



EXTRAORDINARY NAMIBIA (XN)

13 Days

Windhoek to Windhoek

TRAVEL WITH A PURPOSE!

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
Vehicle recommendation	SUV or 4x4 Double Cab
Included	Meals: 12x Breakfast; 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
Added Value	Guided walk with a bushman, Mountain Drive, one night free of charge at Etosha Village, Sundowner Drive Damaraland

Day 1

WINDHOEK

Having arrived at the international airport, you collect your vehicle at the relevant car rental company kiosk and travel a short distance to Windhoek. Check into your guest house and enjoy the day at leisure or explore the city centre with its colonial-style buildings, street cafes and craft markets.

The Elegant Guesthouse

Day 2 & 3

KALAHARI DESERT

In the morning you travel into the largest sand mass on earth, the Kalahari Desert. The bushman refer to it as the "Soul of the World", a fitting description for this awe-inspiring area! With its deep red dunes and endless grass plains interspersed with acacia's and shrubs, it is the only form of survival for a vast

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amount of specially adapted wildlife such as oryx, springbok and ostrich. Enjoy the opportunity to experience the fauna and flora that has survived this desert environment for thousands of years on an optional guided nature drive in the late afternoon, ending the day with a sundowner drink on one of the dunes. The following day, you will take part in a walk guided by a bushman, taking you over the dunes of the Kalahari.

Intu Africa Camelthorn Lodge – Breakfast, Dinner + Free Walk guided by a bushman



Day 4

NAMIB DESERT

This morning you travel via endless plains and along stunning mountain ranges into the Namib Desert. Your lodge is conveniently situated near the gate to two of Namibia's most celebrated attractions: Sossusvlei, home to some of the highest dunes on Earth, and Sesriem Canyon. Both are visited the next day.

The Elegant Desert Lodge – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5

SOSSUSVLEI

Before sunrise, you travel to the gate of the Namib Naukluft Park. The best time to experience the Sossusvlei area is at sunrise when the light paints the dunes and desert palette into deep red, apricot and purple – this part of the day is also the most forgiving, as you are not exposed to the hot afternoon sun when clambering one of the mighty 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. After returning to your lodge, cool off in the sparkling pool or take a refreshing drink while overlooking the desert plains.

The Elegant Desert Lodge – Breakfast, Dinner + 1x Mountain/Nature Drive

Day 6 & 7

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 Moonlandscape (permit required), two of the attractions during this scenic drive. In Swakopmund, you will 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 and parachuting.

Guesthouse in Swakopmund – Breakfast

Day 8

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 (Free Sundowner drive)

Day 9

DAMARALAND/BRANDBERG



On an optional early morning scenic nature drive through, the 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. 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 (Classic Version). A highlight is the sundowner drive that offers you unforgettable photo opportunities of the Brandberg and surrounding landscape.

Ondjamba Hills – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 10

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.

Etosha Village – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 11 & 12

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

You have the entire two days available for extensive game viewing experiences. The Etosha National 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. Shortly before sunset, you travel back to your lodge.

Etosha Village – Breakfast, Dinner – 1 Night free of Charge

Day 13

DEPARTURE

After a hearty breakfast, travel back to Windhoek or the international airport, where your tour ends.

Breakfast



SUMMARY OF TOUR

Day	Accommodation	Meal Basis	Optional and included activities	KM
1	The Elegant Guesthouse		Arrival, optional city tour	50
2	Intu Africa Camelthorn Lodge	Breakfast, Dinner	Optional Guided Game Drive in the afternoon	250
3	Intu Africa Camelthorn Lodge	Breakfast, Dinner	Included Bushman walk with the lodge	
4	The Elegant Desert Lodge	Breakfast, Dinner	Included Mountain Drive	360
5	The Elegant Desert Lodge	Breakfast, Dinner	Excursion to Sossusvlei, Dead Vlei and Sesriem Canyon	210
6	Organic Stay Guest House	Breakfast	Drive through the Namib Naukluft Park to Swakopmund	370
7	Organic Stay Guest House	Breakfast	Optional activities in Swakopmund	
8	Ondjamba Hills	Breakfast, Dinner	Depart the Atlantic coastline and head land inwards towards the scenic Damaraland Free Sundowner drive	230
9	Ondjamba Hills	Breakfast, Dinner	Scenic nature drive through a private concession and the ephemeral Ugab river in search of the elusive desert elephants	150
10	Etosha Village	Breakfast, Dinner	Visit Twyfelfontein and Living Museum of the Damara excursions before reaching the Etosha National Park, afternoon game viewing	330
11	Etosha Village	Breakfast, Dinner	Full day game drive in the Etosha National Park	200



12	Etosha Village	Breakfast, Dinner	Full day game drive in the Etosha National Park, one night free of charge	200
13	End of tour	Breakfast	Travel back to Windhoek or the airport	450

Alternative accommodation may be used