



NAMIBIA ECO TRAILS (NET)

14 Days

Windhoek to Windhoek

TRAVEL WITH A PURPOSE!

Discover Namibia ecological friendly tourism operations. Let yourself be captivated by the surreal dunes at Sossusvlei and Dead Vlei. Discover UNESCO and RAMSAR World Heritage sites and interact with ancient San and Damara cultures. Explore remote and nearly untouched concession areas in Damaraland. Encounter the rich and diverse Wildlife of the Etosha National Park.

Classification	Comfort
Vehicle recommendation	SUV or 4x4 Double Cab
Included	Meals: 13x Breakfast; 7x Dinner; 1x Lunch 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	Additional Excursions / Activities on request
	All Lodges on this tour have either received Namibian Eco or independently work on an extensive environmental and sustainable basis.

Day 1

WINDHOEK

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

The Elegant Guesthouse

Day 2

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. Enjoy a late afternoon walk or take part in optional activities such as nature/dune drives offered by your lodge.

The Elegant Desert Camp – Breakfast, Dinner

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Day 3

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 sun-baked sand combined with the mighty play 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. After returning to your lodge relax at the poolside to escape the midday heat, before taking part in an optional guided afternoon walk.

The Elegant Desert Camp – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4

NAMIB DESERT

After breakfast, depart to your next lodge situated at the heart of some of the best walking trails Namibia has to offer. Relax in over 12.000 hectares of pristine scenery. Enjoy far reaching views into the Namib Desert from the pool or stretch your legs on one of the many demarcated hiking trails taking you across valleys and endless plains and through spectacular canyons, created by rainwater masses gathering in the Khomas central highlands.

Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge - Breakfast

Day 5 & 6

SWAKOPMUND

The onward trip to Swakopmund offers you the opportunity to stop at Solitaire and taste the well-known Apple Pie with a refreshing cup of coffee before continuing on along the gravel road, which leads us through two geologically fascinating canyons into another section of the Namib Naukluft National Park, which shows us abandoned mines, the age-old Welwitschia mirabilis plant and a variety of game species around the Zebra Pans. Soon we reach a point where the ephemeral Kuiseb River acts as a natural boundary between the Namib Dune belt (Namibia's second World Heritage site) and the gravel plains of the Namib Desert. Leaving the blistering desert heat behind we arrive at the Atlantic coastline and Swakopmund, where we spent the following two nights. The rest of the day is spent at leisure in this tranquil coastal town, often also aptly referred to as the "playground of Namibia" due to many activities that are on offer here. In Swakopmund, you will have the option of participating in some of the adventurous activities on offer. On offer are Eco Marine Kayak Tours, dolphin cruises, Living Desert Tours, dune boarding, guided historical tours through Swakopmund or Fat Bike tours through the Namib Dunes.

Swakopmund Guesthouse – Breakfast

Day 7

ERONGO REGION

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

Day 8

DAMARALAND

Today we are heading further north 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. En-route we can visit Twyfelfontein, a World Heritage Site and an "open-air art gallery" that boasts over 2500 different Bushman rock engravings and rock paintings. Close to Twyfelfontein, you can also visit a Living Museum of the Damara, the original inhabitants of Damaraland. Dramatically set in the foothills of the Grootberg massif, Etendeka Mountain Camp appeals to the traveller who is prepared to experience this remote wilderness with its harsh beauty in an authentic way. Here one is reminded that we are all guests of Mother Nature. Pathways lead to ten private shaded en-suite Meru tents with their stunning eco-friendly open-air "bucket" showers. It is simple comfort in a rugged and harsh landscape

Etendeka Mountain Camp – Breakfast, Dinner

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Day 9

DAMARALAND

Today is spent exploring the area on foot and in open game drive vehicles with the exceptionally knowledgeable guides. Safaris are not fast paced, but rather a privileged introduction to an environment that holds many of Namibia's unique natural attractions. These arid plains set against the Etendeka basalt lava flows and flat top mountains are nothing short of splendid and although seemingly inhospitable are full of hidden life. Etendeka offers authentic engagement with nature and this remote wilderness. There are no fences or management of wildlife. Animals are free to move in and out of the area depending on the time of year, their movements driven by food and water.

Etendeka Mountain Camp – Fullboard & Activities

Day 10

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, you continue travelling through the small settlement of Kamanjab and onwards through Damaraland towards the Western Border of the Etosha National Park, where we reach the Hobatere Concession, well known for its giraffe, elephant and lion populations. Here we spend a night in splendid isolation, feeling the thrill of being enveloped by the magic of nature, listen to the little sounds of nocturnal animals and marvel at the bright stars of the African night sky and the magnificence of the Milky Way. Tree house guests have front-row seats in the privacy of the balcony to watch one of those memorable sunsets over the water hole in front of their lofty accommodation.

Hobatere Tree House – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 11

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Entering the Etosha National Park in the early morning through the Galton Gate, 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.

Etosha Village – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 12

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

You have the entire day available for extensive game viewing experiences. No game drive is the same; all waterholes hold new surprises and attract different animal species that you may not have seen on previous game drives.

Etosha Village – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 13

GREATER WATERBERG AREA

Departing the Etosha National Park, you travel through the main agricultural and cattle farming region of Namibia. Arriving at your lodge close to the Waterberg you have time to explore the diverse wildlife and typical farm life on an optional guided farm or nature drive or follow one of the numerous scenic walking trails.

Ouhave Country Home – Breakfast

Day 14

DEPARTURE

After Breakfast, depart your lodge and travel the last short stretch towards the international airport, where your tour ends.

Breakfast

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TOUR SUMMARY: COMFORT

DAY	ESTABLISHMENT	MEALS	OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES	KM
1	The Elegant Guesthouse		City tour	50
2	Elegant Desert Camp	Breakfast, Dinner	Travel to the Namib Desert	360
3	Elegant Desert Camp	Breakfast, Dinner	Sossusvlei, Dead Vlei and Sesriem Canyon, nature walk along petrified dunes	210
4	Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge	Breakfast	Nature walks through the Namib Desert	160
5	Swakopmund Guesthouse	Breakfast	Moon landscape, Welwitschia plains, Travel to Swakopmund	230
6	Swakopmund Guesthouse	Breakfast	Optional activities in and around Swakopmund	
7	Ondjamba Hills	Breakfast	Depart the Atlantic coastline and head land inwards towards the scenic Damaraland	250
8	Etendeka Mountain Camp	Breakfast, Dinner	Visit the UNESCO Heritage site - Twyfelfontein, Living Museum of the Damara	200
9	Etendeka Mountain Camp	Fullboard & Activities	Afternoon Scenic nature drives with the possibility of seeing desert elephants	
10	Hobatere Tree House	Breakfast, Dinner	Visit a Himba Village. Travel north towards the western border of the Etosha National Park	300
11	Etosha Village	Breakfast, Dinner	Full day game drive in Etosha National Park	300
12	Etosha Village	Breakfast, Dinner	Full day game drive in Etosha National Park	200
13	Ouhave Country Home	Breakfast	Travel to Okahandja visiting the Kavango woodcarvers market, sundowner drive	300
14	Departure	Breakfast	Travel to the international airport	280

Alternative accommodations may be used