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Namibia – Safari & Stylish Accommodation

Sossusvlei – Namib Desert – Swakopmund – Damaraland – Etosha Heights – Windhoek

From/to Windhoek

(We will be pleased to arrange the appropriate flights for you.)



9 Days



Multiple departure dates available



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1-7 travellers

Namibia is a country of breathtaking beauty and striking contrasts – a place where the stillness of endless desert landscapes meets the vibrant pulse of abundant wildlife. Shaped by untouched expanses, vast horizons and some of the clearest night skies in the world, Namibia is a paradise for explorers who wish to experience the magic of the wilderness in an exclusive setting. Stylish lodges and camps, thoughtfully integrated into the dramatic scenery, provide an authentic and comfortable stay, while travelling in a small group allows for a more personal and immersive journey through this remarkable country.

Namibia feels timeless. On the one hand, it boasts a rich legacy of Stone Age rock art and geological wonders such as the Petrified Forest. On the other, it captivates with its silence and sheer sense of space – a combination that evokes a true feeling of wilderness and solitude. The highlights of this journey – climbing some of the world's highest free-standing sand dunes, a sea-kayak or boat excursion to spot seals and dolphins, and thrilling game drives in Etosha National Park and the private Ongava Reserve, to name just a few – make this safari truly unforgettable. A professional and experienced safari and nature guide will share unique insights into Namibia's beauty, while carefully chosen, comfortable lodges in spectacular settings complete this exceptional travel experience.

English-guided tour

Itinerary

Day 1 | Windhoek – Sossusvlei Area

At 08:00, welcome and initial briefing at Hotel Galton in Windhoek. At 08:30, departure in your safari vehicle heading south-west through the picturesque Khomas Highlands before descending the Great Escarpment into the Namib Desert below. A picnic will be enjoyed at a scenic spot along the way. In the afternoon, arrival at Dead Valley Lodge, where you will stay for two nights and explore the remarkable highlights of the Namib Desert with your guide. If time permits, your guide will take you to the nearby Sesriem Canyon or Elim Dune. Alternatively, you may simply enjoy the picturesque and peaceful surroundings of Dead Valley Lodge. (P, D)

The Sesriem Canyon was formed through centuries of erosion. Over time, the Tsauchab River carved the narrow gorge – approximately 1.5 kilometres long and up to 30 metres deep – into the surrounding conglomerate rock. In doing so, it exposed distinct sediment layers that had accumulated over millions of years. The shaded, cool depths of the canyon allow pools of water to form during the rainy season, many of which remain for most of the year. These pools were a vital water source for early settlers, who drew water for their livestock by knotting together six (“ses”) leather thongs (“riems”) to reach it. This practice gave the gorge and the surrounding area the name Sesriem.

Overnight at Dead Valley Lodge****

Day 2 | Sossusvlei / Namib Desert

An early start today, as a magical excursion into the Namib-Naukluft National Park awaits you. You depart before sunrise in order to experience the dunes in the soft light of dawn, when the shadows accentuate the towering shapes and sweeping curves of the unique red dunes. This area is home to some of the highest free-standing sand dunes in the world, and your guide will provide insight into the formation of the Namib Desert and its diverse and fascinating flora and fauna. After exploring Sossusvlei, Deadvlei and the surrounding dune fields at your leisure, you may enjoy a picnic brunch in the shade of a camelthorn tree. In the early afternoon, you return to Dead Valley Lodge in time for a freshly prepared lunch. If you did not visit Sesriem Canyon the previous day, this can be arranged after lunch. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure (which is generally welcome after an exciting morning in the dunes). (B, L, D)

Sossusvlei: This part of the vast 50,000 km² Namib-Naukluft National Park is known as Sossusvlei and is famous for its towering apricot-coloured sand dunes. Sossusvlei itself is in fact a clay pan surrounded by star-shaped dunes rising up to 300 metres above the surrounding plains, making them among the highest dunes on Earth. The chalk-white clay pan of Sossusvlei contrasts strikingly with the orange sand and marks the end of the Tsauchab dry river, which winds for approximately 55 kilometres through the Great Sand Sea before disappearing at Sossusvlei, roughly the same distance from the Atlantic Ocean. The river originates south of the Naukluft Mountains in the Great Escarpment. In earlier times, the Tsauchab River reached the sea until advancing dunes blocked its course around 60,000 years ago. A similar process occurred with the dry rivers in the northern half of the Namib. Clay pans enclosed by sand in the west indicate the former course of the river before the dunes shifted its endpoint to the present-day Sossusvlei. Approximately once a decade, sufficient rainfall falls over the catchment area to cause the river to flow and fill the pan. On such occasions, the dunes and camelthorn trees surrounding the pan are reflected in the pooled water. Sossusvlei is the largest of four clay pans in the area. Another is Deadvlei, famous for its gnarled and ghostly camelthorn trees, which can be reached on foot in about one kilometre. These striking trees, having died due to lack of water, still stand as upright as when they once grew. Their death occurred around 900 years ago, when the encroaching sand sea prevented the occasional flooding of the pan.

Overnight at Dead Valley Lodge****

Day 3 | Via the Gaub & Kuiseb Canyons to Walvis Bay and Swakopmund

NOTE: You have the option of taking a sunrise hot air balloon flight before travelling on to Swakopmund (optional and at additional cost). Further information available on request. Your journey continues north-west through the fascinating and ever-changing desert landscape of the Namib-Naukluft National Park, passing through the impressive Gaub and Kuiseb Canyons. You reach the Atlantic Ocean at the harbour town of Walvis Bay and then travel north along the coast towards Swakopmund, where you will enjoy the pleasant seaside location and the cooler coastal air for the next two nights. Spend the afternoon exploring the town or strolling along the waterfront promenade. Dinner is served at a popular restaurant specialising in fresh seafood as well as local and international cuisine. (B, L, D)

Swakopmund resembles a small German seaside town, nestled between desert and Atlantic Ocean. It offers a charming combination of German colonial architecture and modern hotels, shops, restaurants, museums, craft centres, galleries and cafés. Swakopmund began as a landing harbour in 1892, when the German Imperial Navy erected beacons on the site. Settlers followed and attempted to build a port town by constructing a concrete mole and later an iron jetty (the Landungsbrücke) – ultimately without lasting success.

The outbreak of the First World War prevented further development, and the town fell into a period of dormancy. It came back to life half a century later when infrastructure improved and a tarred road was built between Windhoek and Swakopmund. The previously isolated town became quicker and easier to reach and subsequently developed into Namibia's leading holiday resort.

The Atlantic Ocean is generally too cold for swimming; however, the beaches invite visitors to relax and sunbathe, and the cooler climate provides welcome refreshment after time spent in the desert.

Overnight at Hotel The Delight**** in Swakopmund

Day 4 | Kayaking or Boat Cruise (please advise at booking)

After an early breakfast, you travel south along the scenic coastal road back to Walvis Bay, where an unforgettable kayaking adventure awaits you in the outer lagoon. You will be collected by the kayaking operator and, after a short scenic drive, reach Pelican Point and its lighthouse. A truly unique setting awaits you (strong winds are possible). A brief stop at the salt works and the adjacent water basins offers insight into the diverse birdlife of the lagoon. Kayaking provides an ideal opportunity to experience Cape fur seals, Heaviside's dolphins and bottlenose dolphins, pelicans, flamingos and a wide variety of other seabirds at close range. With a little luck, whales, leatherback turtles and sunfish may also be spotted.

After an exciting kayaking experience, light refreshments are served on the beach, and your guide will provide information about the surrounding area before you return to Walvis Bay. If kayaking does not appeal to you, you have the option of joining a boat cruise instead. Explore the bay around Walvis Bay with an experienced captain and enjoy the breathtaking views. Here too, you are likely to encounter Cape fur seals, porpoises or bottlenose dolphins, as well as pelicans, flamingos and numerous other seabirds. With some luck, whales, leatherback turtles and sunfish may also be seen. During the excursion, light snacks, local sparkling wine and fresh oysters are served before returning to the jetty around midday.

Afterwards, you have time to explore the small shops and restaurants at the waterfront before driving back to Swakopmund. The afternoon is at leisure (activities such as scenic flights, sandboarding and others can be booked at additional cost). (B, L, D)

Overnight at Hotel The Delight**** in Swakopmund

Day 5 | Wild Damaraland – Rock Engravings at Twyfelfontein

The journey continues into the diverse region of Damaraland. You travel past Namibia's highest mountain, Brandberg, while observing wildlife and enjoying the vastness of the landscape. Damaraland enchants with magnificent table mountains, impressive rock formations and striking, unusual vegetation. The present-day landscape of gentle hills, dunes, gravel plains and ancient river terraces was shaped by the erosion of wind, water and geological forces. The diversity and solitude of the region, together with its scenic splendour, convey an authentic understanding of the word "wilderness". If time permits, you may visit the prehistoric rock engravings of Twyfelfontein (UNESCO World Heritage Site) this afternoon – otherwise tomorrow. (B, L, D)

Twyfelfontein: Approximately 2,500 prehistoric engravings (wild animals, animal tracks and abstract motifs) can be found on scattered red sandstone boulders and slabs. It is perhaps the largest and most impressive collection of petroglyphs in Africa. The engravings depict animals such as elephants, giraffes, kudus, lions, rhinoceroses, springbok, zebras and ostriches, which once drank from a spring at the foot of the hill. In some cases, footprints were engraved instead of hooves or paws. The abstract motifs consist mainly of circular patterns. Stone tools and other artefacts discovered at Twyfelfontein indicate that hunter-gatherers inhabited the site for a period of perhaps 7,000 years. A local guide will explain the rock art to you.

Overnight at Camp Kipwe****

Day 6 | Desert Elephants in Damaraland

After an early breakfast, an exciting 4x4 game drive awaits you along the riverbeds of the Aba Huab and the dry Huab River. Let yourself be captivated by this unique region and keep watch for wildlife, particularly the rare desert-adapted elephants, should they be in the area. Damaraland is home to a wide variety of desert-adapted wildlife and hidden natural treasures. As elephants are usually active in the cool of the morning, you generally have the best chance of encountering them before returning to camp for lunch. If all safari participants agree, you may enjoy a picnic lunch in the shade of a large ana tree in the riverbed – ideally while an elephant herd grazes nearby. If you have not yet explored Twyfelfontein and other nearby attractions the previous day, you will have the opportunity to do so afterwards. A walk in the surrounding area with your guide or simply relaxing completes a successful day. (B, L, D)

Desert Elephants: In habitats rich in vegetation and water, a fully grown elephant requires up to 300 kg of food and 230 litres of water per day. What, then, would be the weekly, monthly or annual requirements of an elephant herd? And what would be the chances of finding an African elephant in a desert? Remarkably, not only elephants but also other large mammals such as black rhinoceroses and giraffes are found here in the desert. Their distribution ranges from the northern Kaokoveld to the southern part of the northern Namib. Apart from the Kunene River, seven dry riverbeds north of the Ugab provide possible routes through the desert towards the Skeleton Coast. The largest of these are the Hoarusib, Hoanib, Huab and Ugab rivers. Desert elephants in the Kaokoveld and the Namib travel far greater distances in search of water and food than any other elephants in Africa. The distances between water sources and feeding grounds can be up to 68 kilometres. The typical home range of a herd exceeds 2,000 km² – eight times larger than the range in Central Africa, where rainfall is significantly higher. Elephants walk and feed during the night and rest during the day. To meet their nutritional and physical requirements, they consume no fewer than 74 of the 103 plant species that grow within their habitat. Desert elephants are not a separate species or subspecies. Adapted through their behaviour to hyper-arid conditions, they are uniquely found in Namibia. The only other elephants known to survive under similar conditions are those in Mali, on the south-western edge of the Sahara.

Overnight at Camp Kipwe****

Day 7 | Through Etosha National Park to Etosha Heights

Your journey continues towards Etosha National Park, which you enter through the southern gate. Enjoy a picnic and observe the remarkable wildlife, including at various waterholes. In the afternoon, continue to Etosha Heights, a private reserve known for its impressive wildlife. (B, L, D)

Etosha National Park: Etosha National Park covers an area of 22,270 km², of which approximately 5,000 km² consist of salt and clay depressions, known as “pans”. The largest of these, the Etosha Pan, can be classified as a salt desert in its own right. The Etosha Pan lies within the Owambo Basin, on the north-western edge of the Kalahari Basin. Until about three million years ago, it formed part of a vast shallow lake, which gradually shrank into a collection of smaller salt pans and dried up when the Kunene River changed its course and began flowing into the Atlantic Ocean instead. If the lake still existed today, it would be the third largest in the world. At 4,760 km², Etosha is the largest of all the pans. After good rainfall in northern Angola and thanks to inflow from the Cuvelai drainage system, the pan fills with water. The park consists of bush and grass savannah, mopane shrubland and dry woodland in the north-east. Wildlife viewing focuses on the numerous springs and waterholes, where several different species can often be observed at the same time. The park is home to approximately 114 mammal species and more than 340 bird species. Wildlife that may be seen includes elephants, lions, giraffes, blue wildebeest, eland, kudu, oryx, zebras, rhinoceroses, cheetahs, leopards, hyenas, honey badgers and warthogs, as well as the endemic black-faced impala.

Overnight at Safari House****

Day 8 | Game Drive in Etosha Heights

Your day begins with an exciting guided game drive accompanied by a local ranger from the Etosha Heights Reserve. Discover the diverse wildlife before returning to the lodge for lunch. Take advantage of the time to enjoy a refreshing swim in the pool before setting out on another game drive in the afternoon. (B, L, D)

Etosha Heights is a private reserve that is home to large herds of elephants, countless zebras, springbok, wildebeest, black and white rhinoceroses, as well as giraffes. You may obtain information from resident researchers and nature students about ongoing wildlife studies and conservation efforts.

Overnight at Safari House****

Day 9 | Etosha Heights – Windhoek

Your early departure takes you via Outjo, Otjiwarongo and Okonjima before arriving in Windhoek during the course of the afternoon. (B, L)

B = Breakfast | L = Lunch | P = Picnic | D = Dinner

Programme and accommodation subject to change.

Sie haben die Möglichkeit, Ihre Safari zu verlängern. Fragen Sie uns nach einem Angebot.

You have the option to extend your safari – please ask us for a quotation. We are also happy to provide an offer for suitable flights, airport transfers and any pre- or post-night extensions in Windhoek.



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Departure Dates 2026

08.04.2026 | 11.04.2026 | 18.04.2026 | 21.04.2026 | 28.04.2026 | 05.05.2026 | 12.05.2026 | 16.05.2026 | 19.05.2026 | 26.05.2026 | 02.06.2026 | 09.06.2026 | 13.06.2026 | 20.06.2026 | 27.06.2026 | 04.07.2026 | 11.07.2026 | 14.07.2026 | 18.07.2026 | 25.07.2026 | 01.08.2026 | 08.08.2026 | 18.08.2026 | 22.08.2026 | 29.08.2026 | 01.09.2026 | 08.09.2026 | 19.09.2026 | 22.09.2026 | 29.09.2026 | 06.10.2026 | 13.10.2026 | 20.10.2026 | 24.10.2026 | 27.10.2026 | 07.11.2026 | 17.11.2026 | 24.11.2026 | 08.12.2026 | 19.12.2026

Minimum participants: 1 guest | Maximum: 7 guests

Included services

- Transfers and excursions as per itinerary in an air-conditioned 4x4 vehicle (Toyota Land Cruiser for up to seven guests, guaranteed window seat)
- 8 nights' accommodation in a double/twin room with breakfast as per itinerary (final confirmation of listed hotels is subject to availability at time of booking)
- Meals as per programme
- Experienced local English-speaking nature & safari guides
- Entrance fees
- Mineral water in the vehicle
- Choice of 1x kayaking or 1x boat cruise in Swakopmund
- 2 game drives in the Etosha Heights Private Game Reserve (morning and afternoon) in the lodge's open safari vehicle with resident guide
- Travel literature

Not included

- International flights
- Airport transfers
- Visa or entry fees
- Additional excursions and activities
- Meals not listed, beverages
- Gratuities (hotels, safari guide, driver, etc.) and personal expenses

**Flights are not included (we are happy to arrange the right flights for you). Additional flight costs apply, for example flights from/to Frankfurt with Discover Airlines (non-stop) or Ethiopian Airlines (via Addis Ababa).*

Prices per person

Double room	from 4.990,00 €*
Single room	from 5.750,00 €*

**Flights are not included*

Entry requirements

Luxembourg and German citizens require a passport valid for at least six months beyond the travel period, in good condition and with at least two blank pages.

From April 2025, travellers are subject to a visa requirement. The electronic entry permit can be applied for online and is payable. Please use: <https://eservices.mhaiss.gov.na/visaonarrival>

No vaccinations are required, however we recommend keeping standard vaccinations up to date (status: 01/2026).

Additional notes

Most accommodations offer Wi-Fi, however coverage is not always reliable. Please note that many hotels offer non-smoking rooms only. Unless stated otherwise, prices are based on standard rooms. Should any of the booked accommodations unexpectedly be unavailable, we will book a comparable alternative wherever possible.

For air travel, our selling prices are generally based on special and tour operator fares of the selected airline(s). We are happy to provide a quote for flights suitable for this trip.

No insurance is included in the tour price. We strongly recommend comprehensive travel insurance including medical cover and cancellation insurance. Both should also cover Covid-19.

This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility. If applicable, please advise us prior to booking and clarify whether we can meet your individual needs.

We operate this tour together with other tour operators. This does not, of course, affect the quality. The general travel conditions of Bollig Tours apply.

Please note that special cancellation conditions apply to this tour:

- Cancellation up to 91 days before departure: 25% of total price
- Cancellation 90–61 days before departure: 50% of total price
- Cancellation 60 days–1 day before departure: 100% of total price
- On departure day / no-show: 100%

Issued flight/train/entrance/theatre tickets, insurance, visas: 100%.