

Seasonal Menu:

Hiking in Namibia (Active Holidays)

Windhoek – Namib Desert – Naukluft Mountains – Atlantic Ocean – Damaraland - Etosha - Windhoek

Short version of itinerary

Day by day

Duration of safari:	13 days / 12 nights
Departure:	Thursday, 20th April 2023, 18th May 2023, 15th June 2023
No of participants:	4 - 7
Vehicle:	4x4 Landcruiser or Safari Vehicle
Language:	English or German (on request)

Day:	Destination/Establishment:	Meals incl.:	Excursions & activities included:
1	Windhoek NamNau Habitat, Soft Adventure Camp	Dinner	08:30: Drive: Windhoek – Namib Desert Via Spreetshoogte Pass PM: Sunset walk
2	Soft Adventure Camp Soft Adventure Camp	Breakfast Dinner	Early AM: Sossusvlei excursion (app. 7 hours) PM: Sunset drive to Marble Mountain
3	Soft Adventure Camp Soft Adventure Camp	Breakfast Dinner	AM: Hiking in the Naukluft Mountains (Waterkloof Trail) (app. 7 hours)
4	Soft Adventure Camp Swakopmund, Accommodated in one of the Pensions	Breakfast Dinner	Drive: Namib Desert - Swakopmund PM: at leisure in one of the Restaurants
5	Swakopmund Accommodated in one of the Pensions	Breakfast Dinner	Full day: Combination of kayaking on the Walvis Bay lagoon & Sandwich harbour tour. in one of the Restaurants
6	Swakopmund Brandberg, Accommodated in a Guesthouse	Breakfast Dinner	Drive: Swakopmund - Brandberg Visit Cape Cross
7	Brandberg Accommodated in a Guesthouse	Breakfast Dinner	AM: Hiking Trail to 'White Lady' rock painting PM: at leisure and/or easy walking
8	Brandberg Etendeka Concession River Camp	Breakfast Dinner	AM: Drive: Brandberg – Twyfelfontein – Palmwag PM: 16:00 Start of hiking trail (app. 2-3 hours) Sleeping on wooden decks under the stars
9	Etendeka Concession Hill Camp	Breakfast Dinner	Early morning: Hiking Trail (17 km) Sleeping on wooden decks under the stars

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10	Etendeka Concession Etendeka Mountain Camp	Breakfast Dinner	AM: Short walk to Etendeka Mountain Camp. Rest of the day at leisure.
11	Etendeka Mountain Camp Etosha National Park Okaukuejo Resort	Breakfast Dinner	AM: Drive: Etendeka – Etosha National Park Game drive inside the Park with stops at Various waterholes for game viewing.
12	Okaukuejo Resort	Breakfast Dinner	Full day of game viewing inside the Park.
13	Okaukuejo Resort	Breakfast	AM: Last game drive Late AM: Drive: Etosha – Windhoek Arrival in Windhoek at app. 16:00

End of Safari

Departure Dates:

April: 20th April 2023

May: 18th May 2023

June: 15th June 2023

Included:

Safari in a small group – with a qualified English and/or German speaking safari-guide in a 4x4 safari vehicle.

Accommodation and meals: 2x on wooden decks under the stars, 10x accommodation, 12x breakfast, 10x dinner.

Excursions: all excursions listed above are included.

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

Excluded:

Any additional meals (lunches on route), dinner in Swakopmund, beverages, any optional excursions, personal items & personal insurances, tips.



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Day 1: Windhoek – Namib Desert.

(app. 240km on gravel road – app. 4 - 5 hours driving time)

Depart at around 08:30 from Windhoek via the scenic and steep Spretshoogte Pass to the Greater Sossusvlei Landscape. Afternoon at leisure and easy walks.

Overnight at Soft Adventure Camp on dinner, bed and breakfast.

Day 2: Namib Desert.

(Excursion: 240km – app. 7 hours)

An early morning rise with a snack before leaving enables you to arrive at Sesriem, the Park's gate at around sunrise. The route leads along and also across the Tsauchab dry riverbed, which has found a way through the dunes until it reaches the claypan – the Sossusvlei. After a good rainy season – about every 7 to 10 years – the Tsauchab River runs in full flood and fills the Vlei with water. For months it remains here and offers sensational scenery with a prolific birdlife.

The early morning sun offers spectacular pastel colours in the star-shaped dunes. This is the highlight for the keen photographer. Your first stop will be at Dune 45 before we continue to the Sossusvlei. Climb one of the dunes – there are plenty – and you might be overwhelmed by the sight of the dynamic and living desert!

Breakfast will be served in form of a picnic under one of the shady camelthorn trees, before you continue to the base of the 'Dead Vlei'. It is quite a walk over patches of dunes that are crossing your way. When you arrive you will be paid off for your efforts – the scenery is awesome!

We will visit the Sesriem Canyon, a 30 metre deep rift, before we return to our base Namib Naukluft Lodge and the Soft Adventure Camp for a late lunch.

During the late afternoon a sundowner-drive to the natural marble mountains on this 25,000 ha private nature reserve is included.

Overnight at Soft Adventure Camp on dinner, bed and breakfast.

Day 3: Namib Desert.

(Excursion: 240km – full day)

An early morning rise with a snack before leaving. We drive to the starting point of the hiking trail: Waterkloof. The trail is located in the National Park and takes us through a region with unexpected vegetation, waterfalls (dry) and waterpools. It is 17km long and requires some fitness. Brunch packs will be taken along.

Overnight at Soft Adventure Camp on dinner, bed and breakfast.

Day 4: Namib Desert – Swakopmund.

(app. 270km on gravel road – app. 4 - 5 hours driving time)

We drive through the Kuiseb Pass towards the Atlantic Ocean. Arrival in Swakopmund at around midday. Afternoon at leisure in this cozy holiday resort. Dinner today is not included. Swakopmund offers plenty of excellent restaurants and the choice is yours.

Overnight in one of the guesthouses on bed and breakfast basis.

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Day 5: Swakopmund – Walvis Bay - Swakopmund

Early morning: Enjoy a combination of kayaking on the Walvis Bay lagoon and a tour to Sandwich harbor. (full day).

Overnight in one of the guesthouses on bed and breakfast basis.

Day 6: Swakopmund - Brandberg

(app. 290km on salt and gravel road – app. 5 hours driving time)

We drive along the beachfront to Cape Cross, where we will be able to see a huge seal colony, and continue to the Brandberg.

Overnight on dinner, bed and breakfast at the Brandberg.

Day 7: Brandberg

We will enjoy a hiking trail to the famous 'White Lady' rock painting (app. 2 – 3 hours). Afternoon at leisure with possible walks in the vicinity.

Overnight on dinner, bed and breakfast at the Brandberg.

Day 8: Brandberg - Palmwag

(app. 260km on gravel road – app. 5 hours driving time)

We continue further into the Damaraland and visit some of the highlights on route: the rock-engravings at Twyfelfontein. Arrival at Palmwag Lodge at 15:00. We start our overnight walking trail with a 2-3 hour hike.

Overnight at River Camp in the Concession area on wooden decks under the stars.

Day 9: Etendeka Concession – Hiking Trail

Early morning start for our 17 km walk. The route is spectacular and leads us to the top of Crystal Mountain.

Overnight at the hill camp with dinner, bed and breakfast under the stars.

Day 10: Etendeka Concession – Hiking Trail

We take a short morning walk down the hill and return to Etendeka Mountain Camp.

Overnight at Etendeka Mountain Camp on dinner, bed and breakfast basis.

Day 11: Etendeka – Etosha National Park

(app. 380km on gravel & tarred road – app. 5 hours driving time)

After breakfast we depart from the Damaraland and continue to the Etosha National Park. Etosha is well-known for its large herds of antelope. More than 114 mammal species are found in the Park. You have a great chance of seeing elephant, rhino, and with a bit of luck the big cats. First game-drive inside the park.

Overnight on dinner, bed and breakfast at Okaukuejo Resort (alternative possible).

Day 12: Etosha National Park

A full day of game-viewing in the Etosha National Park awaits us. Large herds of antelopes roam this habitat and we will be able to take a good view of the saltpan on route. We stop at various waterholes. We will also spend some time at the waterhole at Okaukuejo, which is well known for its animal activity.

Overnight on dinner, bed and breakfast at Okaukuejo Resort (alternative possible).

Day 13: Etosha National Park – Windhoek

(app. 440km on tarred road – app. 5 hours driving time)

We leave the park with a last stop at one of the waterholes for game viewing and continue back to Windhoek. Arrival during the course of the afternoon

End of Safari