



Exclusive Namibia Fly-In Safari

Duration: 12 days

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Namibia Overview



Namibia - is one of the world's last true wilderness areas. It is the fifth largest country in Africa, encompassing 826,680 square kilometers (larger than France and Great Britain combined) yet it supports a meagre population of around 1.8 million people. Consequently, it is famed for its vast landscapes that are devoid of people, limitless horizons, wonderful game parks, interesting fauna and flora, sunny weather and tranquil starry nights. Its staggering geology boasts the world's highest sand dunes, one of the world's oldest deserts, and the second largest canyon. Last but not least Namibia offers the adventurer a wide range of activities such as hiking, parachuting, micro-lighting, hot-air ballooning, dune skiing, wild river rafting, lake diving, horse riding, and abseiling to name a few.



Etosha's silvery pan and surrounding plains in the north of the country teem with game, making Etosha National Park one of the world's greatest wildlife viewing venues. Damaraland desert-adapted elephant and endangered black rhino roam freely and can be tracked on foot and in open 4WDs. Flying along the Skeleton Coast you will find roaring dunes, hundred-thousand-strong seal colonies, mysterious shipwrecks, intriguing desert-adapted plants and animals, and flocks of pelicans and flamingos; whilst the enormous and empty Namib Desert and the giant sand dunes of Sossusvlei dominate the landscape to the south. Climbing a dune at Sossusvlei to watch the sunrise it's easy to see why Namibia is a photographer's dream. The dunes are enchanting, totally unspoilt, and best of all, you have them to yourself.



There are three main ways to explore Namibia - by light aircraft, being driven by a guide or exploring on a self-drive trip. Namibia is the ultimate country for flying safaris and seeing the country's spectacular scenery from the air is a breathtaking experience.

A choice of both guided and self-drive safaris is also available using reliable and air-conditioned vehicles travelling on Namibia's well-maintained road network. For guided safaris, you will be driven by a qualified guide, or if you are a little more adventurous you can self-drive around the country.



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Day 1 & 2 - Okonjima Lodge



Day 1

Arrival at the International Airport in Windhoek. Here you will be met by your Terra Nova Tourguide who will accompany you on your entire trip through Namibia. He or she will assist you with your luggage and will take you to your Private Charter Aircraft, a Cessna 210.

Flight to Okonjima Lodge, where you will stay for two nights at the Okonjima Bush Camp. Flying time: approx. 1 hour

Not only is Okonjima a luxury lodge, but it is also home to The AfriCat Foundation, a non-profit organization, committed to long-term conservation of Namibia's large carnivores, especially cheetahs and leopards.

A visit to Okonjima will give you an opportunity to witness some of AfriCat's work.

Okonjima lies nestled within the unspoiled beauty of the Omboroko Mountains. In the Herero language, Okonjima means, "place of the baboons". The Bush Camp consists of eight luxuries thatched African Chalets. Guests at both Okonjima Main Lodge and Okonjima Bush Camp can experience the work done by the AfriCat Foundation.

Apart from the bush camp, there is also an education and research centre on the property, as well as rehabilitation camps for various animals. Guests at Okonjima have the opportunity to experience these cats first hand, and will also learn about what is being done by the AfriCat foundation to ensure the survival of these animals in Namibia.

For complete privacy the chalets at Okonjima Bush Camp are situated a minimum of 80 meters apart. The chalets are a combination of earthy ochre walls, and khaki green canvas, under a thatched roof. With half the chalet made from canvas the entire front of the chalet can be rolled up at night allowing the cool breeze and sounds of the Namibian bush into the bungalow. The less adventurous can securely close the sides and sleep safely in the knowledge that the outside world is where it belongs..... outside!

Arrival at the Lodge around lunch time. Check-In and time at leisure.

Lunch is served at the Lodge, should you be hungry.

Afternoon tea is served and then you take part in one of the activities they offer:

- Leopard Tracking
- Visit to the Cheetah Welfare Program and AfriCat
- Bushman Trails
- Cheetah Tracking on Foot

An African welcome dinner will be served at the lodge.

Overnight Okonjima Bush Camp www.okonjima.com

Day 2

You will be able to participate in 2 of the above mentioned activities (morning and afternoon).

All meals are served at the Lodge.

Overnight Okonjima Bush Camp www.okonjima.com



Day 3 & 4 - Etosha National Park



Tag 3

After your morning activity and a hearty brunch you check out and continue your journey by private charter to the Onguma Game Reserve on the border of the Etosha National Park. Flying time: approx. 45 Minutes

Arrival at the airstrip; you will be met by your ranger and transferred to the Lodge.

The Fort is unlike any other, the only one of its kind in Namibia. It is built in exactly the right spot to give guests probably one of the best sunset views in the whole of Namibia - overlooking the beautiful scarceness of the Etosha Pans, decorated only with its wild animals and hundreds of Camel Thorn trees.



Upon arriving at The Fort, you will be received by not only our friendly staff, but also massive raw walls, stunning stone cladded features and a huge tower with the views toward Etosha and Fisher's Pan. The Fort will surprise you at every corner; a classical African feel combined with a touch of Moroccan and Indian flavors, characterized by a selection of the most beautiful antique windows and doors.



Accommodation at Onguma - The Fort consists of 12 Suites, all situated adjacent to the Main Fort extending on both sides to the south and the north. Every mini Suite is completely private and about 50 meters apart from one another and is equipped with a bar fridge, telephone and an air cooling system for those warmer days. The spacious bathroom has both an inside shower as well as an outside shower area. From every area of the room, wooden decks lead you towards the outside seating area and sun loungers for just relaxing and enjoying the extraordinary view.



Lunch is served on arrival at the Lodge. Thereafter Check-In.

At 3pm departure for a afternoon Safari Drive into the Etosha National Park in a 4x4 vehicle and a qualified Ranger.

Etosha's definitive feature is the Etosha Pan, a vast shallow depression, about 5000 sq km in size. Classified as a saline desert, the expansive white place of dry water is an unusual setting for game and the factor, which sets Etosha apart from other reserves in Africa. On some days the pan is a shimmering sheet of mirages on which the animals appear to be floating on air. A total of 114 animals are represented in the park, including several rare and endangered species such as black rhino and black-faced impala.



Return to the Lodge around sunset, when the Gates close at Etosha.

Time at leisure. Why not enjoy a sundowner drink on the beautiful viewing deck of the Lodge?

An exclusive dinner is served in the dining room of the Lodge.

Overnight at Onguma - The Fort www.onguma.com



Day 4

You will be able to participate in morning and afternoon Etosha Safaris. All meals are served at the Lodge.

Overnight at Onguma - The Fort www.onguma.com

Day 5 & 6 - Serra Cafema / Meet the Himbas



Day 5

After breakfast you receive a transfer to the airstrip – from here you charter to the Sera Cafema Camp. Flying time: approx. 1h30

Serra Cafema is located in the extreme north-west of Namibia and is probably the most remote camp in Southern Africa. For those who appreciate truly wild places, the journey to Serra Cafema is one of the most exciting in all of Africa - the flight in takes guests over some incredible scenery. The airstrip is well to the south of the camp in the Hartmann Valley, an immense grassland plain between two high mountain ranges. The camp's Portuguese name comes from the mountains to the north that dominates the skyline. The region is shared with wonderful Himba people who are some of the last true nomadic people in Africa. The Kunene River is the only permanent source of water in the whole region and the river creates a lush oasis along its banks surrounded by rugged mountains and sand dunes. In some ways, being at Serra Cafema is a bit like being on the banks of the Nile as the Kunene River meanders through the desert.

Arrival in the Hartmans Valley at the Serra Cafema Airstrip. From here you will be transferred by your ranger in open 4x4 vehicles to the Camp. The drive takes about 40 minutes.

The small, private camp is built within an island of ancient, shady Albida trees on the banks of the Kunene River. The camp is rustic and peaceful, with all the comforts in fully furnished tents with en-suite bathroom facilities. The camp has 9 canvas and thatched chalets on decks, each with its own en-suite bathroom. One falls asleep to the gurgling water sounds from the cataract downstream from camp. The camp has a small swimming pool, dining room and bar. The camp is located just inland from the Atlantic Ocean and the Skeleton Coast. The cool winds that blow from the Atlantic help to keep the camp cool, even in summer.

You will spend time in breath-taking landscape scenes in the Hartmann Valley, to the south of the camp, with herds of Springbok, Ostrich and even Leopard. Game drives amongst the sand dunes on 4x4 vehicles and boating on the Kunene River are the focus for the area. Walking trails in the remote mountain and river valleys will always be a highlight for those who enjoy foot safaris. Other activities include traversing the sand dunes on quad bikes, boating on the Kunene River, walks in the valleys and at the waterfalls, visit to a working Himba village and full day outings with picnic lunches.

Meals are served at the Lodge.

Overnight at Sera Cafema Camp www.wilderness-safaris.com



Day 6

You will be able to participate in activities described above.

All meals are served at the Lodge.

Overnight at Sera Cafema Camp www.wilderness-safaris.com



Day 7 & 8 - Coastal Town of Swakopmund



Day 7

Departure from Serra Cafema and flight along the Skeleton Coast to Swakopmund.
Flying time: approx. 2 hours

In Swakopmund you check in at the Swakopmund Hotel for 2 nights, which was built in and around the beautifully restored Old Station Building, dating back to 1901. The hotel is situated in the city centre and all shops, restaurants, as well as the beach can be reached conveniently by foot. The rooms are all decorated in a Victorian style reminiscent of a bygone era of grace and civility. Rooms have individual aircon, television, tea/coffee making facilities, bathroom with bath, shower and toilet, direct dial phones, electronic safes, electric razor plugs, fully stocked mini bars, hair dryers and eight channels TV.

Check-In at the hotel and time at leisure.

After you are refreshed, you enjoy a walking out of Swakopmund with your guide. Swakopmund is a quaint and beautiful seaside town with many colonial buildings, dating back to the turn of the century which gives it a special charm. Huge Palm Trees, flowering bushes, sandy beaches and the Atlantic Ocean make this a very special destination. There are many interesting shops selling African craft, as well as little restaurants and coffee shops serving Namibian and German cuisine.



After the walk, we continue by a 4x4 vehicle into the Moon Landscape. The breathtaking moon landscape presents a dramatic surrounding for the sundowner drinks, which have been specifically set up for you at a dramatic view point. Dry snacks and sparkling wine are served. In the background of this fascinating scenery, the fire red sun sets in the African sky. Thereafter return to the hotel.

Dinner is at leisure in Swakopmund. Your guide will gladly point out the 'hot spots' in town.

Overnight at Swakopmund Hotel www.legacyhotels.co.za



Day 8

After breakfast, you will transfer to Walvis Bay, which is approx. 45 min from Swakopmund. The drive will take you along the towering sand dunes of the Namib. A catamaran will take you on a scenic and informative trip through the harbor 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. With a bit of luck, whales and dolphins can also be spotted. Fresh Namibian Oysters, other snacks, sparkling wine and soft drinks are served on the boat before returning to shore around lunchtime.

The day will continue with a 4x4 adventure drive through the dunes outside Swakopmund. Just the drive in the dunes is an amazing experience, but your specialist guide Tommy will show you a lot more than sand. Tommy introduces you to some of the fascinating, hidden life in this apparently barren landscape that is part of the Namib Desert. Here you can find creatures endemic to the Namib: the sidewinder, the Palmato Gecko with its transparent skin and beautiful colors - we dig into the dune side to find this nocturnal desert-dweller. We track the large Namaqua Chameleon, and watch it enjoy brunch. Then it's a dash to catch the swift sand-diving lizard.

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Overnight at Swakopmund Hotel www.legacyhotels.co.za



Day 9 - Sossusvlei and Namib



Day 9

Today's flight is a highlight on its own: After passing Walvis Bay, you reach Sandwich Harbour, a wetland of international importance and protected by the Ramsar Convention. Further, along the coast with the Atlantic surf on the one side and the "long wall" (Namib dunes) on the other, we will do some Low-level scenic flight along the "Forbidden Coast" with its shipwrecks, seal colonies and the flamingoes at Sandwich Harbour. You continue the flight, passing the remains of old diamond camps to the coast at Conception Bay towards Sesriem and the Sesriem Canyon to the highest shifting sand dunes in the world at Sossusvlei. No part of the desert is visually more stunning than Sossusvlei. The warm tints of the sand range from pale apricot to brick orange and deep red, vividly contrasting with the large white clay pans at some of their bases. Flying time: approx. 1h30

At the Lodges airstrip, you are met by your ranger and transferred to Sossusvlei Desert Lodge.

Check-In at the hotel and time at leisure.



Sossusvlei Desert Lodge is situated in the heart of the Namib Desert on the farm Vreemdelingspoort, which is one of eleven farms that make up the NamibRand Nature Reserve. This pristine reserve, one of the largest in Africa, is a massive 180,000 hectares and shares a common border of some 110 km with the Namib-Naukluft Park in the west and is protected by the Nubib mountain range in the east. The special attraction of the NamibRand is the captivating beauty and diversity of its landscape, which changes from expansive gravel plains to undulating dune seas, rugged canyons with towering walls of volcanic rock and distant mountain ranges. Sossusvlei Mountain Lodge is a truly magnificent lodge.



The surrounding area lends itself to numerous activities which include scenic drives by four-wheel drive vehicle on the NamibRand Nature Reserve where you encounter a variety of desert animals such as gemsbok, zebra, springbok, bat-eared fox, aardwolf, caracal and jackal.

Lunch is served at the Lodge.



An afternoon excursion into the Nature Reserve surrounding the Lodge provides both the keen and amateur photographer with ample photo opportunities. A wonderful way of experiencing the dunes is by All Terrain Vehicles with an experienced guide, who takes one along set paths so as not to damage the fragile ecology.

Sundowner drinks are served at a view point along the way.

Return to the Lodge before dinner. Dinner is served in the dining room of the Lodge.



At the end of the day the blanket of stars, which lights up the desert sky, are brought to life through the lodge's high-powered computerized telescope. Housed in a separate building, this Meade Telescope affords the amateur and the professional stargazer a close-up view of the galaxy.

Overnight Sossusvlei Desert Lodge www.andbeyond.com

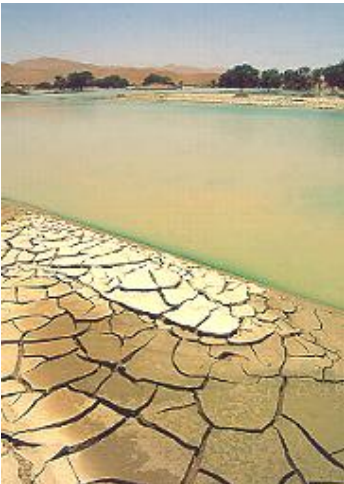
Day 10 - Sossusvlei and Namib



Day 10

An early start from the Lodge in your 4x4 vehicles to enter the Namib-Naukluft Park at sunrise, while the temperature is still mild and when the dune contrasts are at their best. Early morning guided nature drives to the spectacular dunes of Sossusvlei are through a private gate on the Tsauchab River.

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 a hearty breakfast at the foot of the dunes.

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



In the afternoon, we depart for another 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. Your 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.

The cuisine is traditionally African, and the Lodge usually offers everything from beef sausages over Oryx stew to springbok kebabs, accompanied by seasonal vegetables, breads and accompaniments. Lastly, guests indulge in the dessert selection which consists of some local treats as well as the old favourites.

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Day 11 - Hot Air Ballooning over the Dunes



Day 11

Early wake-up call for an unforgettable and most beautiful experience! A Balloon Safari over the Sossusvlei area is the ultimate treat. Take off and drift across this magic landscape at Sunrise towards an unknown destination. After an unforgettable one-hour flight, an Out of Africa Champagne Breakfast awaits you where you land. A long table is set up in the middle of the desert a guests are invited to help themselves to a delicious continental breakfast. After breakfast we return to the lodge to refresh and pack.

Please note: This excursion is weather dependent and can only be done in good conditions. Flying time and routing are dependent on the wind and can't be determined ahead of time.



After the check-out you will fly to the Eros Airport in Windhoek from where you will be transferred to the GocheGanas Lodge.

Check/In and time at leisure

At GocheGanas you are spoilt not only by the beauty therapists – who deliver treatments varying from beauty and cosmetics to hydrotherapy treatments and open-space massages – but also by Mother Nature herself. Situated on 6.000ha of pristine savannah, the nature reserve houses 1.600 specimens of wildlife, which include amongst others white rhino, bat-eared fox, giraffe, cheetah, oryx, waterbuck and ostrich. GocheGanas has a fascinating geology and there is also a wide variety of bird life.



Accommodation consists of 16 private suits, the architecture of which incorporates local arts and crafts in celebration of the cultures of Namibia. The concept at the wellness village is ideal for honeymooners and most of the amenities are wheelchair friendly.

In the afternoon you have the option to either book a beauty treatment at the spa or join in on an excursion to the Stone Age Caverns.



During December 2002, an exciting discovery of ancient Stone Age caverns was made, located a few kilometers from the Lodge. Stone tools and a variety of pottery shards were found, and it has been confirmed that the pieces are between 2.000 and 9.000 years old.

More and more caverns are constantly being discovered, and it would appear that the natural hot water spring on GocheGanas could have been the reason for Stone Age humans to settle down here. The possibility also exists that rock engravings or paintings may be found on GocheGanas. Due care is taken to not damage this sensitive area, and for this reason, guided visits to the Stone Age Caverns are offered by GocheGanas.



A visit to the Stone Age Caverns lasts about 2 and half hour, and includes a drive to the site, and thereafter a short walk to the Caverns. On the way back to the Lodge, we stop for sundowner drinks and snacks.

Return to the Lodge before dinner.

A farewell/dinner is served in the Restaurant of the Lodge

Overnight at GocheGanas Lodge www.gocheganas.com



Day 12 - Windhoek and Departure



Day 12

After breakfast, Check-Out and Transfer to Windhoek.

After arrival in Windhoek, you will enjoy city tour. A lunch will be served at a lovely local restaurant in the centre of town.



Get swept away on a journey back in time; a journey into the history of Namibia and its people. This tour visits historical places such as the Christus Kirche (a church for the German Lutheran congregation built in 1907) and the Alte Feste (The first German military barracks and headquarters – now a national monument and museum). This tour also takes you around the Old Railway Building and the Penduka Arts & Crafts centre, selling and displaying handcraft of indigenous women.

If you are interested, we will visit a social project in the townships of Windhoek, supported by the German-Namibian organisation. The organisation has built a soup kitchen, feeding several hundred HIV/Aids Orphans a day as well as a creche.



You will experience everyday life in Katutura township. Your guide will introduce you to locals and show you around. You have the opportunity to talk to people and to visit the local market, hospital or little shops.

The transfer to the airport depends on your flight time. Most flights depart in the afternoon or evening.

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

