

PRIVATE GUIDED TOUR IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF EXPLORERS 2022

14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS



This itinerary is designed for the discerning traveller looking for an off-the-beaten track experience, unusual moments while enjoying charming accommodation with a good level of comfort. Discovering the famous Skeleton Coast, looking for desert-dwelling elephants who have adapted to extreme conditions and visiting some of the country's main attractions forms a unique, rich and complete experience. Etosha National Park, one of Africa's largest wildlife parks; Damaraland and its wildlife; Swakopmund, the Namib Desert. Do you wish to discover all that? Namibia is waiting for you! More exclusive and luxury accommodation options are available on request.

Day 01 :

WINDHOEK / OTJIWARONGO (270 KM > +/- 04H30)

Arrive at Windhoek International Airport not later than 12h00 from your international flight. Here you are met by your guide, before heading north through beautiful farmland and scenic mountain bushlands to your lodge close to Otjiwarongo.

Dinner and overnight at Okonjima Plains Camp standard room */**** - www.okonjima.com**



The AfriCat Foundation was born in the early 1990's, a Namibia registered non-profit organization which started out primarily as a welfare organization and has since become focused on educating Namibia's youth and on research projects which are essential in accomplishing its mission of the long-term conservation of Namibia's wildlife in their natural habitat, but in an enclosed conservation area. To effectively manage carnivores and other species within a closed reserve, a thorough understanding of their altered ecology is needed to make informed management decisions.

Day 02 :

OTJIWARONGO / ETOSHA (345 KM > +/- 04H30 + SAFARI INSIDE THE PARK)

Tea, coffee

Morning guided non-private tour in search of leopard on the lodge reserve, followed by a hearty brunch. Drive to Etosha National Park, with a stop on the way for lunch at a wine farm. After lunch enjoy a first safari in the park on the way to your lodge situated just outside the northern gate of the park.

After checking into your lodge situated on the border of the Etosha National Park, you enter the park for your first game viewing excursion, exploring the various waterholes located close to Namutoni and the Von Lindequist gate.

Lunch on the way, Dinner and overnight at Mushara Outpost */**** - www.mushara-lodge.com**



Day 03 :

ETOSHA (+/- 200 KM)

Breakfast

The cooler morning time is when you have the most chance of meeting lion, leopards, or other predators. An early wake-up allows for a departure just before sunrise for a full day of safari in the park with your guide and 4x4 vehicle of the tour. Etosha offers one of the world's most beautiful wildlife encounters. The Park covers more than 20,000 km² where we find 114 species of mammals and 340 varieties of birds.

Lunch, Dinner and overnight at Mushara Outpost */******

Etosha National Park, whose name means "great white space", is located in the northwest of Namibia and is the largest park in Namibia. It is one of the country's main attractions, along with the Namib Desert. You can see a wide variety of wildlife, offering one of the world's most beautiful wildlife spectacles. It covers more than 20,000 km², it is home to 114 species of mammals, 340 species of birds of which about a third are migratory and 110 species of reptiles. The fauna is attracted by perennial water sources as well as man-made watering holes. During the dry season, their gathering around these areas provides good photographic opportunities. The vegetation is varied: from dense bush to wide open plains, it attracts an exceptional diversity of wildlife, and provides a variety of different landscapes, changing as you move through the reserve. At the heart of the park is a vast area of land 120km long and 72km wide: Pan, which means dry water, was originally an inland sea, which over time became a salt lake and then dried up about 12 million years ago. This shallow depression covers an area of 5,000 km², and is the scene of many mirages, as the "diabolical" dust turns into a large swamp in the rainy season.

Day 04 :

ETOSHA (+/- 350 KM)

Breakfast

Another exciting day of wildlife viewing is waiting for you. You cross the park from East to West with your guide and 4x4 vehicle, while stopping at waterholes on the way where you might encounter elephant, kudus, oryx, giraffes, zebras... At the end of the day, you exit the park through the Anderson Gate and check in at the lodge outside of the park gate late in the afternoon.

Lunch on the way, Dinner and overnight at Safarihoek lodge classic room ***/**** - www.naturalselection.travel/camps/safarihoek



Day 05 :

ETOSHA / SESFONTEIN / HOANIB (390 KM > +/- 07H00)

Breakfast

Your real adventure begins now on the way to the into the Damaraland, to explore remote areas that are still very untouched. With a network of dry riverbeds and acacia plains, this area is a preferred habitat of the desert-adapted elephant and the rare black rhino. The trail accessible only by 4x4 vehicles will lead you to your charming accommodation. If lucky, you may spot desert elephants, giraffes, oryx, ... along the way. After arrival and check-in free time to enjoy the site.

Lunch on the way, Dinner and overnight at HOANIB VALLEY CAMP **** - www.naturalselection.travel/camps/hoanib-valley-camp



The **Hoanib Valley** is an oasis through one of Africa's most spectacular deserts. Large wild animals such as desert elephant, giraffe, zebra, lion and rhino roam freely in this vast, mountainous, wild landscape. Hoanib Valley Camp is situated on the bank of the Obias River, overlooking the Hoanib River Valley. This valley fluctuates between seasonal river flows through grassy, spring plains or dry sandy riverbeds where many elephants reside. Hoanib Valley Camp is 'clean and green', leaving virtually no footprint on this fragile ecosystem. The camp was built in a partnership with the Sesfontein community.

Day 06 :

HOANIB

Breakfast

The day is devoted purely to the discovery of the area through the activities offered by the camp (not private), with an English-speaking guide from the camp:

- Excursion by 4x4 in search of rhinos (very early start!)
- Meeting the Herero community,
- Guided walk
- Excursion in search of the wildlife of this region such as desert elephants, giraffes, oryx, baboons, springboks, ...

Lunch, Dinner and overnight at HOANIB VALLEY CAMP ****



Day 07 :

HOANIB / SKELETON COAST (+/- 5H00 OF SCENIC ROAD)

Breakfast

Your travels take you further west on small 4x4 tracks far from the "normal" tourism sites, to the renowned Skeleton Coast. This drive is one of the most spectacular ones in Namibia, with landscape changes from ephemeral riverbeds through clay-baked scenery to white dunes. The rooms of lodge resembling the shipwrecks perfectly immerse to this beautiful remote area.

Picknick lunch on the way, Dinner and overnight at SHIPWRECK LODGE **** - www.shipwrecklodge.com.na



The **Skeleton Coast Park**, also known as the Skeleton Coast, stretches from the Kunene River in the north, for about 500 km, to the mouth of the Ugab River in the south. The Park protects about one third of Namibia's coastline, consisting of dune landscapes, canyons, and mountains, interspersed with a few river mouths. The Benguela current offshore meeting the desert climate on land creates a condensation haze which dissipates during the day. Despite the hostile character of the Skeleton Coast, there are quite several wild animals to observe, for example desert-adapted elephants, rhinos, desert lions, brown hyenas, jackals, giraffes, seals, oryx, kudus and zebras. Also some plants are incredibly adapted to the rainless area of the Skeleton coast and depend solely on the daily fog from the Atlantic Ocean: welwitschias, !Nara melons, several lithops succulent plants (often called "living stones"), lichen and pencil bush (ink bush).

Day 08 :

SKELETON COAST

Breakfast

Today you will explore the area through the activities offered by the lodge (not private), with an English-speaking guide from the lodge:

- Quad bike excursion,
- 4x4 drive along the coast,
- Sunset drive
- Guided walk,
- Lunch on the beach (subject to weather conditions).

Lunch, Dinner and overnight at SHIPWRECK LODGE ****

Day 09 :

SKELETON COAST / SWAKOPMUND (440 KM > +/- 08H00)

Breakfast

After breakfast scenic transfer of about 1h30 to Mowe Bay. On the way you can see shipwrecks, aeroplane wrecks, whale skeletons... If you are lucky, you may spot the shy brown hyena. You will travel south along the Atlantic Ocean to Swakopmund, a small coastal town.

Picknick Lunch on the way, Dinner and overnight at the STRAND HOTEL standard room with seaview ** -**

www.strandhotelswakopmund.com



Day 10 :

SWAKOPMUND

Breakfast

Swakopmund is often considered as the "playground of Namibia" for its numerous activities. Enjoy the day of sightseeing, shopping, strolling on the beach or activities (at extra cost) such as scenic flights, quad biking, boat cruises,... Your guide is available for transfers and assistance with activity bookings.

Lunch and Dinner not included, overnight at Nuit au STRAND HOTEL standard room ****

Founded in 1892 and the main German port in South West Africa, **Swakopmund** is often described as being more German than Germany! Now a seaside resort, Swakopmund is the capital of the "Skeleton Coast" tourist region. It has many tourist attractions to make your stay as pleasant as possible. The original mix of German and Namibian influences, the colonial buildings and the cool sea breeze give a typical character to this popular destination.

Day 11 :

SWAKOPMUND / SESRIEM (360 KM > +/- 07H00)

Breakfast

This morning the road continues south into the heart of the Namib Desert, the seas of sand, also declared a UNESCO World Heritage site. Check-in at your lodge and in the late afternoon departure for a sunset nature drive (not private) with the guide and vehicle of the lodge.

Lunch on the way, Dinner and overnight stay at Dead Valley Lodge ** - www.sunkarros.com/deadvalley.html**



Day 12 :

SESRIEM / SOSSUSVLEI (+/- 150 KM IN A DAY)

Breakfast

The best time to visit this magical place is from sunrise, and you depart from the lodge about 45 minutes before sunrise to be one time to enter as soon as it opens after sunrise with your guide and 4x4 vehicle. Enjoy the spectacular sight or some of the highest dunes in the world and the morning colours of the Namib Desert. Before returning to your lodge, visit the Sesriem Canyon, a natural gorge carved millions of years ago by the once mighty Tsauchab River.

Lunch, Dinner and overnight stay at Dead Valley Lodge ****



*Previously inaccessible, as part of the restricted diamond zone, **Sossusvlei** was opened to the public in 1977. The splendour of the Namib Desert is accessible here, filled with a breathtaking sea of dunes. Giant dunes, amongst the highest in the world, some of them up to 300m high. Dunes as far as the eye can see, wild and romantic. All the colours, all the ochres, all the mauves are revealed according to the path of the sun, from pink to purple, from pale orange to bright red, from apricot to blood red.*

Day 13 :

SESRIEM / WINDHOEK (310 KM > +/- 05H30)

Breakfast

Before departing back to Windhoek why not spoil yourself with a hot air balloon or helicopter flight over the desert just after sunrise (optional activity). The end of your visit to Namibia is nearing as you travel back through an ever-changing landscape via the Khomashochland mountain range, until you reach Windhoek, the capital in the centre of the country. You will be taken for a short visit of the city and for shopping before you are transferred to your lodge situated at the periphery of Windhoek.

END OF THE SERVICES OF YOUR GUIDE

Lunch en route, Dinner and Overnight at Heinitzburg Hotel standard deluxe room (*/****) - www.heinitzburg.com**



Day 14 :

WINDHOEK/ DEPARTURE (40 KM > +/- 0H45)

Breakfast

It's time to say goodbye to Namibia (check-out is at 10h00). Transfer to Windhoek International Airport for your return flight.

Lunch excluded

Price per person sharing based on 2 participants	Price per person sharing a double room	Single room supplement	Reduction for children under 12 years sharing a triple room
From 10/01/2022 to 31/03/2022	7 685 € / 8 895 USD	570 € / 665 USD	PRICES ON REQUEST
From 01/04/2022 to 31/05/2022	9 990 € / 11 570 USD	1 950 € / 2 260 USD	
From 01/06/2022 to 30/06/2022	9 780 € / 11 325 USD	1 950 € / 2 260 USD	
From 01/07/2022 to 31/07/2022 & From 01/09/2022 to 30/09/2022	11 225 € / 12 995 USD	2 155 € / 2 495 USD	
From 01/08/2022 to 31/08/2022 & From 01/10/2022 to 31/10/2022	11 975 € / 13 860 USD	2 395 € / 2 775 USD	

LANGUAGES SPOKEN ON THIS TOUR: ENGLISH (PRICES WITH FOREIGN-LANGUAGE GUIDES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST)

PLEASE CONTACT US FOR PRICES BASED ON DIFFERENT NUMBERS OF PARTICIPANTS

INCLUSIONS

- √ Transport in a 4x4 vehicle from day 1 to day 13
- √ Services of guide/driver from day 1 to day 13
- √ Accommodation mentioned or similar, subject to availability
- √ Full board from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on day 14 (except lunch and dinner on day 10 in Swakopmund)
- √ Filtered water in the vehicle and one water bottle offered per person
- √ Excursions according to the programme
- √ Entrance fees for parks and reserves mentioned in the programme
- √ Map of Namibia per room and a small gift per person
- √ Porterage, VAT of 15% to date
- √ Airport transfer on day 14

EXCLUSIONS

- √ International flights and airport taxes
- √ Optional activities
- √ Drinks and personal expenses
- √ Lunches on days 1, 10, 14 and dinner on day 10
- √ Travel insurance (mandatory)
- √ Tips
- √ Services of a guide/driver on day 14

WE WISH YOU A MEMORABLE HOLIDAY IN NAMIBIA!