



7 Day Taste of Namibia Lodge Safaris

Starting & ending in Windhoek

If you only have 1 week to explore Namibia then this fully accommodated and well-balanced safari “package” is the perfect choice for you. Combine a visit to the wonderful N/a'ankuse Wildlife Sanctuary with a 6 day adventure through Namibia, with game drives in Etosha National Park, a visit to the Swakopmund, and 2 nights in the Namib Desert, exploring the dunes of the Sossusvlei region.

Day 1 – MONDAY WINDHOEK

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HOTEL,

We are collected from the airport (must arrive prior to 12h00) on arrival and transferred to the centrally located Hilton Hotel. This afternoon we will join the afternoon Carnivore Feeding tour where you have the opportunity to see baboons, caracals, lions, cheetahs, wild dogs and leopards. These animals are known as “ambassador animals”, which means they are unable to be released back into the wild for different reasons. Returning to Windhoek early evening, dinner tonight is at our own expense either at the Hilton Hotel, or one of the many restaurants.

*Accommodation: Twin share, en-suite bathroom

*Meals: None

Day 2 – TUESDAY PARK

HALALI, ETOSHA NATIONAL

We will be picked up this morning from the Hilton Hotel @ 7h15 and transferred to the nearby Chameleon Safaris Head Quarters for the pre-departure talk and to meet the rest of the group. After the departure from Windhoek, we stop briefly at Otjiwarongo and eat a light lunch pack “on the move” before entering Etosha National Park through the Anderson Gate. We enjoy an afternoon game drive through the park visiting waterholes looking for predators as well as zebra, giraffe, elephant, rhino and many different species of antelope. We arrive at our lodge just before sunset and settle into our rooms, with en-suite bathroom and tea/coffee facilities. A visit to the floodlit waterhole is highly recommended while dinner is prepared by your guide over an open fire.

*Accommodation: Twin share, en-suite bathroom

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 3- WEDNESDAY

TALENI ETOSHA VILLAGE

We start our first game drive at sunrise to catch the predators while they are still active, visiting many waterholes. Our second game drive mid-morning takes us to the impressive Etosha Pan “great white place” where we can get out of the vehicle and experience this 4500sq km “saline desert” before continuing our game drive to look for the Big 4. We arrive back at Halali where our guide will prepare a delicious lunch whilst we have a dip in the pool or relax by the camp waterhole. After lunch we begin our final game drive across the park towards Okaukuejo calling into some well-known waterholes and leave the park prior to sunset. Accommodation tonight is just outside the park in a comfortable spacious twin share rooms with en-suite bathroom, creating an ideal space to sit back, relax and enjoy the beauty that surrounds you. Fantastic dinner is prepared by our guide and another early night is recommended.

*Accommodation: Twin share, en-suite bathroom

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 4 – THURSDAY

HOTEL A LA MER, SWAKOPMUND

Enjoy an early morning breakfast and departure from our lodge is at 07h30. The route today takes us into the dramatic and beautiful scenery of Damaraland. We have the chance to meet the wonderful Herero, Himba & Damara ladies who sell their handmade arts and crafts to support their rural families. A light roadside lunch is served en-route in the shadow of Namibia's tallest mountain, the Brandberg, and we can interact with some of the colourful local characters who live in this harsh environment. On the drive down the Skeleton Coast we explore the remains of a small shipwreck. Arrive in Swakopmund late afternoon where we have the chance to explore this quaint seaside town on foot and enjoy a coffee and cake in one of the many cafes (depending on the season). Overnight accommodation at Hotel A La Mer (or similar) in en-suite rooms on a twin share basis. Dinner tonight is at own expense in one of the many restaurants.

*Accommodation: Twin share, en-suite bathroom

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 5 – FRIDAY

DESERT CAMP or similar, NEAR

SESRIEM

Leisurely breakfast and the option to join one of the many optional activities available here such as: quad biking, sand boarding, scenic flight over the shipwrecks just to name a few. We will be picked up from our guesthouse/hotel in Swakopmund at 11:15, for a brief pre-departure talk. Afterwards we travel through the Namib Desert via the Kuiseb Canyon and Solitaire, we arrive at our camp late afternoon. There is a

chance to relax and enjoy the views before taking a short walk for sunset looking over the Naukluft Mountain range. Pool and bar available.

*Accommodation: Twin share, en-suite bathroom

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 – SATURDAY SESRIEM

DESERT CAMP or similar, NEAR

Dawn departure from camp/lodge to arrive at the park gate for sunrise. We drive down an ancient river bed surrounded by towering dunes to the 2x4 parking (around 55kms) and take a 4x4 shuttle into the Sossusvlei area to appreciate the beauty of this place in early morning light and enjoy the peace and tranquility of the region. We explore this unique area on foot before heading into Dead Vlei with its large expanse of bleached cracked clay and skeletal camel thorn trees, contrasting with a backdrop of huge dunes with their ever-changing colours. We take the 4x4 shuttle back to our vehicle and then head back to our accommodation stopping at the famous Dune 45 and climb this dune or just wander around the base. We return to Sesriem and visit the nearby Sesriem Canyon, one of the few permanent water sources before arriving back at our lodge late afternoon to watch the sunset over this spectacular desert. Pool and bar available.

*Accommodation: Twin share, en-suite bathroom

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 – SUNDAY SAFARI

WINDHOEK – END OF

Early morning breakfast before heading to Solitaire where we jump onto an open vehicle and visit the local conservation project. Here they have a number of cheetah that are unable to be released for different reasons. This 1hour activity allows us the chance to learn all about the cheetah, the work done by local conservation projects, and get some incredible photos of the world's fastest land mammal. We return to Windhoek via Bullsport and Rehoboth. On arrival in Windhoek, mid-afternoon, we will be dropped at our accommodation of choice or transferred directly to the International Airport for our onward flight, or to the bus terminal for your overnight bus.

For those flying today NO FLIGHTS DEPARTING PRIOR TO 18H00 in case there are unexpected delays returning from safari. Outbound airport transfer is included, should it be for today or a later date.

*Accommodation: No accommodation

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Includes:

*Transport in a custom built safari vehicle with pop up roof & USB charging capabilities & air-conditioning

*Services of a professional English speaking guide

- *6 nights' accommodation in twin share rooms with en-suite bathrooms as above
- *Meals as above (B – breakfast, L – lunch, D – dinner)
- *National park entry fees (2 days Etosha & 1 day Sossusvlei)
- *Carnivore Feeding activity @ N/a'ankuse Wildlife Sanctuary
- *Game drives as above in Chameleon vehicle
- *Sossusvlei excursion (including 4x4 shuttle) and cheetah activity at Solitaire
- *Return Airport transfers

**Single supplement only applicable to single travelers that request their own room. For any client that is willing to share, this will apply to days 2 -7 only, and a reduced single supplement of R1200 will be charged for day 1.*

**This safari is semi-participation and assistance with light kitchen duties is required.*

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