

**CLASSIC NAMIBIA  
SWW14**



## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

DATE	ROUTING
DAY 1 - Monday	WINDHOEK – KALAHARI DESERT
DAY 2 - Tuesday	KALAHARI DESERT – FISH RIVER CANYON
DAY 3 - Wednesday	FISH RIVER CANYON – AUS
DAY 4 - Thursday	AUS – MALTAHOHE
DAY 5 - Friday	MALTAHOHE – NAMIB NAUKLUFT PARK
DAY 6 - Saturday	NAMIB NAUKLUFT PARK – SWAKOPMUND
DAY 7 - Sunday	SWAKOPMUND (UNGUIDED)
DAY 8 - Monday	SWAKOPMUND (UNGUIDED)
DAY 9 - Tuesday	SWAKOPMUND – DAMARALAND
DAY 10 - Wednesday	DAMARALAND
DAY 11 - Thursday	DAMARALAND – ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK
DAY 12 - Friday	ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK
DAY 13 - Saturday	ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK
DAY 14 - Sunday	ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK - WINDHOEK
	<b>END OF TOUR</b>

### **Meal Key**

BB	Bed and Breakfast
DBB	Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
DBB+	Dinner, Bed and Breakfast plus one additional activity
DBB++	Dinner, Bed and Breakfast plus two additional activities
FB	Full Board (includes 3 meals per day)
FB+	Full Board (includes 3 meals per day) plus one additional service
FB++	Full Board (includes 3 meals per day) plus two additional services
FI	Fully Inclusive (includes all meals and local drinks), plus all activities
LP	Lunch Pack
BP	Breakfast Pack

**Minimum 2 guests / Maximum 12 guests**

**Selected departure dates**

**DURATION:**

14 Days/13 Nights

**ROUTING**

WINDHOEK - WINDHOEK

**DEPARTURE DATES**

	Nov17	Dec17	Jan18	Feb18	Mar18	Apr18	May18	Jun18	Jul18	Aug18	Sep18	Oct18
<b>Ger/Eng</b>	13	11	15	5;19	5;19	9;23	7;21	4;18	2;9;23;30	6;20;27	3;17	1;8;22

**INCLUDES**

13 breakfasts, 2 lunch (packs), 12 dinners, accommodation, bottled water on board, transport in air-conditioned vehicles, portorage, entrance fees and sightseeing as specified.

**VISA REQUIREMENTS**

Please check visa requirements, as certain nationalities may require visas in order to travel through Namibia

**LANGUAGE**

All departures are in dual language German/English commentary

**Highlights:** Kalahari Desert, Quiver Tree Forest, Fish River Canyon, Feral Horses of the Namib, Aus Mountains, Namib Desert and Sossusvlei, Moon Landscape, Swakopmund, Damaraland, Damara village, Etosha National Park

**Rates valid 01/11/2017 - 31/10/18**

NAD 49 500.00 per person sharing

NAD 54 100.00 per single person

**Option to upgrade to Etosha Safari Lodge on Day 11 & 12 (subject to availability at the time of booking) at an additional cost of NAD 770.00 per person sharing / NAD 950.00 per single person**

**Accommodation used:**

Kalahari Anib Lodge or similar x 1 night

Cañon Roadhouse or similar x 1 night

Klein Aus Vista - Desert Horse Inn or similar x 1 night

Hammerstein Rest Camp or similar x 1 night

Namib Naukluft Lodge or similar x 1 night

Brigadoon Guesthouse or similar x 3 nights

Twyfelfontein Lodge or similar x 2 nights

Etosha Safari Camp or similar x 2 nights

Mokuti Etosha Lodge or similar x 1 night

**DAY 1 – MONDAY**

**WINDHOEK – KALAHARI DESERT**

Depart Windhoek and drive to the Kalahari Desert, via the small town of Rehoboth, a community that still lives according to their paternal laws dating back to 1872. The Kalahari Desert is not a desert in the strictest sense of the word, as it receives too much rainfall. It's only the vast expanses of sand, through which precipitation filters rapidly, leaving nothing on the surface, that have made the Kalahari into the "thirst land" that early European settlers described. Enjoy a scenic, sunset nature drive in an open safari vehicle before dinner. [Dinner]

**DAY 2 – TUESDAY**

**KALAHARI DESERT – FISH RIVER CANYON**

After breakfast, drive through the Kalahari region and visit the Quiver Tree Forest near Keetmanshoop. The forest was declared a national monument of Namibia and comprises of about 250 specimens of Aloe dichotoma, which the San people used to make quivers. A short stop will be made in Keetmanshoop, with lunch en route that will be for your own account. Visit the Naute Dam, Namibia's third largest dam. Stretch your legs with an easy walk to a nearby mountain and enjoy a complimentary drink as you watch the sunset. [Breakfast & Dinner]

**DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY****FISH RIVER CANYON - AUS**

This morning we travel to the spectacular Fish River Canyon, the largest canyon in Africa. It features a gigantic ravine, in total about 160km long, up to 27km wide and in some places 550m deep. Our journey continues to Aus with lunch en route (for own account). En route you might see the desert adapted Wild Horses of the Namib. These horses hold an irresistible fascination, as they managed to adapt to the harsh conditions of the desert. Enjoy spectacular scenery of the Aus Mountains on an unguided walk and a scenic sun downer drive in the afternoon (for own account). [Breakfast & Dinner]

**DAY 4 – THURSDAY****AUS - MALTAHÖHE**

Today you'll be spoilt with ever-changing vistas of the desert landscapes when driving along the most beautiful district road in Namibia, the D707 (road conditions permitting). Visit Duwiseb Castle, a grand medieval fortress, built in the hills of the semi-arid Southern Namib region. Learn more about the Castle's fascinating history, before continuing to your lodge, arriving in the early afternoon. [Breakfast & Dinner]

**DAY 5 – FRIDAY****MALTAHÖHE – NAMIB NAUKLUFT PARK**

Today will be an early start to explore the spectacular towering dunes of Sossusvlei and Dead Vlei, another pan where water once flowed, but all that remains today are the skeletons of trees that reach up out of the cracked earth. Enjoy a drive in 4x4 vehicles into the heart of the Namib Desert. Visit the rugged Sesriem Canyon where you can view millions of years of sedimentary layers in the ravine walls. Views from the top are breathtaking while walks through the canyon reveal distinct geographical layers which were laid down over centuries. Travel past the impressive Namib Naukluft Mountains to your lodge. [Breakfast & Dinner]

**DAY 6 – SATURDAY****NAMIB NAUKLUFT PARK - SWAKOPMUND**

After breakfast, drive through Kuiseb Canyon and continue towards Walvis Bay, Namibia's largest commercial port. Enjoy an opportunity for lunch in Walvis Bay (for own account). The Walvis Bay Lagoon is considered one of the richest and most important wetlands in southern Africa, with prolific birdlife and diverse species. Our journey continues to Swakopmund, a city that resembles a small German town, with seaside promenades, restaurants, cafes and museums. Enjoy a sun downer drive to the Moon Landscape, a barren, undulating rocky desert which was formed by the valleys of the Swakop River. Enjoy a complimentary sun downer, whilst absorbing the rugged beauty of this lunar landscape. [Breakfast & Dinner]

**DAY 7 - SUNDAY****SWAKOPMUND (unguided)**

Explore the quaint town of Swakopmund. You may wish to book an optional day tour (for own account) in Swakopmund (guided tour through the Mondesa township, quad-biking, sand-boarding; a scenic flight over the Skeleton coast or a catamaran cruise in Walvis Bay). Many optional activities are on offer (for own account): visit the aquarium, various museums or the crystal gallery. [Breakfast]

**DAY 8 – MONDAY****SWAKOPMUND (unguided)**

Enjoy the splendours and many attractions of Swakopmund. There is a possibility of meeting fellow travellers at dinner that will be joining the tour in Swakopmund. [Breakfast & Dinner]

**DAY 9 – TUESDAY****SWAKOPMUND - DAMARALAND**

Depart early morning and travel on the salt road towards Henties Bay, past salt pans and an array of bird life, to Damaraland, one of the most scenic areas in Namibia. Visit Twyfelfontein, a site of ancient rock engravings and the Organ Pipes, a distinctive series of dolerite pillars that have been exposed by erosion. Arrive at your lodge during the late afternoon. [Breakfast, Lunch pack & Dinner]

**DAY 10 – WEDNESDAY****DAMARALAND**

The morning is at leisure, to relax at the lodge until lunchtime. In the afternoon, join a sun downer drive in the Aba Huab River and possibly encounter the desert dwelling elephants (seasonal). These elephants are not a distinct species but are African bush elephants that have made their homes in the Namib and Sahara deserts. They were once more widespread in Africa, but are currently found only in Namibia and Mali. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]

**DAY 11 – THURSDAY****DAMARALAND – ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

After breakfast, depart Damaraland and journey to the Etosha National Park. Visit a Damara village near Twyfelfontein and learn more about the culture and tradition of this half-nomadic people. Continue via the little town of Outjo. Lunch stop en route (lunch will be for own account) - possibly meet fellow guests joining the Etosha tour. From there continue to Etosha National Park. Arrive in the early afternoon and undertake your first game drive, in your closed touring vehicle, into the park. [Breakfast & Dinner]

**DAY 12 – FRIDAY****ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

The morning will be spent in the Etosha National Park, exploring the waterholes along this enormous saltpan, in your closed touring vehicle. Return to the lodge for lunch (lunch for own account). There will be another opportunity in the afternoon for a game drive (in the closed touring vehicle) in the Etosha National park. There are close to 114 species of mammal in Etosha, including the black faced impala and the threatened black and white rhino. The Etosha Pan (a flat calcrete depression), contains water only after very good rains and sometimes only for a few days each year, but is enough to stimulate the growth of a blue green algae which lures thousands of flamingos. [Breakfast & Dinner]

**DAY 13 – SATURDAY****ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

Enjoy a full day exploring this world famous National Park, in your closed touring vehicle. Your guide will introduce you to the complex subject of managing such an enormous reserve, that's considered to be one of the world's great wildlife sanctuaries. There will be an opportunity to buy a take away lunch at one of the rest camps inside the Etosha National Park (lunch for own account). [Breakfast & Dinner]

**DAY 14 – SUNDAY****ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK - WINDHOEK**

After breakfast, travel south towards Otjiwarongo. Continue towards Windhoek via Okahandja where we will visit a local handicraft market. Tour ends on arrival in Windhoek late afternoon. [Breakfast]

