Namibia - Self Drive

Windhoek - Kalahari Namibia - Sossusvlei - Swakopmund - Damaraland - Etosha National Park - Etosha National Park - Windhoek

13 Days / 12 Nights



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Overview

Accommodation	Destination	Nights	Basis	Room Type
Olive Grove Guesthouse	Windhoek	1	B&B	1x Standard room
Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch	Kalahari Namibia	1	B&B	1x Savannah Chalet
Le Mirage Resort & Spa	Sossusvlei	2	D, B&B	1x Twin Rooms
Desert Breeze Lodge	Swakopmund	2	B&B	1x Double
Mowani Mountain Camp	Damaraland	2	D, B&B	1x Superior Rooms
Okaukuejo Resort	Etosha National Park	2	B&B	1x 2 Bed Bush Chalet
Mokuti Etosha Lodge	Etosha National Park	1	B&B	1x Standard Room
Olive Grove Guesthouse	Windhoek	1	B&B	1x Standard room

Key
B&B: Bed and breakfast
D, B&B: Dinner, bed and breakfast

Included

Accommodation and meals as indicated
Daily Car Rental
Deluxe Travel planner or Information Pack (containing itinerary, maps, brochures and additional information
Meet & Greet
VAT & Tourism Levy

Excluded

- Fuel for rental vehicle, Fuel Deposit, Contract Fee, Excess Deposit (Std Cover)
- One way drop off / delivery fees, second spare tyre, 2nd driver fee, Cross border fees
- All extra meals and Drinks
- Optional Excursions and Activities
- Entrance fees to all National Parks / Sightseeing Attractions on route
- Porterages and Gratuities
- Flights and Airport Taxes
- Travel Insurance
- All expenses of a personal nature.

Day 1: Olive Grove Guesthouse, Windhoek



With its well-developed infrastructure, some of the best tourist facilities in Africa and an impressive list of breathtaking natural wonders, touring Namibia is truly a pleasure. Visit the capital of Windhoek and the lovely coastal town of Swakopmund to discover remnants of the country's German influence, reflected in the architecture, culture, cuisine and the annual Oktoberfest celebrations. To properly appreciate this extraordinary country, you will have to venture out of the cities to explore the remarkable natural landscapes Namibia has to offer. These include: the impressive Fish River Canyon Park; the vast Etosha National Park teeming with local subspecies, such as desert lions, desert elephants and the Hartmann's Mountain Zebra; the hauntingly beautiful Kalahari Desert; and of course the Namib Desert stretching for nearly 1000 km along the magnificent Atlantic coastline. Namibia is an ideal destination for travellers seeking an unforgettable African experience in a uniquely beautiful untamed wilderness.



Windhoek is Namibia's capital, home to an international airport and a plethora of restaurants, shops, entertainment venues and accommodation options. The city is clean, safe and well-organised, with a colonial legacy that is reflected in its many German eateries and shops, and the widespread use of the German language. Windhoek has an interesting mix of historical architecture and modern buildings, many of which are worth a look, including the Alte Feste (Old Fort), the 1896 Christuskirche (Christ Church), and the more contemporary Supreme Court.

Day Itinerary

- On arrival at Windhoek International Airport you make your way through passport control and into the arrivals hall where you look out for your guide who will be holding a name board with your surname on it.
- They will hand over your travel documents and assist you at the airport so that you can collect your rental car.
- Yourself drive journey starts from the Airport.

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Included

Bed & Breakfast

Day 2: Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch, Kalahari Namibia



The Kalahari is an exceptionally beautiful living desert a large semi-arid sandy savannah draped over a gently rolling inland sea of sand covering most of Botswana and large parts of Namibia and South Africa. It is also the last bastion of the San people with the modern world having enveloped all the other areas they once roamed.

Here in Namibia it is typically red sands covered in thin, wispy, mostly golden grass and dotted with acacia trees and wide ranging wildlife including gemsbok, impala, jackals and cheetah.

Overnight: Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch [View iBrochure]

The lodge lies on the edge of the Southern Kalahari in the mixed tree and shrub Savannah. The ranch is characterized by huge red sands dunes running parallel, and in a northern-westerly to south-easterly direction. This 'Spirit of Africa' atmosphere, coupled with service, delivered with graciousness and charm, in an unashamedly luxurious setting, will be the hallmarks of this establishment, providing excellent value and unforgettable memories for the discerning traveller.





Included

Bed & Breakfast

Day 3: Le Mirage Resort & Spa, Sossusvlei



Sossusvlei is where you will find the iconic red sand dunes of the Namib. The clear blue skies contrast with the giant red sand dunes to make this one of the natural wonders of Africa and a photographers heaven. Aside from the attractions at Sossusvlei - Dune 45, Hiddenvlei, Big Daddy and Deadvlei - other attractions in the area include the Sesriem Canyon and Namib-Naukluft National Park, where the mountains of the Namib meet its plains.

Overnight: Le Mirage Resort & Spa [View iBrochure]

Le Mirage Resort & Spa, a unique construction in the Namib desert, is situated at 21 km from the Sesriem gate to Sossusvlei. This makes it one of the lodges closets to the Sossusvlei and the ideal place to stay when you want to visit the highest dunes in the world!

Guests are accommodated in 8 Camelthorn rooms and 19 Oasis rooms with en-suite facilities, air-conditioning, safe, mini bar and coffee & tea facilities. The lodge is accommodated in a large castle sheltering guests against the harsh desert climate. The spacious restaurant serves a fusion cuisine of European and Namibian dishes.

A highlight at the resort is the Mystique Spa, wellness centre which specializes in massages, pedicures, manicures, aroma massages and de-stress treatments. In the large courtyard guests can retreat to the swimming pool sheltered from the desert in an oasis of palm trees. On offer are quad bike tours, nature drives on the private domain and nature drives to Sossusvlei, scenic flights and hot air ballooning. The lodge offers guests a luxury home after a day in the desert.





Included
Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 4: Le Mirage Resort & Spa, Sossusvlei

Optional Tourin Day

OPTIONAL - Dead Vlei

This ancient clay pan was once an oasis, studded with acacias and fed by a river that suddenly changed course, leaving the earth to dry up along with the trees it previously supported. So dry were the climatic conditions that the trees never decomposed – instead they were entirely leached of moisture so that today, 900 years later, they remain as desiccated, blackened sentinels dotting the pan's cracked surface. Surrounded by the red-pink dunes of the Namibia Desert, they create a surreal spectacle that is a photographer's dream.





OPTIONAL - Sesriem Canyon

Sesriem Canyon, a deep chasm carved through the rocks by water, is a striking natural feature of the area that is best explored on foot. Stony walls rise up sharply on both sides of the canyon, while birds roost in its crags and lizards

dart along the ledges. The canyon's name was coined when early settlers used it as a water source, using six lengths of leather ('ses riem – six thongs) tied together to lower buckets into the water at the base of canyon.





Included
Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 5: Desert Breeze Lodge, Swakopmund



Founded in 1892 as the main harbour for German South West Africa, Swakopmund is often described as being more German than Germany. Now a seaside resort, Swakopmund is the capital of the Skeleton Coast tourism area and has plenty to keep visitors happy. The quirky mix of German and Namibian influences, colonial-era buildings and the cool sea breeze make it very popular.

Overnight: Desert Breeze Lodge
Staying at Desert Breeze it will feel like you are part or the Namib desert. You will be living "in the view" of the oldest desert in the world. Total peace and silence so close to Swakopmund. Surrounded by colourful and very unique architecture contrasting but yet fitting in with the desert landscape will sooth any soul. Big basalt sculptures stand guard over the desert landscape.The luxury bungalows with the creative feeling and friendly staff will make your stay very special.

Desert Breeze offers 12, all en-suite, luxury bungalows and one exquisite villa, each with a private sun deck to admire the breath-taking view of the dunes.

Expressing sophisticated style and luxury from our accommodation right through to our breakfast facilities, we endeavour to make our guests feel pampered and spoiled.

Each bungalow and the villa are equipped with wireless internet, mini bar, coffee and tea making facilities and digital safes. The breakfast facility serves only the freshest of produce for breakfast. Seating is available indoors or on the deck for guest to enjoy the view and peaceful atmosphere. Secure parking as well as laundry facilities are available.





Included
Bed & Breakfast

Day 6: Desert Breeze Lodge, Swakopmund

Optional Touring Day

OPTIONAL - Living Desert Tours

The Living Desert Tour is a unique 4x4 adventure which specializes in bringing the desert to life while sharing the awesome beauty of the Namib Desert with travellers from all over the world. The coastal dune belt may seem barren and lifeless to many people, but in fact it is alive with a fascinating variety of little desert adapted animals, which are able to survive on the life-giving fog which consistently rolls in from the cold Atlantic Ocean.

Come see the Dancing White Lady Spider (Carparachne aureoflava) cartwheel 44 turns per second down a dune to escape the enemy. Admire the transparent Namib Dune Gecko (Pachydactylus rangei) with webbed feet that are equivalent to snow shoes. Learn about the different beetles and insects and how they survive in the dune desert. Follow in the tracks of a legless Lizard (Fitsimmon's Burrowing Skink), observe Sand Diving Lizards (Meroles Anchieta) dancing on the hot sand, Sidewinder Snakes (Perinquey's Adder), Desert Chameleons and many more fascinating creatures. Learn about the geology, structure and formation of the desert, and admire the vast and beautiful landscapes while enjoying a scenic dune drive combined with fun and adrenalin.





OPTIONAL - Catamaran Charters

The Catamaran Charters Team invites you aboard the 45ft Royal Cape Sailing Catamaran Silverwind, or the 60ft Simon Sailing Catamaran Silversand, or the 40ft Admiral Motorised Catamaran Silvermoon, to enjoy an adventure packed tour to Pelican Point and Walvis Bay's beautiful bay area.

The chances of encountering dolphins, whales, turtles, seals and Mola Mola (sunfish) make the search for the marine big 5 and adventurous tour by enjoying sparkling wine, fresh oysters and other mouth-watering snacks aboard the spacious and comfortable catamarans.





Included

Bed & Breakfast

Day 7: Mowani Mountain Camp, Damaraland



Huge, untamed and ruggedly beautiful Damaraland is an exceptionally scenic landscape of open plains and spectacular rock formations. The major attractions are Spitzkoppe, the Brandberg, Twyfelfontein, Vingerklip and the Petrified Forest.

Optional Touring

Twyfelfontein Rock Art

OPTIONAL - Twyfelfontein Rock Art

Twyfelfontein is a World Heritage Site boasting one of the richest rock art concentrations in Africa. Thousands of tourists come to this site each year to view some 2, 500 Stone Age rock engravings. The area is home to 17 rock art sites, which collectively encompass 212 engraved stone slabs. There are an additional 13 sites displaying rock paintings.






Overnight: Mowani Mountain Camp

Mowani Mountain Camp offers luxury tented accommodation with magnificent desert views. Open air en-suite bathrooms and private decks give you great views of Damaraland and the reliability of nearby Twyfelfontein with its San engravings and paintings is contrasted by the elusive desert adapted elephants.

The Twyfelfontein conservancy has been protecting the southern most roaming ground of the black rhino and elusive desert elephant. Sustainable eco-tourism and community upliftment is of the utmost importance at Mowani. Guides from the local tribes compliment day-time game drives to track mountain zebra, kudu, springbok, klipspringer and if you are fortunate enough... the leopard! The adventurer in me took over at Mowani. Days were filled with game drives, hot air balloon trips over the Aba-Huab Valley, champagne breakfasts and al fresco meals amidst the dusky landscape beneath Mopani trees.





Included

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 8: Mowani Mountain Camp, Damaraland

Optional Touring

Organ Pipes
Burnt Mountain
Petrified Forest

OPTIONAL - Petrified Forest

Situated approximately 50 kilometers west of the town of Khorixas, in an area of open veld, lies a large deposit of massive tree trunks that have "turned to stone" through a process of diagenesis. These petrified tree trunks are up to 34metres long, 6 metres in circumference and are approximately 260 million years old. Due to the lack of root or branch remains, it's believed that the trees were washed down an ancient river to the site in a massive flood.

Included
Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 9: Okaukuejo Resort, Etosha National Park



The Etosha National Park is Namibia's premiere game viewing experience, situated in the northwest of Namibia and is an area well known for its wildlife. Vegetation ranges from dense bush to open plains attracting a diversity of wildlife. In the heart of the Park is The Etosha Pan - a shallow depression that covers an area of 5000sq kilometres. Dry and shimmering for most of the year, the pans fill up with water after good rains to a depth which is seldom deeper than 1m. In the dry season wildlife is attracted to perennial springs and waterholes that makes for excellent game viewing.

Within the park are three large public rest camps catering for the more budget orientated traveller. There are several smaller establishments on the outskirts of the park on private land offering a more intimate and comprehensive experience. All of these establishments offer excellent value for money.

Optional Touring
Etosha Game Drive

OPTIONAL - Etosha Game Drive
Game drive through Etosha National Park searching for predators, plains game, reptiles & birds. Game drives are conducted in custom built safari vehicles with a pop-up roof and large opening windows to maximize photographic opportunities.

Depending on the time of year, these game drives take many different routes, but most often focus around the waterholes where you are most likely to see a variety of wildlife taking the chance to get a drink and swim.





Overnight: Okaukuejo Resort

Okaukuejo is located 17 km from the southern entrance of the park, and famous for its flood-lit waterhole, where visitors can observe at close quarters a spectacle of wildlife congregating and interacting. Accommodation is provided to suit every need, in premier bush chalets overlooking the waterhole; bush chalets and double rooms; or family chalets. Other facilities include a restaurant, bar, shop, swimming pool, kiosk and camping facilities.





Included

Bed & Breakfast

Day 10: Okaukuejo Resort, Etosha National Park

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Bed & Breakfast

Day 11: Mokuti Etosha Lodge, Etosha National Park



See Above

Overnight: Mokuti Etosha Lodge View iBrochure

Mokuti is the perfect venue for travellers wanting to explore the famous eastern side of Etosha National Park. Known for its excellent and diverse wildlife encounters, it has become a popular venue for meetings, incentives, weddings and honeymoons.

The closest lodge to Etosha National Park, Mokuti is only four minutes drive from the eastern Von Lindequist Gate near Namutoni Fort and is located on its own private 4 000 hectare nature reserve, which shares a common border with this fascinating wildlife reserve.

Upon arrival, guests are welcomed by a cool, green, tropical oasis. Charming thatched buildings and two sparkling pools nestled among the vast indigenous gardens give credence to the name "Mokuti", which in Ovambo means "In the forest".

Mokuti Etosha Lodge is situated approximately 550 km north of Windhoek, (±5 hours) travelling time. From Windhoek, follow the B1 for 3 505 km. Turn left onto the C38 for 25 km and follow the signs towards Namutoni Fort. Mokuti Etosha Lodge is on the left just prior to reaching the Von Lindequist Gate into Etosha National Park.





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Bed & Breakfast

Day 13: Departure

Today you drive yourself to Windhoek Airport where you drop off your rental car and check in for your onward flight.

End of Services

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