

Safari: Grande Namibia

Windhoek – Namib Desert – Swakopmund – Damaraland –
Kaokoveld - Etosha National Park – Okonjima - Windhoek

Short version of itinerary

Day by day

Duration of safari:	12 days / 11 nights
Departure:	Mondays on specified dates
Min / max participants:	2 / 7
Vehicle:	4x4 Landcruiser or Safari Vehicle
Language:	English or German (on request)
Rate per person:	as per current pricelist

Day:	Destination/Establishment:	Meals incl.:	Excursions & activities included:
1	Windhoek Namib Naukluft Lodge	Lunch Dinner	09:00: Drive: Windhoek – Namib Desert PM: Walking trails or time at leisure
2	Namib Naukluft Lodge	Breakfast Lunch Dinner	Early AM: Sossusvlei Excursion (incl. Dune 45, Sossusvlei, 'Dead Vlei', Sesriem) PM: 'Sun-downer' drive to the marble mountains
3	Namib Naukluft Lodge Swakopmund, Hansa Hotel	Breakfast Lunch	AM: Drive: Gaub & Kuiseb Pass, Namib Desert PM: Desert Excursion: Welwitschia Drive Swakop river bed, Welwitschia Mirabelis
4	Hansa Hotel	Breakfast	AM: Drive to Walvis Bay (optional excursions) PM: at leisure
5	Hansa Hotel Damaraland, Twyfelfontein Lodge	Breakfast Dinner	AM: Drive: Swakopmund - Damaraland Route: Along the coastline – Cape Cross Skeleton Coast Park
6	Twyfelfontein Lodge Kaokoveld, Opuwo Lodge	Breakfast Dinner	AM: Visit the rock-engravings at Twyfelfontein, Burnt Mountain and the Organ Pipes Drive: Twyfelfontein – Opuwo
7	Opuwo Lodge Western Etosha, Hobaterre Lodge	Breakfast Dinner	AM: Himba excursion – visit of a settlement Meet the culture of the nomadice living people PM: Drive: Opuwo Lodge – Hobaterre
8	Hobaterre Lodge Okaukuejo Resort	Breakfast Dinner	AM: Drive from Galton Gate (Etosha Entrance) To Okaukuejo Resort (central part) Game-viewing on route.
9	Okaukuejo / Halali Etosha, Van Lindequist Mokuti Lodge	Breakfast Dinner	AM: Drive Okaukuejo – Eastern side of Etosha (via the vast saltpan and game-viewing)
10	Mokuti Lodge	Breakfast Dinner	AM & PM: Game drives at the Eastern Side - Andoni Plains and Fisher's Pan.

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11	Mokuti Lodge	Breakfast	AM: Drive: Mokuti Lodge – Tsumeb – Otjiwarongo – Okonjima Ranch PM: Endangered Species Game drive
	Okonjima Ranch	Dinner	
12	Okonjima Ranch	Brunch	AM: Visit to the AfriCat Carnivore Care & Info Centre. 11:00 Return to Windhoek. 15:00 Arrival in Windhoek
End of Safari: Grande Namibia			

Departure Dates 2023:

March 2023:	06 th March, 20 th March
April 2023:	10 th April, 24 th April
May 2023:	08 th May, 22 nd May
June 2023:	19 th June
July 2023:	02 nd July, 17 th July, 31 st July
August 2023:	14 th August, 28 th August
September 2023:	11 th September, 25 th September
October 2023:	09 th October, 23 rd October
November 2023:	13 th November, 27 th November

Included:

Safari in a small group – with a qualified English and/or German speaking safari-guide in a 4x4 Landcruiser or one of our safari vehicles.

Accommodation and meals: 12x overnight, 12x breakfast, 2x lunch and 10x dinner.

Excursions: Sossusvlei Excursion, sunset drive at Namib Naukluft Lodge, Welwitschia Drive, Walvis Bay excursion, Cape Cross, Twyfelfontein excursions, Himba encounter, game-drives inside the Etosha National Park in the African Extravaganza vehicle, Onkonjima afternoon game drive, visit to the Carnivore Info Centre at Okonjima.

Extras: Parkfees, portorage, still and sparkling water on board the bus are free of charge.

Excluded:

Any additional / optional excursions or activities, meals not listed above, beverages, tips, personal items and insurances.



African Extravaganza

Classic Safari: Grande Namibia

*Windhoek – Namib Desert – Sossusvlei – Swakopmund – Skeleton Coast –
Damaraland – Twyfelfontein – Kaokoveld – Himba Encounter –
Etosha National Park – Okonjima – Windhoek*

Departure: Mondays 12 days / 11 nights

Day 1: Windhoek – Namib Desert.

(app. 240 km on gravel road – app. 3.5 hours driving time)

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, enjoy an easy walking trail or join a desert drive (optional – not included).
Overnight with full board at Namib Naukluft Lodge.

Day 2: Namib Desert.

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 picnic breakfast will be served under one of the camelthorn 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.

Day 3: Namib Desert - Swakopmund.

(app. 270 km on gravel road – app. 4 hours driving time)

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. Dinner in Swakopmund is excluded. There are plenty of excellent restaurants – the choice is yours!

Overnight on a bed and breakfast basis at the Hansa Hotel or similar.

Day 4: 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 in 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 Hansa Hotel or similar.

Day 5: Swakopmund - Damaraland.

(app. 450 km on salt & gravel road – app. 6 hours driving time)

Today we drive along the coastline via Henties Bay and Cape Cross, where we will visit the huge seal colony. We drive further north along the saltroad and turn near Torrabay into the vast regions of the Damaraland. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure

Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Twyfelfontein Country Lodge or similar.

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Day 6: Damaraland - Kaokoveld.

(app. 352 km on gravel road – app. 6 hours driving time)

In the morning we'll visit the famous rock-engravings at Twyfelfontein, a declared World Heritage Site as well as the 'Organ Pipes' and the 'Burnt Mountain.

We carry on via Palmwag and Sesfontein (lunch excluded) into the Kaokoveld. This area is shared by elephant, black rhino, giraffe, as well as the Himba people, one of the last nomadic tribes in Africa. Often described as one of the last true wilderness areas in the North West of Namibia.

Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Opuwo Country Lodge or similar.

Day 7: Kaokoveld – Western side of Etosha National Park.

(app. 200 km on gravel and tarred road – app. 3 hours driving time)

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 and carry on to our next destination, which is located just outside the Western gate of the Etosha National Park.

Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Hobatere Lodge or similar.

Day 8: Western side - Central parts of Etosha National Park.

(app. 160 km on gravel and tarred road – app. 3 hours driving time)

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.

At our resort a floodlit waterhole enables you to view the game also during the night time.

Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Okaukuejo or Halali Resort or similar.

Day 9: Etosha National Park.

(app. 160 km on park road – driving time – depending on game-drives)

We start early in the morning in order to increase our chances of seeing the big carnivores. Driving along the vast saltpan gives us incredible views of the pan. The vegetation changes on route and species of plains game differs. We'll stop at various waterholes and our establishment of choice is located just outside the Van Lindequist entrance.

Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Mokuti Lodge (or similar).

Day 10: Etosha National Park.

(app. 300 km on tarred and gravel road – app. 6 hours driving time)

We enter once more into the Etosha National Park and explore the 'Fisher's Pan' as well as the Andoni Plains in the North-East. We return to the lodge with surely great memories of the Etosha National Park.

Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Mokuti Lodge (or similar).

Day 11: Etosha National Park - Okonjima.

(app. 375 km on tarred & gravel road – app. 5 hours driving time)

After breakfast we stop at Lake Otjikoto, pass Tsumeb an old mining town and continue via Otjiwarongo to Okonjima Ranch – Home of the Africat Foundation.

During the afternoon, we join a drive on their premises in order to see some of the endangered wildlife species. Some of them, we might not have been able to spot during our Etosha Adventure.

Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Okonjima Ranch.

Day 12: Okonjima - Windhoek.

(app. 220 km on tarred road – app. 3.5 hours driving time)

We visit the African Carnivore Care & Info Centre, enjoy brunch and return to Windhoek. On route we stop at the Okohandja woodcrafters market. Arrival in Windhoek during early afternoon.

End of Safari