

Namibian Lake to Desert

15 days – 14 nights

Windhoek, Otjiwarongo, Etosha National Park, Khorixas, Swakopmund, Walvis Bay, Namib -
Naukluft, Sossusvlei, Sesriem, Aus, Fish River Canyon, Kalahari Desert
Ecotourism, Adventure, Safari, Discovery, Culture

This program may be operated for individual or for groups
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize

This organized trip to Namibia will introduce you to a range of landscapes, from Damaraland to the Namib Desert, the oldest desert in the world. A 2-week tour to discover the most beautiful sites of Namibia. Meet the Himba and other peoples and enjoy a safari in Etosha, Africa's largest national park.

Day 1: Windhoek

You will be met at the airport by your guide and transferred to your hotel in Windhoek. Rest of the day free to rest and relax from the trip. Dinner at the hotel. [D]

Day 2: Windhoek, Otjiwarongo

After breakfast at the hotel you'll take the road to the small town of Okahandja for a short stop and a visit to the very pleasant small market of Okahanja. Here you will make your first exchanges with the Namibian population and more particularly the Herero merchants and artisans. The women are easily recognized by their Victorian-influenced dress and headdress resembling horns. After lunch at a local restaurant continue to Otjiwarongo for dinner and overnight at the lodge. [B/L/D]

Day 3: Otjiwarongo, Etosha National Park

This morning we head to the "Cheetah Conservation Fund" in Otjiwarongo, a research center that was created in 1990 by Dr. Laurie Marker to protect Cheetahs, a highly threatened species in Namibia. You will get closer to these big cats in rehabilitation. After lunch take the road to Okaukuejo. From here, you'll depart for Etosha National Park, one of the most exciting stops on this Namibia tour. Go on a late afternoon game drive to observe wildlife: black rhinos, lions and numerous elephants. Return to the lodge for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

Day 4: Etosha National Park (Safari)

Go on a safari in the footsteps of the wildlife of Etosha Park. The 6.6 million acres park is one of Africa's most important wildlife sanctuaries and the playground for giraffes, elephants, blue wildebeest and black rhinos. Etosha is also a favorite hunting ground for lions, cheetahs, leopards, hyenas and jackals. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and overnight at the lodge. [B/L/D]

Day 5: Etosha National Park, Khorixas

After breakfast, take the road to Kamanjab where you will meet the Himba, the most representative people of Namibia and the most fascinating in the world. Semi-nomadic, the Himba are easily recognized by their reddish ochre-coated skin and female braids. A beautiful meeting that you will not soon forget. Learn about Himba culture and traditions from your guide. Explore Damaraland, a region considered as one of the most impressive for the diversity of its landscapes and the history of its rock paintings and engravings. Lunch en route and dinner at lodge. [B/L/D]

Day 6: Khorixa, Swakopmund, Walvis Bay

After breakfast take an unforgettable walk in the petrified forest with fossil trees over 125 million years old. Then, continue to Twyfelfontein, in the heart of Damaraland and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The site contains hundreds of rock paintings and engravings. After lunch, depart for Walvis Bay, which means "whale bay" in Afrikaans. It is an ideal place to find the sea and practice water sports, after the hundreds of kilometers traveled in the desert expanses. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

Day 7: Walvis Bay (Pelican Point)

After breakfast you will embark on a cruise to "Pelican Point". This marine area is home to families of pelicans and flamingos, sea lions and dolphins. Light lunch on the boat. In the late afternoon, we drive to discover the "Valley of the Moon", its hostile lunar landscapes and observe the ecosystem. Then, back to Walvis Bay for dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

Day 8: Walis Bay, Namib-Naukluft

After breakfast we drive to Solitaire, passing through Sandwich Harbor, to see Kuiseb Canyon, carved by the Kuiseb River. Do you want wide open spaces and diversity? A must-see in Namibia, the Namib Naukluft National Park, located in the southwest of the country, is the largest park in Africa and the fourth in the world (over 12 million acres). Straddling the Namib Desert and the Naukluft Range, you will see very different landscapes! Have your cameras: mountain zebras, oryx, jackals, hyenas, leopards, snakes or geckos pose! Continue to the Lodge for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

Day 9: Namib-Naukluft, Sossusvlei, Sesriem

Breakfast, then discovery of Sossusvlei where you will find the highest dunes in the world (985 feet). On your way you will certainly meet oryx and antelopes which have adapted to the harsh climatic conditions of the desert. You will also go to Deadvlei to admire its dry lake stuck in the middle of the dunes and its landscapes of petrified trees. Lunch, then continue to Sesriem canyon, a 164-foot deep gorge and reach the town of Sesriem to check-in at the lodge for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

Day 10: Sesriem, Aus

After breakfast you will take the road towards Maltahohe to visit the medieval Duwisib Castle. This original castle dominating a hilly semi-desert landscape was built at the beginning of the century by architect Willie Sanders, on the orders of Baron Hans-Heinrich von Wolf, a German aristocrat with grandiose ideas. Dominating some deciduous trees, its crenellated towers give it the appearance of a small fortress. The inner courtyard breathes freshness thanks to its fountain surrounded by lawns. Carefully preserved furniture, including a poster bed, reflects the Baron's taste and wealth. The architectural ensemble characterizes the German colonial era. After lunch continue to Aus. Res of the day free. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

Day 11: Aus, Fish River Canyon

After breakfast, we are going to see the famous wild horses of the region. Indeed, around Aus, lives a small troop of horses in freedom. It's rare enough to be worth seeing. History has it that these horses were abandoned by German settlers after the construction of the railroad, and that they have since lived independently in this region of the Karas. After lunch, we depart for Fish River Canyon, the 2nd largest canyon in the world. The nuances of color and the river view from here are simply breathtaking. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

Day 12: Fish River Canyon, Kalahari Desert

After breakfast, will set off by 4 x 4 to the Kalahari Desert, one of the most hostile regions in the world. This desert, covering an area of 124 million acres, covers south-eastern Namibia and part of Botswana and South Africa. The lunar landscapes, the baobabs and the varied fauna make the magic of this part of the world. Lunch en route arriving at the lodge in time for an aperitif while admiring the sunset. Dinner and overnight at the lodge. [B/L/D]

Day 13: Kalahari Desert

Fresh water bottle in the cooler bag, and off you go. The trail is well marked. Springboks and kudu roam around. In the distance, the red dunes of the Kalahari are stunning in the morning light. The path is bordered by termite mounds. Here and there burrows. Which are they? Mystery! Walk in the bed of a dry. You may see a herd of lowland zebras at a distance accompanied by blue wildebeest or other mammals. When the sun rises higher return to the hotel for breakfast and a rest by the pool until it's time for lunch. In the early afternoon the temperature is too high to go on safari. Later, around 4:30 pm

the driver will take you for a sundowner game drive. Go deep into the desert where the game is richer. You may see a herd of ostrich, springboks, oryx and zebras. As the sun starts to set, the dunes take on a superb orange color. Return to the lodge for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

Day 14: Kalahari Desert, Windhoek

Breakfast at the hotel before taking the road to Windhoek arriving in time for an early lunch. In the afternoon take a cultural stopping at places of interest such as the Alte Feste, Reiterdenkmal, Christus Kirche, Tinten Palast and the old cemetery before continuing to the Katutura district. The municipality of Windhoek developed Katutura, an apartheid district in the late 1950s. However, before Katutura was established, most black Namibians lived in the east of Windhoek in the area now known as Hochland Park. The early Katutura was much smaller than the Katutura of today. Windhoek currently has 200,000 inhabitants, 60% of whom reside in Katutura. The main districts of Katutura bear evocative names such as Soweto, Havana, Babylon and Wanaheda. The Penduka Craft Center, quietly located on the edge of a dam, is an association of destitute women, victims of physical disabilities who refuse to be fatal. They sew, embroider and create things of incredible quality! We therefore offer a discovery tour for a few hours in this humanly and historically very rich district, to better understand one of the aspects of Namibian reality. Continue to the hotel for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]



Day 15: Windhoek, USA

Last day of your organized trip to Namibia. Opportunity for souvenir shopping. At the appointed time you'll be transferred to Windhoek International Airport for your connecting flight back home. [B]

[D] = Dinner | [B/L] = Breakfast, Lunch | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- Arrival and departure transfers
- 14 nights' accommodation:
 - Windhoek 2 nights
 - Otjiwarongo 1 night
 - Etosha Water Hole 2 nights
 - Khorixas (Damaraland) 1 night
 - Walvis Bay 2 nights
 - Namib-Naukluft NP 1 night
 - Sesriem 1 night
 - Aus 1 night
 - Fish River Canyon 1 night
 - Kalahari 2 nights
- Meals:
 - Daily breakfast
 - 13 lunches
 - 14 dinners
- Okahanja market
- Safari runs in Etosha National Park
- Tour to Katutura district in Windhoek
- Meet the Himba people
- Explore Damaraland
- Khorixa petrified forest
- Cruise to Pelican Point
- Discover the "Valley of the Moon"
- See Kuiseb Canyon
- Namib Naukluft National Park
- Sossusvlei giant dunes
- Sesriem canyon
- Medieval Duwisib Castle
- Karas wild horses
- Fish River Canyon
- Kalahari Desert safari

- Windhoek & Katutura district
- Entrance fees to parks and reserves
- Appropriate vehicle for the tour
- Transportation in a 4x4 vehicle in the desert
- English-speaking guide-driver specializing in fauna, flora and local communities
- Fresh water during trips with the guide
- One map of Namibia per room
- Namibian VAT (15% to date)
- Luggage transport in the lodges

Tour does not include:

- International airfares
 - Any taxes related to airfares or airports
 - Meals not mentioned under inclusions
 - Travel Insurance
 - Visas
 - Tips to guides or drivers
 - Expenses of a personal nature
- Any item not mentioned as "Included"

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Deluxe		
Windhoek	Windhoek Country Club Resort	4
Otjiwarongo	Out Of Africa Town Lodge	4
Etosha Water Hole	Chalet Okaukuejo	4
Khorixas (Damaraland)	Damara Mopane Lodge	4
Walvis Bay	Atlantic Villa GH	4.5
Sesriem	Desert Quiver Camp	4.5
Namib-Naukluft NP	Namib-Naukluft Lodge	4
Aus	Klein Aus Vista - Eagle's Nest Chalets	4.5
Fish River Canyon	Canyon Road House	4.5
Kalahari	Kalahari Anib Lodge	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

These programs can be customized for individuals and groups. Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- **Airfare**
We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares
- **Program**
You may add or remove;
 - Trip days
 - Cities and sites
 - Meals
- **Other options**
 - The program was designed with private services; however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
 - If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.
- **Quotation**
Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.

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