



FAMILY FUN (FF)

15 Days or 18 Days

Windhoek to Windhoek

TRAVEL WITH A PURPOSE!

Travelling with kids is a worthwhile challenge in logistical planning. This tour ensures that juniors stay occupied, parents get their break while the entire family can enjoy some of Namibia's most fascinating, fulfilling and fun destinations.

Classification	Classic
Vehicle recommendation	SUV or 4x4 Double Cab
Included	Meals: 14x Breakfast, 4x Dinner All meals as specified in the itinerary Activities as specified Accommodation as specified Tourism levy & Government Taxes where applicable Deluxe Travel planner Colouring book for children
Excluded	All International / Domestic Flights & taxes Rental Vehicle Visas Travel & Personal accident insurance Personal Expenses Excursions / Activities not specified Gratuities
Optional Extras	Excursions / Activities on request

Day 1

WINDHOEK

After you arrive at the international airport you are met by a local travel consultant who will go through your safari and assist with any questions you might have (optional – not included). After collecting your rental vehicle (not included) you continue onwards to Windhoek, the capital of Namibia. Your guesthouse is situated in a quiet residential suburb and it is close to the city centre with its Afro-European flair and peaceful atmosphere. After checking in and settling down you have ample time to get exploring what Namibia's capital has to offer, from the iconic "Christus Kirche", "Tintenpalast", and "Alte Feste" just some of the relics from the countries colonial history or stroll along the quaint streets lined with craft markets. In the evening enjoy typical Namibian cuisine in one of the numerous excellent restaurants in the city.

The Elegant Guesthouse

Day 2 – 3

KALAHARI DESERT

After a leisurely breakfast, you head out south into the enormous sand mass on Earth, the Kalahari Desert. The Kalahari is a vast semi-desert of wind-blown sand held by a sparse mantle of thorn scrub making it the most extensive continuous stretch of sand covering 9 African countries. Unlike other true

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deserts, the Kalahari does receive erratic rainfall. For many therefor "thirstland" is a more fitting description. Lacking permanent surface water, the Kalahari is a challenging place to live except for those who have adapted to not only survive but flourish here. The Bushmen refer to it as the "Soul of the World", an emotive description for this area! With its deep red dunes and endless grass plains interspersed with acacia's and shrubs, it is still home to a surprisingly large amount of specially adapted wildlife. During your two days stay, enjoy the opportunity to experience the red dunes, wildlife, plants and the unique opportunity to experience traditional farm life in Namibia. In this desert environment an optional nature drive is a must experience for young and older.

Jansen Kalahari Guestfarm – Breakfast, Dinner



Day 4

NAMIB DESERT

Enjoy a hearty breakfast while viewing meerkats playing on the laws before you head off west to towards the second desert on your safari. You travel across vast open plains, stopping for an optional light lunch in the countryside town of Maltahöhe before continuing further along with the Tiras Mountain range to your lodge in the Namib Desert. The lodge is located close to Sesriem the gateway to Sossusvlei, Dead Vlei and Sesriem Canyon, with some of the highest dunes on Earth towering over the white desert plains. The afternoon can be spent relaxing at the sparkling pool, enjoying the vast open desert plains, or taking part in optional activities offered at the lodge.

The Elegant Desert Lodge – Breakfast

Day 5

SOSSUSVLEI

The morning demands an early start. Entering the Namib Naukluft National Park shortly after sunrise, the first rays of sunlight paint the mountains of sand into a variety of apricot, red and orange, contrasted against a crisp blue skyline, enrapturing your senses, and providing an opportunity to capture this impressive landscape on film. You will be captivated by the surreal Deadvlei surrounded by some of the highest dunes on earth and Sossusvlei, where the dry Tsauchab River ends abruptly amongst dunes. Take the opportunity to walk up one of these majestic dunes to admire the desert landscape beneath. After this thrilling experience, you visit the Sesriem Canyon, a life-sustaining natural phenomenon in the heart of the Namib Desert before returning back to your lodge and cooling off along the swimming pool or with a refreshing drink on one of the quiet retreats located all around the lodge.

The Elegant Desert Lodge – Breakfast

Day 6 – 8

SWAKOPMUND

After another spectacular sunrise, travel alongside rugged yet liberating scenery to Swakopmund. Your family-friendly hotel is situated opposite the National Marine Aquarium and close to the beach. Having arrived in Swakopmund, the rest of the day you spent at leisure. With palm-lined streets and seaside promenades, Swakopmund is a very popular holiday destination in Namibia. Its pleasant summer climate and long stretched beaches attract anglers and surfers from all over Southern Africa. For the international guest, Swakopmund is a bohemian mix of German correctness and African time, laid back attitude with adrenalin activities, misty mornings and desert heat. It's colourful, it's vibrant, but most of all, it's fun. Swakopmund is thus fondly referred to as the "playground of Namibia", it has numerous activities ranging from, adventure to exploring the fascinating features of the Namib Desert and the animals and plants that occur and survive here. Embrace the relaxed pace of this idyllic coastal town while enjoying coffee and freshly baked pastries in one of the many café's. Alternatively explore the rugged, sweltering desert on a day tour, or view this awesome, environment from the air on a scenic flight. Find your inner child and push adrenaline to its limits with extreme adventures such as skydiving over the desert or quad biking and sandboarding on the dunes. Take time to get the feel of this quaint town with its historic

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buildings, museums, shopping arcades and beach bar that has transformed into its personality by the vibrant use of colour and the bohemian lifestyle.

Kramersdorf Guesthouse – Breakfast

Day 9

ERONGO MOUNTAIN

Your journey continues into the Erongo Region. En-route you can divert your trip via the Erongo Mountain range. From our Lodge we can follow a short walking trail to visit a living museum of the San to learn and participate in some of their ancient skills. Ai Aiba Lodge forms part of the 200 000 hectare Erongo Mountain Nature Conservancy. This pristine wilderness area straddles the Erongo Mountains: a natural reserve within a vast volcanic crater complex, which boasts unparalleled biodiversity. Ai Aiba Lodge allows guests to relax and take the time to enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of the Erongo Mountains and the Bushveld. It is a perfect place to spend the day by the pool with a good book, or if the energy of the granite mountains inspire you, to take a walk or drive with one of our experienced guides through the mountains.

Ai Aiba The Rockpainting Lodge – Breakfast

Day 10 & 11

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, you head north to for an unforgettable wildlife adventure awaiting us over the following days. Reaching the Etosha National Park through the Andersson Gate, you can immediately head out onto your first game viewing experience, exploring the natural and manmade waterholes in the vicinity of Okaukuejo before leaving the park at sunset to check into your lodge close to the park's border. The Etosha National Park is roughly the size of Switzerland, and one of Namibia's most prized possessions and a real jewel when it comes to game viewing.

Etosha Safari Camp – Breakfast

Day 12 & 13

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

The next two days again are devoted purely to the abundant wildlife found in the Etosha National Park, which surrounds a parched salt desert known as the Etosha Pan. The park is home to 4 of the Big Five – elephant, lion, leopard and rhino. The Park was proclaimed as Namibia's first conservation area in 1907 by the then Governor, von Lindequist. Despite the size of the Etosha National Park, only the southern edge of the pan is accessible to visitors. Game viewing in the park is primarily focussed around the waterholes, some of which are spring-fed and some supplied from a borehole, ideal places to sit and watch over 114 different game species, or for an avid birder, more than 340 bird species. Popular game species such as giraffe, blue wildebeest, plains and mountain zebra, hyena, lion, leopard, antelopes such as kudu, oryx, eland, as well as some of the endangered species such as Black rhino, cheetah and the black-faced impala are all found here. An extensive network of roads links the over 30 water holes allowing visitors the opportunity of a comprehensive game viewing safari throughout the park as each different area will provide various encounters. Your

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family-friendly lodge offers special guided bush walks focusing on children, educating them on all highlights of environmental protection and conservation.

Mushara Bush Camp – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 14

OKAHANDJA / OTJIHAVERA MOUNTAIN

After breakfast, travel south passing Tsumeb, Otavi, Otjiwarongo and Okahandja towards the foot of the Otjiavera Mountain that borders the northern outskirts of Windhoek. The lodge is home of a vast variety of animal species, that can comfortably be views from your rooms terrace or the spacious restaurant deck. Here you and your family can participate in optional nature drives and scenic walks, while the tranquil garden and sparkling pool serve as an excellent hang out during the heat of the day.

Okapuka Safari Lodge – Breakfast

Day 15

DEPARTURE

After a relaxed breakfast, you travel back to Windhoek, where you can also visit the craft markets that line the streets before returning to the airport or your individually booked guesthouse.

Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO THE FISH RIVER CANYON:



Day 4 & 5

FISH RIVER CANYON

After the Kalahari Desert, you travel further south into an area dominated by age-old quiver trees as well as a primordial landscape of gigantic dolerite formations that serve as the perfect location for a session of "hide and seek"! Your accommodation for the evening, situated further south close to the Fish River Canyon, offers wonderful walking trails. The following morning, you can visit the Fish River Canyon, the second largest canyon on Earth.

Canyon Roadhouse – Breakfast

Day 6

LÜDERITZ

After breakfast you proceed onwards heading towards the coastal town of Lüderitz. On the way to Lüderitz, you can stop at Garub, which is the viewing point for the Wild Horses of the Namib Desert. Arriving in Lüderitz you head towards the coastline and take an optional scenic route along the "Große Bucht", enjoying the fresh sea breeze, before checking in to your guesthouse

Kairos Cottage – Breakfast

TOUR SUMMARY:

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEAL BASIS	OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES	KM
1	The Elegant Guesthouse		Arrival, visiting Windhoek city	50
2	Jansen Kalahari Guestfarm	Breakfast, Dinner	Optional farm drive	250
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4	The Elegant Desert Lodge	Breakfast	Visit Duwisib castle, relax at the guest farm, nature drive	290
5	The Elegant Desert Lodge	Breakfast	Sossusvlei, Dead Vlei and Sesriem Canyon excursion	200
6	Kramersdorf Guesthouse	Breakfast	The Namib Desert drive to Swakopmund, optional activities	365
7	Kramersdorf Guesthouse	Breakfast	Wide range of activities available in Swakopmund, relaxing, beach walks	
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9	Ai Aiba The Rockpainting Lodge	Breakfast	Travel into the Erongo Region, Explore Omaruru, visit a chocolate factory, root factory, street shops and cafes.	270
10	Etosha Safari Camp	Breakfast	Nature/Farm drive, Living Museum of the San/Bushmen, wine farm visit, relax at the pool	300
11	Etosha Safari Camp	Breakfast	Afternoon game drive in Etosha National Park	200
12	Mushara Bush Camp	Breakfast, Dinner	Full day game drive in Etosha National Park	200

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13	Mushara Bush Camp	Breakfast, Dinner	Kids make their pastry, children & adult game drive in Etosha National Park	150
14	Okapuka Safari Lodge	Breakfast	Travel to the northern Waterberg area, optional afternoon activities of the lodge	500
15	End of tour	Breakfast	Travel back to Windhoek	80

Optional Extension after Bagatelle and before Elegant Desert Lodge

1	Canyon Roadhouse	Breakfast	Visit Quiver tree Forest, Giant's playground	480
2	Canyon Roadhouse	Breakfast	Visit Fish River Canyon, nature walk, relax at the pool	40
3	Kairos Cottage	Breakfast	Visit the historical town of Lüderitz and Kolmanskop	310

Alternative accommodation may be used.