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15-DAY FLY-IN & GUIDED SAFARI IN NAMIBIA

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NAMIBIA FOR ALL ITINERARIES

Namibia is a vast country, even by African standards, covering an area approximately four times the size of the United Kingdom or twice the size of California, but with a population of a mere 2 million – the second lowest densities in the world giving an amazingly ‘soulful’ feeling of peace and solitude.

It is also an ‘ageless land’, visible through our heritage of rock art created by stone-age artists and geological attractions such as the petrified forest where fossilised tree trunks have lain for over 280 million years. Added to the space and silence, these contribute to a feeling of antiquity, tranquillity, and wilderness.

The climate is typical of a semi-desert country. Days are warm to hot and nights are generally cool. Temperatures are modified by the high plateau in the interior and by the cold Benguela Current that runs along the Atlantic coastline. Except for the first few months of the year, the country is generally dry with very little rain.



ABOUT ULTIMATE SAFARIS

ultimate.earth is an award-winning Namibian Conservation Travel Company. We are dedicated to the protection and conservation of the areas in which we operate as these are some of the most pristine and delicate wilderness areas on earth. Founded in 2008, *ultimate.earth* are considered to be amongst the leading authorities on travel to Namibia, often pioneering new ways in which to experience the country, and we ensure our travelers are able to foster a real connection to the people and places we take guests to visit.

Our driving force is a carefully selected tribe of experts who are passionate about all aspects of Namibia and the importance of seamless guest services. It is this that allows us to ensure that our trade partners are best placed to offer truly memorable safaris to their guests in one of the most awe-inspiring countries on earth.

We employ the best naturalist guides and Journeysmiths in the country, all of whom live and work in Namibia; we offer the finest portfolio of lodges, hotels and camps (including our own retreats); and we run a state-of-the-art fleet of specialized safari vehicles as well as rental vehicles for self-drive safaris. This means we guarantee an unequalled level of personal attention and can maintain the highest standards when planning and organizing Namibian safaris.

We consider ourselves to be at the cutting edge, and often well ahead of the game, when it comes to specialized safaris. We invest heavily in continuous exploration of new safari possibilities, and this makes us one of the most progressive and forward looking safari companies in the country. *ultimate.earth* has also been involved in the development of responsible and sustainable tourism in a wider forum, and our principals have held a variety of executive decision-making positions concerning tourism on a national level.

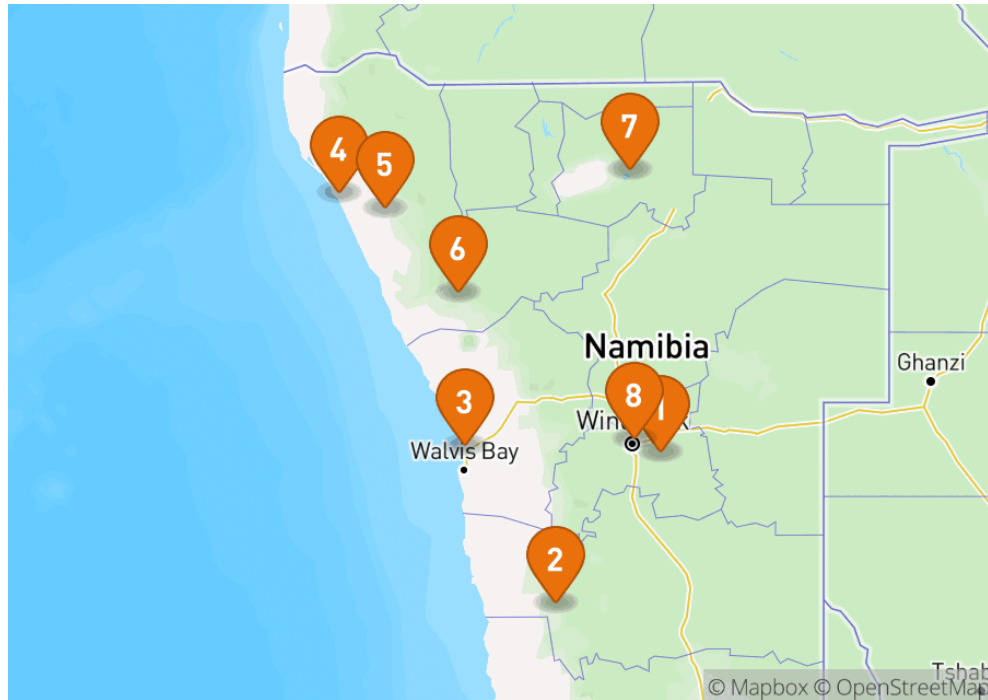
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Key Dates

- 1) Day 1 - 2: Gmundner Lodge, Brack
- 2) Day 2 - 4: Kwessi Dunes, NamibRand Nature Reserve
- 3) Day 4 - 5: Strand Hotel Swakopmund, Swakopmund
- 4) Day 5 - 7: Shipwreck Lodge, Skeleton Coast
- 5) Day 7 - 9: Hoanib Valley Camp, Hoanib
- 6) Day 9 - 11: Mowani Mountain Camp, Damaraland
- 7) Day 11 - 14: Onguma The Fort, Onguma Private Reserve
- 8) Day 14 - 15: The Weinberg, Windhoek

Itinerary Overview

Day	Activities
Day 1	• Transfer Hosea Kutako To Gmundner Lodge • Check In at Gmundner Lodge Room type: Elegant Suites Basis of Stay: All fine dining meals, selected drinks, room bar, airport car transfer, gym & selected shared activities.
Day 2	• Check Out from Gmundner Lodge • 10:30 AM - 11:40 AM · Fly-In Hosea Kutako Airport To Sossusvlei Scheduled shared light aircraft • Check In at Kwessi Dunes Room type: Tent Basis of Stay: Accommodation, all meals & beverages, Wi-Fi, guest laundry, daily activities, camp airstrip transfers, guiding, park entry fees and VAT. • NamibRand Nature Reserve
Day 3	• Second Day At Kwessi • Overnight at Kwessi Dunes
Day 4	• Check Out from Kwessi Dunes • 9:50 AM - 10:50 AM · Fly-In Sossusvlei To Swakopmund Scheduled shared light aircraft • Restaurants In Swakopmund (PDF) • Check In at Strand Hotel Swakopmund Room type: Standard Room- Sea View Basis of Stay: Accommodation and all meals • Welcome to Swakopmund
Day 5	• Check Out from Strand Hotel Swakopmund

Day	Activities
	- Guided Drive Swakopmund To Shipwreck Lodge - Check In at Shipwreck Lodge Room type: Twin/Double Room Basis of Stay: Accommodation, all meals & beverages, guest laundry, transfer between Mowe Bay and Shipwreck Lodge, park entry permit and daily activities and excursions. - Welcome to Skeleton Coast
Day 6	- Guided Activity Shipwreck Lodge - Overnight at Shipwreck Lodge
Day 7	- Check Out from Shipwreck Lodge - Guided Drive Hoanib To Shipwreck - Check In at Hoanib Valley Camp Room type: Twin/Double Tent Basis of Stay: Accommodation, all meals & beverages, Wi-Fi, guest laundry, daily activities, camp airstrip transfers, guiding, park entry fees and VAT. - Welcome to Hoanib
Day 8	- Guided Activity Hoanib Valley Camp - Overnight at Hoanib Valley Camp
Day 9	- Check Out from Hoanib Valley Camp - Guided Drive Hoanib To Damaraland - Check In at Mowani Mountain Camp Room type: View Room Basis of Stay: Accommodation, all meals & activities with ultimate.earth guide - Damaraland
Day 10	Guided Activity In Damaraland - Desert Adapted Elephants

Day	Activities
	Overnight at Mowani Mountain Camp
Day 11	- Check Out from Mowani Mountain Camp - Fly-In Damaraland To Etosha Scheduled shared light aircraft - Times to be reconfirmed a day prior (ETA between 12h30 & 15h30) Approximate flight duration: 1 hour and 35 minutes - Check In at Onguma The Fort Room type: Bush Suites Basis of Stay: Accommodation, Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Dinner (4-course), Beverages - Bar and Mini Bar (beers, local spirits, soft drinks, water and house wines) 2 scheduled Activities per day. All activities are available subject to time restrictions and availability. Transfer from and to the Mokuti & Onguma airstrip, VAT, Social Development Levy and NTB tourism levy. Etosha game drives with ultimate.earth guide and safari vehicle - Onguma Private Reserve
Day 12	- Guided Activity In Etosha East - Overnight at Onguma The Fort
Day 13	- Onguma Guided Activity To Etosha & Onguma Reserve - Overnight at Onguma The Fort
Day 14	- Check Out from Onguma The Fort - Fly-In Etosha To Hosea Kutako Scheduled shared light aircraft - Times to be reconfirmed a day prior (ETA between 16h00 & 17h00) Approximate flight duration: 1 hour and 30 minutes - Check In at The Weinberg Room type: Courtyard Upper Level Double/Twin Room Basis of Stay: Accommodation and all meals (including farewell dinner) - Windhoek



Day	Activities
Day 15	• Check Out from The Weinberg • Transfer Windhoek To Hosea (INT Flight)

Your Accommodations

Day	Accommodation	Details	Nights
Day 1 - 2	Gmundner Lodge	Elegant Suites All fine dining meals, selected drinks, room bar, airport car transfer, gym & selected shared activities.	1
Day 2 - 4	Kwessi Dunes	Tent Accommodation, all meals & beverages, Wi-Fi, guest laundry, daily activities, camp airstrip transfers, guiding, park entry fees and VAT.	2
Day 4 - 5	Strand Hotel Swakopmund	Standard Room- Sea View Accommodation and all meals	1
Day 5 - 7	Shipwreck Lodge	Twin/Double Room Accommodation, all meals & beverages, guest laundry, transfer between Mowe Bay and Shipwreck Lodge, park entry permit and daily activities and excursions.	2
Day 7 - 9	Hoanib Valley Camp	Twin/Double Tent Accommodation, all meals & beverages, Wi-Fi, guest laundry, daily activities, camp airstrip transfers, guiding, park entry fees and VAT.	2
Day 9 - 11	Mowani Mountain Camp	View Room Accommodation, all meals & activities with ultimate.earth guide	2
Day 11 - 14	Onguma The Fort	Bush Suites Accommodation, Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Dinner (4-course), Beverages - Bar and Mini Bar (beers, local spirits, soft drinks, water and house wines) 2 scheduled Activities per day. All activities are available subject to time restrictions and availability. Transfer from and to the Mokuti & Onguma airstrip, VAT, Social Development Levy and NTB tourism levy. Etosha game drives with ultimate.earth guide and safari vehicle	3
Day 14 - 15	The Weinberg	Courtyard Upper Level Double/Twin Room Accommodation and all meals (including farewell dinner)	1



NOTE ABOUT YOUR NAMIBIA FLY-IN SAFARI

Our tailored fly-in safaris afford guests the opportunity to experience much of the best of this magnificent and varied country even when they only have limited time to spend here. The great expanse of Namibia and the distances between many of the most iconic destinations mean that travelling overland can take more time than there is available, although the journeys involved are still fascinating for those who are able to make the most of them.

Flying enables guests to see more places in a shorter period of time, and it also gives a very different and special view point. The regular scheduled air transfers that are now available between many of Namibia's premier camps and lodges mean that flying has become an increasingly popular part of many safaris.

When taking part in these fly in safaris, guests are mainly hosted by the resident guides and managers at the individual venues and then transported between the various destinations by light aircraft.



WHY TRAVEL WITH AN ULTIMATE NATURALIST GUIDE

An *ultimate.earth* naturalist guide will quickly turn a normal safari into an enriching lives, creating a deeper understanding and appreciation for the incredible places and people that we visit. The guides are the link between our guests and the intricacies of the natural world, sharing their knowledge with enthusiasm and humour. Guests are taken on a journey through some of the world's most beautiful wild places, encountering wildlife spectacles and engaging with age-old authentic cultures while receiving detailed interpretation as offered by our highly trained naturalist guides.

Throughout this experience, they are wrapped in the warm and caring hospitality that makes us *ultimate.earth*. A guided safari offers our guests constant access to one or more of these exceptional guides who have an intimate knowledge of each camp/lodge and area we visit.

This allows them to be able to expose the relevant highlights, adding continuity and depth to your safari, and effectively tailor-making your experience. It also means that they are able to take guests to stay at less sophisticated rural venues which might not otherwise be suitable for discerning visitors. The presence of our guide adds another level to the hospitality and service that can be offered there and thus ensures that we have the widest reach of options available to us while still maintaining the standards to which we aspire.

Our guides share in a philosophy that ensures they never cease adding to their encyclopedic knowledge and this makes them lifelong scholars in the fields of their expertise. Their infectious enthusiasm, dedication, character, and in-depth knowledge of the country ensure that guests are at the forefront of real, unique and authentic experiences throughout their journey. Being native to Namibia, our guides are welcomed as friends or family everywhere they go, thus ensuring authentic and enriching lives. These often result in guests becoming personal friends of both our guides and the people that they visit.

All our Land Cruisers are equipped with:

- Roof pop Tops for better photography and game viewing vantage points

- Air Conditioning
- Onboard Fridge/freezers and plenty of water.
- Personal library, which includes a series of guide books, maps, stationary and checklists.
- 220 volt electrical charging point, to charge electrical devices whilst traveling.
- Guaranteed window seat on every safari.
- VHF inter-vehicle radios that allow multi vehicle groups to communicate with each other while 'on the road'

Our guides also travel with their renowned 'MAGIC BOXES', which ensure all en-route catering needs are taken care of, from a bush breakfast and coffee and tea stops to majestic sundowners.



LUGGAGE AND WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS FOR FLY-IN SAFARIS

In adherence to airline regulations and in the interests of passengers' own safety, following restrictions apply to charters in light aircrafts. The baggage compartments are also limited in size and bags of a certain size or hard sided with wheels will physically not fit into the small aircraft luggage hold. Wheels on a bag are only permissible if they are not part of a solid frame or rigid structure. A collapsible wheeled luggage frame/trolley (separate to the bag) is allowed, as long as the basic dimensions are similar to that of the bag. (Images of suitable & unsuitable bags below).

- Maximum luggage weight is 20kg (44lbs), including all carry-on hand luggage if more than one bag and camera equipment
- Maximum luggage size is 25cm (10 inches) wide x 30cm (12 inches) high x 62cm (24 inches) long, soft sided and flexible with no rigid parts in order to fit.
- Any passengers weighing more than 100kgs/220lbs need to let their booking agency know in advance as it will affect the total number of passengers and the amount of baggage that can be carried safely. Passengers over 100 kg might be charged for an additional seat.

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Distances are huge, parts of the country are at a high altitude, the daytime temperatures can become very high, many of the areas to be visited have 'gravel' airstrips, and planes almost invariably need a heavy fuel payload to give the margin of safety that passengers should want on long distance flights. All these factors combine to mean that pilots need to be very careful about the weight distribution in their aircraft. Therefore variations in the expected weight in the aircraft of both passengers and luggage need to be factored in advance to avoid overloading and breaching safety considerations.

Private charter flights have more flexibility over the amount of luggage that can be carried – assuming that some of the seats in the plane are empty and still depending on the body weight of all passengers. Therefore one of the

advantages of travelling on overland guided safaris with Ultimate Safaris is the option of more flexible weight and luggage allowances.



DAY 1

Transfer Hosea Kutako To Gmundner Lodge

Upon arrival at the Windhoek International Airport, located 40km outside of Windhoek, you will be met by a Paragon representative who will assist you through customs and immigration.

Thereafter, in the arrivals terminal, you will be handed over to an *ultimate.earth* representative who will transfer you to Gmundner lodge for your first night in Namibia. This afternoon if time allows you will be treated to a sundowner excursion as arranged by the lodge.

Check in at Gmundner Lodge

Elegant Suites (All fine dining meals, selected drinks, room bar, airport car transfer, gym & selected shared activities.)

1 Night

Property Overview

Gmundner Lodge is located just southeast of Windhoek, nestled between the Kalahari Desert to the east and the Khomas Plateau to the west. Inspired by a “Back to Nature” philosophy, the lodge offers a distinctive wilderness experience that combines sustainable luxury with a deep respect for the surrounding environment. Designed with classic safari nostalgia, the lodge features handcrafted campaign furniture, antique curios, telescopes, and inviting lounges that evoke a timeless atmosphere of exploration. Canvas walls open to sweeping views of the dramatic landscape and passing wildlife, while an infinity pool and expansive deck provide the perfect setting to relax and enjoy spectacular sunsets. As evening falls, the lodge glows with lantern and candlelight beneath a star-filled Namibian sky, best enjoyed from the deck or around the boma fire.

Dining is a highlight of the experience, with the kitchen using fresh organic produce sourced daily from Gmundner Farm, the heart of the lodge’s sustainable agriculture concept. Guests can savour farm-fresh

ingredients such as fruit, vegetables, eggs, dairy, beef, venison, and honey, paired with award-winning South African wines and served on traditional Gmundner ceramic tableware. The lodge also offers wellness experiences inspired by the Makai method, blending indigenous traditions with nature-based treatments, including massages and facials designed to restore harmony between body, mind, and the natural world.

Experience & Activities

Gmundner Lodge offers a wide range of experiences designed to immerse guests in the beauty and adventure of Namibia's wilderness. Guided game drives on the lodge grounds and in neighboring reserves provide opportunities to encounter Kalahari wildlife, while sundowner drives offer spectacular views of the landscape at sunset. Guests can explore the surroundings through activities such as e-biking, horse riding, tennis, and visits to nearby golf courses, or enjoy unique pursuits like longbow shooting, clay pigeon shooting, and ceramics painting inspired by the lodge's Austrian heritage.

Wellness and relaxation are also central to the experience, with a fully equipped gym, sauna, and spa offering massages and facials. As night falls, exceptional stargazing reveals the brilliance of the Milky Way in Namibia's clear skies, while helicopter flights provide a breathtaking aerial perspective of the dramatic landscapes.

Other activities include sundowner drives, star gazing, horse riding, golf, clay pigeon shooting, tennis, longbow shooting and E-motorcross.

Fast Facts

Highlights

Sustainable luxury in the Namibian wilderness

Fresh organic produce sourced daily from the on-site Gmundner Farm

Unique safari and wellness experiences

Quick facts

12 suites

Restaurant

Bar/lounge

Pool

Spa

Gym

Sauna

Boma

Tennis court

100% CO2-free

Wifi



DAY 2

Check out from Gmundner Lodge

Fly-In Hosea Kutako Airport To Sossusvlei

10:30 AM · Start Time

11:40 AM · End Time

Scheduled shared light aircraft

An *ultimate.earth* representative will meet you at the lodge this morning for a road transfer back to Hosea Kutako International Airport in time for your scheduled shared light aircraft flight to the Sossusvlei area. The flight will take you over the central highlands of Namibia before descending after the escarpment and on over Namib Desert to land at a convenient airstrip of the accommodation you are staying at.

Upon arrival you will be met by your local guide who will transfer you to your lodge with time to settle in. The afternoon can be spent enjoying many of the activities offered by the lodge.

Check in at Kwessi Dunes

Tent (Accommodation, all meals & beverages, Wi-Fi, guest laundry, daily activities, camp airstrip transfers, guiding, park entry fees and VAT.)

2 Nights

Property Overview

Kwessi Dunes is located deep in Namibia's striking NamibRand Nature Reserve, a vast desert wilderness of over 200,000 hectares. With its rolling desert plains and backdrop of craggy mountains and iconic red dunes, this is a place where time seems to stand still and the space is never-ending. Here, it's not about chasing big game but rather soaking up the beauty of the colourful landscape, admiring the antelope that scatter the sand, and gazing at the stars that light up the night sky.

The view from the lodge is spectacular and the glass windows and doors at the main area look out onto the undulating sand that only ends when it meets the mountains, far in the distance. Inside, there's a well-stocked bar, library area and several seating and dining areas. When the sun rises in the morning, head to the camp fire for a morning cuppa, whilst in the heat of the day, the swimming pool is the only place to be.

Experience & Activities

Views from the rooms, the main area and the swimming pool are of the vast, desert vistas and when you can bear to tear your eyes away, enjoy quad biking, scenic drives and walks, hot air ballooning, helicopter flights, horse riding and day trips to Sossusvlei.

Accommodations

Fast Facts

Highlights

Diverse landscape of rich, red dunes, elusive fairy circles, unravelling plains and craggy mountains

A private experience: the small number of lodges in the area co-ordinate to ensure you won't bump into another soul

Located in 15,000 hectares of exclusive desert terrain, but you have access to all 200,000 hectares of the NamibRand Reserve

Try horse riding, star gazing, quad biking, a nature walk or a hot air balloon flight (additional cost)

Star gazing opportunities: The NamibRand is Africa's first designated International Dark Sky Reserve

Quick facts

12 air conditioned chalets: 10 twin/doubles, 2 family

Ensuite bathrooms with indoor showers and outdoor showers

Separate open-air 'star gazer' room in each chalet

Air conditioning throughout

Swimming pool at main area

Entirely solar powered

Wifi available: Yes

Hairdryers: On request

Battery charging facilities: Yes

Child policy: All ages welcome

NamibRand Nature Reserve

Area Overview

At more than 200,000 hectares in size, the NamibRand Nature Reserve is one of the largest private reserves in southern Africa. It was established in the 1980s when Albi Bruckner integrated several livestock farms into a protected wilderness area and today it's a model of conservation success. There are strict rules about the number

of lodges built in the area (and even stricter rules about the number of rooms each one may have), making it a totally private and entirely exclusive adventure.

Photographs may show the craggy, mauve mountains of the NamibRand, the infamous red dunes and the enormous swathes of desert, but nothing prepares for you the moment you see it for yourself. The space is humbling, the sense of peace is spiritual and it's one of the most striking, stirring places out there. The fairy circles that dot the ground are particularly intriguing. Over the years, the theories behind them have been hotly debated (they are a result of poisonous fungi, termites, or even meteor showers), however no one really knows for certain why they are here. Just another reason to visit this extraordinary place.

You might not find the Big Five wandering around the harsh desert of the NamibRand, but the dunes are home to a variety of wildlife that has adapted in many fascinating ways in order to survive. Take, for example, the gemsbok with their white bellies that reflect the heat of the sand and their sophisticated vascular system that cools the blood around the brain. Or the bat-eared fox – those giant ears aren't just for comic value but help to amplify the sound of their predators approaching.

What you'll undoubtedly see most of are antelope. From gemsbok to springbok, kudu to steenbok, they can be found in most corners of the reserve, silhouetted against the red sand. You may also spot Burchell's zebra amid the dunes as well as the more unusual black-backed jackals, aardwolves and African wild cats, which can be surprisingly easy to find compared to other reserves on the continent. Leopard and cheetah are rare but there are small numbers of both.



DAY 3

Second Day At Kwessi

This morning you will rise early for a magical shared excursion into the Namib Naukluft National Park, entering the Park gates at sunrise to capture the dunes whilst the light is soft and shadows accentuate their towering shapes and curves. This area boasts some of the highest free-standing sand dunes in the world.

Your lodge guide will give you an insight on the formation of the Namib Desert and its myriad of fascinating creatures and plants that have adapted to survive these harsh environs. Once you have explored the areas around Sossusvlei and Deadvlei to your hearts content, return to your lodge in the early afternoon for a late lunch.

The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure (from experience, this is usually welcomed after an exhilarating morning in the dunes) or can be spent on another guided scheduled activity within the nature reserve as offered by the lodge.

Please note that this a long day and will take approx. 6-7 hours including driving time.

Overnight at Kwessi Dunes

Tent (Accommodation, all meals & beverages, Wi-Fi, guest laundry, daily activities, camp airstrip transfers, guiding, park entry fees and VAT.)



DAY 4

Check out from Kwessi Dunes

Fly-In Sossusvlei To Swakopmund

9:50 AM · Start Time

10:50 AM · End Time

Scheduled shared light aircraft

After a leisurely breakfast you are transferred back to the local airstrip for your scheduled shared seat rate flight northwest to Swakopmund.

Upon arrival at Swakopmund Airport, you will be welcomed by your Ultimate Safaris representative who will transfer you to your accommodation.

Should there be time this afternoon you can explore the town and wander along the waterfront on foot (just note that most shops and businesses close at lunchtime over weekends and public holidays).

Your naturalist *ultimate.earth* guide will meet you at the hotel later this afternoon and will host you for the remainder of your safari.

Dinner this evening is included at a popular restaurant which specializes in locally harvested fresh seafood as well as other local and international dishes.

Restaurants In Swakopmund (PDF)

A selection of restaurants with their contact information for you to choose from.

Check in at Strand Hotel Swakopmund

Standard Room- Sea View (Accommodation and all meals)

1 Night

Property Overview

Strand Hotel Swakopmund is the perfect venue for travelers wanting to explore Swakopmund. This Namibian icon has become a popular destination resort for international, Namibian, and South African guests.

With its extensive, unique, and creatively entertaining restaurants, bars, deli, lobby-lounge, sea-facing terraces, beach kiosk, and state of the art conference and banqueting center, all set on the Mole, a historic and iconic site surrounded by ocean on three sides, the Strand Hotel Swakopmund is a social epicenter and destination in itself for both visitors to and residents of Swakopmund.

Experience & Activities

Activities, tours, and adventures you can do whilst based at Strand Hotel Swakopmund include ballooning, skydiving, bird watching, Cape Cross Seal Colony, Messum Crater tour, fishing, Living Desert tours, Namib Desert day trips and night walks, sand boarding, Sandwich Harbor tour, Spitzkoppe Mountain day tour, Swakopmund sightseeing and cultural tour, Walvis Bay sightseeing, scenic Namib Desert and Atlantic Ocean flights, catamaran dolphin and seal tours, moon landscape tours into the Namib Desert, cultural township tours, horse and camel riding, and more...

Fast Facts

Highlights

Beautiful sea-facing location in Swakopmund

Perfect venue for travelers wanting to explore Swakopmund Extensive, unique, and creatively entertaining facilities

Set on the Mole, a historic and iconic site surrounded by ocean on three sides

Quick facts

125 rooms & suites

Restaurants

Bars

Lounges

Garden

Terraces

Beach kiosk

Pool

Spa

Gym

Gift shop

Museum

Meeting & event space

Air conditioning

Wifi

Welcome to Swakopmund

Swakopmund resembles a small, German coastal resort nestled between the desert and the sea. It boasts a charming combination of German colonial architecture blended with modern hotels, shops, restaurants, museums, craft centres, galleries and cafés. Swakopmund had its beginnings as a landing station in 1892 when the German Imperial Navy erected beacons on the site. Settlers followed and made attempts to create a harbour town by constructing a concrete Mole and then an iron jetty - which attempts were ultimately unsuccessful.

The advent of World War one halted developments, and the town sank into decline until half a century later when infrastructure improved and an asphalt road opened between Windhoek and Swakopmund. This made reaching the previously isolated town quicker and easier and it prospered once again to become Namibia's premier resort town. Although the sea is normally cold for swimming there are pleasant beaches and the cooler climate is refreshing after time spent in the desert.

Swakopmund is just a few hours drive from Namibia's capital and provides easy access to the Spitzkoppe, another very popular unique destination. A short drive via a scenic coastal road reaches the fishing town of Walvisbay. This road is an excellent place to marvel at the endless desert dunes as they meet the Atlantic Ocean.



DAY 5

Check out from Strand Hotel Swakopmund

Guided Drive Swakopmund To Shipwreck Lodge

After an early breakfast in Swakopmund, you will continue north along the coastline to the legendary and restricted Skeleton Coast Park.

The fascinating drive today takes you along the Skeleton Coast, past the Zelia shipwreck and onwards via Terrace Bay, the last accessible camp before you enter the private concession of the Skeleton Coast.

On guided safaris, a delicious picnic lunch is included on your road trip along this long journey where you'll rarely encounter another vehicle.

You venture to Möwe Bay, a frontier outpost on the Skeleton Coast which houses prospectors, park wardens, mechanic and even a small police force and is generally not accessible to tourism. Here you will meet your Shipwreck Lodge guide who will accompany you on your drive of about 1 ½ hour through stunning scenery to Shipwreck Lodge. On your way to the lodge from Möwe Bay, you will see what is left of the victims of this treacherous coastline:

Decaying boats, the remains of a Ventura Bomber which was part of a failed rescue attempt in 1942 and the abandoned equipment from prospecting attempts bear witness to the unforgiving nature of this arid landscape. You will pass a small seal colony, drive past misty beaches littered with whale bones and drive over shifting sand dunes.

Arrival will be late afternoon at Shipwreck Lodge, intime for a relaxing sundowner.

Check in at Shipwreck Lodge

Twin/Double Room (Accommodation, all meals & beverages, guest laundry, transfer between Mowe Bay and Shipwreck Lodge, park entry permit and daily activities and excursions.)

2 Nights

Property Overview

Uniquely designed around the enigmatic shipwrecks that line Namibia's Skeleton Coast, there's nowhere on the continent quite like Shipwreck Lodge. In fact, there's nowhere on the continent quite like the Skeleton Coast. It's a raw, rugged and impossibly remote slice of African wilderness, where towering dunes and wind-swept plains roll as far as the eye can see, buffeted by the icy Atlantic seas.

Each of the 10 rooms have been constructed to resemble the shipwrecks that line the beach. There are eight twin or double rooms, and two cabins can take extra beds if you're bringing the kids, all ensuite and solar-powered. Well, apart from the wood burning stove but on the chilly evenings and mornings, it's most definitely a welcome addition! In the centre of camp, you'll find an equally as innovatively-designed lounge and restaurant with a wide, wraparound deck and uninterrupted views across the sand all the way to the Atlantic Ocean.

Experience & Activities

Stay at Shipwreck Lodge and game drive in search of desert-dwelling fauna; discover the enchanting desert flora (succulents and lichens); sit atop the dunes as the sun sinks below the horizon; spend the day beach-combing for whale bones and debris from centuries of shipwrecks; and marvel at the geologically-remarkable Clay Castles. Enjoy sandboarding or quad biking on the roaring dunes, a beach lunch, gentle nature walks and sundowner drives, a 4x4 up the Hoarusib River, and a day trip to Mowe Bay's seal colony with its historic shipwrecks. Really, there's nowhere like it on earth.

Accommodations

Twin/Double Room

The lodge offers 8 twins/doubles, all ensuite and solar-powered. Each room has a shower, toilet and washbasin complimented with the necessary guest amenities, including a writing desk, bedside lamp and a wood burning stove. A small coffee and tea station with hot water flask (delivered to your room by staff) are included for your convenience.

Fast Facts

Highlights

Explore a raw, rugged and impossibly remote slice of African wilderness

Stay in some of the most unique and dramatic accommodation on the continent

Spend a day exploring the dry riverbeds, starting with a sunrise breakfast and ending with a climb to the top of the great roaring dunes

Learn about the history behind the dramatic shipwrecks that line the mist-enshrouded coastline

Look for tok-tokkie beetles and the unusual plants and lichens that survive in the cold fog that rolls off the ocean

Combine a stay with Hoanib Valley Camp and enjoy a one-of-a-kind transfer drive through the changing scenery

Quick facts

10 rooms: 8 twin/double, 2 family (triples on request)

Ensuite bathrooms with indoor showers

Wifi available: Yes

Hairdryers: Available on request

Battery charging facilities: In the main area & in room

Child policy: All ages welcome

Welcome to Skeleton Coast

Area Overview

Namibia's Skeleton Coast is characterized by rough seas pounding an inhospitable Atlantic shoreline. The area is so vast and arid that hardly anyone lives there. Despite its vastness and remoteness, the Skeleton Coast has an interesting array of highly specialized wildlife that can eek out a living in a place that has one of the lowest annual rainfall averages on earth. Amazingly, such species as desert-adapted elephants and lions occasionally make their way to the coast, while huge seal colonies are predated upon by brown hyenas.

The name "Skeleton Coast" itself evinces the fear that was felt both by the Bushmen people of the interior as well as the first Portuguese sailors that arrived here hundreds of years ago. It actually derives from the whale and seal bones that once littered the shore from its whaling industry days. But with the hundreds of shipwrecks scattered along its coastline as well it is no doubt especially fitting since it has claimed both man and beast alike.

The area lies between the Swakop River at the town of Swakopmund and extends all the way up to the Kunene River.



DAY 6

Guided Activity Shipwreck Lodge

Today is filled with exciting shared guided activities arranged by the lodge. Your lodge guide will discuss how best to enjoy the day's nature-based experiences, considering the ever-changing weather conditions.

These activities offer wonderful opportunities to encounter the astonishing desert-adapted wildlife, unique plant life, and remarkable bird species of this fragile desert ecosystem.

Skeleton Coast Park: Covering about a third of Namibia's coastline, the legendary Skeleton Coast Park stretches 500km from the Ugab River in the south, to the Kunene River in the north. The attraction of the remote Skeleton Coast Park lies essentially in the colour, changing moods and untouched profile of its landscape. Its aura of mystery and impenetrability is due to the many shipwrecks, dense coastal fogs and cold sea breeze by the cold Benguela Current. The landscape in the park ranges from sweeping vistas of windswept dunes to rugged canyons with walls of richly coloured volcanic rock and extensive mountains ranges. On their slopes grow a surprising variety of xerophytic plants, whose survival is ensured by a wide spectrum of ingenious adaptations. Over a hundred species of lichen grow on the plains and west facing mountain slopes, which change colour and become soft and leathery to the touch when the coastal fog pushes inland. The cold Benguela Current that sweeps along Namibia's coastline supports some of the highest concentrations of marine life found anywhere in the world. It also played a crucial role in the formation of the world's oldest desert, the Namib.

Overnight at Shipwreck Lodge

Twin/Double Room (Accommodation, all meals & beverages, guest laundry, transfer between Mowe Bay and Shipwreck Lodge, park entry permit and daily activities and excursions.)



DAY 7

Check out from Shipwreck Lodge

Guided Drive Hoanib To Shipwreck

Today after an early breakfast you head to the legendary Skeleton Coast Park, which stretches 500 kilometers from the Ugab River in the south, to the Kunene River in the north.

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The landscape in the park ranges from sweeping vistas of windswept dunes to rugged canyons with walls of richly coloured volcanic rock and extensive mountains ranges.

After your arrival with a lodge escort, the rest of the afternoon can be spent at leisure, or should time allow, you may prefer to join in on a shared activity as offered by the lodge.

Check in at Hoanib Valley Camp

Twin/Double Tent (Accommodation, all meals & beverages, Wi-Fi, guest laundry, daily activities, camp airstrip transfers, guiding, park entry fees and VAT.)
2 Nights

Property Overview

Hoanib Valley Camp is set back in a hidden valley and surrounded by a range of jagged mountains, just outside the private 500 square kilometre Palmwag Concession. Views are of the ephemeral Hoanib River that teems with resident elephant, giraffe, oryx and springbok. Although parts of the land have been designated 'concession areas' tourism is still limited, making a visit to this unspoiled corner even more memorable.

A joint venture between the local communities and the Giraffe Conservation Foundation, the world's only Africa-wide giraffe conservation organisation, the camp is an elegant, intimate affair that immerses you into the wilds of the desert. The six rooms blend seamlessly with the environment, offering a simple aesthetic that matches the rugged landscape down to a tee. Days are spent tracking endangered rhino, desert-adapted elephant, and of course desert-adapted giraffe, before retiring to your private veranda to marvel at the magnitude of your surroundings (G&T in hand).

Experience & Activities

Activities include game drives to track desert adapted lion, elephant, and giraffe. There are also opportunities for nature walks, rhino tracking, and cultural experiences with local Himba people. And you can learn more about the giraffe research happening in the area.

Accommodations

Twin/Double Tent

Hoanib Valley offers 5 Twin/Double guest tents that blend almost perfectly into the rugged environment. You'll find furniture shaped by the local Rundu carpenters and Himba carvers, and baskets weaved by the people of the Omba Project in Windhoek. The tents sit on decks made of a wood, bamboo and 70% recycled-material composite. All en-suite with indoor showers and a private veranda.

Fast Facts

Highlights

Located in one of the best places to see desert adapted elephant, giraffe, lion, rhino, mountain zebra, and oryx
Learn more about ground-breaking giraffe research being conducted in this remote corner of Namibia
Spend time with and learn about local Himba people
Embark on a guided nature walk and uncover the smaller flora and fauna of the desert

Quick facts

6 tents – 5 twin/double and one family
Wifi is available in camp
Swimming pool
Charging facilities are available in the rooms and main area
Child policy: all ages welcome

Welcome to Hoanib

Area Overview

The stark, rugged beauty in this area of the Namib Desert is traversed by a ribbon oasis fed by the Hoanib, a 270 km (168 mi) long seasonal river. One of 12 ephemeral rivers in north-west Namibia, the Hoanib runs across gravel plains and sand dunes between Damaraland and Kaokoland. An all-day excursion through the Hoanib River valley to the Skeleton Coast feels like a journey to the end of the Earth.

Though it only flows occasionally, the river fills a dense underground aquifer which provides groundwater and salt licks for desert-adapted animals traversing the valley, who also feed on the vegetation and wetlands that sprout along the river. Lions and ostriches can be seen patrolling the Ana, and gnarled Mopane and Camelthorn trees, while pods from Albida trees are a staple for elephants, giraffes, gemsbok, and springbok.



DAY 8

Guided Activity Hoanib Valley Camp

Explore the incredible landscape and its inhabitants on shared activities as run by the camp such as scenic nature drives searching for desert adapted elephants and other wildlife, nature walks, as well as a visit to a local Himba community.

Himba -Kaokoland

The Himba, Tjimba and other Herero people who inhabit Namibia's remote north-western Kunene Region are loosely referred to as the Kaokovelders. Basically, Herero in terms of origin, language and culture, they are semi-nomadic pastoralists who tend to tend from one watering place to another. They seldom leave their home areas and maintain, even in their own, on which other cultures have made little impression. For many centuries they have lived a relatively isolated existence and were not involved to any noteworthy extent in the long struggle for pasturelands between the Nama and the Herero.

The largest group of Kaokovelders is the Himba, semi-nomads who live in scattered settlements throughout the Kunene Region. They are a tall, slender and statuesque people, characterized especially by their proud yet friendly bearing. The women especially are noted for their unusual sculptural beauty, enhanced by intricate hairstyles and traditional adornments. They rub their bodies with red ochre and fat, a treatment that protects their skins against the harsh desert climate. The homes of the Himba of Kaokoland are simple, cone-shaped structures of saplings, bound together with palm leaves and plastered with mud and dung.

The men build the structures, while the women mix the clay and do the plastering. A fire burns in the headman's hut day and night, to keep away insects and provide light and heating. A family may move from one home to another several times a year to seek grazing for their goats and cattle. Men, women and children wear body adornments made from iron and shell beads. A himba women spends as much as three hours a day on her toilette.

First she bathes, then she anoints herself with her own individually prepared mixture not only protects her skin from the harsh desert sun, but also keeps insects away and prevents her body hair from falling out. She uses another mixture of butter fat, fresh herbs and black coals to rub on her hair, and ‘steams’ her clothes regularly over the permanent fire. Men, women and children adorn themselves with necklaces, bracelets, anklets and belts made from iron and shell beads. With their unusual and striking designs, these items have gained a commercial value and are being produced on a small scale for the urban market.

Sculptural headrests in particular are sought-after items.

Overnight at Hoanib Valley Camp

Twin/Double Tent (Accommodation, all meals & beverages, Wi-Fi, guest laundry, daily activities, camp airstrip transfers, guiding, park entry fees and VAT.)



DAY 9

Check out from Hoanib Valley Camp

Guided Drive Hoanib To Damaraland

After breakfast, your journey continues southeast through the small town of Sesfontein, a Himba outpost and possibility of visiting more communities along the way, before continuing south into the heart of Damaraland.

Damaraland is typified by displays of colour, magnificent table topped mountains, rock formations and bizarre-looking vegetation. The present-day landscape has been formed by the erosion of wind, water and geological forces which have formed rolling hills, dunes, gravel plains and ancient river terraces.

It is the variety and loneliness of the area as well as the scenic splendour which will reward and astound you, giving one an authentic understanding of the word 'wilderness'.

Arrival at the camp will be in the late afternoon with time to enjoy fireside sundowners at your camp that will be your home for the next two nights.

Check in at Mowani Mountain Camp

View Room (Accommodation, all meals & activities with ultimate.earth guide)
2 Nights

Property Overview

Mowani Mountain Camp is a sanctuary set within the stunning landscapes of Damaraland. Dwarfed by massive ochre boulders, the camp blends into the landscape so that every soft curve or ragged edge frames the landscape differently, as if you are seeing it for the first time, every time.

Experiences & Activities

Mowani offers a variety of immersive experiences, starting with a Guided Nature Drive, which gives guests the opportunity to explore the surrounding landscape in search of wildlife, including the extraordinary desert-adapted elephants, with drinks and snacks provided. They can also embark on a two-hour journey to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Twyfelfontein to view ancient rock engravings and marvel at the geological formations of Burnt Mountain and the Organ Pipes. For an even more immersive experience, guests can visit the Damara Living Museum, which offers a unique opportunity to experience the traditional culture of the Damara people. Additionally, visitors have the option of a Self-Guided Nature Walk along a marked trail featuring information on local flora, or they can request a local guide for a more extended nature walk experience.

Accommodations

View Room

The lodge offers 12 twin-bedded rooms, all with thatched roofs, en-suite bathrooms, air-conditioning, and limited wifi. Four Superior View Rooms provide sweeping west-facing views, while the remaining eight View Rooms overlook either a northern valley or a more secluded boulder-filled landscape. All rooms include private viewing decks, fridges, tea and coffee stations, fans, hairdryers, safes, and solar-heated water.

Fast Facts

Highlights

Stunning landscapes of Damaraland
Local guides with intimate knowledge of the land
Twyfelfontein, Burnt Mountain and Organ Pipes Excursion
Accommodations nestled in boulders
Viewpoint & sundowner spot with 180 degrees of spectacular beauty

Quick Facts

8 View Rooms, 4 Superior View Rooms, 1 Luxury Room, 1 Rock (mini) Suite, & 1 Mountain Suite
Swimming pool
Lounge & dining room
Bar
Outdoor boma
Curio shop
Electricity with back-up generator
Plugs run on 220/240 volts
Children welcome
Sustainable ecotourism
Limited cellphone reception
Limited wifi (due to remote location)

Damaraland

Area Overview

The dramatic barren landscape of the iconic Damaraland is home to some of the most fascinating flora and fauna in Namibia, and the best place to spot desert-adapted elephant, rhino, lion, and zebra. The arid region's attractions include a petrified forest of fossilized 280 million-year-old trees, some of the best preserved etchings and rock art dating back 6,000 years at Twyfelfontein, and the highest mountain in the country, the Brandberg, which is covered in thousands of ancient rock paintings.

The Late Stone Age art is thought to have been produced to pass on information about hunting expeditions, but the area has predominantly been used by pastoralists, such as the Damara and Herero, as well as more recently by the Himba, semi-nomadic herders whose female members distinctly cover their hair and skin with ochre colored paste.



DAY 10

Guided Activity In Damaraland - Desert Adapted Elephants

After an early breakfast you will be treated to an exciting 4x4 excursion along the ephemeral Aba Huab and Huab River valleys to explore this remarkable region and to search for game, including the elusive desert adapted elephants if they are in the area. Damaraland is home to a variety of desert adapted wildlife and hidden desert treasures. As the elephants are mostly active in the mornings you will normally have the best chance to see them then before returning to camp for lunch.

However, if all the safari participants agree, you also have the option to take a picnic lunch and stop to enjoy that in the shade of a large Ana tree by the riverbed, ideally while watching a herd of elephant browsing nearby.

Your guide will arrange to fit in a visit to Twyfelfontein and other nearby attractions at a suitable time if you haven't already done so the previous day. On return to camp there should be time to take a walk into the local area with your guide if desired, or simply relax and enjoy some well-deserved leisure time.

Overnight at Mowani Mountain Camp

[View Room \(Accommodation, all meals & activities with ultimate.earth guide\)](#)



DAY 11

Check out from Mowani Mountain Camp

Fly-In Damaraland To Etosha

Scheduled shared light aircraft - Times to be reconfirmed a day prior (ETA between 12h30 & 15h30)

Approximate flight duration: 1 hour and 35 minutes

Your naturalist guide will depart from the lodge early this morning while you relax and enjoy a leisurly breakfast. At a time to be advised by lodge management, you'll have a road transfer to Twyfelfontein Airstrip in time for a scheduled shared flight that takes you to the eastern boundary of Etosha National Park.

Your naturalist guide will make his way by road and meet you at Onguma later this evening.

After your arrival at a local airstrip, you will be met by a camp/lodge representative who will transfer you to your camp/lodge with time to settle in.

Check in at Onguma The Fort

Bush Suites (Accommodation, Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Dinner (4-course), Beverages - Bar and Mini Bar (beers, local spirits, soft drinks, water and house wines) 2 scheduled Activities per day. All activities are available subject to time restrictions and availability. Transfer from and to the Mokuti & Onguma airstrip, VAT, Social Development Levy and NTB tourism levy. Etosha game drives with ultimate.earth guide and safari vehicle)

3 Nights

Property Overview

The Fort is unlike any other, the only one of its kind in Namibia. It is built in exactly the right spot to give guests probably one of the best sunset views in Namibia, overlooking the beautiful scarceness of the Etosha Pan, decorated only with its wild animals and hundreds of camel thorn trees.

Upon arriving at The Fort, guests will be received by not only friendly staff, but also massive raw walls, stunning stone-cladded features, and a huge tower with views toward Etosha and Fisher's Pan. The Fort will surprise guests at every corner; a classical African feel combined with a touch of Moroccan and Indian flavors, characterized by a selection of the most beautiful antique windows and doors.

Experience & Activities

Activities include Etosha guided safaris, sunset drives in the Onguma Reserve, guided interpretive bush walks, and massage therapy at the Onguma Sanctuary. The new, water-level Onkolo hide offers many photographic opportunities and allows guests to calmly sit and enjoy nature unobserved. Guests can also have a sleep-out in a custom built Land Cruiser, featuring a bathroom downstairs and bedroom with lounge area upstairs. Some activities may incur an additional cost.

Accommodations

Bush Suites

The 11 Bush Suites are completely private and about 50 meters apart from one another. Each Suite is equipped with a fireplace, bar fridge, and air conditioning. The spacious bathroom has both an inside shower as well as an outside shower area. Wooden decks with wood-fired hot tubs lead guests towards the outside seating area and sun loungers, perfect for relaxing and enjoying the extraordinary view.

Fast Facts

Highlights

Located on the Onguma Private Reserve
Spectacular watering hole overlooking Fisher's Pan
Views of the Etosha Pan & watering hole from all rooms
Dramatic Moroccan-Afro design

Quick facts

11 Bush Suites, 1 Sultan Suite, & 1 Honeymoon Suite
Lounge
Indoor/outdoor dining
Art gallery
Safari boutique
Swimming pool
Sundowner pool with bar
Massage room
Tower viewing area
Mini-bar
Air conditioning
Hairdryers

Mosquito nets

Children aged 7+ welcome

Wifi

Onguma Private Reserve

Area Overview

Onguma Private Reserve comprises 34,000 hectares of private wilderness on the eastern border of Etosha National Park. The nature reserve boasts over thirty different animal species consisting of plains game including kudu, giraffe, eland, oryx, hartebeest, zebra, impala and many more roam freely as well as predators such as lion, cheetah, leopard, being common residents of the area. The latest addition to the already abundant wildlife at Onguma Nature Reserve is a family of black rhinos.

During the Namibian summer months Onguma becomes a bird-watcher's paradise with thousands of species migrating to the wetlands created by the seasonal rains and ephemeral river systems.

Etosha National Park is a national park in the north west of Namibia. Proclaimed a park in 1907, it is home to four of the Big Five and offers amazing game sightings all year round.



DAY 12

Guided Activity In Etosha East

Today is available for a full day of exciting game viewing within the eastern section of Etosha National Park.

After discussion with your guide, you can either opt to go into the Park in the morning and the afternoon and return to the lodge for lunch and an early afternoon rest; or you can head back west across to spend more time in the area around Halali; or you can head north past Fischer's Pan and up into the Andoni Plains if you prefer. Either way, you will return to the comforts of the lodge before sunset.

As you have the full-time services of your own private guide, in your own 4x4, the day's activities are scheduled around the specific interests and your energy levels.

Create a memorable and exciting guided game drives within the renowned Etosha National Park, from the vantage point of a specially modified, air conditioned 4x4 with pop tops.

Overnight at Onguma The Fort

Bush Suites (Accommodation, Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Dinner (4-course), Beverages - Bar and Mini Bar (beers, local spirits, soft drinks, water and house wines) 2 scheduled Activities per day. All activities are available subject to time restrictions and availability. Transfer from and to the Mokuti & Onguma airstrip, VAT, Social Development Levy and NTB tourism levy. Etosha game drives with ultimate.earth guide and safari vehicle)

DAY 13

Onguma Guided Activity To Etosha & Onguma Reserve

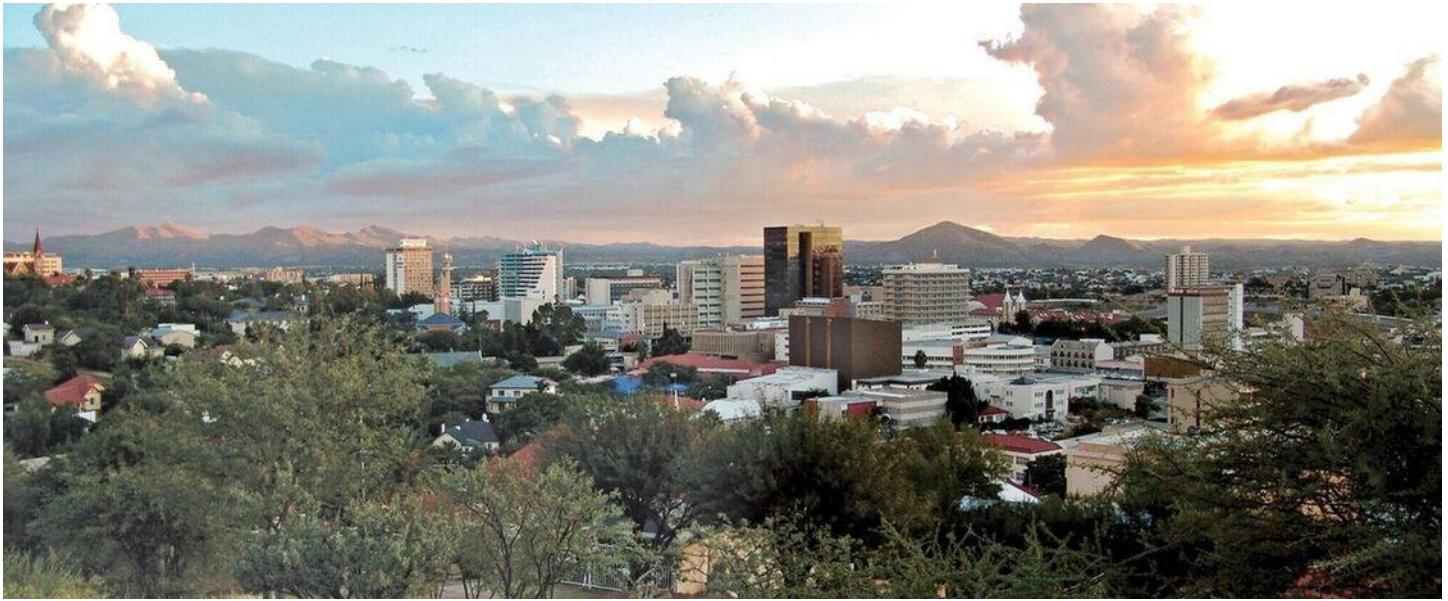
This morning is dedicated to memorable game drives within the eastern section of Etosha National Park with your lodge guide on shared basis.

You return to camp for lunch and an early afternoon rest, spending your final afternoon on a game drive on the private Onguma Game Reserve, culminating in a sundowner overlooking Fischer's Pan.

You then return after sunset with enough time to freshen up and enjoy your final 'safari dinner' overlooking the camp's floodlit waterhole.

Overnight at Onguma The Fort

Bush Suites (Accommodation, Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Dinner (4-course), Beverages - Bar and Mini Bar (beers, local spirits, soft drinks, water and house wines) 2 scheduled Activities per day. All activities are available subject to time restrictions and availability. Transfer from and to the Mokuti & Onguma airstrip, VAT, Social Development Levy and NTB tourism levy. Etosha game drives with ultimate.earth guide and safari vehicle)



DAY 14

Check out from Onguma The Fort

Fly-In Etosha To Hosea Kutako

Scheduled shared light aircraft - Times to be reconfirmed a day prior (ETA between 16h00 & 17h00)

Approximate flight duration: 1 hour and 30 minutes

Your naturalist guide will depart early this morning and head south to Windhoek while you relax and enjoy a leisurely breakfast, and also have the opportunity to join a morning activity.

A lodge representative will transfer you at a pre-arranged time to a local airstrip for your light scheduled shared aircraft flight to Windhoek's International Hosea Kutako Airport.

Upon arrival you will be welcomed by an *ultimate.earth* representative who will transfer you to Galton House for your final night in Namibia. Your guide will meet you at the guesthouse this evening for a farewell dinner.

Check in at The Weinberg

Courtyard Upper Level Double/Twin Room (Accommodation and all meals (including farewell dinner))
1 Night

Property Overview

Situated in the upmarket suburb of Klein Windhoek, The Weinberg sets a new benchmark for luxury accommodation in Namibia's capital. Its iconic design marries old-world splendour with contemporary lines and state-of-the-art amenities, creating an atmosphere of refined comfort. The hotel's elegant architecture surrounds a restored heritage building at the heart of the Am Weinberg Estate – an exclusive lifestyle enclave featuring diverse culinary experiences and the restorative Life Day Spa.

From The Weinberg, guests have convenient access to Windhoek’s highlights, from historic sites such as Christuskirche, the Independence Memorial Museum, and the Alte Feste to contemporary shopping destinations. Returning after a day of discovery, they can unwind at the hotel's Sky Lounge, where panoramic views of the surrounding valley pair perfectly with a curated wine selection and tapas. Living up to its name – derived from the German word for “vineyard” – The Weinberg offers a sophisticated setting where sunsets, fine wines, and warm Namibian hospitality come together beautifully.

Accommodations

Courtyard Upper Level Double/Twin Room

The Courtyard Upper Level Double/Twin Rooms offer comfortable, well-appointed accommodations featuring a private balcony overlooking the serene courtyard. Each room is equipped with an en-suite bathroom, air conditioning, tea and coffee facilities, a fridge, a TV, and a hairdryer, providing guests with all the essentials for a relaxing and convenient stay.

Fast Facts

Highlights

Centrally located in the upmarket suburb of Klein Windhoek

Elegant architecture wraps around a heritage building, which forms the heart of the Am Weinberg Estate

Beautifully appointed rooms & tranquil atmosphere

Quick facts

41 guest rooms

Restaurant

Bar

Lounge

Garden

4 meeting rooms (accommodating 16 – 120 people)

Spa

Salon

Gym

24-hour front desk

Wifi

Windhoek

Area Overview

Windhoek, translated from the Afrikaans language to “Wind Corner,” is Namibia’s capital and largest city. Hosea Kutako International and Eros Airports service the city and, together with Namibia’s excellent road network, provide easy access to most of the country, although distances can be vast. Positioned centrally,

Windhoek links important coastal towns to the country's hub and is connected by well maintained national roads to South Africa and Botswana.

Although mostly a starting point for a trip elsewhere, local attractions include Christuskirche, the oldest church in the country, the Independence Memorial Museum, the National Botanic Garden of Namibia, the Tintenpalast (seat of the government), and the old fort, “Alte Feste.” The influence of the German colonial period can still be seen today in architecture, street names, German beer, bread and sausages. The German carnival is celebrated every year.

DAY 15

Check out from The Weinberg

Transfer Windhoek To Hosea (INT Flight)

Today after breakfast you will be transferred to the Windhoek's Hosea Kutako International Airport by an Ultimate Safaris guest liaison in time for your international flight.

This is officially the end of your Namibian Safari. We hope to see you again soon, Bon voyage...!

We wish you safe travels onwards and hope that your Namibian safari has been full of unforgettable highlights and memorable experiences.



COSTS

This cost includes:

- Accommodation as stipulate.
- All meals
- Local beverages as stipulated (premium brands excluded).
- Scheduled shared flights in a light aircraft at stipulated.
- Luxury 4x4 specialized 4x4 Safari Landcruiser
- Services of a qualified English-speaking naturalist guide.
- Entrance fees and excursions as specified in the itinerary with *ultimate,earth* naturalist guide.
- Scheduled shared activities and excursions as stipulated (as offered by specified supplier).
- Services of an English-speaking ranger whilst at the camps/lodges specified above i.e. scheduled/shared lodge activities.
- Windhoek Hosea Kutako Airport transfers /meet and greets, as (and if) stipulated.
- VIP arrival meet and greet
- Welcome pack

This cost does not include:

- All international and regional flights, and airport tax.
- Any entrance fees and excursions not stipulated in the above itinerary.
- Any meals/ drinks not stipulated above.
- All premium and import brand beverages.
- Laundry unless specified otherwise (laundry service available at lodges at extra cost).
- Gratuities and Portage.
- Items of personal nature (telephone expenses, curios, medicines etc).
- Comprehensive travel insurance (recommended).
- ENTRY VISA FEES.

- BANK CHARGES (as per bank or 3.5% commission for VISA/MASTER and 4.5% commission for AMEX).
- Any unscheduled additions to the safari.



PRE DEPARTURE GUEST INFORMATION NAMIBIA

Emergency contact details

Please first try to contact our direct office number (+264) 61 248137 during office hours or contact our emergency contact number +264 81 141 2275. If sending an e-mail after hours, you should use the address emergency@ultimate.earth

Travel Insurance

It is a condition of booking that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependants /traveling companions for the duration of their trip to southern Africa. This insurance should include cover in respect of at least the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the safari, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal luggage, money and goods. *ultimate.earth*, including their representatives, employees and agents can take no responsibility for any costs and losses incurred or suffered by the guest, guest's dependants or traveling companions, with regards to any of the above-mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover.

International Flights

Flight

check-in

times:

Please check in early at all airports (at least one hour for domestic flights, two hours for regional flights and up to three hours, as advised, for international flights) as the flights are occasionally overbooked. Please be aware that during peak season delays are often encountered on scheduled flights. Remember that you are on holiday...relax and enjoy the ambience, which sometimes has no sense of urgency at all!

Reconfirmation of flights:

Most flight bookings can now be confirmed online direct with the airline. However, please let us know if you experience difficulties with that so we can try to assist if possible. Please note that some airlines do not allow online check in at Windhoek so this service may just show as being 'unavailable'.

Luggage Restrictions for All Safaris Types

Where possible all luggage should be packed into soft, collapsible bags that can easily fit into vehicles and light aircraft. We suggest one item of hand luggage per person that can travel with you in the vehicle/light aircraft (including camera gear).

When **traveling on a private guided safari** with us we do not have a set luggage limit but recommend the use of soft bags, ideally one or two per person plus hand luggage. When **traveling on a scheduled group safari** we do request a luggage limit of 20 kgs per person in a soft bag, plus hand luggage.

Most importantly, if your safari itinerary includes any '**seat rate' flights on light aircraft** you must adhere to the strict **luggage limit of 20 kg per person** within Namibia (normally including hand luggage and camera equipment), or sometimes only 12 kgs per person, in soft bags only. For those traveling by private charter flights whilst on safari you will be advised of the luggage restrictions based on your group size and the type of aircraft to be used.

See a luggage image example > [here](#) <

The maximum dimensions of the soft bags which can be accommodated are as follows: 25 cm (10 inches) wide x 62 cm (24 inches) long and 30 cm (12 inches) thick

If you have any excess luggage you are welcome to store this for safekeeping at our office until you return or link up again with your guide and vehicle.

Suggested Packing List

For clothing items, we would recommend cotton over synthetic fibers, and muted colours for game viewing (rather than white or bright colours). Please ensure you bring sufficient warm clothing if you will be on safari during our winter months (May to September) as temperatures are colder than most visitors anticipate. Temperatures at the coast can be cold anytime of the year so do bring at least one fleece even if on safari during our summer.

- Quality sunglasses (ideally polarized)
- Sun hat with wide brim
- Golf-shirts, T-shirts, long-sleeved shirts
- Shorts/skirts (short skirts are not practical for getting in and out of game drive vehicles though).
- Long trousers/slacks
- Smart evening wear for upmarket accommodation establishments

- Underwear (sports bra recommended on game drives as the roads can be bumpy)
- Good walking shoes (trainers are fine)
- Sandals (preferably low heeled or flat)
- Swimming costume
- Warm fleece/sweater (especially in winter)
- Warm wind break, scarf & gloves for the cold winter months (May to September)
- Light rain gear for the summer months (November to April)
- Camera equipment & plenty of film/ memory cards/sticks, chargers & batteries.
- Glasses, even if you wear contact lenses, in case of irritation from the dust & dryness
- BINOCULARS
- Newman's/Sasol/Robert's bird book if you are a keen birder
- Personal toiletries
- Malaria medication (if applicable)
- Moisturizing cream & lip salve
- Suntan lotion (SPF30 or higher recommended)
- Insect repellent
- Basic personal medical kit (aspirins, plasters, Imodium, antiseptic cream, anti-histamine cream/tables, anti-nausea tablets etc.)
- Tissues/wet wipes
- Torch
- Visas, tickets, passports, money, insurance details etc.
- Waterproof/dustproof bags/cover for cameras

Last but not least – a good sense of humour and a desire to have “a holiday of a lifetime”!

Lost Luggage

Luggage that goes missing on international, regional, or domestic scheduled flights is beyond the control of *ultimate.earth* and often also of the airline concerned. The departure airport controls what happens to passengers' luggage from when it is checked in until it is put on board the flight.

We suggest that guests take the following precautionary action; please pack a small bag with essentials, including any life sustaining medication, which can be carried with them as hand luggage, and pack a second bag containing items that are not immediate that can be loaded in the aircraft hold. If the second bag does not arrive immediately, they will still have their essential items on hand to see them through the first couple of days while we try to recover their main bag(s).

In the event of any luggage getting delayed or lost, guests must ensure they provide the airline representative with their location over the following week, so they know where to forward the luggage to.

They should also request a lost luggage reference number so that their luggage can be traced (and also advise *ultimate.earth* of this reference number), and finally we recommend they provide the airline representative with the contact details of *ultimate.earth* so that we can monitor this for them, and ensure their luggage is delivered to the correct destination should they be unable to reach them whilst on safari.

Health & Vaccines

There are a few basic health matters that require care and attention. We are not medical practitioners and the following points are recommended guidelines only. Please consult your doctor and also check with your health department prior to departure for any changes in health regulations.

Yellow Fever certificates are needed if you come from or have recently visited high risk countries, especially certain parts of Africa (East, West and Central). Bilharzia still occurs in parts of Namibia, HIV infection is on the increase and TB is widespread in the few more densely populated areas which guests will not often visit. Recommended (but not compulsory) vaccinations are Tetanus and Infectious Hepatitis.

Malaria within southern Africa is prevalent in some but not all areas. It is encountered mainly in wetter areas as mosquitoes require calm waters to breed. It can be found throughout Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and much of Botswana. Northern Namibia is also a malaria area. Should you be visiting these areas malaria precautions are advised.

Malaria transmission is at its highest during the warmer and wetter months of November through to April. From May to October the risks of contracting malaria are reduced. Malaria is transmitted by a very small percentage of female Anopheles mosquitoes. They are generally only active in the early evening and throughout the night, at the times when one is usually sleeping or sitting around the campfire.

The malaria parasite requires a human host in order to complete its life cycle. In most cases, camps and lodges are situated in remote, unpopulated areas, so the chances of contracting malaria are very slim. Nonetheless, we believe it is worth taking preventative measures. Both chloroquine-resistant and normal strains of malaria are prevalent in Africa.

Malaria prophylactic recommendations for southern Africa travelers
Expert opinion differs regarding the best approach to malaria prophylaxis. It is important to bear in mind that malaria may be contracted despite chemoprophylaxis, especially in areas where chloroquine resistance has been reported. Please remember that the best insurance is the preventative kind; avoid being bitten by using mosquito repellents liberally; wear long-sleeved shirts and trousers/slacks in the evenings; if staying in a bungalow or tent, spray with an insecticide like DOOM to kill any mosquitoes that may have flown into your room. If you become ill on your return, while still on prophylaxis or even once you have stopped taking them, ensure that you tell your doctor you have been in a malarial area and that they do everything to establish that your illness is not malaria. Malaria is not a serious problem if you are sensible and take basic precautions. There have been no cases of our guests contracting malaria in over 15 years of operation.

It is very important that guests drink plenty of **water**, especially during the warmer months. It is generally recommended that they drink at least 2 to 3 litres of water per day to limit effects of dehydration. This excludes tea, coffee and alcoholic beverages which act as diuretics and can contribute to dehydration. Generally, water throughout southern Africa is safe to drink directly from the tap, with exception of locations beside perennial rivers where the tap water may be pumped from the river, as in parts of the Caprivi Strip. However, bottled water is readily available, so guests should ask their guide or lodge staff if they are unsure, and should not allow

themselves to become dehydrated. Please note that water is a scarce commodity in southern Africa, and every effort should be made to save where possible!

Passports & Visas

**Please note Namibia has introduced a visa fee on arrival for most foreign visitors from 01 April 2025 - details below.*

International visitors require a valid passport together with onward travel documents. When traveling to southern Africa guests must please ensure that their passport is valid for at least 6 months after their scheduled departure date and that they have a minimum of 3 blank pages in their passport to enable the entry visa to be issued (if there is insufficient space in the passport then entry may be denied). If a parent is traveling alone with his/her children aged 18 years or younger, they will need to have with them a letter of consent, certified by their local police, signed by the other parent. All parents travelling with young children will need to have a valid and unabridged copy of each child's birth certificate to present at all regional border posts if requested.

All passport holders should verify with their travel agent or relevant consulate concerning visa entry requirements specific to the nationality of their passport (a maximum of 90 days is granted for a tourist visa). If you are extending your journey to other countries, please establish entry requirements for those countries as well. Guests will need a multiple entry visa if returning to Namibia (Botswana or Zambia) after visiting other countries.

Please ensure that you have arranged all necessary single or multiple entry visas prior to your arrival into southern Africa (unless you have confirmed they are available on entry). For an up to date list on which nationalities are automatically granted tourist visas upon entry into Namibia please refer to the Namibia Tourism Board website – <https://visitnamibia.com.na/visa-information> or <https://mirco.gov.na/>

Visa Application For Specified Nationalities:

As of 01 April 2025, all citizens of countries that don't reciprocate a visa waiver with Namibia will require a visa to enter Namibia.

Starting immediately, nationals from a select group of countries can now apply for their visas online, or upon arrival in Namibia (from 01 April 2025), the earlier improving efficiency and expediency. We strongly encourage all qualifying visitors to process this online prior to arrival.

Nationalities not eligible for VOA must apply in advance with required documents.

In summary, here are the guidelines:

- Go to <https://eservices.mhaiss.gov.na/visaonarrival>
- Scroll down to E-Services and click **VISA ON ARRIVAL** (here the countries supported on the platform are listed).
- Click **NEW VISA ON ARRIVAL APPLICATION**.
- Create an account.
- Then follow the processes.
- Once these are accepted proceed and **SUBMIT PAYMENT (N\$1600 per adult, while children age 6-11 pay N\$800 per child and children under 6 are FOC.)**.

- Print your E-Visa Permit with the QR code for presentation on arrival in Namibia.
- The Ministry is working on a correct PDF version of the Namibia Arrival Form so that travelers can complete this in advance. The Namibia Arrival Form is different to the Online Visa Application and has to be presented together with the Visa on Arrival online application. The Namibia Arrival Form will have to be signed and dated on arrival in Namibia in front of the immigration official and we will circulate the correct PDF version once complete. Printed versions of this Arrivals Form will be as always available at all airport terminals for arriving guests.
- Note however that if you already have an approved e-visa, you do not need to complete the above mentioned arrival form. Your e-visa serves as your arrival form. Sign the arrival part on your e-visa in front of an immigration officer at the counter.
- **NB:** Please refer to the website above for the most up-to-date information on visa requirements and ports of entry allowing this VOA & visa facility, as this is subject to change.

To complete the online process, you will require:

- Original Passport (Valid 6months / 3 blank pages)
- Return ticket (Proof of onward ticket)
- Health insurance (travel insurance) in English. It is conditional to have travel insurance, a standard cover suffices, and guests may be asked to present proof of this on arrival in Namibia.
- All travellers who have booked a safari with us, only need to present information of their hotel arrangements of the first and last night of their holiday and are not required to upload all details of their safari (your Ultimate Safaris Journeysmiths can assist with this).
- When asked how much funds they have available we recommend that to state N\$1000 in cash and rest on credit and debit cards. No statements or further proof is required.
- Full birth certificate and parental consent letter if travelling with children.
- Please remember to select Visa on Arrival, which is applicable for most of our holiday travelers visiting Namibia, and not Holiday Visa which is a different visa application relevant for a limited number of international travelers.

Also find **8 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW, FACT SHEET** and **FAQ's**.

The following countries are subject to this new policy – *please refer to the website for the most up-to-date information, as this is subject to change.*

The new Visa on Arrival (VOA) is available to Nationals from the following Countries:

Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Cambodia, Chile, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Moldova, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vatican/Holy See, Venezuela, Vietnam.

African Countries:

Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic (CAR), Chad, Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia,

Madagascar, Mauritania, Niger, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Togo, Tunisia, Western Sahara Republic, Uganda.

Important note: As you arrive into southern Africa, immigration will provide you with an arrivals form to fill in which will request your physical address whilst here. Immigration officials are very particular about the address details being noted so if you are not sure what the physical address of your guesthouse/hotel you are welcome to use the Ultimate Safaris address which is 5 Brandberg Street, Eros, Windhoek.

Currency, credit cards & VAT Refunds

Both Namibian dollars and South African Rand are equal in value and are accepted as legal tender anywhere in Namibia (other currencies such as US\$ are generally not). When departing Namibia, we recommend that any cash guests take with them is in South African Rand as Namibian dollars are generally not easily exchanged outside of Namibia.

Visa and Master Card are usually accepted throughout southern Africa, but American Express and Diners Club are not as widely accepted. Most foreign hard currencies (US\$, £, €, ZAR and CHF are the most commonly accepted) can be exchanged at bureaux de change and banks.

While many fuel stations accept credit card payments, self-drive travelers may need to pay with cash at certain stations where required. VAT of 15 % is included on all items and VAT paid on items being exported can be reclaimed at the International Airport on departure (if the total value exceeds N\$ 200). Please ensure that guests know they will need to get a formal VAT invoice from the retailer if they are planning to make use of this facility.

Dietary Requirements, Meals & Drinks

Please ensure that you inform *ultimate.earth* in advance of any guest dietary requirements, preferences or food allergies that they have and we will pass this information on to the accommodation establishments so that they may cater for this accordingly. Whilst on a guided safari, most breakfasts and evening meals will be taken at the lodge we stayed at or in our fully serviced mobile camps. Lunches whilst traveling between destinations will be served picnic style at a scenic location enroute, or at a café or restaurant should there not be a suitable picnic site.

Beverages whilst on safari are to be settled directly by guests, with the exception of lodges where local beverages are included in the tariff; of the provision of water and juice in the vehicle and with picnic lunches whilst on guided safaris; or if otherwise specified. All vehicles are equipped with a fridge or cool box stocked with bottled water for guest convenience. Tea and coffee are offered by most accommodation establishments free of charge with meals and at afternoon teatime.

Business Hours in Namibia

There are no uniform times for opening and closing, and hours may vary from business to business and town to town. Please note that the below guidelines may vary and that most businesses are closed on Sundays.

Banks

Weekdays: 09h00 – 15h30

Saturdays: 09h00 – 11h00
Sundays & public holidays: Closed

Supermarkets

Weekdays: 08h30 – 19h00
Saturdays: 08h30 – 19h00
Sundays & public holidays: 09h00 – 18h00

Shops

Weekdays: 08h30 – 17h00
Saturdays: 09h00 – 13h00
Sundays & public holidays: 09h00 – 13h00

Restaurants

Lunch: 12h00 – 14h00
Dinner: 18h00 – 22h00
Many close on Sundays or Mondays, and kitchens normally close at 22h00.

Electricity, Plugs & WiFi

Electrical:

Electrical outlets in Namibia are 220 volt, 15 amp and have three round pins (the same as the old UK style plugs and as current South African plugs - diagram below). Adaptors can usually be purchased in Windhoek when you arrive or at Heathrow/Gatwick/Johannesburg airports. It is possible to recharge batteries at most lodges, tented camps, and guesthouses, and you are welcome to bring an adaptor to recharge batteries using the vehicle's cigarette lighter socket.

Telecommunications:

To dial out from southern Africa for an international call use 00 followed by the relevant international number. To dial into Namibia, you need + 264, for South Africa + 27, for Botswana + 267 and Zambia + 260.

Mobile phone coverage in Namibia is generally good. MTC is the recommended phone provider which has generally good coverage throughout the country, and it is the recommended network for visitors. Coverage along main routes is very solid for voice/text. In some places, such as Etosha National Park, data speed can be slow. Visitors generally need to have international roaming activated with their local service provider.

Alternatively, they can also buy a pre-paid SIM card from one of the Namibian network providers at the airport on arrival or in town, which will save the expensive cost for calls on international roaming agreements. Pre-paid SIM cards can be bought all over in Namibia, even in smaller towns. The necessary credit for such pre-paid cards is also available throughout the country, even in the smallest shops. Satellite phone is not really needed here but should you wish to book one we can arrange this, although it clearly comes at an additional cost.

WIFI:

Some of the most popular places with free Wi-Fi in Namibia are malls, cafes, and restaurants, making it easy for travelers to save money on data charges. During your time in Namibia, most of the accommodation

establishments have WIFI in the reception and main areas for guests' usage. Some lodges are located in extremely remote areas and therefore only provide limited and slow internet (some might not have at all).

Climate , Language, Time

Climate:

Winter (May to September) – Temperatures range in the interior from 18C to 25C during the day. Below freezing and frost are common at night.

Summer (October to April) – Average temperatures range from 20C to 35C during the day and temperatures above 40C are often recorded in the extreme north and south of the country.

At the coast the temperature is generally much cooler, ranging from 15C to 25C, and fog is common.

Rainfall – Early rains may occur from October onwards and the main rainy season falls between January and April. During this time flash floods are common.

See a detailed climate forecast [HERE](#) > [here](#) <.

Language:

English is the official language but Afrikaans and German (in Namibia) are also widely spoken, as well as the various tribal languages and dialects belonging to the Bantu and Khoisan groups.

Time:

Namibia is on the same time as South Africa, and this is GMT + 2 hours.

Tipping & Gratuities

Tipping is customary in southern Africa, but a gratuity or service fee is not required by law and is certainly not compulsory. If you would like to tip because you have received good service, below is a brief guideline to assist you. This is shown in US\$ which are generally used throughout the region. However, in Namibia, it is better to work on Namibian Dollars or South African Rand, converted at the exchange rate at the time.

- Specialist *ultimate.earth* guides – around US\$ 10 to 15 per guest per day (if the guide has done a good job).
- Camp/lodge guides - around US\$ 5 to 10 per guest per day (again if they have done a good job).
- Pilots on private charters: around US\$ 10 per day or proportion of a day flown.
- Mokoro paddlers, trackers & transfer drivers – around US\$ 5 for each paddler per guest per day and around US\$ 5 per guest per day for lodge/camp-based trackers.
- General camp/lodge/hotel & guesthouse staff - around US\$ 5 per guest per day for general staff (camp crew, housekeepers, chefs, waiting staff etc.). This should be placed in the communal tip box, generally located at reception, and will be distributed equally amongst all the staff at a later stage.
- Porters – around US\$ 2 per room delivered to.
- Waiters – a tip of 10% to 15 % of the entire bill is customary, depending on the quality of the service.
- In accommodation establishments where meals are generally included in a package price, a tip is not necessary with the meal, but any tip you wish to leave should be put in the general 'staff tip box' at reception on departure.
- Car guards - the presence of a car guard deters vehicle related crime. The car guard may also fill up an empty parking meter if a parking inspector approaches. Tip car guards US\$ 1. If the meter is re-filled, reimburse the car guard the amount put in the meter and tip US\$ 2.

- Petrol pump attendants - a tip of US\$ 1 may be given, depending on the quality of the service. It is NOT customary to tip for re-fuelling only.
- Officials and public servants - never tip or attempt to bribe an official or public servant. Report any requests for bribes to us and note that bribery is punishable by imprisonment.

Gifts & donations:

Guests often ask what they could bring along as gifts and possible donations. Please see below details on the PACK FOR CONSERVATION initiative, which addresses this and we believe the perfect way to contribute to Namibia's conservation efforts.

Have a look at:

<http://conservationtravelfoundation.org/pack-for-conservation>

Respecting wildlife & safety in the bush

- Wild animals must be treated with caution and respect – they are not tame and any attempt to approach, touch or feed them is prohibited without consent from the accompanying guide. This is especially important near lodges or campsites where animals may have become accustomed to visitors.
- Please listen to the camp/lodge staff and guides. The safety precautions need to be taken seriously and strictly adhered to.
- Observe animals silently and with minimum disturbance to their natural activities. Loud talking on game drives can frighten animals away.
- Never attempt to attract an animal's attention. Do not imitate animal sounds, clap your hands, whistle, pound the vehicle or throw objects.
- Please respect your guide's judgment about proximity to animals and do not insist that he takes the vehicle closer than he feels is appropriate.
- Discarded litter (including cigarette butts) can choke or poison animals as well as being unsightly.
- Refrain from smoking on game drives and in vehicles.
- Keep your tent zipped up or room doors closed when out, to prevent unwanted visitors.
- Always look where you are walking, and wear closed shoes when walking about at night in case of scorpions or snakes.

Photography

The choice of the correct camera equipment and film will determine the quality of your photographs on the trip. For good photography of birds and animals a good SLR camera and telephoto lens is necessary. A zoom lens can be extremely useful on safari and the minimum recommended size is 70 – 200 mm, though a 100 – 400 mm is ideal. Modern image stabilized lenses are best as they allow photographers to hand hold their cameras at slower shutter speeds with sharp results.

The last few hours before sunset and the first few after sunrise are the best times for photography, and polarizing filters can help reduce haze and glare during the day.

Spare batteries are essential and a storage device of some sort for digital images is recommended. Make certain you have enough digital card storage – most people take more photographs than they expect to. Camps and lodges have facilities for recharging batteries and storage devices. Strips for charging more than one device are suggested for more serious photographers.

For people using film, colour reversal film (slides) will give better quality results than print film. There are good high-speed films, 400 ASA, on the market that give good colour with very little grain – either Fuji or Kodak. This is especially useful when using a big lens in low light situations. The guides' personal preference is for slow film (either 50 or 100 ASA) as this gives almost perfect quality for normal light. However, you may consider going to faster film for larger lenses in low light conditions. The only disadvantage with the low ASA film is that you need good support, either a tripod or bean bag, for the early morning and evening shots.

Important note: Bring spare film (although film is available in most camps/lodges), ample digital card storage and a spare camera battery, as well as tripod and/or bean bag if you require them.

When photographing local people please always ask for permission first or discuss the best approach with your guide. Most local people will be happy to be photographed but it is important to avoid offence by checking first. Special care is needed if taking photographs near government buildings, army bases and similar sites of strategic importance – again the best approach is to ask permission first.

Suggested Reading List

Historical

Safari - A Chronicle Of Adventure - Bartle Bull

Blue Nile & White Nile - Alan Moorehead

White Man's Country - Lord Delamere

Scramble For Africa - Thomas Pakenham

Bartle Safari – Bartle Bull

Another Day of Life / The Shadow of the Sun: My African Life - Ryszard Kapuscinski

Dark Star Safari - Paul Theroux

Africa: Biography of a Continent - John Reader

Novels & Autobiographies

West with The Night - Beryl Markham

Straight On Till Morning (Beryl Markham) - Mary Lovell

White Mischief - James Fox

The Poisonwood Bible - Barbara Kingsolver

Cry the Beloved Country - Alan Paton

Long walk to Freedom - Nelson Mandela

The Power of One-Bryce Courtenay

Tandia - Bryce Courtenay

Born Free - Joy Adamson

Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight - Alexandra Fuller

A Good Man in Africa - William Boyd

Dark Star Safari: Overland from Cairo to Cape Town – Paul Theroux

Out of Africa - Karen Blixen / Isaac Dinesen

A Far Off Place - Laurens van der Post

Jock of the Bushveld - Pery Fitzpatrick
The Bang-Bang Club - Marinovich and Silva
Mukiwa - Peter Godwin
King Leopolds Ghost - Adam Hochschild
Snows of Kilimanjaro - Ernest Hemmingway
Gorillas in the Mist - Dian Fossey
Life Of My Choice - Wilfred Thesiger
No 1 Ladies Detective Agency - Alexander Mccall Smith
The Tree Where Man Was Born - Peter Matthiessen
Among the Elephants - Iain and Oria Douglas Hamilton
Almost Human - Shirley Strum (Baboons)
Elephant Memories - Cynthia Moss (Elephants)

Films

Born Free
The First Grader
The Ghost and the Darkness

Crime

Crime is no more prevalent in Southern Africa than anywhere else in the world, but as a tourist you are more likely to be targeted if you are not aware of your surroundings and taking reasonable care of your possessions. Take normal precautions of not carrying all your valuables while walking about and preferably go with others, particularly after dark. Keep any valuables locked in a safety deposit box at the hotel where you are staying. Never leave anything of value unattended under any circumstances, including lying visible inside a locked vehicle. Opportunistic crimes are as common here as anywhere else in the world

Public Holidays in Namibia

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1st January (New Years Day), Good Friday, Easter Monday, 21st March (Independence day), 1st May (International Workers Day), 4th May (Cassinga Day), 25th May (Africa Day), 28th May (Genocide Remembrance Day), 29th May (Ascension Day), 26th August (Heroes' Day), 10th December (International Human Rights Day), 25th and 26th December.

Public Holidays in South Africa

1st January, Good Friday, Easter Monday, 21st March (Human Rights Day), 27th April (Freedom Day), 1st May (Worker's Day), 16th June (Youth Day), 9th August (National Woman's Day), 24th September (Heritage Day), 16th December (Day of Reconciliation), 25th and 26th December.

Traveling companions

When traveling to camps and lodges on our safaris you will meet up with other guests from different parts of the world and of various ages. To get the most out of your safari experience co-operation and harmony between you and your fellow guests is essential. Should any guest behave in such a way that it affects the enjoyment or safety of other guests, themselves, staff, or animals that guest will be warned and if need be, could be requested to leave the safari.

Travelling with Minors

Namibia is very aware of issues surrounding child trafficking and has been proactive in ensuring that such an event does not occur within our borders. Our Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration issued a statement in December 2016 indicating their policy regarding the world-wide issue of child trafficking, and this was in line with what was also done in other SADC Countries such as Botswana and South Africa. This policy was not enforced immediately, but the Immigration Officials at our borders and International Airports are now being proactive in ensuring that minors (children under the age of 18) are travelling legitimately.

Immigration officials are requesting the following documentation from visitors travelling with children under the age of 18. Please note that the documents required must either be the originals or copies that have been certified / notarized by the competent authority in the issuing country.

If travelling with both parents:

- Full “unabridged” birth certificate showing the full names of both parents.

If travelling with only one parent:

- Full “unabridged” birth certificate showing the full names of both parents
- Parental Consent Affidavit from the other parent
- Or death certificate of other parent
- Or legal declaration of sole custody if parents are divorced

If travelling with neither parent, with friends/family:

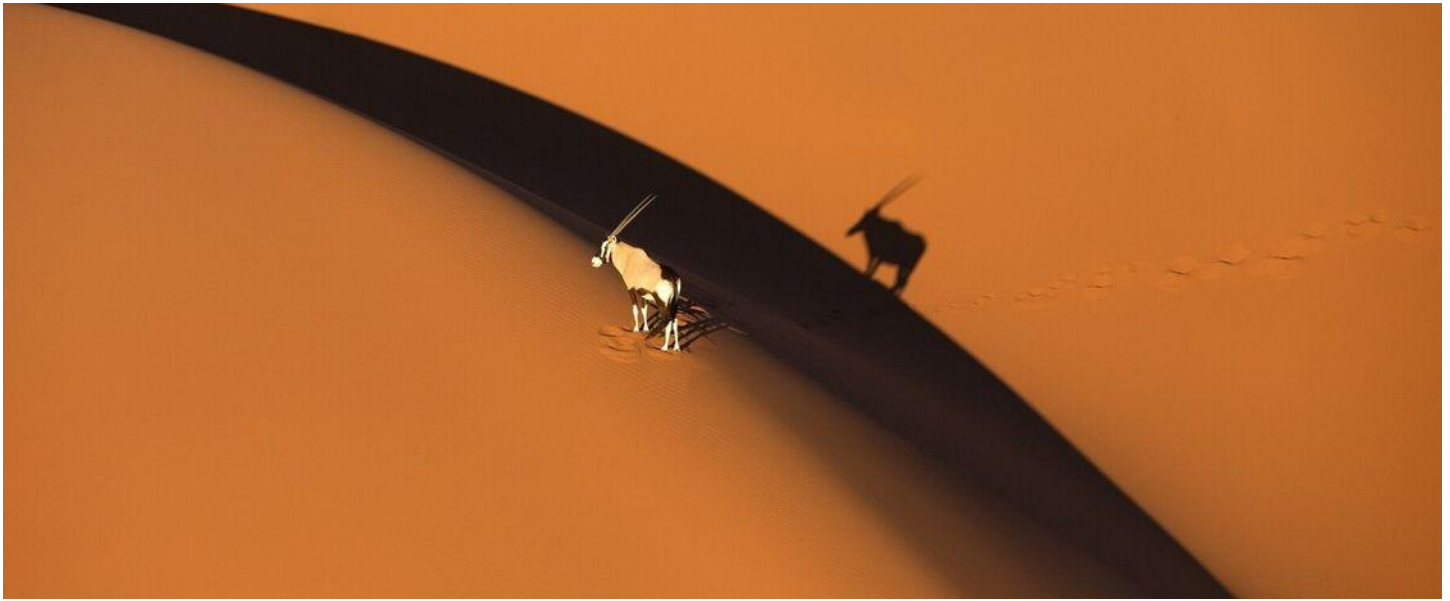
- Full “unabridged” birth certificate showing the full names of both parents
- Parental Consent Affidavit from both parents
- Or death certificate of parent(s)
- Legal declaration of custody of child
- Certified copies of passports/identity documents legal parents/guardians
- Contact details of legal parents/guardians

Unaccompanied minors:

- Full “unabridged” birth certificate showing the full names of both parents
- Parental Consent Affidavit from both parents
- Or death certificate of parent(s)
- Legal declaration of custody of child
- Certified copies of passports/identity documents legal parents/guardians
- Contact details of legal parents/guardians
- Letter from person who will receive the child in Namibia confirming knowledge of child’s visit

- Contact details of person receiving the child
- Copy of identity document/passport/legal status in Namibia of person receiving the child.

These measures affirm Namibia's commitment to the Child Protection Act which includes the United Nations' Protocol on international child trafficking.



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