

# **Amazing scenery and a classic African safari**

## **Winelands/Canyons and wild lands on a scenic self-drive**

### **South Africa/Namibia**

**15 nights**

**This scenic self-drive tour takes travelers from Franschoek to the Fish River Canyon & beyond**

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#### **Overview**

**The 16-day Cape Town and Namibia self-drive tour starts with two nights in the CAPE WINELANDS followed by an overnight on the WEST COAST & CEDERBERG where the Namaqua starts. Follow the road north into Namibia to the FISH RIVER CANYON and then into the Namib Desert proper with two nights in the southern region of the Namib-Naukluft Park and two nights near SOSSUSVLEI ; two nights in SWAKOPMUND; two nights in DAMARALAND AND THE SKELETON COAST; three nights in ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK; and a final night in WINDHOEK to catch your breath and your flight home. The driving is mostly on country back roads making Namibia the ultimate slow holiday destination.**

#### **Day 1 - 3: LA RESIDENCE, FRANSCHOEK**

**Collect your Nissan X-trail on arrival at Cape Town International Airport. Or, spend a few days in Cape Town before heading out on your self-drive tour of the Winelands and Namibia. Either way, the drive out to Franschoek from Cape Town is a scenic 40 minutes through a gradual change from city to suburbs to farming country.**

**Spend two nights at La Residence, which is a landmark boutique hotel in South Africa and the sumptuous rooms, exceptional service and complete privacy earn this hotel many accolades year after year.**

**Activities in and around Franschhoek revolve around food and wine. With wine farms in every direction and a restaurant at every corner, Winelands life is a decadent affair.**

**Meals: breakfast**





### **Day 3 - 4: NARIES NAMA KWA RETREAT, NORTHERN**

**Follow the N7 through the Cederberg Mountains, wine farms and the Oliphants and Orange River valleys towards the Nama Karoo region of the Northern Cape. Made famous by the Namaqualand flowers that flourish overnight every spring, this semi-arid region is beautiful, rugged and quiet.**

**Stay one night at Naries Namakwa Retreat, about 30km towards the coast away from Springbok. Accommodation is delightfully homegrown here with a great kitchen and friendly service complementing the comfortable rooms.**

**Meals: dinner and breakfast**



### **Day 4 - 5: CANON LODGE, FISH RIVER CANYON**

**Say good-bye to South Africa and tarred roads as you turn off to Gondwana Nature Reserve, about 20km from the Fish River Canyon.**

**The scenery here is out of this world, the tranquility is almost unreal as well.**

**Gondwana is a private nature reserve with charming guest chalets built into the rocky outcrops and views from here to the edge of the earth. Arrive in time for a sunset drive to the canyon, which, depending on how you measure it, is one of the world's largest.**

**Meals: breakfast**



## **Day 5 - 6: KLEIN AUS VISTA, NAMIB NAUKLUFT PARK**

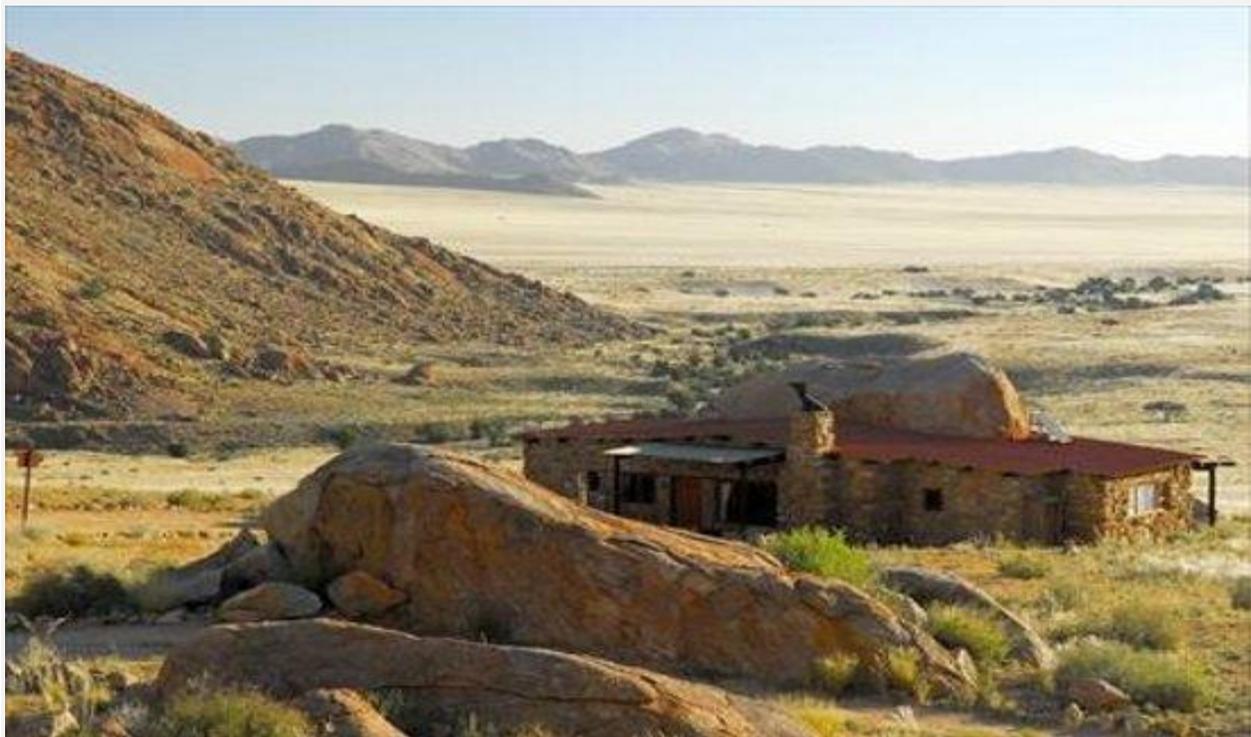
**Drive about 300km to the Gondwana Sperrgebiet Rand Park on the southern edge of the Namib-Naukluft Park. Half the journey is on paved roads and the other half is on well-maintained gravel roads through the vast expanse of the Namib Desert.**

**Klein Aus Vista is a collection of accommodation options in a private nature reserve each with a view to infinity and complete tranquility. Arrive in time for a drive to the waterhole where the feral horses of Aus come to drink most days at sunset. The park has five hiking trails ranging from two to five hours and with all the driving you'll be happy to stretch your legs through this pristine nature reserve.**

**Accommodation is simple, neat and comfortable and the kitchen produces hearty meals with most of the ingredients coming from the sustainable farming operation inside the Gondwana Collection.**

**Meals: breakfast**





**Day 6 - 8: LITTLE KULALA CAMP, NAMIB NAUKLUFT PARK**

**From the Fish River Canyon, take the back road towards Sossusvlei and watch the landscape change from the Nama Karoo biome to the**

**true desert of the Namib-Naukluft Park – a nature reserve bigger than Switzerland the focal point of which is the Great Sand Sea of Sossusvlei.**

**Little Kulala is an exclusive luxury lodge in a private reserve near Sossusvlei. The avant-garde safari lodge features palatial suites with private plunge pools, air conditioning and a special rooftop deck where you can sleep out beneath the magnificent desert sky.**

**Spend the next morning on a sunrise guided tour of Sossusvlei dunes through a private entrance affording you an hour of solitude in Sossusvlei before the crowds descend.**

**Meals: full board including local drinks**





## **Day 8 - 10: Swakopmund Hotel, Swakopmund**

**Drive about five hours today through the Namib-Naukluft Park in route to Damaraland stopping at Swakopmund to explore the Skeleton Coast.**

**After the hot and dusty interior of the Namib Desert, Swakopmund's cool and misty shores may come as a surprise and you'll be hastily digging in your day pack for a warm top as you arrive.**

**Dine at one of several seafood and steak restaurants - advance reservations recommended and your travel consultant will advise and assist you here - and spend the next day on a marine cruise of Walvis Bay lagoon and exploring the dunes on a fun quad bike excursion.**

**Meals: breakfast**



## **Day 10 - 12: DAMARALAND CAMP, DAMARALAND**

**Another lengthy drive takes you along the Skeleton Coast for about 80km before you turn inland leaving the mysterious fog-bound coastline behind. The scenery changes from the gravel plains of the Namib to rocky hills of the semi-arid Damaraland region.**

**Damaraland Camp is an eco-friendly safari camp – read no air con, open fire cooking and minimal electricity – run by Wilderness Safaris in a community-owned concession. The setting is remote and dramatic and the tented suites have thatched roofs, en suite bathrooms and a wonderful viewing deck.**

**Damaraland is renowned for its incredible scenery and desert-adapted wildlife most notably the fascinating elephants that thrive against all probability. Explore the Aba Huab valley on scenic drives with the chance of seeing some of the desert-adapted species of wildlife and abundant birdlife.**

**Meals: full board including local drinks**



## **Day 12 - 15: LITTLE ONGAVA CAMP, ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

**A shorter drive today will take you to the Ongava Private Game reserve on the southern boundary of Etosha National Park.**

**Little Ongava is one of Namibia's most exclusive and luxurious safari lodges. With just three palatial suites, privacy and comfort reach supreme levels akin to a five-star city hotel.**

**Ongava Game Reserve is exclusive and the game viewing is excellent including the chance to see both black and white rhinos and the full range of big animals including lion, leopard, hyena, giraffe, zebra and many antelope. Game drives into Etosha take you to the many natural waterholes and a good chance of seeing elephant and many major species at the same time as they drink.**

**Spend three nights at Ongava relaxing between game drives and walking safaris.**

**Meals: full board including local drinks**





**Day 15 - 16: OLIVE GROVE GUESTHOUSE, WINDHOEK**

**From Etosha, you'll return to the tarred road of the B1 to Windhoek. Spend a night in Namibia's capital city and catch your downward flight home via Cape Town, Johannesburg or direct to Europe.**



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