

SELF-DRIVE TOUR NAMIBIAN ROUND TRIP 2022

13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS



This self-drive tour, in charming hotels and lodges, selected for their location in the country, their quality of service, their design and the activities on offer, allows the visitor to discover Namibia's highlights. It is possible to add nights in other regions to discover more, book more upmarket accommodation, or linger longer in certain areas to relax ...

An ideal tour for honeymooners!

Day 01 :

WINDHOEK (45KM > +/- 00H45)

Arrival at Windhoek International Airport (no later than 4pm – if arrival after 4pm the vehicle will only be delivered the following morning). You will be met by the local representative at the car rental office who will hand over the travel documents, explain the trip and help you with a pick-up of the rental vehicle.

Lunch excluded, Dinner and overnight at the Heinitzburg Hotel "Deluxe Comfort Room" */**** - www.heinitzburg.com**



Day 02 :

WINDHOEK / OTJIWARONGO (225 KM > +/- 04H30)

Breakfast

After breakfast, your Namibian journey begins with the road to Okahandja. Here you can stop to visit the woodcarvers' market before continuing north to your lodge. In the afternoon participate on a guided, non-private game drive with the lodge in search of leopards on the lodge's private reserve.

Lunch excluded, Dinner and overnight at the 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 03 :

OTJIWARONGO / ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK (350 KM > +/- 05H00)

Tea, coffee

Morning guided non-private tour of the Africat Foundation, followed by a hearty brunch. Drive to Etosha National Park, the wildlife heaven with its numerous water holes. After arrival to your lodge that is situated just outside the northern gate of the park you may enjoy a first safari in the park (entrance fee to be paid on site). Etosha offers one of the world's most beautiful wildlife encounters. The Park covers more than 20,000 km² where 114 species of mammals and 340 species of birds live.

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



Day 04 & Day 05 :

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK (+/- 150 TO 200 KM IN A DAY)

Breakfast

You have two full days available for extensive game viewing experiences. No game drive is the same; all waterholes hold new surprises and attract different animal species that you may not have seen on previous game drives.

Lunch excluded, Dinner and overnight at the Mushara Outpost */**** on day 4, and**

Lunch excluded, Dinner and overnight at the Etosha Oberland Lodge */**** on day 5 - www.ondili.com**



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.

Day 06 :

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK / TWYFELFONTEIN (340 KM > +/- 05H30)

Breakfast

Your travels take you further west to the rugged Twyfelfontein area. On the way you can visit the Petrified Forest, the fossilized remains of tree trunks that flooded into the area some 260 million years ago (entrance fee to be paid on site).

Lunch excluded, Dinner and overnight at Malansrus Tented Camp */** - www.namibia-tracks-and-trails.com**



The famous **Twyfelfontein** site is one of the largest and most important concentrations of rock art in Africa and was proclaimed a national monument in 1952 and a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2007. Literally, Twyfelfontein means "the wavering fountain", it is a vast mountainous cirque dominated by a chaos of smooth, red rocks, as if fallen from the sky, with 2500 rock engravings, engraved by Neolithic man. 13 walls also contain rock paintings. These engravings represent all the constellations of the South, herds of animals without heads, ostriches which have four heads and a lion whose tail ends in a hand catching a giraffe. An open-air art gallery!

Day 07 :

TWYFELFONTEIN

Breakfast

In the morning an excursion with the guide and 4x4 vehicle of the lodge takes you in search of desert-adapted elephants in the dry beds of the Huab and/or Aba-Huab rivers. After lunch, your adventure continues with a visit of Twyfelfontein, a UNESCO heritage site with over 2.500 rock engravings and paintings done by Bushmen some 6.000 years ago.

Lunch, Dinner and overnight at Malansrus Tented Camp */****

Desert elephants are not a separate species of elephant, but African savannah elephants, *Loxodonta africana*, which have adapted to the extreme arid conditions. Once widespread in Africa, they are now found only in Namibia and Mali. Their population in Damaraland and Kaokoland is estimated at only 250-325. They live mainly along the Hoanib and Hoarusib rivers, but are also found towards the Koigab, Huab, Aba-Huab and Ugab rivers. Their characteristic behaviour, which differentiates them from other elephants, is that they have to walk many kilometres a day, sometimes more than 70 km, across dry terrain, in order to get to waterholes and to look for food. When the rains begin and the riverbeds, which are mostly dry, become flooded, they start to migrate further north to milder areas, before gradually returning at the end of the rainy season.

Day 08 :

TWYFELFONTEIN / SWAKOPMUND (340 KM > +/- 06H00)

Breakfast

After breakfast depart south to Uis, a small mining town with a view of the Brandberg, Namibia's highest peak. You can take a detour to Cape Cross, where one of the biggest accessible seal colonies along the coast (entrance fee to be paid). Continue travelling south to Swakopmund, the small coastal town.

Picnic lunch prepared by the Malansrus Tented Camp, Dinner excluded, overnight at Strand Hotel standard room with sea view ** - www.strandhotelswakopmund.com**



Day 09 :

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,...

Lunch and Dinner excluded, Dinner and overnight at Strand Hotel standard room with sea view****

*Founded in 1892 and the main German port in Southwest 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 10 :

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. After long drive you can relax around the bar, refresh yourself at the pool with stunning view over the magnificent desert or enjoy the beautiful desert sunset. Your planned accommodation for the next 2 nights is located inside the national park (entrance fees payable for 2 nights).

Lunch excluded, Dinner and overnight at Dead Valley Lodge ** - www.sunkarros.com/deadvalley.html**



Day 11 :

SESRIEM / SOSSUSVLEI / SESRIEM (+/- 150 KM)

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. 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 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 12 :

SESRIEM / WINDHOEK (300 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 return your rented vehicle before you are transferred to your lodge situated at the periphery of Windhoek.

Lunch excluded, Dinner and overnight at Gocheganas Lodge */ **** - www.gocheganas.com**



Day 13 :

WINDHOEK / DEPARTURE

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 01/11/2021 to 30/11/2021	3 565 € / 4 135 USD	555 € / 645 USD	PRICES ON REQUEST
From 01/12/2021 to 31/03/2022	3 640 € / 4 220 USD	565 € / 655 USD	
From 01/04/2022 to 30/04/2022	3 850 € / 4 460 USD	620 € / 720 USD	
From 01/05/2022 to 30/06/2022	3 975 € / 4 595 USD	635 € / 735USD	
From 01/07/2022 to 31/05/2022	4 395 € / 5 090 USD	750 € / 870 USD	

PLEASE CONTACT US FOR PRICES BASED ON DIFFERENT NUMBERS OF PARTICIPANTS

INCLUSIONS

- ✓ A rental car (Toyota Fortuner) with unlimited mileage and 2 spare tyres - SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY
- ✓ Accommodation mentioned or similar, subject to availability
- ✓ 2 non private activities with Okonjima including the leopard tracking and visit of the Africat Foundation
- ✓ 2 non private activities with Malansrus tented Camp including A desert elephant drive in the morning and visit of the rock engravings in the afternoon
- ✓ Welcome by a representative at the rental office
- ✓ One map of Namibia per room and a small welcome gift per person
- ✓ Travel file, cool box, local Sim card with 50 NAD top-up
- ✓ VAT of 15% to date
- ✓ Loan of an adapter to convert Namibian sockets into European ones

EXCLUSIONS

- ✓ International flights and airport taxes
- ✓ Fuel costs and other vehicle expenses
- ✓ Rental car excess redemption
- ✓ Entrance fees to parks and sites to be visited
- ✓ Optional activities offered by the lodges
- ✓ Drinks and personal expenses dinners and lunches except those mentioned above
- ✓ Travel insurance (mandatory)
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WE WISH YOU A MEMORABLE HOLIDAY IN NAMIBIA!