



## Sample Group Programme

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### Day 1 – Windhoek



Arrival of the group mid-morning. Guests are met by their tour-guide and transferred to their hotel.

#### The Safari Court Hotel

The four-star Safari Court Hotel is situated on 13 hectares on the outskirts of Windhoek, the hotel offers the largest local selection of first class accommodation and catering with a difference.



The Safari Court has 215 luxury rooms and suites and the entire complex is surrounded by a large variety of indigenous Namibian trees. Dining is available in the Acacia Restaurant which seats 165 guests and the more private occasions, the Captain's Cabin provides seats up to twelve people. Pre-dinner drinks are available in the Palms Ladies Bar, situated off the lounge and reception area. All bedrooms in the Hotel are spacious with a sitting area. All rooms have air-conditioning and heating with individual controls.

In the afternoon, we depart on a city tour of Windhoek.



Visit historical buildings, monuments and cultural museums within walking distance of Windhoek City Centre. See Christus Church, Tintenpalast (House of Parliament), Alte Feste (Old Fort) and many more.

Dinner is served at the hotel

**Overnight: Safari Court Hotel**  
[www.safarihotelsnamibia.com](http://www.safarihotelsnamibia.com)

## Day 2 –Waterberg Resort



After breakfast you travel via Okahandja to the Waterberg Plateau Park. In Okahandja you will have an opportunity to visit Namibia biggest wood carving market. It is the best place to shop souvenirs.

Up on arrival at the Waterberg Resort check in and refresh. You will arrive just in time for a short walk up Plateau Mountain for a magnificent view of the sunset.

### Waterberg Resort

Towering some 200 meters above the surrounding landscape, with sheer cliffs and fascinating rock formations, the park has over 200 bird species, including the only breeding colony of Cape vulture. The plateau is managed as a breeding area for rare and endangered species, including black and white rhinoceros, disease-free buffalo, sable and roan antelope. The restaurant, bar and kiosk are housed in the historic Rasthaus, originally built in 1908 and used as a police post.



The attractive swimming pool has a pool-bar under a thatched lapa. Accommodation is provided in comfortable premier bush chalets; two and four bed bush chalets, family units and double rooms, all nestled along the base of the Waterberg Plateau cliffs. The Waterberg Plateau Park is a perfect stop-over point for visitors on their way to or from Etosha, as well as being a wonderful destination for meetings and conferences. The interior decor and bathrooms gives the feeling of comfort and with access and views to the outside wilderness. The larger units will have braai facilities, and are equipped with tea-station, fridge and basin. The walkways and roads now have improved lighting.



If you feel up to it, you are welcome to join our guide on a hike to the top of the plateau at sunset.

### Overnight Waterberg Plateau Park

Web: [www.nwr.com.na](http://www.nwr.com.na)



## Day 3 – Roys Camp



### Breakfast at the Waterberg.

Departure on a morning safari drive. It includes a visit to the historical site of Waterberg, where you'll see ancient Bushmen rock engravings, as well as some amazing 180 to 200 million years old dinosaur prints, a real must see! It's been a long and hard journey for Namibia to give back the freedom of the sky to captive bred and rehabilitated cape cultures. On this safari drive, they'll show you where one can usually find them and tell you their amazing story. Head back to the lodge, at the lodge you check out depart for your next destination, Roy's Camp.



Along your way to Roy's Camp, just before the town Grootfontein you will have a short visit to Hoba Meteorite.

The Hoba Meteorite is roughly 9 feet 8 inches long, 9 feet 4 inches wide with a depth ranging from 2 feet 5 inches to 3 feet 11 inches. Not only is the Hoba Meteorite the largest known meteorite on Earth it is also the largest naturally-occurring piece of iron on the Earth's surface. Its composition is 82.4% Iron, 16.4% Nickel, 76% Cobalt, .04% Phosphorus and with trace amounts of Copper, Zinc, Carbon, Sulphur, Chromium, Gallium, Germanium and Iridium. It is scientifically classified as nickel-rich ataxite. It also contains traces of minerals that really only exist on earth in meteorites like Triolite.



### Roy's Camp

The lodge is an interesting mixture of rustic African design, set against a highly imaginative and unconventional artists mind. The thatched main building has a restaurant and bar and the dining room roof is supported by tree trunks. The bar stools are animal skin-covered tree trunks, and the chairs have kudu horn arm-rests.

Guests have an excellent view of the camp's waterhole from the restaurant, and eland are a common visitor to the area. Accommodation is in one of 7 chalets or 3 budget rooms. Each unit is equipped with an en-suite bathroom, air-conditioning, fan and a mosquito net. These bungalows are of an unusual rustic design and have private braai areas. Each bungalow has been built to allow guests the maximum amount of peace and tranquility.



Activities include a guided **Bushman** excursion to a San village, 2 unguided walking trails and a farm and game drive

### Overnight at Roy's Camp

[www.royscamp@iway.na](http://www.royscamp@iway.na)



## Day 4 – Roys Camp



The breakfast will be served at the restaurant. A

fter breakfast you will travel to Grasshoek, a Bushmen Village about an hours' drive away from Roys Camp. Here you will spend an entire day with the first tribe, roaming the vast open plains of Namibia.

The **San** (or Basarwa) people of the **Kalahari** are more commonly known as the Bushmen. The Kalahari is a vast desert that stretches over South Africa, Botswana and Namibia. Living in one of the most inhospitable terrains in the world, the San survived by hunting wild game and gathering roots and tubers. Many people outside of Southern Africa were introduced to the San culture and their "click" language through the South African made movie *"The Gods Must be Crazy"*.



The San are considered to be the oldest culture in the world dating back over a hundred thousand years. Beautiful San rock art can be seen throughout Southern Africa where the San lived as hunter-gatherers. In the past 2.000 years the San were slowly pushed to live in the arid sands of the Kalahari Desert by Bantu tribes and white farmers who took the more fertile land for their crops and livestock.



Like many hunter-gatherer tribes the world over the San are finding it very difficult to maintain their traditional culture and lifestyle. Land that the San used to hunt on is increasingly being used for grazing cattle. Fences are put up to protect the cattle which means that the wildlife the San depend upon for their hunting are changing their migrating patterns.

Today a San guide will take you on desert walk. You will be shown how to collect bush foods, track animals, collect herbs and participate in music and dance.



### Overnight at Roy's Camp

<http://roysrestcamp.com/>

## Day 5 – Etosha National Park



Breakfast at Roys Camp.

Today your journey will take you to Mushara Lodge; located only 8kms from the Von Lindequist Gate on the eastern outskirts of the Etosha National Park, Mushara Lodge is ideally situated for travelers visiting the park. On your way 20 km outside Tsumeb, you will have a few minutes stop at **Lake Otjikoto** to take photo and stretch your legs a little.



The lake Otjikoto means "deep hole" in Herero language. In May 1851, Charles Andersson and Francis Galton fell on this strange lake enched in an old cave of limestone whose roof broke down, creating an enormous swallow-hole of 100 m out of 150 m. In a brief halt at Lake Otjikoto, the traveler can explore the mystery of Namibia's legendary 'bottomless' lake, Lake Otjikoto.

### Mushara Lodge

The Lodge consists of ten spacious chalets, one family unit and two single rooms. The name Mushara derives from the Purple Pod Terminalia tree, which grows in abundance in the lodge grounds and the surrounding area. The thatched public area consists of a small library with a selection of good books, a bar with an extensive wine cellar, airy lounge with welcoming fireplace for winter evenings, a dining area and well stocked curio shop. Great attention has been paid to the décor, which is an eclectic blend of traditional African and modern art works combined with original paintings.



Arrive at the lodge, check in and refresh. You are just in time for scheduled afternoon safari drive. A visit to the Etosha National Park is one of the highlights of travelling Namibia. Etosha, which was declared a game reserve by the German colonial administration back in 1907, covers an area of more than 22 000 km<sup>2</sup>. In its centre lies a vast saltpan surrounded by grass and thorn savannah, Mopane bush land in the west and dry forest in the north-east.



About two million years ago, this area was an enormous lake, fed by the Kunene River. However the lake slowly dried up because over time, the river changed its course. The pan is just about always dry. However, in the southern parts there are have water-holes scattered throughout this area and form the basis of life for countless game.

### Overnight at Mushara Lodge

[www.mushara-lodge.com](http://www.mushara-lodge.com)



## Day 6 – Etosha National Park



After a wonderful nights rest guest are treated to a healthy full warm breakfast at the lodge.

Check out of the hotel and continue to your next destination. Today you can spend a full day on an exciting safari drive through Etosha National Park. Leave the park through the Anderson gate late afternoon and check in at Taleni Etosha Village.



The name Taleni means 'view' or 'vision'. We at Taleni Africa yet again have the view and vision of combining affordability with comfort and style in a private and protected reserve directly adjacent to one of Namibia's highlights. The days when cattle still grazed the grounds around Etosha are long gone. The mountains where the calves went missing, 'Ondundozonananandana', remain as silent witnesses. Today we preserve this land as prime destination for nature lovers with affordable accommodation in our Taleni Etosha Village taking its modern styling cues from a traditional African village.

Taleni Etosha Village features an experience of a restaurant! In line with the history of this ancient land, the restaurant area is spread out, almost 'kraal-like' with natural and traditional building materials as shelter. Our famous buffet meals can be enjoyed in the 'kraal' of your choice.



After an adventurous day exploring the park, you'll arrive at your accommodation site in time to relax and stretch your legs.

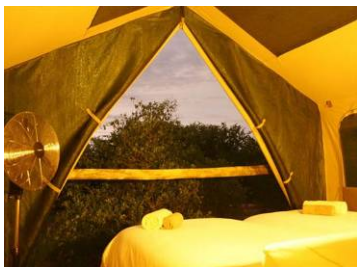
Weather permitting, sundowner trips will take guests to a nearby hill to enjoy a "sundowner in the bush" while relaxing and watching the incredible sunsets of the area.

The trip departs approximately 18h30, depending on the weather and seasonal sunset changes and returns to the Village after sunset at approximately 19H30 for a sumptuous, gourmet dinner.



### Overnight Taleni Etosha Village

[www.etosha-village.com](http://www.etosha-village.com)



## Day 7 – Twyfelfontein



Breakfast at the Lodge.

The Journey takes you to Damaraland and the Twyfelfontein Country Lodge today.

The Damaraland is one of the most pristine wilderness areas in Namibia; situated in the mountainous region in north-west Namibia inhabited by the Damara people and named after them. Damaraland offers beautiful views across barren plains, ancient valleys, rocky crops as well as the Brandberg Mountains.



On your way to the lodge you will visit the Vingerklip Lodge, the Petrified Forrest, the Organ Pipes and the Twyfelfontein Rock Engravings.

Visit the Petrified Forest, where antediluvian floods deposited giant tree trunks, some up to 30m long. The age of these fossil trunks is estimated to be 200 million years old. Twyfelfontein is unequalled for its abundance of rock engravings and is set in a U-shaped valley. Another geological curiosity is the perpendicular slabs of basalt known as the Organ Pipes.



The Twyfelfontein Lodge is situated in the Uibasen Twyfelfontein Conservancy approximately 5 km from the renowned historical site with some of the best specimens of rock engravings and paintings in South Africa.

The Lodge boasts 57 en-suite double rooms, reception, lounge, curio shop, open dining room, bar and swimming pool. In construction utmost care was taken to reduce the visual impact on the environment and to blend into the mountainside with the use of thatch roofs, natural stone and paint colors toning in with the surrounding rock formations. Other popular attractions in the area include Burned Mountain, the Organ Pipe rock formations, Doros Crater and Petrified Forest. Interesting fauna and flora, like Desert Elephant and Rhinoceros, Welwitschia, Mirabilis and the endemic Herero Chat is likely to be found on a day excursion.



**Overnight at Twyfelfontein Country Lodge**

[www.namibialodges.com](http://www.namibialodges.com)



## Day 8 – Swakopmund



Breakfast at the Lodge.

Check out continue your journey to the coastal town – Swakopmund. Driving time: Approx. 6 hours.

Here you check in at the Swakopmund Boutique Hotel, a contemporary and chic boutique hotel in central Swakopmund



**Swakopmund** was founded two years after Windhoek in 1892, by Captain Curt von Francois and became the main harbour of South West Africa. Increased traffic between Germany and its colony necessitated establishing a port, as Walvis Bay, located 33 kilometres south, which was already in British possession.

The choice was Swakopmund, where water could be found and because other sites were unsuitable. The town's German architecture dates back to this period. As the port was not sufficiently deep, boats had to unload at sea. In 1920, uranium was discovered at Rössing, which is now the world's largest uranium mine and visitors can visit the giant crater there.



Today, Swakopmund is a luxury seaside resort much enjoyed by the inhabitants of the capital. After passing the 2x4 parking area, the real 4x4 driving begins, through the thick dune sand. We then take a walk into the dramatically scenic “Dead Vlei”. The 'vlei' itself only fills after rare heavy rainfall when, in a complete turn-around, it becomes a spectacular turquoise lake.

**Overnight Swkaopmund Boutique Hotel**  
[www.swkboutiquehotel.com](http://www.swkboutiquehotel.com)



## Day 9 – Swakopmund



Breakfast at the Hotel.

Early in the morning transfer to Walvis Bay Yacht club for a marine cruise, Catamarans will take guests on a scenic and informative trip through the harbour and across to Pelican Point. Along the way schools of dolphins will escort and play alongside the boats. Witness the large seal colony off Pelican Point and watch out as some large male seals join you on your boat for some entertainment. This coastline is home to some 100,000 Cape Fur Seals and the colony at Pelican point has been known to reach 20,000. Enjoy a light lunch on the boat including oyster and Sparkling wine



Transfer back to Swakopmund right after the dolphin cruise. Refresh at the hotel and relax before you go on your next exciting activity. You will be picked up at the hotel on a Township Tour:

A unique cultural tour to the other side of town. All interactions with the community is done in a non-intrusive manner respecting privacy at all times. Learn some history, bridge the cultural gap through understanding, see a demonstration of Mahango preparation, taste some unusual food and enjoy children dancing. After a wonderful Herero lady shares her knowledge on her culture and traditions, we continue on foot through the streets of Mondesa taking the opportunity to chat with the local people and getting a fascinating glimpse into a typical Namibian township. We learn about Nama traditions and herbal medicines and then take a drive through the DRC (Democratic Resettlement Community).



Transfer back to the hotel after the tour.

**Overnight Swakopmund Boutique Hotel**  
[www.swkboutiquehotel.com](http://www.swkboutiquehotel.com)



## Day 10 – Sossusvlei



A healthy breakfast will be served at the Swakopmund Boutique Hotel.

Today your journey will continue to the southern part of Namibia, the land of wide open spaces and solitude. On your way you will pass the **Kuiseb Canyon**. The Kuiseb Canyon is carved by the Kuiseb River, and is well known as the area in which two German geologists, Henno Martin and Hermann Korn, lived for more than two years in order to avoid internment during World War II. Shortly after you passed the Kuiseb Canyon you will pass the **Ghaub Pass** and the **Tropic of Capricorn** sign.



Around noon guests will arrive at **Solitaire**. Solitaire is a small settlement, a welcome place for a stopover when journeying across the desert.

Today guests will check in at the **Sossusvlei Lodge**. Situated amidst the Namib Desert at the entrance to the famous Sossusvlei. Enter a classic lifestyle of comfort, filled with the thoughtful touch of attentive staff. There are 45 en-suite rooms available. The decor speaks of the art, culture and traditions of African furnishings with soft finishes of inviting comfort. With passing parade of springbok, Oryx and cape fox, it is surely one of the most unique sites in all Africa. Imagine a sundowner in scenic backdrop of breathtaking nature.



A typical Namibian barbecue dinner is served at the Lodge

**Overnight Sossusvlei Lodge**  
[www.sossusvleilodge.com](http://www.sossusvleilodge.com)



## Day 11 – Sossusvlei



Early wake-up call and an early start from the Lodge. In the early morning you will depart for the Sossusvlei excursion before sunrise.

World-famous **Sossusvlei** is an enormous clay pan, flanked by the famous red sand dunes that stand out starkly against the blue sky. These dunes have developed over millions of years, the wind continuously transforming the contours of this red sand sea. The sand dunes of Sossusvlei in the Namib Desert are often referred to as the highest dunes in the world.

We stop at the foot of one of the dunes and you are invited to climb to the upper ridge of one of the dunes.

After passing the 2x4 parking area, the real 4x4 driving begins, through the thick dune sand. We then take a walk into the dramatically scenic “Dead Vlei”. The 'vlei' itself only fills after rare heavy rainfall when, in a complete turn-around, it becomes a spectacular turquoise lake.

After your walk, you will enjoy your breakfast pack at the foot of the dunes.

Late morning you will reach the **Sesriem Canyon**. The 1km-long, 30m-deep Sesriem Canyon, 4km south of the Sesriem headquarters, was carved by the Tsauchab River through the 15-million-old deposits of sand and gravel conglomerate. There are two pleasant walks: you can hike upstream to the brackish pool at its head or 2.5km downstream to its lower end. Note the natural sphinx-like formation on the northern flank near the canyon mouth.

Return to the Lodge around Lunch time. After lunch, you have time at leisure.

In the afternoon, we depart for a nature drive. The occasional Springbok and Pale Chanting Goshawk might just surprise you as we drive closer to the two elevated Granite outcrops. We enjoy a sundowner whilst watching the colours changing over vast desert planes and sand dunes. You Guide will then take you on a walk through the desert pointing out and explaining interesting facts on various plant life and insects which make one realise how alive the desert is!

Dinner is served at the Lodge.

**Overnight Sossusvlei Lodge**

[www.sossusvleilodge.com](http://www.sossusvleilodge.com)



## Day 12 – Departure



Guests enjoy a healthy breakfast at the Lodge.

Today guests will drive back to Windhoek. Your guide will take you to the International Airport where you check in just in time for your flight to Johannesburg.



**\*\*\* END OF AN EXCITING JOURNEY \*\*\***

