



SPECTACULAR NAMIBIA (SN)

12 Days

Windhoek to Windhoek

TRAVEL WITH A PURPOSE!

Experience Namibia's most valued treasures. Let yourself be captivated by the surreal dunes at Sossusvlei and Dead Vlei. Discover UNESCO and RAMSAR World Heritage sites and the ancient Damara culture. Great Wildlife encounters in the Etosha National Park.

Classification	Comfort & Superior
Vehicle recommendation	SUV or 4x4 Double Cab
Included	Meals: Comfort: 11x Breakfast; 6x Dinner Superior: 11x Breakfast; 1x Lunch; 9x Dinner All meals as specified in the itinerary Activities as specified Accommodation 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

NAMIB DESERT

Your journey starts by travelling south into the heart of the Namib Desert, an area with awe-inspiring landscapes and majestic dunes. Arriving at your lodge, situated near the entrance to Sesriem, the remainder of the day can be spent at leisure. Enjoying a late afternoon walk or taking part in optional activities offered by the lodge.

Comfort: The Elegant Desert Lodge

Superior: Sossusvlei Lodge – Dinner

Day 2

SOSSUSVLEI

This day calls for an early rise, as you will forever remember the picture of a sunrise over the mighty dunes of the Namib Desert. Gaze at the bright splash of sunbaked sand combined with the mighty play

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of shadows cast onto the lay side of the dunes. From Sossusvlei visit Dead Vlei, a surreal white clay pan surrounded by great dunes and dotted with age-old Camelthorn trees. Travelling back, visit the Sesriem Canyon, an 18 million-year-old gorge eroded into the conglomerate floor.

Comfort: The Elegant Desert Lodge – Breakfast

Superior: Sossusvlei Lodge – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 3 / 80 km

NAMIB DESERT

After enjoying a breakfast amidst the spectacular scenery of the Namib Desert, depart to your next lodge situated at the foot of petrified dunes. Here you have the opportunity to explore the Namib Desert on spectacular scenic nature and sundowner drives or relax by the side of the lodge pools.

Classic: Namib Desert Lodge – Breakfast

Superior: Desert Grace – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4 & 5

SWAKOPMUND

Today you travel via the Namib Naukluft Park to Swakopmund, a tranquil coastal town situated between the Namib Desert and the Atlantic Ocean. Visit the Welwitschia plains and the aptly named Moon landscape, two of the attractions during this scenic drive. In Swakopmund, you have the option of participating in some of the adventurous activities on offer. These could include scenic flights, dolphin cruises, quad biking, parasailing, dune boarding.

Comfort: Guesthouse in Swakopmund – Breakfast

Superior: Strand Hotel – Breakfast

Day 6

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.

Comfort: Ondjamba Hills – Breakfast, Dinner

Superior: Mowani Mountain Camp – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 7

DAMARALAND

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

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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 (*Comfort Version*). A highlight is the sundowner drive that offers you unforgettable photo opportunities of the Brandberg and surrounding landscape (*Comfort Version*).

Comfort: Ondjamba Hills – Breakfast, Dinner

Superior: Mowani Mountain Camp – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Your destination today is the wildlife heaven of Namibia – the Etosha National Park. On your way to this wildlife mecca you can stop at the **Petrified Forest**. The geological phenomenon found here depicts the creation and metamorphosis of wood into stone amongst some of the oldest landmasses on Earth. Here you also see the **Welwitschia mirabilis** plant – the oldest living desert plant on Earth. Before checking into your lodge located on the border of the Etosha National Park, you can already enter the park for your first game viewing excursion.

Comfort: Etosha Village – Breakfast, Dinner

Superior: Etosha Oberland – Full Board

Day 9

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Entering the Etosha National Park in the early morning, your time will be devoted purely to the abundant wildlife found here. The park surrounds a parched salt desert known as the Etosha Pan and is home to 4 of the Big Five – elephant, lion, leopard and rhino. The park's waterholes support a diversity of mammals and birds, including species such as black-faced impala, cheetah, and Namibia's smallest antelope, the Damara dik-dik.

Comfort: Onguma Forest Camp – Breakfast, Dinner

Superior: Mushara Outpost – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 10

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Today you have the possibility to conduct your own game drives through the Etosha National Park, or optionally you can book an open game park drive with the lodge. You may encounter animal species you have not seen the previous day and look forward to any new surprises at the different waterholes visited. The Etosha Pan dominates the park. This salt pan desert, which is nearly completely enclosed by the park and is lined by numerous watering holes, is roughly 130 km long and as wide as 50 km in places. During Etosha's notorious dry spells the pan is a deathly place, lying parched and cracked under the molten African sun. It is claimed that game viewing is best during the dry periods as animals will then congregate closer to water. But even in the rainy season, the park remains an abundant wildlife haven. You then have the pleasure of experiencing the rebirth of life as the young foals, cubs and chicks are seen frolicking around with their parents, and the sprouting new green shrubs and grasses create a

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pleasing green oasis. In the afternoon you travel back to your lodge, where you enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure.

Comfort: Onguma Forest Camp – Breakfast, Dinner

Superior: Mushara Outpost – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 11

CENTRAL NAMIBIA

In the early morning you travel back south through the main cattle farming region of Namibia, through Windhoek and towards the international airport, where the lodge is fittingly situated in the lush bush landscape. The remainder of the day is spent at leisure beside the sparkling pool or the viewing deck of your room. In the afternoon you have the option of exploring the rich diversity of game species on an optional open-vehicle drive or a self-guided scenic walk.

Comfort: Okonjima Plains Camp – Breakfast, Dinner

Superior: Okonjima Bush Camp – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 12

DEPARTURE

After breakfast, you travel back to the capital, Windhoek. Time permitting, en-route you may stop at the famous wood carvers market in Okahandja or the craft market in the main street in Windhoek to pick up the last few souvenirs. Windhoek is a cosmopolitan melting pot of European architecture with African culture, with a variety of excellent restaurants to choose from. You will be dropped off at your accommodation of choice or transferred to the airport for your outward flight.

Breakfast



TOUR SUMMARY: COMFORT

DAY	ESTABLISHMENT	MEALS	OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES	KM
1	The Elegant Desert Lodge		Travel to the Namib Desert	350
2	The Elegant Desert Lodge	Breakfast	Sossusvlei, Dead Vlei and Sesriem Canyon	150
3	Namib Desert Lodge	Breakfast	Enjoy a day at leisure in the Namib Desert with an optional sundowner dune drive	80
4	Guesthouse in Swakopmund	Breakfast	Moon landscape, Welwitschia plains	360
5	Guesthouse in Swakopmund	Breakfast	Optional activities in Swakopmund	-
6	Ondjamba Hills	Breakfast, Dinner	Depart the Atlantic coastline and head land inwards towards the scenic Damaraland	230
7	Ondjamba Hills	Breakfast, Dinner	Scenic nature drive through a private concession and the ephemeral Ugab river in search of the elusive desert elephants	290
8	Etosha Village	Breakfast, Dinner	Visit the Petrified Forest before reaching the Etosha National Park, afternoon game viewing	300
9	Onguma Forest Camp	Breakfast, Dinner	Full day game drive in Etosha National Park	300
10	Onguma Forest Camp	Breakfast, Dinner	Full day game drive in Etosha National Park	300
11	Okonjima Main Camp	Breakfast, Dinner	Scenic walk or self-drive nature drive	350
12	Return	Breakfast	Travel back to Windhoek	100

Alternative accommodations may be used



TOUR SUMMARY: SUPERIOR

DAY	ESTABLISHMENT	MEALS	OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES	KM
1	Sossusvlei Lodge	Dinner	Travel to the Namib Desert	350
2	Sossusvlei Lodge	Breakfast, Dinner	Sossusvlei, Dead Vlei and Sesriem Canyon	120
3	Desert Grace	Breakfast, Dinner	Enjoy a day at leisure in the Namib Desert with an optional sundowner dune drive	60
4	Strand Hotel	Breakfast	Moon landscape, Welwitschia plains	350
5	Strand Hotel	Breakfast	Optional activities in Swakopmund	
6	Mowani Mountain Camp	Breakfast, Dinner	Himba Village, Afternoon nature drive	350
7	Mowani Mountain Camp	Breakfast, Dinner	Morning visit to Twyfelfontein, afternoon nature drive with opportunity of seeing Desert Elephants	
8	Etosha Oberland	Full Board	Visit the Petrified Forest before reaching the Etosha National Park, afternoon game viewing	330
9	Mushara Outpost	Breakfast, Dinner	Full day game drive in Etosha National Park	300
10	Mushara Outpost	Breakfast, Dinner	Full day game drive in Etosha National Park	300
11	Okonjima Bush Camp	Breakfast, Dinner	Scenic walk, game drive	350
12	Return	Breakfast	Travel back to Windhoek	230

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