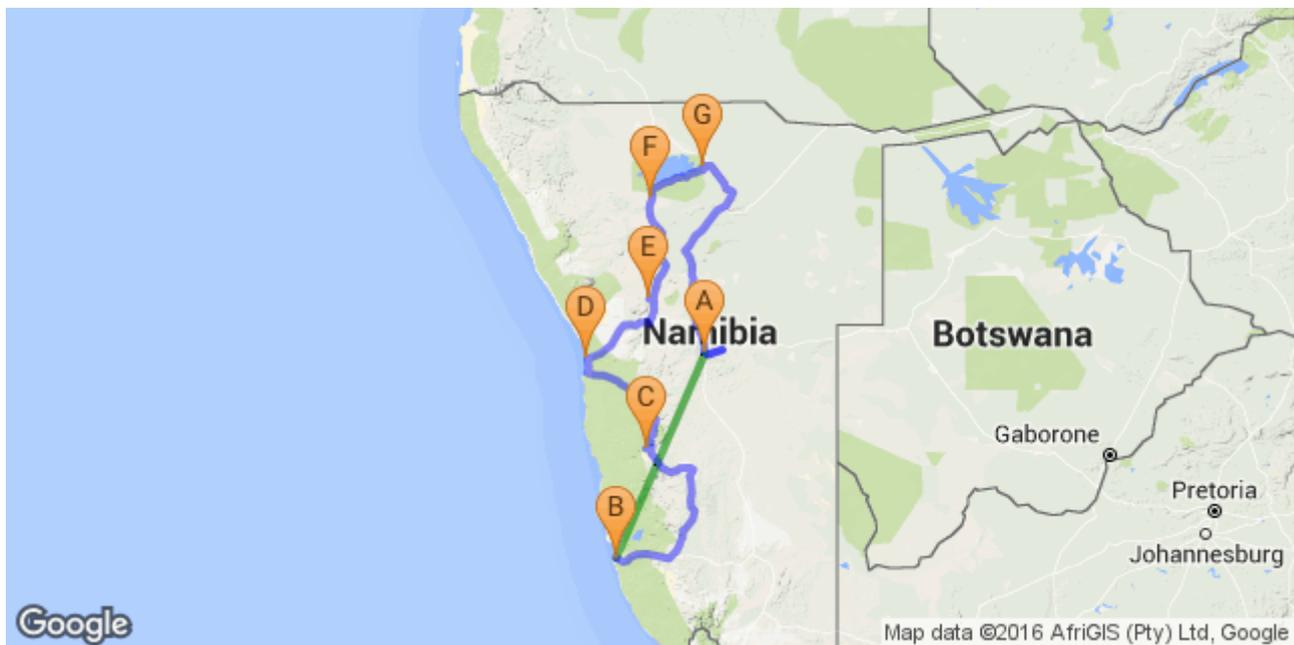


Scenic Namibia Tour

Windhoek - Luderitz - Sossusvlei - Swakopmund - Erongo - Etosha National Park - Onguma Game Reserve
14 Days / 13 Nights



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Overview

Accommodation	Destination	Nights	Basis	Room Type
Hilton Windhoek Hotel	Windhoek	1	B&B	
Luderitz Nest Hotel	Luderitz	2	FB	
Sossusvlei Lodge	Sossusvlei	2	FB	
Strand Hotel Swakopmund	Swakopmund	1	DBB	
Erongo Wilderness Lodge	Erongo	1	FB	
Etosha Safari Lodge, Gondwana Collection Namibia	Etosha National Park	3	FB	
Onguma Tented Camp	Onguma Game Reserve	3	FB	

Key

RO: Room only

SC: Self Catering

HB: Half Board

B&B: Bed and breakfast

D, B&B: Dinner, bed and breakfast

FB: Dinner, bed, breakfast and lunch

FB+: Dinner, bed, breakfast, lunch and activities daily

FI: Fully inclusive



Namibia, a timeless Adventure

In south western Africa lies a land of compelling fascination, a land for those who worship at the shrine of Africa at its most resplendent, but also at its most unconventional. This is Namibia. Described by the bushman as the “Soul of the World”, Namibia is rugged, natural, soulful and liberating. Whilst nature has been fierce and unforgiving, it has also been bountiful. In this cauldron of heat and unforgiving forces, God has created landscapes that are paralleled only in their beauty by the most exquisite diamonds that are found here. As all of Africa, Namibia has abundant wildlife. The Etosha National park has over 114 mammal species, several of which are rare and endangered whilst others are endemic to northwestern Namibia and southwestern Angola only. About 340 bird species occur in the Park of which a third are migratory. Namibia also has large tracts of land declared as parks, or made available to the local communities, which lay unfenced and unfettered for wildlife to traverse. Together with its diverse environments, from bushland savannah across semi deserts to the oldest desert on earth, Namibia has flora that will beguile the avid botanist. For example, the succulent Karoo region is home to more than 5,000 higher plant species, nearly 40 percent of which are endemic, and 18 percent of which are threatened. It has the richest succulent flora in the world, harbouring about one-third of the world’s approximately 10,000 succulent species. But it is its landscapes that Namibia is best known for, compared against its African sister countries. Image huge canvasses, uninhibited by man’s limitations, splashing swathes of colour of the vegetated undulating dunes of the Kalahari desert contrasted against the awe-inspiring star shaped dunes of the Namib Desert. The surreal Salvador Dali’esque Deadvlei, with its white clay pans, the red dunes and blue skies. The monumental mountain ranges in Damaraland, formed by the forces deep within the earth, similar to the Alps in Europe. Namibia has sights, sounds, aromas, tastes and emotions in abundance waiting for you to experience. Namibia provides you with a full African experience that arouses all your senses. Namibia is a daytime destination. Each day brings more moments that will be forever treasured. The expanse of the country will thrill your senses, invigorate the soul, but tire the body. And as night replaces day, surrender to the achy physical pleasure that only complete satisfaction can bring. The country is liberating in its harsh natural beauty. Like a rough diamond waiting to be discovered in its ethereal magnificence, Namibia waits for its travellers and explorers to uncover its haunting beauty. Some things cannot be explained; they must be experienced to be understood. Namibia has a timeless appeal for all those that live here, engendering a passion beyond logical reasoning, and a yearning to share this awesome land with others. It also time and again grows on travellers - even explorers found themselves drawn to return in spite of all they had suffered. Before long, the spell of the country holds the traveller, and he can never forget what he has experienced and seen. With nostalgia he will always recall the awesome, haunting soulfulness of the desert, the vast expanses of the country, the vivid people and the abundance of the wildlife.

Banking and Currency

Namibia uses the Namibian Dollar (N\$) this is linked on a one to one exchange with the South African Rand. The Rand is legal tender in South Africa, but the N\$ cannot be used in South Africa. If you are wishing to purchase currency before arriving in Namibia, it is easiest to buy Rand as the Namibian Dollar is seldom available in banks

outside of Namibia. Banks are found in most towns, and are generally open from 09h00 to 15h30 on weekdays and 08h30 to 11h00 on Saturdays. Closed on Sundays and public holidays. Most of them offer foreign exchange services - with cash, bank and credit cards as well as travellers cheques. You can also obtain cash from many of the ATMs. Several international banks have branches in main city centres. Always advise your bank that you are travelling outside of the country as they might block your purchases if they have not been informed.

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Public transport in Namibia is geared towards the needs of the local populace, and is confined to main roads between major population centres. Although cheap and reliable, it is of little use to the traveller as most of Namibia's tourist attractions lie off the beaten track. There are major airlines that fly into Windhoek and Swakopmund. Other destinations are reachable by car or charter flight. It is easy to travel around Namibia by car, and a 2WD vehicle is perfectly adequate for most journeys. However, long distances, poor mobile phone coverage outside of main towns and infrequent petrol stations that only accept cash mean that planning ahead is necessary. Namibians drive on the left and all signposts are in English. Seat belts must be worn at all times and talking in a mobile phone while driving is prohibited. The general speed limit is 120km/h on tarred roads outside of towns and 100km/h on gravel roads. In built up areas, the speed limit is 60km/h.

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Traditional Namibian cuisine is rarely served for visitors, so the food at restaurants tends to be European in style, with a bias towards German dishes and seafood. It is at least as hygienically prepared as in Europe, so don't worry about stomach upsets. Namibia is a very meat-orientated society, and many menu options will feature steaks from one animal or another. However, there is usually a small vegetarian selection in most restaurants, and if you eat seafood you'll be fine. If you are camping then you'll be buying and cooking your own food anyway. In the supermarkets you'll find pre-wrapped fresh fruit and vegetables (though the more remote the areas you visit, the smaller your choice), and plenty of canned foods, pasta, rice, bread, etc. Most of this is imported from South Africa. You'll probably be familiar with some of the brand names. The water in Namibia's main towns is generally safe to drink, though it may taste a little metallic if it has been piped for miles. Natural sources should usually be purified, though water from underground springs and dry riverbeds seldom causes any problems.

Climate and Weather

Partially covered by the Namib Desert, one of the world's driest deserts, Namibia's climate is generally very dry and pleasant – it's fine to visit all year round. Namibia only receives a fraction of the rain experienced by countries further east. Between about **December to March** some days will be humid and rain may follow, often in localised, afternoon thunderstorms. These are more common in the centre and east of the country, and more unusual in the desert.

April and especially **May** are often lovely months in Namibia. Increasingly dry, with a real freshness in the air, and much greenery in the landscape; at this time the air is clear and largely free from dust.

From **June to August** Namibia cools down and dries out more; nights can become cold, dropping below freezing in some desert areas. As the landscape dries so the game in the north of the country gravitates more to waterholes, and is more easily seen by visitors. By **September and October** it warms up again; game-viewing in most areas is at its best, although there's often a lot of dust around and the vegetation has lost its vibrancy.

November is a highly variable month. Sometimes the hot, dry weather will continue, at other times the sky will fill with clouds and threaten to rain – but if you're lucky enough to witness the first rains of the season, you'll never forget the drama.

Clothing / Dress Recommendations

Namibians have a somewhat relaxed attitude to dress codes. A jacket and tie is very unusual. In fact, long trousers and a shirt with buttons are often quite adequate for a formal occasion or work wear. A pair of sensible shoes, jeans and a t-shirt is recommended. During the day it is generally hot, so pack light weight loose fitting clothes in natural fabrics, such as linen or cotton, that will keep you cool and are easy to wash and dry. Avoid blue clothing - the tsetse flies are drawn to the colour blue, and their bite can give you African Sleeping Sickness. Long sleeved shirts and long trousers will protect you against mosquitoes at night.

Electricity and Plug Standards

Current is 220/240 volts at 50 cycles per second. A three-point round-pin adapter plug should be brought for your electrical appliances. Such adapters are also available at major airports.

Day 1

Hilton Windhoek Hotel, Windhoek



Pulsing with life, opportunity and a sparkle of adventure, Windhoek is a multicultural city characterised by tranquil co-existence and enough living space for all its citizens, which number 350'000. Visitors can enjoy the best of two worlds between the European-style architecture and lifestyle, to the vivid beat of African culture and environs. The first recorded settlements were established because of the springs in the area. In about 1842, the Oorlam Kaptain, Jan Jonker Afrikaner, settled in at the strongest spring in the present Klein Windhoek. At the time, the place was called “/Ai-//Gams” (Fire Water) by the Namas, and “Otjomuise” (Place of Steam) by the Hereros, both names bearing references to the hot springs. The German colony came into being with the determination of its borders in 1890. Germany sent a protective corps (the “*Schutztruppe*”) under Major Curt von Francois to maintain order; the garrison was stationed at Windhoek, where it was strategically situated as a buffer between the Namas and Hereros, while the twelve strong springs provided water for the cultivation of food. The present Windhoek was founded on 18 October 1890 when Von Francois laid the foundation stone of the fort, which is known as the Alte Feste (Old Fortress). Windhoek has a rich cultural life where activities happily mix and match to produce some interesting combinations. The “township” of Katutura is an journey for discovering the sounds and smells of Africa. The highlight is a visit to the Tukondjeni Market, which offers services that satisfy many community needs. It’s a busy place, where one can purchase supplies and traditional Namibian food such as barbecued meat, dried fish, fried mopane worms (known as “*omaungu*”) and other traditional food such as “*ombidi*” and dehydrated wild spinach.

Overnight: Hilton Windhoek Hotel

Set in the heart of Namibia’s capital city, Windhoek, the contemporary Hilton Windhoek hotel is conveniently close to a variety of business corporations and historical and tourist attractions. All of the modern Guest Rooms and Suites

at this Windhoek hotel are decorated in a warm, contemporary African style and feature spacious work areas and high-speed internet access. Upgrade to an Executive Room or Suite for additional space, a larger variety of amenities and access to the Executive Lounge. Hold a conference in one of 5 flexible meeting rooms which offer the very latest in audio/visual technology and ensure your event is a success with our 24-hour Business Center. Enjoy international favorites in our all-day dining venue, Ekipa, savor fine wines and specialty cheeses in the elegant mezzanine restaurant, D'vine and sip cocktails and enjoy delicious tapas while you gaze out over the city below in our stunning rooftop Skybar. Work out in our 24-hour Fitness Center, take a dip in our heated 18m lap pool and rejuvenate body and mind in our luxury Spa, Breeze. Feel at home in a contemporary Guest Room at the Hilton Windhoek hotel, which features traditional African inspired décor. Recline on the luxurious King-sized bed or the 2 comfortable double beds and watch your favorite movie on the LCD TV, work at the spacious desk and keep in touch with high-speed internet access and refresh in the elegant bathroom



Included

Bed & Breakfast, Dinner out at Joe's Beerhouse

Day 2-4

Luderitz Nest Hotel, Luderitz



This seaside town is something of an anomaly – a piece of 19th century Bavaria bordering the pinkish sand dunes of the Namib Desert. Lutheran churches, German bakeries and colonial buildings are dotted about the settlement, while its windswept beaches are home to flamingos, ostriches, seals and penguins. The nearby ghost town of Kolmanskop is one of the most fascinating area attractions, located approximately 10 kilometres from Luderitz central.

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
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Eros

Luderitz

Overnight: Luderitz Nest Hotel

All 70 rooms and 3 luxurious suites are sea-facing with FREE Wi-Fi facilities. The hotel has 3 wheelchair friendly rooms, elevator and all public areas are accessible. The locally acclaimed Penguin Restaurant serves a fine and varied menu. The upper deck CRAYFISH BAR LOUNGE is the premier venue in town to sip on your favourite cocktail, enjoy a Cappuccino, good wines and beers. FREE Wi-Fi throughout.



Included

Full Board

Day 4-6

Sossusvlei Lodge, Sossusvlei



Sossusvlei's rich ochre sand dunes offer one of the most mind-blowing sights you will ever experience. Their oscillating crests rise to an astonishing 320m and, with their air of timelessness, create an unforgettable wilderness in the heart of the world's oldest desert. Dwarfed by the sheer size of the highest dunes on earth, your ascending footprints look like insect trails leading into infinity. The solitude is immeasurable and your place in the great scheme of life takes on a curious insignificance. The white vleis (clay pans) contrast sharply against the red sand and vast blue sky, while fog-dependent animals and plants seek shelter from the sweltering heat underneath the sand and age-old camelthorn trees. One of these pans, referred to as Dead Pan, is a large ghostly expanse of dried white clay, punctuated by skeletons of ancient camel-thorn trees, carbon-dated as being between 500 and 600 years old. During this time the flow of the Tsauchab River into the pan was stopped by the formation of a dune belt – hence the trees died, now forming part of Namibia's own Salvador Dali "painting".

Overnight: Sossusvlei Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Situated at the Entrance Gate to the Namib Naukluft Park, Sossusvlei Lodge offers direct access to the towering red sand dunes, the famous pan of Sossusvlei, the scorched black trees of Dead Vlei and the remarkable depths of the Sesriem Canyon. The 45 individual luxurious accommodation units at Sossusvlei Lodge are carefully laid out to perfectly blend in with the magnificent surrounding natural environment. Each fully air-conditioned unit has a patio, en-suite bathroom with shower and a spacious bedroom under canvas with adobe-style plaster walls to give the visitor a distinctive sense of being close to nature. Experience the true art of Hospitality with the thoughtful touch of attentive staff to contribute to a truly memorable experience. Facilities include a sparkling pool, bar, beer garden and an al fresco terrace where one can enjoy exquisite food, award-winning wines and magnificent views of the floodlit waterhole. The Sossusvlei Lodge Adventure Centre provides a range of activities including Quad-Biking, Guided Excursions, Sun-downer Trips, Hot Air Ballooning, Scenic Flights and much more to explore the area's natural beauty.



Included

Full Board

Day 6

Strand Hotel Swakopmund, Swakopmund



With palm-lined streets, seaside promenades and fine accommodation for all budgets, Swakopmund is Namibia's most popular holiday destination, and its pleasant summer climate and decent beaches attract surfers, anglers and beach lovers from all over Southern Africa. Thanks to its mild temperatures and negligible rainfall, Swakopmund generally enjoys grit in the oyster. When an easterly wind blows, the town gets a good sand-blasting, and almost perpetual drizzle. The fog rolls up to 30km inland and provides moisture for desert-dwelling plants and animals, including 80 species of lichen. For better or worse, Swakopmund feels overwhelmingly Teutonic – indeed, it has Germany – but for visitors, it's a Namibia's adrenalin capital, and offers a wide range of gut-curdling activities from sand boarding and quad-biking to skydiving and camel riding. Note, however, that it gets especially busy around Namibian school holidays in December and January, when temperatures average around 25°C.

Brewer & Butcher

A Micro-brewery, Beer garden, Restaurant, Bar, Lounge with open fireplace, sea-facing terrace with two "Boma" fire pits and a fireplace. An a la carte Restaurant menu for Lunch, Dinner and Bar Snacks specializing in Namibian, German and other meat dishes and featuring its own "craft" beer and on site Micro-brewery. An opportunity to experience the actual brewing process.

Activities & Attractions

The Strand Hotel Activity & Adventure Travel Office, staffed by local professional Travel Consultants, will help Guests plan their sojourn in Swakopmund ensuring they experience and enjoy all on offer in Swakopmund, Walvis Bay and along this exciting and very unique Southern Atlantic coastline and neighbouring Namib Desert. Their sole objective is making sure that every guest's stay is personalised and filled with interesting, exciting, educational and cultural activities and adventures is their sole objective.

It provides:

- * Airline Re-confirmations
- * Car & Bicycle Hire
- * Transfer Arrangements
- * Restaurant Reservations
- * Shopping Advice & Information
- * Personalised Consultation

Farmhouse Deli

A Delicatessen Retail Shop and Bistro style Restaurant, Coffee Shop, Bakery and sea-facing terrace. An all-day a la carte Restaurant menu - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Cakes, Pastries, Sandwiches, Brotchen, Teas and Coffees.

Ocean Cellar

Seafood Restaurant and Oyster & Wine Bar with sea-facing terrace specializing in all the Ocean has to offer including Namibian Oysters and Sushi or Sashimi and a vast selection of wines from the cellar served by the glass, carafe or bottle. A special and unique feature is its Show-Kitchen where diners sit at a counter watching the Chefs in action. An a la carte Restaurant menu - Lunch, Dinner and Seafood Bar Snacks.

Welwitschia Lounge

Located privately just off the Lobby Lounge with open fireplace, Bar and sea-facing terrace serves Cocktails, Drinks, Teas and Coffee with light hot & cold snacks, sandwiches, salads and a variety of cakes and pastries. Open from early morning till night.

Cafe Mole

Soda Fountain & Beach Take Away, with some indoor and outdoor seating in the exclusive Cafe Mole Beach Pavilion directly on the beach with stunning views of the Mole, Swakopmund main beach and the Atlantic Ocean.

Overnight: Strand Hotel Swakopmund [View iBrochure](#)

The Strand Hotel Swakopmund will be located directly on the mole (promenade) in Swakopmund, surrounded on three sides by the Atlantic Ocean, with direct access to the main beach in town. On the fourth side it will back up to the town's beautiful central park, through which it is a short five minute walk to the historic centre of this charming, German, Victorian era colonial seaside town, with all its shops, cafés, restaurants and bars. When Strand Hotel Swakopmund opens, with its extensive, unique and creatively entertaining restaurants, bars, deli, lobby-lounge, sea facing terraces and shops, set on this historic and iconic site, it's destined to become a destination in itself for all

visitors to and residents of Swakopmund. Its architectural inspiration finds its roots deep in Namibian German colonial history and reflects this in a tasteful contemporary manner. The interiors are residential in nature, and the brief to all designers involved was to create a non-hotel. One as charming and welcoming as the town it is in. Simply very warm and comfortable, and as they say in German: "gemütlich" with a genuine "sense-of-place" Every aspect of the Strand Hotel Swakopmund is being developed according to international four-star standards. It's very possibly going to be the benchmark against which all hotels/lodges in Namibia will be measured. IMPORTANT: All pictorial depictions used are computer generated and are indicative only. All facts and figures presented are subject to change as the plans and designs pertaining to this development are finalized and continuously enhanced and improved. The Strand Hotel Swakopmund is being "sculptured" rather than simply "built".?



Included

Bed & Breakfast

Day 7

Erongo Wilderness Lodge, Erongo



The Erongo Region is one of the largest of the 13 regions found in Namibia and received its name for the majestic Erongo Massif that dominates the area around Karibib, Omaruru and Usakos. The region reaches up to the Atlantic Ocean and includes the coastal towns of Swakopmund and Walvis Bay, its northern boundary ending at the Ugab River where the Skeleton Coast National Park begins its stretch to Angola.

Walking

Guided walks

Walking the area surrounding the Lodge is highly encouraged and is the best way to experience the beauty of the Erongo Mountains. Our guides have been very well trained on the interesting Fauna and Flora of the area and are available to escort guests through the property at any time that suits them. An unlimited number of guided walks are included in the rate. We have put together a number of interesting walks to suit people of all different fitness levels.

- **Sundowner walk:** Very close to the lodge, you will be guided up a granite hill where you can enjoy a cold sundowner drink while watching the sun set over spectacular views of the Erongo and Brandberg Mountains.
- **Early morning walk:** This is for those who want to get the most out of the beauty of the Erongo Mountains during the stunning early morning light. This walk is 3 – 4 hours in duration and can be of various degrees of difficulty depending on your preference. We meet at 06h00 in the restaurant for tea, coffee & rusks. Your guide will take extra water, juice and snacks along for en-route.
- **Morning Walk:** This is for those who want to have a more relaxed walk, but still experience the beauty of the Erongo Mountains. This walk is 1 – 2 hours in duration and can be of various degrees of difficulty, depending on your preference. We meet at 07h00 in the restaurant for tea, coffee, fresh juice, rusks, muffins and a selection of fruit.

Self - Guided Walking Trails

A number of walking trails have been marked out through the spectacular areas around the lodge. Again, these are of varying degrees of difficulty – some being more suited to the adventurous explorer, and some more suited to those wanting to opt for a gentle stroll.

Birding

Birding

Erongo Wilderness Lodge has an abundance of bird life. From the raptors to the tiniest of sunbirds, the viewing of birds in the area is superb.

The nest of the resident breeding pair of Black (Verreaux) Eagles can be seen on cliff faces, with sightings of this magnificent bird occurring frequently. The lodge dining room and bar overlook a small valley where a fantastic variety of species can be sighted drinking from one of the three water points. These include both Namibian and South African endemics such as: Hartlaub's Francolin, Redbilled Francolin, Ruppell's Parrot, Rosy-faced Lovebird, Monteiro's Hornbill, Carp's Black Tit, Damara Rockrunner, Pirit Batis, Whitetailed Shrike, Violet-eared Waxbill, and the Redheaded Finch.

The abundance of water around the lodge in what is an otherwise dry area, also make it a haven for Plumcoloured Starlings, Melba Finches, Rock Kestrels, Masked Weavers, Rock Buntings, Whitebellied Sunbirds and a whole host of others.

Nature Drive

Nature Drive / Paula's Cave

Erongo Wilderness Lodge forms part of the 200 000 hectare Erongo Mountain Nature Conservancy. This pristine wilderness area straddles the Erongo Mountains: a natural reserve within a vast volcanic crater complex, which boasts unparalleled biodiversity. After about an hour and a half's drive through the scenically beautiful lodge property you will end up at the foot of the hill where the site of Paula's Cave can be found. An easy walk up the hill will take you to the National Monument site of some outstanding bushman rock art.

After exploring the rock art, relax with a cold 'sundowner' drink and enjoy the closing of the day. A slow drive searching for nocturnal animals with the help of a spotlight will bring you back to the lodge in time for dinner. A must see for anyone visiting the area. This drive can be done both in the morning or the afternoon.

Erongo restaurant

The open-plan lounge and restaurant overlooks a floodlit waterhole, and is warmed by a central fireplace in the winter. Delicious and original meals, freshly baked breads and pastries, and sumptuous breakfasts, are all complemented by the spectacular setting.

Overnight: Erongo Wilderness Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

There is a special wilderness area, encircled by the Erongo Mountains, where the desert, mountain, and bushveld ecosystems combine. Here, in a secluded valley, you will find ten luxury tented chalets in a dramatic setting of granite boulders and breath taking views. Raised wooden walkways and natural stone steps connect the chalets to the main area, where the restaurant, lounge, swimming pool and sun-downer deck invite you to relax and fully unwind. The open-plan lounge and restaurant overlooks a floodlit waterhole, and is warmed by a central fireplace in the winter. Delicious and original meals, freshly baked breads and pastries, and sumptuous breakfasts, are all complemented by the spectacular setting. The chalets, raised on stilts, are in harmony with their surroundings, with broad, shaded decks, and indulgent bathrooms built around the existing rocks and trees. Inside, each spacious tent is a haven of thoughtful comfort and casual luxury. Nature provides the compelling reasons for visiting this unique environment. Many rare, endemic, and special species of animal, bird, and plant life thrive here, making this one of Namibia's most diverse and wildlife-rich areas. This wealth of natural and cultural history can be enjoyed by joining a guided nature drive, visiting one of the Bushman rock art sites, or walking among the mountains with one of our knowledgeable guides. Or make the experience a more personal one by simply exploring on your own, or just soaking up the atmosphere from the private deck of your tent. luxuriate in this richness of nature



Included

Full Board

Day 8 - 11

Etosha Safari Lodge, Gondwana Collection Namibia, Etosha National Park



Etosha National Park is the parade ground of the beasts, a kaleidoscope of creatures bewildering character and variety. It was proclaimed as Namibia's first conservation area in 1907 by the then Governor of German South West Africa, von Lindequist. He demarcated an area of over 100'000 km², creating the largest game reserve on earth and expelling thousands of indigenous people from their traditional and ancestral dwellings to stay outside the park. Present day Etosha National Park was pared down due to political considerations in the 1960's by the Odendaal Plan and now covers a modest but still very impressive 22'270 square kilometres. Despite the massive size of Etosha, only

the southern edge of the pan is accessible to casual visitors. In the central and eastern region there are over 30 water holes - ideal places to sit and wait it out for an unbelievable 114 different game and over 340 different bird species. The Etosha Pan dominates the park. The salt pan desert, which is nearly completely enclosed by the park and is lined by numerous watering holes, is roughly 130 km long and as wide as 50 km in places. During Etosha's notorious dry spells the pan is a deathly place, lying parched and cracked under the molten African sun. At such times it is utterly barren, an austere playground for heat and wind which conjure up their characteristic atmospheric tricks. Glassy mirages dissolve the horizon and tremble over the blindingly flat surface while graceful dust devils carry out their swirling dances over the plains. When the waters do eventually come, the pan undergoes a miraculous transformation. From a vacuous stillness it springs into living paradise awash with life. Out of the blue in their thousands come migrant flamingos, splashing the sky with plumage which eventually condenses on the horizon in undulating lines of crimson, pink and white. Guided by an uncanny faculty for navigation they come to the pan for a short breeding season from as far as Walvis Bay – how they know of the water 500 miles north stays a mystery. Such thrills are part of the earthy encounters with nature which give Etosha and other Namibian wilderness areas a dimension which goes beyond the simpler interpretations of nature. These sanctuaries have become sources of human well-being, where man can shake off his metropolitan afflictions and can recharge the batteries of sanity and perspective which have run down in the course of powering the locomotive of progress.

Overnight: Etosha Safari Lodge, Gondwana Collection Namibia [View iBrochure](#)

Guests rave about the view: the restaurant and chalets, situated on a hillock, offer magnificent views of the African bush savannah. All of the 65 double room chalets have air conditioners and mosquito nets, and a choice of three swimming pools between them. Apart from the restaurant and bar there is a wooden platform for sun-downers high above the Mopani bush. The Andersson Gate into Etosha National Park is a mere 9 km away. Those who do not want to drive themselves can join one of the lodge's daily safari trips into the park. A shuttle service operates between Windhoek and Etosha Safari Lodge and Camp (on request).



Included

Full Board

Day 11-14

Onguma Tented Camp, Onguma Game Reserve



Situated on the eastern side of Etosha, bordering Fisher's Pan, Onguma Game Reserve is one of Namibia's best kept secrets! Here you will be afforded the opportunity of experiencing Africa in all her beauty and diversity. Onguma Game Reserve has more than 34,000 hectares of protected land and wildlife. Our nature reserve boasts over thirty different animal species consisting of plains game including kudu, giraffe, eland, oryx, hartebeest, zebra, impala and many more roam freely as well as predators such as lion, cheetah, leopard, being common residents of the area. The latest addition to the already abundant wildlife at Onguma Game Reserve is a family of black rhinos! More than 300 bird species can also be viewed at Onguma Game Reserve. During the Namibian summer months the nature reserve becomes a bird-watcher's paradise with thousands of species migrating to the wetlands created by the seasonal rains and ephemeral river systems.

Overnight: Onguma Tented Camp

In the local Herero language, Onguma means, "the place you don't want to leave." With a stunning main building and seven tents providing private, exclusive accommodation, Onguma Tented Camp, certainly lives up to its name. Like the bush where soft air blows against sharp thorns, Onguma Tented Camp is a study in contrasts. Textures such as stone, suede, linen and steel create a setting that is sleek and modern but also inherently of the earth. Inspired by a photograph of an Oryx on Etosha's Fisher's Pan, the interior echoes the colours of its natural surrounds. Grey, charcoal, black, white, and creams, together with a touch of muted or unexpectedly bright green, adds sophistication and earthiness to the atmosphere of this seven tent camp.



Included

Full Board

Day 14 Departure
