



TENTS AND TRACKS (TT)

23 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 2nd largest Canyon on earth. Get drawn back in time by visiting the ghost town of Kolmanskop and let yourself be captivated by the surreal dunes at Sossusvlei and Dead Vlei. Discover exceptional UNESCO and RAMSAR World Heritage sites and the ancient San and Damara cultures. Encounter the rich and diverse Wildlife of the Etosha National Park.

Classification	Explorer
Vehicle recommendation	Fully equipped 4x4 camping vehicle
Included	Meals: 4x Breakfast All meals as specified in the itinerary Activities as specified Accommodation and Campsites as specified Tourism levy & Government Taxes where applicable Deluxe Travel planner
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

Upon arrival at the international airport, you collect your fully equipped four-wheel-drive vehicle and proceed to Windhoek. Here you have time to stock up on supplies for the following days. Enjoy a scenic walk through this cosmopolitan African city with its European colonial flair, wooden markets and cosy street café's. In the evening visit one of Windhoek's splendid restaurants before retiring to your guesthouse for the night.

Hillside Suites

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 acacias. Your campsite is situated on a private farm in close vicinity to a

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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 / Campsite – Breakfast

Day 3 & 4

FISH RIVER CANYON

Your route takes you via sparse vegetation, isolated hills and endless rocky plains to the Quiver Tree Forest. Here you find over 250 of these indigenous aloes assembled in a single area. Proceed further south to the Fish River Canyon. This canyon, created by the effects of upliftment and erosion, is set in a harsh, rocky plain dotted with drought-resistant plants, and is regarded as one of the rare natural wonders on Earth.

Canyon Roadhouse Campsite

Day 5

LÜDERITZ

Travelling past the Naute dam, visit the Naute Kristal Distillery, a stop not to be missed for Gin lovers, their gin is locally produced here together with many other fine spirits and can be bought as tasteful and original souvenirs. Continue to the edge of the Namibian escarpment and via the Succulent Karoo to the coastal town of Lüderitz. En route, you can stop at Garub to try and find some of the unique Namib Desert Horses that survive in the desert due to their acquired adaptations.

The Cormorant House (Self Catering)

Day 6 & 7

SOUTHERN NAMIB

Before continuing to the southern Namib Desert, a visit to Kolmanskuppe, located just outside of Lüderitz, is very rewarding for all those who wish to travel back in time to a unique remnant of a bustling diamond town that flourished here from 1908 to 1950. Travelling north, your next stop is situated in a more solitude desert landscape along the foot of the stunning Tiras Mountains and the scenic D707 route.

Kanaan Desert Retreat – Campsite



Day 8 & 9

NAMIB DESERT & SOSSUSVLEI

On this morning you travel north into the Namib Desert, the oldest desert on Earth. Your lodge is surrounded by the Naukluft Mountains, one of the most impressive mountain ranges found in Namibia. Arriving at Sesriem, the gate to Sossusvlei, home of the highest dunes on Earth, and Sesriem Canyon, you have the afternoon at leisure. Early the following morning experience the surreal environment of flat gravel plains contrasted with the apricot-colored majestic dunes when visiting Sossusvlei. Visit the fantastic Dead Vlei with its white clay-baked pan surrounded by the highest dunes in the world. Finish the morning with a visit to the rugged Sesriem Canyon, a gorge created by the force of the Tsauchab River.

Sesriem Campsite or Sossus Oasis Campsite

Day 10 & 11

SWAKOPMUND

After breakfast travel to Swakopmund. En route, you will traverse the rugged and harsh Gaub and Kuiseb Passes. You can also visit the Welwitschia plains and the Moon landscape as you approach Swakopmund (Permit required). This idyllic town is situated between the Namib Desert and the Atlantic Ocean and offers some unique and fun activities. Some of these include scenic flights, dolphin cruises, quad biking, dune boarding, parachuting and windsurfing.

Guesthouse in Swakopmund– Breakfast Day 11

Day 12

DAMARALAND

After breakfast, you travel east into Damaraland, one of Namibia's most geologically diverse areas. Game such as rhino, desert elephant and giraffe roam freely, just as they did hundreds of years ago. Enjoy dinner along the banks of the ephemeral Ugab River, where, with some luck, you may be able to view the rare desert elephant.

Madisa Campsite – Breakfast

Day 13 & 14

KAOKOVELD

Start the morning with an excursion to Twyfelfontein, a World Heritage Site where over 2500 rock engravings and rock paintings cover the boulders of a pre-historic desert. Travel further north into Kaokoland, a large tract of pristine wilderness and uniquely adapted wildlife. This is the home of the Himba. Your camp for the night is situated along a lush, deeply eroded dry riverbed that is inhabited by a range of browsers such as kudu and duiker.

Ongongo Waterfall Campsite

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Day 15 & 16

EPUPA FALLS

After a glorious sunrise and a hearty breakfast travel further north through landscapes where huge baobab trees stand like giants amid the mopane savanna. Once at the Epupa Falls, this spectacular water wonderland in an arid environment will have you gasping in awe. Optional activities from your camp include visits to traditional Himba villages, scenic walks and excellent birding opportunities.

Omarunga Campsite

Day 17

KAOKOVELD

This morning travel south to the capital city of the Himba's – Opuwo. On your way, you may come across migrating Himba people in search for better grazing for their cattle as well as wildlife species such as springbok, kudu, oryx and baboons. Just before reaching Opuwo you can stop at a Living Museum of the Himbas experiencing this traditional and unique culture.

Opuwo Country Lodge Campsite

Day 18

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Today you travel into the Etosha National Park, Namibia's most famous wildlife park. The park surrounds a parched salt desert known as the Etosha Pan, which shimmers with mirages during the heat of the day. Waterholes in the park support a diversity of mammals and birds, including endangered species such as rhino and cheetah. From your campsite, you have access to a floodlit water hole that attracts a vast amount of game in the evening, unmatched to anywhere else.

NWR Etosha – Olifantsrus Campsite

Day 19 & 20

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

After sunrise you travel through the park to another camp in the national park, enjoying the sight of pronging springbok and playful animals announcing the start of another glorious day. The dense stands of Mopani forests support a large variety of browsers and specialized predators such as leopards, while it offers a variety of migratory as well as non-migratory bird species safe cover and nesting sites.

NWR Etosha Campsite

Day 21

WATERBERG NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast travel south to the Waterberg area, one of the most scenic locations in Namibia and perfect for undertaking walks and game drives. Your campsite lies at the foot of the red sandstone cliffs with magnificent views on to the endless bush plains below.

Waterberg area Campsite

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Day 22

WINDHOEK

Enjoy a pre-breakfast walk along one of the scenic mountain trails before travelling south towards Windhoek. Take time to stroll through one of the large craft markets in Okahandja. Your route takes you between high mountain ranges back to the capital city, Windhoek, where you check into your pension for the night. The next morning you travel the short distance to the airport for your departing flight.

Hillside Suites

Day 23

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.

Breakfast



TOUR SUMMARY

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEALS	OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES	KM
1	Hillside Suites		Vehicle & supply preparation/shopping, City tour	50
2	Jansen Kalahari Guestfarm Campsite	Breakfast	Travel to the Kalahari Desert, Game- Nature Drives	240
3	Canyon Roadhouse Campsite		Quiver tree forest, Mesosaurus Fossils	490
4	Canyon Roadhouse Campsite		Excursion to the Fish River Canyon View Point	
5	The Cormorant House		Travel to Lüderitz, Wild Horses, Diaz Point	400
6	Kanaan Desert Retreat - Campsite		Visit Kolmanskop, Travel along the D707 to the Tiras Mountains	240
7	Kanaan Desert Retreat - Campsite		Nature- / Sundowner Walks / Drives	
8	Sesriem Campsite		Travel to Sesriem	250
9	Sesriem Campsite		Early morning Sossusvlei, Dead Vlei, Sesriem Canyon excursion	120
10	Guesthouse in Swakopmund		Travel to Swakopmund through Solitaire, Gaub and Kuiseb Canyons, Welwitschia Plains, Moonlandscape	350
11	Guesthouse in Swakopmund	Breakfast	Activities in/around Swakopmund	-
12	Madisa Campsite	Breakfast	Travel to the Brandberg on the edge of the Damaraland, Afternoon nature drive in search of desert elephants	240
13	Ongongo Waterfall Campsite		Visit the Twyfelfontein UNESCO Heritage site, Damaraland Living Museum, Travel north to Kaokoland	350
14	Ongongo Waterfall Campsite		Visit Ongongo Waterfalls	
15	Omarunga Campsite		Visit Fort Sesfontein and travel north to the Kunene River	330
16	Omarunga Campsite		Excursion to the Epupa falls	-
17	Opuwo Country Lodge Campsite		Travel to Opuwo and visit a Living Museum of the Himba	180
18	NWR Olifantsrus Campsite		Enter the western side of the Etosha National Park through the Galton gate, Afternoon Etosha Game Drive	250
19	NWR Campsite		Full Day Etosha Game Drive	250
20	NWR Campsite		Full Day Etosha Game Drive	250
21	Waterberg Area Campsite		Hoba Meteorite, Tsumeb Museum, evening walk	300
22	Hillside Suites		Morning Walk, Woodcarvers	310
23	Departure	Breakfast	Vehicle return and Travel to the airport	50

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Alternative accommodation may be used.