

Namibia offer you expect vibrantly contrasting colors, scents, tastes, textures and sounds against a backdrop of endlessly varying topography, climate and tradition. A multi-country journey in this enticingly diverse region promises to be the holiday trip of a lifetime. Here, you will make the kind of memories that you will carry with you always – memories that will bring you back again and again to Namibia.

Day 1 Airport – Kalahari (270 km)

Upon your arrival in Namibia at Hosea Kutako International Airport, you will be meet by your Tour Guide and after the welcoming. A short brief will be given and your guide will advise you to change money into Namibian Dollars Stopping at small towns along the way including Rehoboth, traditional home of the Baster people and on to Kalkrand where you bid the main road farewell and head off into the Kalahari.

The Kalahari Desert often surprises people when they first see it. It is very different from the Namib. First of all, remember that the Kalahari is not a desert. It receives more rain than a true desert should. The Kalahari is a fossil desert. Don't expect to find tall Sossusvlei-style dunes devoid of greenery here. The Kalahari's dunes are very different. They are often equally beautiful, but usually greener and less stark – and with this vegetation comes its ability to support more flora and fauna than a true desert.

Overnight at Kalahari Anib Lodge

Day 2: Kalahari – Fish River Canyon area (400 km)

An early morning nature drive into Kalahari (included) before leaving for the town of Mariental and south to Keetmanshoop where you have the opportunity of visiting the Quiver tree Forest (although these trees are also found all over the southern part of Namibia in fact these Quiver trees are not trees; but a family of aloe, (*Aloe Dichotoma*), so called because the branches fork "dictomously". These weird looking plants dot the landscape in this part of the world and are locally common; however they are one of the world's rarest flora species. **Overnight at Hobas Campsite NWR**

Day 3: Fish River Canyon – Aus (310 km)

In morning head towards the main viewpoint of the Fish River Canyon. View points are the ideal opportunity for photos and to spend some time experiencing this amazing sight. Viewing from the top you can see the river sparkling in the sunlight far below us, and can barely imagine how many millennia it took for the forces of erosion to carve such a magnificent canyon. Picnic lunch as we are heading to Aus for **overnight camping at Klein Aus Vista**.

Day 4: Aus – Luderitz – Aus (250 km)

We depart for Luderitz with a Visit of Kolmanskop, a desert ghost town about 20 km out of Luderitz. It was built in the 1920's during the diamond rush and was abandoned when bigger and better diamonds were found further along the coast. The area is still abandoned and the desert has encroached over the entire town, giving an eerie feeling and real meaning to the word "ghost" after the tour we will go to Luderitz and walk around Luderitz and lunch is on your own account.

Return to Aus and Klein Aus Vista during mid-afternoon with a stop to view Namibia remaining wild horse find in the desert. **overnight camping at Klein Aus Vista**.

Day 5: Klein Aus Vista – Namib Desert – Sesriem Camp (315km)

Turning north, you once again head deep into the ancient southern Namib, travelling on small gravel roads of D707 and passing some tiny rural communities along the way. The scenery is harsh, and sometimes forbidding. The process of erosion in these areas is well advanced and we pass time rounded “koppies” arid terrain and outcrops of tortured rock. Traversing this bleak yet beautiful landscape, the terrain begins to change and you cross some open grass savannah and farmlands before the terrain begins to give way to the immense red sand dune desert of the Namib. Your arrival should be during the late afternoon, watch the colors glow and change on distant mountains to the east.

Day 6: Namib Desert– Sossusvlei – Namib Desert (120 km)

A pre- dawn start is essential this morning as you want to catch the soft light of the sunrise on the desert. After passing through Sesriem, the gateway to the dunes and driving into the heart of the dune field, you reach Sossusvlei itself by walking the last 5 km through the dunes. The walk is like nothing else, in the cool of the morning, with soft sunlight just beginning to play over the dunes creating a sharp light and shadow contrast across the whole desert. Ancient mineral pans, stunted camel thorn trees and the chance of seeing a gemsbok or maybe an ostrich make the photo opportunities perfect. Spend the morning in and around Sossusvlei, also visiting dune 45, and as the day wears on return to your overnight establishment for lunch to escape the heat of the afternoon. As the day cools off in the late afternoon take a short excursion to the Sesriem Canyon.

Day 7: Sesriem – Swakopmund (350 km)

An early start today, we are heading north-west to the seaside town of Swakopmund located on the Skeleton Coast. Leaving the dune fields behind and getting close to the mountain. We cross the Tropic of Capricorn, Gaub and the Kuiseb pass and watching the spectacular desert landscape unfold before you. From the mountains you cross the desolate “Namib gravel plains” before reaching the coastal sand dunes at the port town of Walvis Bay. Picnic lunch and we continue toward the bird paradise and stop some photos of some flamingo before continuing north to Swakopmund.

Day 8: Swakopmund

Today the day is free. Swakopmund is a very pleasant seaside town with lots of shops, a good stretch of beach (although the Atlantic here is quite cold) and an open-air curio market. There is also a very good museum and the Namibian National Marine Aquarium is located in Swakopmund.

There are various optional activities that can be arranged ask your guide for more information regarding these optional activities and he can book them for you. From scenic drives, fishing trips (both from the beach or in a boat), four-wheel motorcycle (quad bike) trips into the desert and over the sand dunes around Sandwich harbor, sand boarding trips (also in the dunes), skydiving, surfing, bird-watching and many other activities are available.

Day 9: Swakopmund – Twyfelfontein (420 km)

Leaving early and heading north along the coast, you can first visit the seal colony at Cape Cross where it is possible to see thousands of Cape Fur Seals in the water and on the surrounding rocks and beaches. (Entrance Fees included) From here you return east, inland and back into the desert toward Spitzkoppe. Walk around the Spitzkoppe and **overnight at Spitzkoppe Campsite**

Day 10: Spitzkoppe – Himba – Twyfelfontein

Travelling on to the small town of Uis, an old mining town, located more or less in the middle of nowhere. Uis is one of the best places to buy semi-precious stones for which Namibia is famous. Here, rough Amethyst, Tourmaline etc. can be found at bargain prices.

From Uis it is now only a short drive to Namibia's highest mountain, The Brandberg, (2573 m). Brandberg Mountain is an ancient Bushman spiritual site. A visit to a Himba village on the way to Twyfelfontein, this new village recently opens to Tourist and visitor in the areas. **Overnight a Aba Huab Campsite**

Day 11: Twyfelfontein –Palmwag (90 km)

Starting early so as to enjoy the cool of the morning, visit the ancient Bushman rock engravings at Twyfelfontein. At this location you will have a local guide to conduct us on a short guided tour. (Entrance Fees not included, to be paid direct). Travel through one of the most beautiful desert regions in Namibia, Damaraland as you drive north-east to the **Palmwag Lodge overnight in room**

Day 12: Palmwag – Rhino Tracking – Palmwag Lodge

Full day at Palmwag Lodge –be ready by 06:00. The experience is a mixture of 4x4 game drive and setting off on foot, with the possibility of up to three hours" walking. Refreshments are served near springs over the lunch hour. Rhino tracking takes place over bumpy and rocky terrain and a reasonable amount of fitness is required. Damaraland is one of the last few places where wildlife can roam freely and as with the elephant tracking, sightings cannot be guaranteed.

Day 13: Etosha Road Side - Etosha National Park Okaukuejo Resort (200 km)

Drive to Etosha National Park –Etosha National Park was proclaimed as Namibia's first conservation area in 1907 by the then German government and is one of the largest game reserves in Africa. Consisting of saline desert, savannah and woodlands, its definitive feature is the Etosha Pan, a vast shallow depression. Of the 114 mammal species found in the park, several are rare and endangered, such as black rhino, cheetah and black-faced impala. Etosha's current population of more than 700 black rhino represents one of the few growing populations of black rhino in the world.

The Okaukuejo waterhole is probably one of the most renowned waterholes in the park. The presence of game is seasonal but winter offers game enthusiasts a unique experience as the illuminated waterhole is situated next to the camp. Common sightings include large herds of elephant, black rhino, lion, cheetah, brown hyena, Burchells and Hartman's Mountain Zebra, Gnu and numerous antelope species. **Overnight at the Okaukuejo Resort**

Day 14 + Day 15: Etosha National Park – Namutoni (game drive)

For the greater part of the year the pan is a bleak expanse of white, cracked mud which, on most days shimmers with mirages. Seeing vast herds of game against this eerie backdrop, referred to in the local vernacular as the 'great white place of dry water', makes the Etosha game-viewing a unique experience.

About 340 bird species occur in Etosha, about one third being migratory. For the greater part of the year (the dry season) Etosha's animals and birds are dependent on about 30 springs and waterholes. These provide excellent game viewing and photographic opportunities. During the rainy season, especially the bird life at the main pan and Fischer's Pan is worth viewing. **Overnight at Namutoni NWR**

Day 16: Namutoni Resort – Okojima (300 km)

A last morning game drive within Etosha National Park as you exit at the Von Lindquist Gate and travel to the mining town of Tsumeb and down to Otavi. After Otjiwarongo you head off the main road and to Okojima where you should arrive mid-day and have lunch at Camp and afternoon Leopard tracking with the lodge in the reserve. **Overnight at Okojima Campsite**

Day 17: Okojima – Windhoek (300 km)

After a leisurely breakfast and possible morning excursion (optional extra) leave Okojima stopping at Okahandja, where you will have time to visit Namibia's largest wood carving market. The market is operated on a local co-operative basis and is one of the best places to shop for truly Namibian souvenirs.

Transfer to Windhoek airport and end of our service.

Price available on request

All prices are based on 2 people travelling. Prices will change with larger groups sharing vehicle costs.

Camping Option
per person sharing

Accommodated Option
per person sharing

Rates are quoted in Namibian Dollars per person sharing and include vehicle rental.