



NAMIBIA TRACKS & TRAILS

NAMIBIA NORTH

Booking ref: SD3A

11 Days / 10 Nights

Self-drive Safari

Discover the North of Namibia! This eleven day safari combines the diverse coastal region in and around Swakopmund with the attractions of central and southern Damaraland and the Etosha National Park.

Day 1

Arrival at Hosea Kutako (Windhoek International) airport, where you will receive your rental vehicle. Once you have sorted out all the formalities for your vehicle, drive to Windhoek, the capital city of Namibia. After check-in at the accommodation establishment, you will be taken on a city tour. Windhoek is a city of many contrasts. Modern skyscrapers blend with historic buildings dating from the turn of the century. Several buildings from the German colonial era have been preserved and restored to fulfill useful functions in the community today. Some of the sights you will see on your tour are the Ride Memorial, the Old Fort, the Parliament Building (also known as the "Ink Place"), the Lutheran Church, the Railway Station and many more.

Overnight stay at Olive Grove Guesthouse - bed & breakfast.

Day 2

Departing Windhoek, travel via the Gamsbergpass to the coastal town of Swakopmund. This quaint desert town with its old-world charm and relaxed atmosphere hedged by desert and sea is enhanced by lush green lawns and palm trees.

Overnight at Hansa Hotel on bed and breakfast basis.

Day 3

Two days are spent in Swakopmund. The sweep of the coastline and desert hinterland offers many options for adventure and relaxation. Contact our office in Swakopmund for possible information of things to do or transport.

Two overnight stays at Beach Lodge on a bed and breakfast basis.

Day 5

Departure from Swakopmund along the Atlantic Coast towards the North. Visit the lichen fields near Wlotzka's Baken before continuing to Henties Bay, a small holiday resort. Onwards to the seal colony at Cape Cross. After visiting the seals, the journey continues via Ugabmund to the southern Skeleton Coast Park to inspect a shipwreck. You leave the Skeleton Coast Park in the early afternoon via Springbokwasser and can experience the harsh transition from the Namib Desert to the Damaraland highlands with its impressive landscape and ragged valleys.

Overnight stay at Palmweg Lodge on dinner, bed & breakfast basis.

Day 6

The day is spent at leisure. You can enjoy optional outings with the specialist guides of the Lodge. Take part in an Ovahimba Excursion, enjoy a tour in open 4 x 4 game-viewing vehicles into the concession area of the lodge, search for desert elephants in the Hoanib River or physically track amongst a wide variety of game - the mighty desert elephant and the threatened black rhino by 4x4 vehicle.

Overnight at Palmweg Lodge on dinner, bed & breakfast basis.

Day 7

Leaving Palmweg Lodge, take a detour to visit the Petrified Forest, or travel directly via the Grootberg Pass to Kamanjab and further on the tarred road to the Etosha National Park. Afternoon arrival at the Ongava Lodge. Ongava Game Lodge is situated along the southern border of the Etosha National Park in the privately owned Ongava Game Reserve. Discover the mysteries of the African bush in Etosha National Park and in the private reserve of the lodge. Your game ranger takes pleasure in trying to show you the diversity of Namibia's fauna. Relax on the verandah of your room and delight in the comings and goings of a variety of game at the floodlit waterhole.

Overnight stay in at Ongava Lodge - full board plus activities.



Day 8

You travel east through Etosha past Fort Namuton to the Mushara Lodge, where you spend one night. En route, stop at the numerous perennial springs found along the edge of the salt pan in search of Lion, Leopard, Elephant and Black Rhino.

Overnight stay at Mushara Lodge on dinner, bed & breakfast basis.

Day 9

After breakfast you travel via Tsumeb to the "Hoba Meteorite". En route visit the Otjikoto Lake and the mine museum of Tsumeb. Continue to the Okonjima Lodge, home of the Africat Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation and protection of Namibian wild cats, in particular leopard and cheetah. Enjoy the opportunity to admire and photograph these predators.

Overnight stay at the Okonjima Bush Camp on full board incl activities basis.

Day 10

Return journey via Okahandja to Windhoek. Okahandja is an important centre for woodcarvers from the north. They practice their ancient skills at the Woodcarvers Market next to the main road. This is a good place to pick a last souvenir. Arrival in Windhoek with check in at the Olive Grove.

Overnight at the Olive Grove Guesthouse - bed & breakfast.

Day 11

Depending on the departure time of your flight, you will have time for some last minute shopping before driving to the Windhoek International Airport in time to drop off the rental keys, take care of all formalities before check-in on your outbound flight. Bid farewell to Namibia!

INCLUDED:

- All services as mentioned above

EXCLUDED:

- All scheduled flights and reservations thereof
- Additional meals and activities
- Vehicle rental and petrol
- All entry- and permit fees
- Expenses of a personal nature

PLEASE NOTE:

- Prices are subject to availability and can be changed without prior notice.