

# 11 DAYS NAMIBIA ADVENTURE

Windhoek to Windhoek

1 NIGHT HOTEL, 2 NIGHTS LODGE, 7 NIGHTS CAMPING

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Guests have the option to upgrade into accommodation on every night of the tour. This service can be booked in advance at a premium.

## INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS:

- Windhoek city tour
- Private Namib Desert reserve
- Open-vehicle game drive
- Desert walk
- Desert night drive
- 4x4 trip to Sossusvlei and Deadvlei dunes
- Sesriem Canyon
- Walvis Bay
- Swakopmund
- Skeleton Coast
- Cape Cross seal colony
- Brandberg
- Etosha National Park
- Damaraland

## OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Quad biking
  - Dune boarding
  - Skydiving
  - Marine wildlife boat trip
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**Namibia: Africa's adventure playground. The land of unrelenting sun, where the ground appears to beg the heavens for rain and the vast landscapes stretch uninterrupted for hundreds of kilometres, without signs of human intervention. Living deserts, where one gazes in wonder and amazement at the displays of changing natural colours, and at the animals and plants that somehow survive in this seemingly harsh environment.**

**This tour covers all of the popular highlights, but also includes many "off the beaten track" destinations, seldom visited by mainstream tourism.**

**Flexibility, a willingness to participate, an awareness of the elements, and a desire for unlimited adventure, are essential in order to best absorb all this tour has to offer.**

### **DAY 1: WINDHOEK**

Our adventure in Namibia begins in the capital city of Windhoek.

After a short tour briefing and "meet and greet", we set off exploring Windhoek, viewing the attractions of the city before ending the day welcoming the warm hospitality at the infamous Joe's Beerhouse restaurant. Tonight we spend in comfort at our hotel and prepare for the next day's adventure.

**Meals: D (own expense)**

**Distance: +- 30 km**

**Accommodation: Hotel Safari**

**Included Highlights/Activity:**

- Windhoek city tour

**Optional Activities:**

- None, all included

### **DAY 2: NAMIB DESERT RESERVE**

Leaving the city lights behind we enter the heart of the Namib, taking in its vast plains, red dunes, towering mountains and ever changing landscapes. Late afternoon, we reach the GREENFIRE DESERT CAMP, a remote camp nestled against a rock outcrop, within a conservancy that forms part of the vast Namib Rand Nature Reserve, and home for the next two nights. The reserve gives life to a variety of desert adapted fauna and flora and many an animal species. Enjoy an extensive walk as well as a day, and a night desert drive during our time here.

**Meals: B L D**

**Distance: 425 km**

**Accommodation: Camping (2 person dome tents) - Greenfire Desert Camp or Accommodation Upgrade**

**Included Highlights/Activity:**

- Private Desert Camp

- Private Desert Reserve

**Optional Activities:**

- None, all included

### **DAY 3: DESERT RESERVE**

We awake to desert vistas that extend further than the eye can see. All animals here exist in completely natural surroundings, and are free to move unrestricted over the full extent of the reserve. Our expert guide will help us understand the unique desert fauna and flora, so today we start off with an ecology walk in this beautiful environment, searching for animals, foot prints, and signs of the behaviour and survival strategies that allow them to exist in these harsh conditions.

During the heat of the day guests have time to relax at the camp, or to explore the surrounding area on foot, should they wish to. Mid-afternoon we depart on a desert drive, up and over the magnificent dunes. As the evening approaches, a traditional sundowner drink is enjoyed while the sun dips over the African landscape. Once dark, we slowly drive back to camp anticipating to encounter some of the nocturnal animals adapted to living in the desert.

**Meals: B L D**

**Distance: Desert drive**

**Accommodation: Camping (2 person dome tents) - Greenfire Desert Camp or Accommodation Upgrade**

**Included Highlights/Activity:**

- Open-vehicle desert drive
- Desert walk
- Private Desert Reserve

**Optional Activities:**

- None, all included

**DAY 4: SOSSUSVLEI DUNES**

Setting off early, we cross the endless desert plains to the Sesriem Canyon and the awesome red Sossusvlei dunes – reputedly the highest in the world.

We transfer into the heart of the dunes, to spend some time climbing these spectacular mountains of sand, before taking a 4x4 transfer into Sossusvlei and Deadvlei – a clay pan characterized by dark dead camel thorn trees against the white pan floor. We explore these truly unique sites on foot, before the 4x4's take us back to our vehicle.

In the afternoon we visit the Sesriem Canyon, before continuing to our camp-site for the night.

**Meals: B L D**

**Distance: 200 km**

**Accommodation: Camping (2 person dome tents) – Sossus on Foot Campsite or Accommodation Upgrade**

**Included Highlights/Activity:**

- Sesriem Canyon
- Sossusvlei
- Deadvlei
- 4x4 transfer into these areas
- Dune climbing

**Optional Activities:**

- None, all included

**DAY 5 - 6: SWAKOPMUND**

Crossing through Kuiseb Canyon, and the Namib-Naukluff National Park, we make our way to the port town of Walvis Bay, and then on to Swakopmund, where German influence still lingers from late 1800's, and spend two nights in comfortable accommodation. We explore this holiday town and its surrounds thoroughly, and enjoy both our evening meals at local restaurants (own expense).

Swakopmund is a must-see for any visitor, and offers guests a variety of adventure activities. Clients will have the opportunity to partake in quad biking, sand boarding and skydiving whilst here (own expense). For those that simply want to relax, the town offers a variety of restaurants and shops, where one can get a feel for the local culture.

**Meals: B L; B (Dinner on Day 10, lunch and dinner on Day 11 all own expense)**

**Distance: 290 km on Day 10. Accommodation: Amanpuri Lodge**

**Included Highlights/Activity:**

- Scenic drive through Namib-Naukluff National Park
- Swakopmund

**Optional Activities:**

- Skydive
- Quad bikes
- Dune boarding
- Desert tours
- Boat cruises

### **DAY 7: SKELETON COAST – BRANDBERG**

Today we head north up the harsh Skeleton Coast, a barren stretch of coastline along the Atlantic Ocean, with scattered ship wrecks, littering the beaches.

We visit Cape Cross, a spectacular breeding ground for Cape fur Seals where more than a 100 000 seals take refuge.

We then venture back inland, travelling through the vast desert to the iconic Brandberg Mountain, the highest mountain in Namibia, and view a canvas of ancient rock art. Those not up for the walk can remain in camp and enjoy the beautiful surrounding views.

Tonight we snuggle in at the foot of the mountain, hoping to encounter the elusive rare desert elephant.

**Meals: B L D**

**Distance: 330 km**

**Accommodation: Camping (2 person dome tents) – Brandberg or Accommodation Upgrade**

**Included Highlights/Activity:**

- Cape Cross seal colony
- Brandberg White Lady

**Optional Activities:**

- None, all included

### **DAY 8: DAMARALAND**

Our trip takes us to breath taking Damaraland, region and home of the Damara people. Along the way we include several stops including visiting the Organ Pipes – formed about 150 million year ago, and the Ancient Rock Engravings at Twyfelfontein before reaching our camp for the night in the Khorixas area.

**Meals: B L D**

**Distance: 200 km**

**Accommodation: Camping (2 person dome tents) – Khorixas or Accommodation Upgrade**

**Included Highlights/Activity:**

- Twyfelfontein
- Damaraland

**Optional Activities:**

- None, all included

### **DAY 9 - 10: ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

Making our way further north, we enter the renowned Etosha National Park, arguably the highlight of the tour. Becoming one with nature we enjoy two days of exploring the park. During these days we conduct extensive game drives, visiting little water holes, exploring, letting your senses free, making the most of our time in the park.

In peak season when the park rest camps are very busy tours might stay outside the park and go in and out for game drives.

**Meals: B L D; B L D**

**Distance: 250 km on Day 9, & roughly 120 km game drive on Day 10**

**Accommodation: Camping (2 person dome tents) – Etosha area or Accommodation Upgrade**

**Included Highlights/Activity:**

- 2 days within the Park
- Extensive game viewing opportunities

**Optional Activities:**

- None, all included

**DAY 11: WINDHOEK**

An early morning, we pack up and begin our journey back to civilization. The drive to Windhoek will take the majority of the day and the tour will officially come to an end in the late afternoon on arrival back in the capital city.

**Meals: B**

**Distance: 540 km**

**Included Highlights/Activity:**

- Scenic drive to Windhoek

**DEPARTURES**

This tour starts and ends in Windhoek and runs every second week. Pre- and post-tour accommodation can be arranged through the Drifters office.

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

This is an adventure tour, and as such involves a certain amount of walking - a small daypack is advisable.

Seasonable malaria precautions are advisable and are locally obtainable. During winter the night-time temperatures can fall below zero Celsius, and during summer the daytime temperatures can reach the forties – please be prepared.

Most major currencies can be exchanged on arrival in Windhoek and at other centres, but banking hours do apply. Credit cards are generally accepted.

Visa info - A valid passport is required by everyone. The tour will visit Namibia and it is the client's responsibility to ensure they have the appropriate visas required for this trip. Some nationalities may need to obtain visas before departure as they may not be obtainable on arrival.

Our price includes transport, food, coffee, tea and fruit juice at breakfast, two Drifters crew, group equipment, permits and park entry fees. The price does not include alcohol, bottled water and soft drinks, tips, curios and optional extras.

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