National Park, via Outjo, making it in time for an afternoon game drive in the park. Experience the bounty of this wildlife haven before returning to Etosha Safari Camp for supper. This relaxed and down-to-earth camp has a quirky restaurant based on the shebeens (taverns) of old. Musicians strum guitars in the courtyard and sing local tunes while the guests relish the good fare. Tap toes and sing along at this lively, fun venue before returning by starlight to your comfortable room and the peace of an Etosha night. Accommodation: Etosha Safari Camp Meals: Breakfast & dinner

Day 09 Etosha National Park

Explore Etosha and its many waterholes where the wildlife gathers to slake its thirst. Every season has its own beauty in this special conservation area. The full day drive gives you the chance to view the array of sleek African wildlife in its natural surroundings. Return in the afternoon to the friendliness of Etosha Safari Camp for your final night of the tour.

Accommodation: Etosha Safari Camp Meals: Breakfast & dinner

Day 10 Etosha National Park – Windhoek

Breakfast is enjoyed at the camp before the drive southwards back to Windhoek, via Okahandja's popular woodcarver's market. Your guide will drop you off at your chosen accommodation in the capital city or at Hosea Kutako International Airport to catch your scheduled flight.