



## EXPERIENCE NAMIBIA (DN)

19 Days

Windhoek to Windhoek

### TRAVEL WITH A PURPOSE!

Experience Namibia's entirety from the world's largest sand mass in the Kalahari Desert to the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest Canyon on earth. Let yourself be captivated by the surreal dunes at Sossusvlei and Dead Vlei. Discover UNESCO and RAMSAR World Heritage sites and the ancient San and Damara cultures. Encounter the rich and diverse Wildlife of the Etosha National Park.

<b>Classification</b>	Explorer
<b>Vehicle recommendation</b>	SUV or 4x4
<b>Included</b>	All meals as specified in the itinerary: 18x Breakfast, 11x Dinner Activities as specified Accommodation and Campsites as specified Tourism levy & Government Taxes where applicable Deluxe Travel planner
<b>Excluded</b>	All International / Domestic Flights & taxes Rental vehicle Visas Travel & Personal accident insurance Personal Expenses Excursions / Activities not specified Gratuities
<b>Optional Extras</b>	Excursions / Activities on request

#### Day 1

##### WINDHOEK

After arriving at the international airport, you proceed via mountainous terrain to Windhoek, the capital city of Namibia. Your lodge is situated close to the city center with its Afro-European flair and peaceful atmosphere. In the evening enjoy typical Namibian cuisine in one of the numerous restaurants in the city.

##### The Elegant Guesthouse

#### Day 2

##### KALAHARI DESERT

Travelling south after breakfast, you will soon see the red sand of the Kalahari interspersed with yellow grasses, shepherd's trees and acacia's. Your campsite is situated on a private game reserve in close vicinity to a frequented waterhole where oryx, springbok, zebra and a variety of smaller game species abound. In the late afternoon experience the Kalahari and its symbiotic components on a sundowner/nature drive (*optional*).

##### Jansen Kalahari Guestfarm - Breakfast

#### Day 3 & 4

##### KGALAGADI TRANSFRONTIER PARK

Continue with your journey further east to Mata Mata on the Border of Botswana. Your Lodge is a mere 20km from the Mata Mata Gate to the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, making this an ideal day-trip excursion. You can choose to drive yourself or have a Guided day tour of the Park which allows you to have an experienced ranger to show you the highlights of the region and have his trained eyes spot the rich wildlife found here.

##### Torgos Safari Lodge - Tented Chalet – Breakfast, Dinner

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## **Day 5**

### **FISH RIVER CANYON**

An early morning departure takes you further south across endless plains dotted with dolerite hills and desert-adapted vegetation. On your way to the magnificent Fish River Canyon, you can visit Mesosaurus Fossil site, which is probably one of the most convincing examples to prove the drifting of continents, as the fossils you witness here are also present in Southern America! Further points of interest on your journey south are the quiver tree forest and the Giant's Playground.

**Canyon Roadhouse - Breakfast**

## **Day 6**

### **FISH RIVER CANYON**

Depart your lodge early after breakfast and travel south to the Fish River Canyon Viewpoint at Hobas. Enjoy this natural phenomenon with the early morning sun. The Fish River Canyon is the second largest of its kind on Earth, with its awesome splendor and adapted fauna and flora on a scenic walk along the ridge of the canyon.

**Canyon Roadhouse - Breakfast**

## **Day 7**

### **SOUTHERN NAMIB**

Travelling along a scenic road takes you towards your accommodation for the night. Arriving at an authentically unique place to stay. Kronenhof Lodge is a privately owned reserve situated in Southern Namibia midway between Lüderitz and Sossusvlei. It's a magnificent destination among landscape formed by ancient volcanic activity and the red sands that stretch across the Sperrgebiet and Namib Naukluft Park.

**At Kronenhof Lodge – Breakfast**

## **Day 8**

### **NAMIB DESERT**

After breakfast, you travel along stretches of grass plains interspersed with huge mountain ranges into the area of Sossusvlei, where your Eco camp is situated close to Sesriem the gateway to Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. These highlights are to be visited early the next morning to experience the sunrise capturing this inspirational natural play of light and shadow.

**The Elegant Desert Camp – Breakfast, Dinner**

## **Day 9**

### **SOSSUSVLEI**

Today calls for an early rise! Here, sunrise paints the highest dunes on Earth into an artwork of awe-inspiring proportions. After taking a walk along or even up some of the majestic dunes, visit the spectacular Dead Vlei. Travel back to your camp, where the rest of the day is spent at leisure enjoying the endless vistas from the rock pool.

**The Elegant Desert Camp – Breakfast, Dinner**

## **Day 10 & 11**

### **SWAKOPMUND**

After breakfast, travel through two rugged passes and via the Welwitschia plains and the Moon landscape to Swakopmund. Better known as Namibia's playground, this idyllic town is wedged between the sweltering Namib Desert and the cold Atlantic Ocean and enjoys a distinct German architecture and atmosphere. Swakopmund has numerous activities to offer, some of which include scenic flights, boat trips, desert tours and quad biking adventures.

**Guesthouse in Swakopmund - Breakfast**

## **Day 12**

### **ERONGO MOUNTIAN**

Today we head east into the Erongo Mountain range to stretch our legs on a optional short and informative bush walk with local Bushmen, whereby we listen to stories of the bushman culture, traditions and see some of their desert survival skills. Returning from the walk we reach our cozy Bush Camp looking onto the surrounding boulders of the Erongo Mountain range. We can further explore this beautiful are on foot, following the well-marked routing to some amazing viewpoints.

**Omandumba Bush Camp – Breakfast, Dinner**

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### **Day 13**

#### **DAMARALAND**

Today our journey continues through Uis past the Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain (2.579m), into the Damaraland, one of the least populated and most geologically diverse areas in Africa. This harsh, rocky environment is home to the elusive desert elephant, the black rhino and free-roaming antelope species. We arrive at our lodge in the afternoon, where we have the remaining day at leisure.

**Ondjamba Hills – Breakfast, Dinner**

### **Day 14**

#### **DAMARALAND / BRANDBERG**

On an early morning scenic nature drive through, at times untouched wilderness area of the Otjimboyo Concession, we head out towards the Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain. This is the best time to capture the perfect light of sunrise and catch the last mist engulfing the mountain. We continue down into the dry Ugab riverbed, which we follow back towards the camp. Stopping under one of the majestic camelthorn trees we enjoy a light picnic lunch. On our drive along the meandering river we might encounter the elusive desert elephant that roam the dry riverbeds of the Damaraland, feeding on the nutritious pods of the trees lining the riverbanks. Arriving back at the camp we have enough time left to enjoy the scenery or follow one of the walking trails. A highlight is the sundowner drive that offers you unforgettable photo opportunities of the Brandberg and surrounding landscape

**Ondjamba Hills – Breakfast, Dinner**

### **Day 15**

#### **ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

On your way to Etosha you can visit Twyfelfontein, the Living Museum of the Damara and the Petrified Forest before travelling through Outjo to the border of the Etosha National Park. Here you can already explore the rich wildlife on an afternoon safari in your vehicle or an optional open vehicle game safari offered by the lodge.

**Etosha Omusati Lodge – Breakfast, Dinner**

### **Day 16**

#### **ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

Enter the Etosha National Park, and enjoy the entire day game driving through one of the most species diverse game sanctuaries on Earth. A multitude of waterholes along the edge of the Etosha Pan, a vastly expanding white salt depression that shimmers with mirages during the heat of the day, support over 110 different animals and over 300 different bird species. Your camp is situated close to the National Park, enabling you to depart late in the afternoon.

**Etosha Omusati Lodge – Breakfast, Dinner**

### **Day 17**

#### **ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

After sunrise, you again have the entire day for excellent game drives in the park. Enjoy the sight of pronging springbok and playful animals announcing the start of another glorious day.

**Mushara Bush Camp – Breakfast, Dinner**

### **Day 18**

#### **OKAHANDJA**

Travelling south past the Waterberg and Etjo Mountain ranges, open bush and grass plains and cattle ranches you reach your lodge just north of Okahandja. Here you have the some time to relax on a typical Namibian farm and reflect on the past day's adventures and experiences before leaving Namibia with unforgettable memories.

**Omatozu Safari Camp – Breakfast, Dinner**

### **Day 19**

#### **DEPARTURE**

In time for your outbound flight, travel the short distance to the international airport, where you return your rental vehicle and where your tour ends.

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## Breakfast

### SUMMARY OF TOUR

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEALS	OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES	KM
1	The Elegant Guesthouse		Windhoek City Tour	50
2	Jansen Kalahari Guestfarm	Breakfast	Travel to the Kalahari Desert, Dune Drive / Walks	280
3	Torgos Safari Lodge	Breakfast, Dinner	Travel to the border of the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park	250
4	Torgos Safari Lodge	Breakfast, Dinner	Day excursion into the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park	300
5	Canyon Roadhouse	Breakfast	Visit Mesosaurus fossils, quiver tree forest and Giant's Playground before travelling to the Fish River Canyon	450
6	Canyon Roadhouse	Breakfast	Excursion to Fish River Canyon Viewpoint, Nature drive	60
7	At Kronenhof Lodge	Breakfast	Route along the Orange River and through the AiAis Richtersveld Transfrontier Park	460
8	The Elegant Desert Camp	Breakfast, Dinner	Travel to the vicinity of Sesriem, the gateway to the Namib Naukluft National Park	360
9	The Elegant Desert Camp	Breakfast, Dinner	Visit Sossusvlei, Dead Vlei and Sesriem Canyon	220
10	Guesthouse in Swakopmund	Breakfast	Travel through Solitaire, Gaub and Kuiseb Canyon to the Atlantic Ocean, Visit Welwitschia Plains and Moonlandscape	350
11	Guesthouse in Swakopmund	Breakfast	Optional activities in and around Swakopmund	
12	Omandumba Bush Camp	Breakfast, Dinner	Depart the Atlantic coastline and head land inwards past the Spitzkoppe towards the scenic Erongo Mountains, Optional visit to the SAN Living Museum	180
13	Ondjamba Hills	Breakfast, Dinner	Journey past the Brandberg into the scenic Damaraland	150
14	Ondjamba Hills	Breakfast, Dinner	Scenic nature drive through a private concession and the ephemeral Ugab river in search of the elusive desert elephants	
15	Etosha Omusati Lodge	Breakfast, Dinner	Travelling towns of Outjo and onwards to the border of the Etosha National Park. Optional afternoon open game drive safari	280
16	Etosha Omusati Lodge	Breakfast, Dinner	Full day game drive in the Etosha National Park	300
17	Mushara Bush Camp	Breakfast, Dinner	Full day game drive in the Etosha National Park	250
18	Omatozu Safari Camp	Breakfast, Dinner	Nature- / Game drives or exploring the bushland on walking trails or self-drive game viewing excursions	420
19	Departure	Breakfast	Departure to the airport	160

Alternative accommodation may be used

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