



# 16-DAY

## CLASSIC NAMIBIA SELF-DRIVE SAFARI

*STANDARD ACCOMMODATION*





## Overview

<b>Number of days:</b>	16 days / 15 nights
<b>Accommodation:</b>	standard / mid-market
<b>Dates:</b>	flexible
<b>Option:</b>	private self-drive
<b>Prepared by:</b>	NTS

In 16 days, the Classic Namibia Safari visits most of the highlights of Namibia: Sossusvlei in the Namib Desert, with its great sand sea, the charming town of Swakopmund and the Skeleton Coast; Damaraland, with its fascinating rock formations, Bushman rock art and desert-adapted wildlife; Kaokoland, the last frontier of true wilderness and the realm of the nomadic Himba people; Etosha National Park - one of Africa's great game parks; and ends with a visit to the AfriCat Foundation, a scenic haven for Namibia's rare and endangered species.

## Itinerary at a Glance

Days	Destination	Lodge	Includes
1	Windhoek	Am Weinberg Boutique Hotel	BB
2 & 3	Sossusvlei	Desert Homestead Lodge	DBB
4 & 5	Swakopmund / Walvis Bay	Swakopmund Luxury Suites	BB
6	Damaraland	Camp Kipwe	DBB
7 & 8	Damaraland (remote areas)	Etendeka Mountain Camp	FI
9	Kaokoland	Opuwo Country Hotel	DBB
10	Etosha National Park	Hobatere Lodge	DBB
11 & 12	Etosha National Park	Etosha Village	DBB
13 & 14	Etosha National Park	Mushara Bush Camp	DBB
15	Central - AfriCat Foundation	Okonjima Plains Camp	DBB + 2 activities
16	Windhoek	END	

### Legend:

BB: bed & breakfast   DBB: dinner, bed & breakfast   FB: all meals   FI: fully inclusive of meals and activities

*Click on the lodge name and it will direct you to our website where you can read more about it.*

*Accommodation subject to availability - with minimum extra cost, up-grade any accommodation - contact us for suggestions.*



## Route Map



## NETT STO Costs

No. of Guests	2	4
<b>1st January – 30th June 2022 – Low Season</b>		
Cost per person sharing	ZAR 59,505	ZAR 50,920
Single supplement	ZAR 18,085	
<b>1st July – 31st December 2022 – High Season</b>		
Cost per person sharing	ZAR 61,160	ZAR 51,700
Single supplement	ZAR 18,040	





## *Includes*

- Accommodation as indicated - can change depending on availability and request at time of booking
- Meals as indicated
- Meet and greet upon arrival
- Car hire as below
- Airport transfers on arrival and for departure
- Activities as indicated
- Tour file with detailed itinerary, map with route descriptions, vouchers etc.
- 24 hour personal and friendly support
- Fast and efficient response to service providers

## *Vehicle Hire as Included*

### **Suggested vehicle type:**

4X4 Toyota Fortuner – Automatic Transmission

### **Includes:**

GPS, ZERO excess - maximum insurance, tyre & windscreen cover, unlimited mileage, 2nd spare tyre, additional driver, cell phone with local sim



## *Excludes*

- Items of a personal nature
- Optional extra activities
- International flights
- Holiday or personal insurance
- Staff gratuities
- Park entry fees
- Fuel for vehicle rental
- Visas and visa applications



## Itinerary and Accommodation

1	Windhoek	Am Weinberg Boutique Hotel	BB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You will be met by the car rental company representative on arrival and transferred to their offices in Windhoek to complete all rental procedures</li> <li>You will then meet with our representative to hand over your travel documents</li> <li>The remainder of the day can be spent relaxing at your own leisure</li> <li>For dinner tonight, you can head into town for a bite to eat at one of Windhoek's well known restaurants</li> </ul>			



2 & 3	Namib Desert	Desert Homestead Lodge	DBB
Windhoek – Sossusvlei		350km - approximately 5 to 6 hours	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>After breakfast, you can still pop into town for anything you might need and then depart heading south from Windhoek to your lodge for the next 2 nights</li><li>The route will take you either via the beautiful Spreetshoogte or Remhoogte Pass, both showcasing the natural beauty of Namibia</li><li>Wake up early for breakfast (Day 3) and then head to the entrance to Sossusvlei, the Sesriem Gate</li><li>Spend the whole day in the beautiful Sossusvlei area, exploring the highlights: Sossusvlei, Dead Vlei, Dune 45, Big Daddy, Elim Dune and the Sesriem Canyon</li><li>Return to the lodge for lunch or arrange a lunch pack to enjoy in the dunes and return late afternoon for a well-earned rest</li><li>Optional extra activities: Guided Sossusvlei excursion, Hot air balloon safari, Nature drives</li></ul>			





#### 4 & 5 Swakopmund

#### Swakopmund Luxury Suites

BB

*Sossusvlei – Swakopmund 350km - approximately 5 to 6 hours*

- Depart after breakfast and head north to Solitaire, then west crossing the Tropic of Capricorn, through the Gaub and Kuiseb Canyons via the Namib Gravel Plains to the coast
- Either via Walvis Bay to Swakopmund, or (recommended) detour via Ganab to the Welwitschia Plains and Moon Landscape
- The Namibian coastline is generally known as The Skeleton Coast due to the barren areas, ship wrecks and, in days gone by, whale skeletons left on the beach
- 1 full day is set aside for this lovely area where Swakopmund and Walvis Bay offer a wide range of activities such as: Dolphin cruise, Sandwich Harbour excursion (a real Skeleton Coast experience), Dune quad biking, Sand boarding, Sea kayaking, Lots more...
- Lunches and dinners can be enjoyed at a café or restaurant overlooking the sea



#### 6 Damaraland

#### Camp Kipwe

DBB

*Swakopmund – Damaraland 445km - approximately 7 to 8 hours*

- Head north along the Skeleton Coast, via Henties Bay to visit the Cape Cross seal colony. Along the way, stop at the Lichen Fields as well as the ship wreck between the colourful small town of Wlotskasbaken and Henties Bay
- Backtrack to Henties Bay and head inland through wide open plains to Uis, then north to the Twyfelfontein area
- Visit to Namibia's Open Air Museum, the Twyfelfontein Rock Engravings as well as the interesting Organ Pipes rock formations and Burnt Mountain
- Visit the Damara Living Museum for a hint of culture





## 7 & 8 Damaraland (remote areas) Etendeka Mountain Camp FI

*Twyfelfontein - Palmwag 110km - approximately 1½ to 2 hours*

- Spend the morning at leisure enjoying the incredible area, either visiting the Twyfelfontein highlights or on a nature drive
- Head north through open plains and mountain ranges to the veterinary control fence close to Palmwag Lodge
- The lodge guide will collect you from the pick-up point with his safari vehicle and take you to the lodge from here. It is not that far to the lodge, but the road is quite rough and therefore the afternoon will be spent on a nature drive to get there. A great way to see the beautiful scenery, not to mention all the wildlife
- 2 nights, a full day is set aside in this incredible area with activities such as a nature hike or game drive to enjoy this remote and harsh, but beautiful landscape



## 9 Kaokoland - Opuwo Opuwo Country Hotel DBB - Standard Room

*Palmwag – Opuwo 235km - approximately 3 to 4 hours*

- Transfer back to your vehicle after breakfast and then head north crossing the Hoanib River, up and over Joubert Pass to Opuwo, the centre of Kaokoland
- Opuwo is a small typical African town, where a range of different people live, from the traditional Himba tribes to Herero, Damara and Owambo cultures
- Along the way stop at various villages to interact and photograph the local people
- Depending on arrival time, enjoy a Himba village visit this afternoon. It is recommended to arrange a local guide to go with you (lodge reception can assist with this)





<b>10</b>	<b>Etosha National Park</b>	<b>Hobatere Lodge</b>	<b>DBB</b>
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*Opuwo - Etosha (west)      200km - approximately 3 to 4 hours*

- A morning visit to 1 or 2 authentic Himba villages would be recommended as that is when there is the most "activity"
- Head east and then south towards the west side of Etosha
- Arrival here will be in the early afternoon and if you wish, join an afternoon or evening game drive (optional extra)



<b>11 &amp; 12</b>	<b>Etosha National Park</b>	<b>Etosha Village</b>	<b>DBB</b>
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*Etosha (west) - Etosha (south)    a full days game drive through the park*

- After breakfast, enter the park for a full morning game drive to Okaukuejo and exit Etosha at the southern gate, Anderson gate
- On entry, pay your entrance fee and I suggest you pop in at the local shop to purchase some drinks and snacks and most importantly, a map of Etosha which will show you all the waterholes along the way
- Return into Etosha for an afternoon drive or arrange with the lodge for a guided game drive (optional extra)
- 2 nights gives a full day for this lovely area and you can do a full day's drive, or alternate with morning and afternoon drives into Etosha
- Etosha is one of Africa's great game parks. With 114 species of mammal and 340 species of birds you are sure to see a great variety of wildlife on your safari







## 13 & 14 Etosha National Park

## Mushara Bush Camp

DBB

*Etosha (south) – Etosha (east) a full days game drive through the park*

- From one side to the other side of the park is a full day game drive as you head slowly east stopping at numerous waterholes along the way
- Take a slow drive in the morning and then enjoy a packed lunch (optional extra) overlooking one of the waterholes before continuing on through the park to the eastern side
- 1 full day is set aside for game viewing, either all day or alternate with morning and afternoon drives. These are self-drive game drives but you can arrange at the lodge to go with their open safari vehicle and guide (optional extra)



## 15 Central Namibia

## Okonjima Plains Camp

DBB + 2 activities - View Room

*Etosha (east) – Okonjima 315km - approximately 4 to 5 hours*

- Head south via Otavi and Otjiwarongo to Okonjima, which is home to the AfriCat Foundation. Aim to arrive here by 14h00 latest in order to enjoy the afternoon tea/coffee and cakes before heading off on your afternoon excursion



*Okonjima – Windhoek*

*225km - approximately 3 to 4 hours*

- Early morning rise for a quick snack before joining the morning activity, which will be to visit the AfriCat Foundation or for a drive in the animal enclosure, which is more a game reserve
- Back to the lodge for a hearty Namibian breakfast before departure
- Head back to Windhoek today, where the vehicle is dropped off and your holiday comes to an end
- Transfer to the airport to catch your departure flight. (Keep in mind that you need to be at the airport 2 hours prior and the airport is still a 45 minute to 1 hour drive from town)



## *What happens next?*

- Please have a look at my suggested route, recommended itinerary and the various price options
- Contact me with any questions or requests
- Together we determine a final route, itinerary and price
- Once you are happy with the route and suggested accommodation establishments, I will make the necessary reservations as well as any other ground arrangements
- When all reservations are secured, I will send you an invoice for the 20% deposit to secure the package
- As per our company policy, the balance to be paid no less than 42 days before arrival
- Please read our [Terms & Conditions](#)



## Important Information

### Travel Insurance

We highly recommend that you arrange your own travel insurance. Not only for your own peace of mind, but also to cover you in the event of possible tour cancellation, emergency evacuation, medical and repatriation expenses as well damage/loss/theft of your personal belongings, camera equipment, money and the like.

### Contact Detail

It is important that you give me contact detail of your next of kin or a friend whom I could contact in the event of an emergency. This detail you can give me on the Booking Form that I will forward to you.

### Passports/Visas/Vaccinations

- Please note that Africa Tours and Safaris cannot be held responsible for any of the above.
- Passports need to be valid for at least 6 months from date of departure (the date you end your holiday) from Namibia/Botswana etc.
- Traveling with minors - for parents travelling with children under the age of 18 into or out of South Africa, Namibia or Botswana - you need to have the child's full un-abridged birth certificate with you. [See this link for more information.](#)
- Please check on the internet or an Embassy whether you require a VISA to be arranged in advance or whether you can obtain it at point of entry. In some cases, it can take up to 3 months for Visas to be issued so please do not leave this to the last minute. Please note that we cannot arrange Visas from our side as the application requires your signature as well as the actual passport to be endorsed.
- The same applies to any possible vaccinations. Your doctor should be able to advise you.

### Some Tips and Requests

- Please ensure your consultant has your phone number, preferably a local cellular number
- Satellite phones are available for rental so if required, please request one when making your reservation
- Bag types and sizes for local flights: bags to be soft type as luggage bays of small aircraft cannot hold large hard shell bags. If bag sizes and weights do not comply, extra charges could incur
- Luggage weight limitation is vital for your own safety. If luggage weight exceeds limits, some luggage will be unpacked and extra costs could incur
- Stick to speed limits as speeding is not only breaking the law, but also negates/cancels any insurance claims and should there be an accident, you will be liable for 100% of repair costs