



African Extravaganza

Grande Namibia 2011

*Windhoek – Namib Desert – Sossusvlei – Swakopmund –
Damaraland – Twyfelfontein – Etosha National Park – Windhoek*

11 days / 10 nights

Departure: bi-weekly on a Monday

Minimum Participants: 2

Monday: Windhoek – Namib Naukluft Lodge. Depart at around 09:00 from Windhoek via the scenic and steep Spreetshoogte Pass to the beautifully set Namib Naukluft Lodge. A light lunch will be served. During the afternoon you have time to relax at the swimming pool and/or join a desert drive (optional – not included). Overnight with full board at Namib Naukluft Lodge.

Tuesday: Namib Naukluft Lodge. An early morning rise will be rewarded by the sight of the spectacular dunes at Sossusvlei on your excursion. Make the effort and climb one of the dunes and you may be overwhelmed by the sight of the dynamic and living desert. A pick-nick breakfast will be served under one of the camel-thorn trees at Sossusvlei. Visit the 'Dead Vlei' and the Sesriem Canyon before returning to the lodge for lunch. During the late afternoon a 'sundowner'- drive to the natural marble mountains on this 25,000 ha private nature reserve is offered. Overnight with full board at Namib Naukluft Lodge.

Wednesday: Namib Naukluft Lodge - Swakopmund. En route to Swakopmund we will drive through the Kuiseb Canyon and the Namib Desert. We'll arrive at around lunch-time (lunch included) check into our hotel and have a bit of rest, before we are off to some of the highlights in the region: the Swakop riverbed, the moonlandscape and at the Welwitschia Mirabilis, an ancient plant endemic to the Namib Desert. Overnight on a bed and breakfast basis at one of the Hotels in Swakopmund: Hansa Hotel, the Stiltz or similar. Dinner in Swakopmund is excluded. There are plenty of excellent restaurants – choose one that meets your taste.

Thursday: Swakopmund. We will drive to Walvis Bay this morning and you may want to join one of the optional tours (a boat-trip with a catamaran or a motorboat from the Walvis Bay yacht harbour, kayaking on the Walvis Bay lagoon, Quad-biking on the dunes en route to Walvis Bay, etc.) or you might enjoy walking along the lagoon and view the prolific birdlife with a huge population of flamingos. Return to Swakopmund in the afternoon and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (Optional – not included: A 'sundowner'-flight along the coastline in a small aircraft) Overnight on a bed and breakfast basis at the same hotel as the night before.

Friday: Swakopmund - Damaraland. Today we drive along the coastline via Henties Bay and Uis to the vast regions of the Damaraland. We shall visit the famous rock-engravings at Twyfelfontein, recently declared a World Heritage Site, and arrive at the Lodge during the course of the afternoon. The rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis at Twyfelfontein Country Lodge or similar.

Saturday: Damaraland - Kaokoveld. We carry on via Palmwag and Sesfontein (lunch excluded) into the Kaokoveld. This area is shared by elephants, black rhinos, giraffes and lions, as well as the Himba people, one of the last nomadic tribes in Africa. Often described as one of the last truly wild areas in the North West of Namibia. Our lodge is located on a mountain side and you 'll have beautiful views into the arid landscape. Overnight on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis at Opuwo Country Lodge.

Sunday: Kaokoveld. After breakfast we take along a local guide and a few items for the Himba people and depart to a Himba settlement. You'll meet with the people and will gain a bit of insight into their lives. A true African experience. We return to the lodge for lunch (excluded) and have the rest of the afternoon at leisure. Overnight on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis at Opuwo Country Lodge.

Monday: Kaokoveld – Etosha National Park. Today we have a long drive ahead of us and will start rather early. We enter the Etosha National Park. We shall try and enter the Park from this Western side. However, this is only possible if accommodation in Okaukuejo or Halali Restcamp can be booked. Arrive there during the course of the afternoon. A floodlit waterhole at either of the camps enables you to view the game also during the evening and nighttime, which is otherwise not possible. Dinner, bed and breakfast at preferably Okaukuejo or Halali Rest Camp, otherwise preferably at Toshari Inn, just outside the Etosha Park.

Tuesday: Etosha National Park. A whole day in this great National Park lies ahead of us and we shall stop at various waterholes en route to view game. This Park is well-known for its huge herds of zebra and antelope. With a bit of luck we should be able to spot elephant, lion and/or other predators. We leave the Park at the Eastern side and overnight just outside the Van Lindequist gate. Dinner, bed and breakfast at one of the lodges just outside: preferably Kempinski Mokuti Lodge, Mushara or Etosha Aoba Lodge or similar.

Wednesday: Etosha National Park. We enter once more into the Etosha National Park and explore the 'Fisherman's Pan' as well as the North-Eastern side at Andoni. We return to the lodge with surely great memories of the Etosha National Park. Overnight on dinner, bed and breakfast basis at the same lodge as the night before.

Thursday: Etosha National Park - Windhoek. After breakfast we depart to Tsumeb an old mining town and continue via Otjiwarongo to Okahandja, where we stop at the woodcrafters market. You can do some shopping here before we arrive in Windhoek during the late afternoon.

End of Safari

Price per person sharing:	N\$ 32,950.00
Single supplement:	N\$ 5,000.00

All prices quoted are valid from 01/11/10 until 31/10/11

Included: Safari in a small group – max. 6 participants - with a qualified English and/or German speaking tour-guide. Accommodation and meals as listed above: 10x breakfast, 4x lunch and 8x dinner. Activities as mentioned in the itinerary are included. All optional tours are to clients own account. Park-entrance-fees and portorage, Still and sparkling water on board the bus are free of charge.

Excluded: Meals not listed above have to be paid by the client directly (e.g. 7x lunch and 2x dinner in Swakopmund). All optional tours and trips are to be booked and paid in advance or to the tour guide, who will gladly assist with the necessary reservations. Tips, personal insurances and other personal items.