

# NAMIBIA

## WINDHOEK – NAMIB NAUKLUFT NATIONAL PARK – DEAD VLEI – SESRIEM CANYON – SWAKOPMUND – TWYFELFONTEIN – OPUWO – ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK - WINDHOEK



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### DAY 1 – WINDHOEK




Windhoek - the capital of Namibia. City tour includes The House of Parliament – National Assembly, Christuskirche, Rider's Memorial, Alte Feste (Old Fort).

### DAY 2 – NAMIB NAUKLUFT PARK

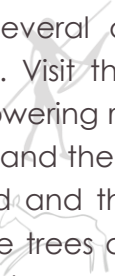


Drive via the Spreetshoogte Pass and Solitaire towards Namib Naukluft National Park. This is the oldest desert on earth formed some 5 million years ago, a breath-taking sea of sand and dunes that can reach up to 220 meters high. Due to early morning fog from the coast, this dry place is home to a surprising array of creatures which benefit from the moisture. You arrive at the lodge and enjoy the tranquility of this remote desert setting.



### DAY 3 - NAMIB NAUKLUFT PARK

Visit the Namib-Naukluft National Park for breathtaking views and stunning scenery – the park boasts several diverse landscapes including vast deserts, impressive mountains and deep canyons. Visit the Sesriem Canyon and Sossusvlei Dunes area for that perfect picture of the iconic towering red sand dunes. Explore Deadvlei - a clay pan formed when the Tsauchab River flooded and the abundance of water allowed camel thorn trees to grow. However, the climate changed and the sand dunes encroached on the pan, blocking the river from reaching the area. The trees are estimated to be approximately 900 years old, not decomposed due to the dry climate.



### DAY 4 – SWAKOPMUND



Drive through Kuiseb Canyon and continue towards Walvis Bay at the coast. Visit Walvis Bay Lagoon to view seabirds. Travel to palm-lined streets of Swakopmund, Namibia's premier seaside town. Enjoy a sundowner drive to Moon Landscape in the afternoon.

### DAY 5 – SWAKOPMUND



Morning catamaran cruise out of the Walvis Bay Harbour, Namibia's only deep water harbour. This tour is a photographers dream looking for dolphins, seals, pelicans and seagulls flying alongside the catamaran. The tour is rounded off with our award winning mouth-watering finger snacks served with fresh Namibian oysters and sparkling wine. Afternoon time at leisure, optional

activities or tours can be booked (quad-biking, sand-boarding; Living Desert Tour, visit aquarium, museum or crystal gallery, scenic flight over Skeleton coast).

### **DAY 6 – TWYFELFONTEIN**

On the way to Damaraland explore Twyfelfontein – a site of largest concentrations of rock engravings (petroglyphs) in Africa (UNESCO World Heritage Site). Visit at The Petrified Forest – an accumulation of enormous fossilized tree trunks about 280 million years old, proclaimed a national monument. Additionally, to the petrified tree trunks some beautiful specimen of the Welwitschia Mirabilis can be seen here. The Welwitschia is often called a living fossil due to the fact that they are very long-living plants, some Welwitschias are said to be 1500 years old and even older. The plants are endemic to the Namib Desert and only consist of a root a small stem and two leaves.

### **DAY 7 – OPUWO**

Drive to Opuwo - the gateway to Namibia's Kaokoveld region. This remote area, south of the Kunene River, is home to the Himba people who have kept their ethnic individuality and culture, whilst surviving in the isolation of Kaokoland. Visit Himba tribe and learn about their culture and everyday life.

### **DAY 8 – ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

The drive to Etosha National Park is a scenic few hours trip. Etosha National Park covers an area of more than 22 000 km<sup>2</sup> and is unique in Africa. The park's main characteristic is a salt pan so large it can be seen from space. The pan was originally a lake but over time the earth's climate forced the Kunene River that once fed the lake to change course and flow into the Atlantic Ocean. The park is home to hundreds of species of mammals, birds and reptiles, including several threatened and endangered species such as the black rhinoceros. Afternoon game drive in the park.

### **DAY 9 – ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

Full day game viewing adventure in Etosha. Enjoy the herds of zebra and springbok scattered across the plains, spot an endangered black rhinoceros, lion or elephant at one of the water spots. Spend the day exploring the many waterholes dotted along the edge of the pan.

### **DAY 10 – WINDHOEK**

Go back to Windhoek, where the tour ends.

***This itinerary can be modified according to your individual preferences and budget.***

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