



7 Day Namibian Highlights Lodge Safari

Starting & ending in Windhoek

For the best that Namibia has to offer this 7 day “package” is the best value for money option available. This package includes 6 nights accommodation, airport transfers, a wonderful half day tour, as well as a safari to the world renowned Etosha National Park, an overnight visit to the adventure town of Swakopmund and a magical 2 nights in the Namib Desert visiting the dunes of Sossusvlei and Dune 45.

Day 1 – MONDAY - CHAMELEON BACKPACKERS, WINDHOEK

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 at either one of the many restaurants.

*Accommodation: Twin share, en-suite bathroom

*Meals: None

Day 2 – TUESDAY - HALALI, ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Be ready at 07h30 as the group meets for a pre-departure talk before we depart. We stop briefly at Otjiwarongo to gather some last minute supplies before continuing on to Etosha with a light lunch pack whilst “on the move”. 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 flood lit 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 CAMP

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 4500 sq 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. We will camp just outside the park for this night. 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 the camp 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 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 colorful 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, depending on the season, we will have the chance to explore this quaint seaside town on foot and enjoy a coffee and cake in one of the many cafes. Overnight accommodation at Hotel A La Mer (or similar). Sample one of the many great restaurants for our evening meal (own expense)

*Accommodation: Twin share, en-suite bathroom

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 5 – FRIDAY - DESERT CAMP or similar, SOSSUSVLEI

A free morning to explore the town centre of Swakopmund or for the adrenalin junkies, join the 2-hour sand boarding trip into the sand dunes. We will be picked up from our guesthouse/hotel in Swakopmund from 11h15 before leaving Swakopmund and driving via the Kuiseb Canyon and Solitaire. We arrive at our camp late afternoon and have a chance to relax and enjoy the views before taking a short walk for sunset overlooking the Naukluft Mountain range. We will set up camp for 2 nights inside the park. Pool and bar available.

*Accommodation: Twin share, en-suite bathroom

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 – SATURDAY - DESERT CAMP or similar, SOSSUSVLEI

Dawn departure from our campsite 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 then take the 4x4 shuttle back to our vehicle. As we drive back to our campsite, we will stop at the famous Dune 45 and climb this dune if we wish 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 camp late afternoon to watch the sunset over this spectacular desert. Dinner prepared by our guide.

*Accommodation: Twin share, en-suite bathroom

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7 – SUNDAY - WINDHOEK- END OF SAFARI

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 conservations projects, and get some incredible photos of the worlds 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 our overnight bus.

*Accommodation: None

*Meals: Breakfast

For those that choose to fly 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.

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 overland vehicle
 - *Sossusvlei excursion (including 4x4 shuttle) and cheetah activity at Solitaire
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*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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