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NAMIBIA Self Driving Trips



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"Since 2003, I've been working as a Safari Tour Guide in Namibia, and I am madly in love with this country. My fluency in French and English has given me the opportunity to meet and host thousands of visitors from around the world. I really do know pretty well every mile of this country and can introduce you to the special and magical places. I can also give you important advice to ensure your trip is comfortable and safe."

Please feel free to call or email me if you have questions or want to discuss your travels."

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Why choose us?//

- We've been planning and hosting safaris for more than 15 years.
- Our manager and key guide, Damien Morel, has driven more than 700,000 kilometers in Namibia, and he works closely with others with equally extensive knowledge.
- Damien has personally hosted more than 2,500 clients, in small groups, who now have memories of a lifetime.
- We work closely with established local tour operators and have direct access to any bookings you require.
- We provide practical and sound advice. You can be assured of security and peace of mind when you book through us.
- We know the distances and how long it takes to travel in Namibia. You won't have any surprises when you get here.
- We don't like crowds.
- We don't charge extra for our services. You'll never pay more – maybe you'll even pay less – by booking through us!



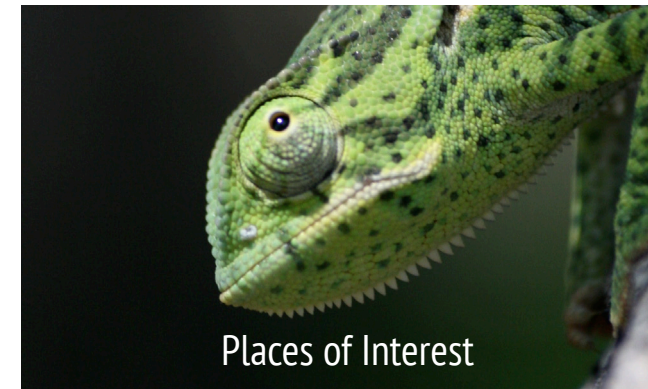
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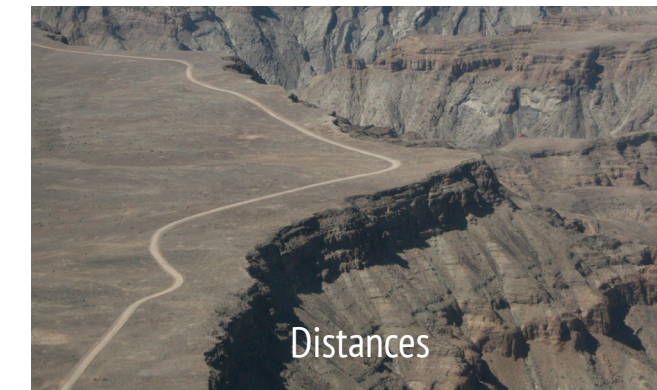
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Exciting Activities



When to Travel



Distances



Important Things to Know



Driving in Namibia



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In Namibia we drive on the left side of the road.

Driver's License

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Road Conditions

All main roads in Namibia are tarred but the majority of the network consists of gravel road. The conditions of these gravel roads will very depending on the time of year and the amount of traffic on the roads. You must always drive with caution and never above the speed limit. During the rainy season you must check at your accommodation to find out if the road you plan to take on that given day is passable. Sometimes rivers flood the roads, and an alternative route must be found.

Speed Limit

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Signage

Traffic regulation signs and destination signs are positioned regularly along roads and it is (almost) impossible to get lost when following them carefully.

Fueling Your Vehicle

Always fill up your fuel tank whenever possible, even if the tank is not completely empty. On a standard tour of Namibia, petrol stations are found on average every 200 - 300km. Some stations accept credit cards but always be prepared to pay for fuel with cash.

Drinking and Driving

The blood alcohol limit when driving in Namibia is .04. You are best advised not to have even one alcoholic beverage and then take to the road. Namibian prisons are harsh and dangerous. If you test over the alcohol limit, you will be put in jail for at least one night. It is best to be safe.





Places of Interest



01 Etosha

Among the biggest national reserves in the world (22,270 km²), the Etosha National Park is a true wildlife sanctuary, with 114 species of mammals, 340 species of birds, and many species of reptiles. A huge white dried lake or 'pan' is situated in the northern central part of Etosha, and gives the park its name. During the dry season, we highly recommend spending three nights in Etosha, and if possible always plan for at least two nights on the eastern side of the park, which generally offers the most interesting game viewing.



02 Hoanib River

This ephemeral river, marking the transition between the Erongo and Kunene, is a true wildlife oasis where desert-adapted elephants, giraffes, baboons and antelopes can be seen in their natural environment throughout the year. Discovering this untamed wilderness requires a 4x4 vehicle and an experienced guide. During the rainy season, the riverbeds can become inaccessible. A stay of two nights is highly recommended during the dry season.



03 Koakoland/Epupa

In the north-western corner of Namibia is a vast expanse of mountains and semi-arid plains, where the semi-nomadic people, the ovaHimba, live. Opuwo, the administrative capital of the region, is the departure point for the Epupa Falls, which were created by the Kunene River on the border of Angola and Namibia. The river drops in a series of waterfalls spread over 1.5km, with the greatest single drop being 37m. The falls, framed by coloured rock walls, fig trees, baobabs and makalani palms, are set in a largely unspoiled environment. We do not recommend going to the western part of the Kaokoland without an experienced guide.



04 Palmwag

The Palmwag area offers wide-open spaces covered with layers of rust-coloured stones. The Palmwag concession is a protected area where black rhino, desert-adapted elephant, mountain zebra and various antelope can be found. There is also a wide range of predators such as lion, cheetah, hyena and leopard. No fences close off the concession allowing game and predators to roam freely. To maximize your chances of seeing black rhino, we recommend a two-night stay at Desert Rhino Camp or Grootberg Lodge.



05 Twyfelfontein

Situated in a chaotic tumble of red sand-stone, Twyfelfontein is known for its stone-age engravings and paintings. Displaying one of the largest concentrations of rock petroglyphs in Africa, Twyfelfontein became Namibia's first UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2007. The visit consists of two walks on well- maintained paths. Should you also want to partake in a 4×4 drive to look for desert-adapted elephants, oryx, kudu and other wildlife in this area, we recommend that you plan a two- night stay. During the rainy season this drive may be more difficult (or impossible) to do, depending on the amount of rain that has been received.



06 Skeleton Coast

Skeleton Coast National Park is located in northwest Namibia, and has the most inaccessible shores dotted with shipwrecks. The park is 20,000km2, and possibly the least visited park in the world. The largest part of the Skeleton Coast is closed to the public, and access can only be obtained via the few concession holders allowed to operate in this area. It is nevertheless possible to visit a small section of the park by driving along the coast from Palmwag to Swakopmund. The coast is generally flat, occasionally relieved by rocky outcrops. The southern section consists of gravel plains,while north of Terrace Bay the landscape is dominated by sand dunes.



07 Cape Cross

With more than 80,000 Cape fur seals, Cape Cross accommodates one of the biggest seal colonies in Africa. If a cruise in Walvis Bay is included in your tour, it is not necessary to make the detour of 100km round trip to visit Cape Cross, as you will see plenty of seals on the cruise.



08 Swakopmund

The first seaside resort in Namibia has maintained a strongly German atmosphere. It offers a good opportunity to rest and refresh between the north and the south of the country. Numerous activities are offered (on supplement), including quad biking, township tours, scenic flights above the Namib Desert, and horse riding.



09 Walvis Bay

Walvis Bay is where you will find not only Namibia's biggest commercial harbour, but also a natural reserve and a protected bird migration sanctuary. Flamingos and many others species can be seen all year round. A cruise from the harbour is an excellent way to breathe the fresh sea air and watch Cape fur seals, dolphins and other marine wildlife in the lagoon. Combining this cruise with a 4×4 trip to Sandwich Harbour, where the dunes meet the Atlantic Ocean, will guarantee an interesting and adventurous day on the Namibian coast.



10 Naukluft Mountains

East of Sesriem, the Naukluft Mountains are formed by a plateau surrounded with gorges. Thanks to a large number of hiking trails with natural pools along the path, the Naukluft Mountains are a real hiker's paradise. A campsite and 4×4 trail are also available.

11 Namib Desert

One of the oldest deserts in the world, the Namib Desert is one of the most visited tourist attractions in Namibia. At the end of a 65km tar road and a 5km sand road are the dried lakes of Deadvlei and Sossusvlei, surrounded by some of the highest dunes in the world (some more than 300m high), with a wide array of colours which vary in intensity depending on the time of the day. Close to the entrance of the park, the Sesriem Canyon offers an interesting walk. Formed by the Tsauchab River, this small canyon is a fascinating example of different geological formations and the effects of weather conditions millions of years ago.

12 Namib Rand Reserve

This private reserve is one of the biggest in southern Africa, and has a boundary with the Namib Naukluft National Park. The dunes might be smaller but the beauty of the landscape is just as extraordinary! There are different types of accommodation for different budgets, ranging from a self-catering farmhouse, a two-day guided hiking itinerary, to a four star tented camp or lodge accommodation. A minimum of two nights is highly recommended and in some cases compulsory.

13 Luderitz/Kolmanskop

Lüderitz, a small town in the south of the desert, accommodates the second commercial harbour in Namibia. Not very far away is the main attraction of the area, the historic town of Kolmanskop. One of the richest towns in Namibia at the start of the diamond rush in the early 1900s, it was completely deserted by 1956. Since then the sands have invaded the houses, creating beautiful scenes which attract a large number of visitors and photographers.

14 Fish River Canyon

With a length of 56km and a width of 27km, the Fish River Canyon is the second largest canyon in the world. A number of viewpoints along its edge offer spectacular views to the many visitors. The best time to fully enjoy the beauty of the canyon and its shadow-plays is in the morning. Many lodges – for different budgets – are available in this area, but one which has been built on the western side of the canyon (outside of the national park) offers one of the most beautiful views in Namibia as well as drives into the canyon (depending on the month of travel and the weather conditions).

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16 Caprivi

Not as well-known and frequently visited as the rest of the country, the Caprivi Strip is home to a large portion of the Namibian population, most of whom still live in traditional villages and sell handmade crafts on the roadside. There are some small national parks, still intimate and wild, largely accessible only with an off-road vehicle. The Caprivi Strip also offers perfect access to the well-known Chobe National Park in Botswana and the spectacular Victoria Falls.



Exciting Activities



Boat Cruise Walvis Bay

Duration: 4 1/2 hours – minimum 2 persons
Departing from Walvis Bay, this activity takes place in the morning only. The trip is on a small boat or catamaran and sails from the harbour to Pelican Point. You'll see pelicans, flamingos, seals, cormorants, dolphins and maybe even whales (depending on the season). Light snacks, soft drinks and oysters are served on board. For larger groups (minimum eight persons) it is possible to book a picnic lunch on the beach or a shorter (and cheaper) cruise.



Kayaking Walvis Bay

Duration: 5 – 6 hours of kayaking – minimum 2 persons
This activity can only be done in the morning. Clients depart with a 4x4 vehicle from the Walvis Bay yacht club to Pelican Point (+/- 40km driving), which is close to the seal colony and is the starting point of the activity. Kayaking on the lagoon offers possible sightings of pelicans, flamingos, cormorants, seals, dolphins and even whales (depending on month of travel). Hot drinks and biscuits are included. Double or single kayaks as well as life jackets and waterproof bags for cameras are included.



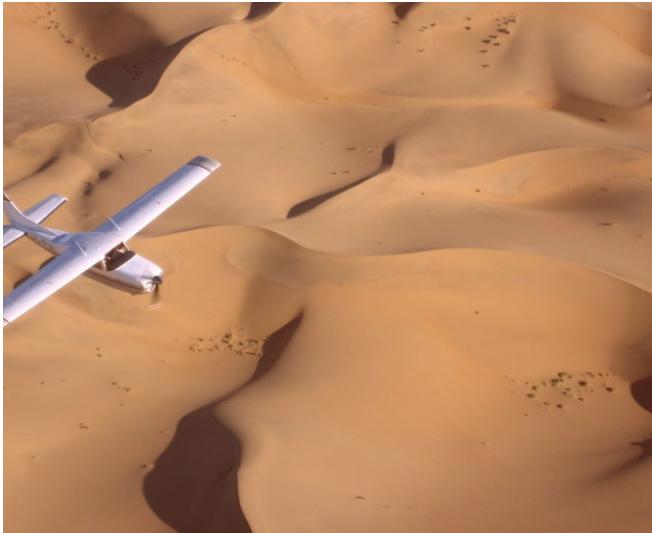
Flightseeing Coast

Scenic flight over the coast, old diamond-mining camps and the Sossusvlei dunes
Duration: 2 hours 20 mins – maximum 5 passengers per plane -
This is one of the most scenic flights in the world. Late afternoon is the best time to enjoy the colours of the landscape as the sun goes down. This flight will take you over Sandwich Harbour, the Edward Bohlen shipwreck, old diamond-mining camps, the dunes of Sossusvlei, and the Kuiseb River. The flight direction may change due to weather conditions. Small planes must land before sunset, so the latest flight leaves Swakopmund about three hours before sunset.



Flight Seeing Sossusvlei

Scenic flight above the Sossusvlei dunes.
 Duration: 40 minutes maximum 5 persons per plane
 This scenic flight departs from Sossusvlei Lodge. Various flights are available with different durations and destinations. The end of the afternoon is the best time of the day to enjoy the beautiful colours of the landscape. Travellers must organize their own transfer to the meeting point of the flight. This is a good alternative for those who didn't have the time to do it from Swakopmund.
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Dune Activities Quad Biking

Duration: 2 hours – minimum two persons
 Riding in the sand dune belt along the Atlantic Ocean will allow you to enjoy some spectacular scenery while having fun at the same time. No experience is required and manual and automatic quad bikes are available. The activity is guided and can be done in the morning or in the afternoon. Drinks are included, as well as transfers to and from the hotel. You can choose from tours lasting between 45 minutes and three hours. A sundowner at the end of the ride can be organised at an extra cost.
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Dune Activities Sand Boarding

This activity takes place in the sand dune belt close to Swakopmund. You can opt for either the lying-down or standing-up version. No previous experience is required. If you choose a sledge, you can take six runs (see picture) reaching speeds of 80km/h! Alternatively, you can go for two runs of sandboarding which closely resembles snowboarding. This activity is guided and drinks are included, as well as the transfers to and from the hotel. It is possible to combine this activity with a quad bike ride.



Ballooning Sossusvlei

Hot air balloon flight over the Namib plains
 Duration: 1 hour flight followed by champagne breakfast – minimum two persons
 The flight starts just before sunrise and lasts for an hour. Important: flights depend on wind directions and weather conditions. There is no guarantee that the flight will be over the dunes. After landing, a breakfast with sparkling wine is served (for an extra cost we can organise real champagne). Transfers to and from the lodge are included for the following establishments: Sossusvlei Lodge, Kulala Desert Lodge, Le Mirage Desert Lodge and Sossusvlei Desert Lodge. For other lodges, we can organize transfers at an extra cost



Nature Sandwich Harbour

Sandwich Harbour 4x4 excursion
 Duration: half day or full day – minimum two persons
 Depart from Walvis Bay in a 4x4 vehicle towards Pelican Point and then Sandwich Harbour, where the dunes meet the ocean. The excursion includes dune driving, and a walk can be taken along the ocean. Picnic lunch (for the full-day activity or when combined with the morning boat cruise) and drinks are included. It is also possible to combine this activity with a morning boat cruise, in which case this excursion will take place in the afternoon.



Nature Living Desert

Living Desert Adventure
 Duration: 5 hours – minimum two persons
 Half-day excursion with a 4x4 vehicle in the dunes between Swakopmund and Walvis Bay (preferably in the morning, afternoon tours are subject to weather conditions) to discover the amazing adaptations of insects and reptiles to the harsh desert conditions. Drinks as well as transfers to and from the hotel are included.



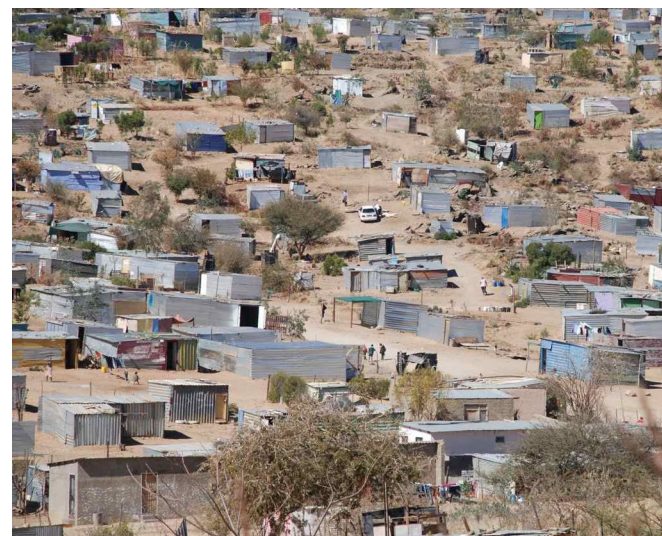
Nature Topnaar Tour by Quad

Quad biking in the Kuiseb Delta
Duration: 3 hours – minimum two persons
Depart on a quad bike excursion in the Kuiseb Delta, where the Topnaar people live. You will discover all the historical and scientific points of interest of this region: the formation of the delta, the dunes, underground water and the presence of an astounding variety of wildlife. This trip will also give you unique insights into the Topnaars' way of life. No special licence is required for these quad bikes which are semi-automatic. The tour is guided and drinks are included. Lights are available with different durations and destinations. The end of the afternoon is the best time of the day to



Township Tour Swakopmund

Duration: 2 - 3 hours – minimum two persons
Depart in a minibus or local taxi to the Mondesa township where you will discover the culture and way of life of different ethnic groups residing in this part of Swakopmund. During the visit, you will be shown traditional methods for preparing Mahango (millet), meet Herero women in traditional dress, listen to the Damara language with its clicks, and visit a kindergarten in the heart of the township. A traditional meal is served if the visit starts in the morning. This activity is a great support for the local community and is a true encounter with the Namibian people!



Angling Swakopmund

Duration: 8 hours – maximum four persons
This activity is done in the area of Swakopmund or Henties Bay. Fishing is done from the beach and the exact spot is chosen in the morning according to where the fish are. The equipment, picnic lunch, services of a fishing guide and transfers to and from the hotel are included.



Horse Riding Sossusvlei

Duration: 2 hours or 1 to 2 nights minimum two persons
Desert Homestead offers sunrise champagne rides, sunset rides, or overnight horse rides on the border of the Namib Desert for the passionate rider. For the shorter rides little experience is required, but for the overnight ride, which can be one or two nights long, riders must have a good level of experience. This activity can be organized if you are not staying at Desert Homestead, but booking at least one day in advance is essential.



Tandem Skydiving

Sandwich Harbour 4x4 excursion
Duration: 2 hours – minimum two persons
Sky diving can be booked throughout the day as from 9h00 (weather conditions permitting). An instructor gives all the training and information you need before take-off. Once in the plane, you can enjoy a scenic flight of about 35 minutes until the plane reaches 3,000m. After jumping out of the plane there is a free-fall for about 30 - 35 seconds at a speed of 220km/h before the parachute opens. This is followed by a leisurely descent of about five to eight minutes before landing. Transfers to and from the hotel are included.



Star Gazing Near Windhoek

Goche Ganas together with SOLNA offer stargazing opportunities through a telescope along with a guide to interpret the amazing sights.

With zero light-pollution around you, the heavens take on a whole new splendour, especially on a clear, moonless night. All the equipment is the latest astronomical technology available.

This activity can be pre-booked or booked at the lodge, but is subject to the weather conditions.



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Day 01

Windhoek (40km – about 30 minute drive)
Arrival at Windhoek International Airport.
Transfer to vehicle rental office in Windhoek.
Receive all documentation and go over trip with our representative. Afternoon at leisure.
Lodging: TiMelen B&B – standard room or Londiningi Guesthouse, or similar (**/**)
Included: Transfer, vehicle rental, accommodation
Not included: lunch, dinner.

Day 02

Windhoek to Otjiwarongo (300km – about 4 hours driving time)
Depart to Otjiwarongo after breakfast. On the way you can stop at the Okahandja Craft Market.
Check in at the lodge. In the afternoon depart for a visit of the Cheetah Conservation Fund with the lodge.
Lodging: Frans Indongo Lodge or similar (***)
Included: transfer to Cheetah Conservation Fund, dinner, and accommodation
Not included: lunch, entrance fee to conservation.

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Day 03

Otjiwarongo to Etosha (385km - about 5 and a half hours)
Your trip continues to Etosha. Depending on your time of arrival you can depart in the afternoon for your first game drive in Etosha in your own vehicle (or with a lodge vehicle -with supplement).
Lodging: Mushara Bush Camp or similar (***)
Included: Dinner, accommodation
Not included: park entrance fees, lunch.



Day 04

Etosha (in the park, driving approximately 150 km per day)
Early in the morning depart for another safari in Etosha with your rental vehicle or with the lodge (with supplement).
Lodging: Mushara Bush Camp, or similar (***)
Included: dinner, accommodation
Excluded: lunch



Day 06

Etosha to Twyfelfontein (355km - about 5 and a half hours)
Morning game drive leaving the park, then on to Outjo and Twyfelfontein via Khorixas. You can stop at the Petrified Forest to where you can also see the well-known welwitschia mirabilis plant. In the afternoon you can visit the Twyfelfontein engravings, Organ Pipes and the Burnt Mountain or partake in a drive with the lodge (extra cost).
Lodging: Twyfelfontein Country Lodge, or similar (***)
Included: accommodation.
Excluded: lunch and dinner

Day 05

Etosha (in the park, driving approximately 200 km per day)
Depart on another full-day safari in Etosha with your rental vehicle to Okaukuejo.
Lodging: Okaukuejo Camp - waterhole chalet, or similar (***)
Included: dinner, accommodation
Excluded: lunch

Day 07

Twyfelfontein to Swakopmund (340km - about 6 hours)
After breakfast, travel to Swakopmund via the town of Uis, passing the highest peak in Namibia, the Brandberg Mountain, which is 2,573 meters above sea level. In the afternoon, arrive in Swakopmund, the small seaside resort which is a top holiday spot for Namibians.
Lodging: Beach Lodge - standard room, or similar (***)
Included: accommodation
Excluded: lunch and dinner

Day 08

Swakopmund (about 100km, driving in the area)
Whole day free to visit the town or to participate in activities offered on supplement: quad biking; guided Sandwich Harbour 4x4 excursion; morning boat cruise (can be combined with an afternoon Sandwich Harbour drive), township tours or scenic flights.
Lodging: Beach Lodge - standard room, or similar (***)
Included: accommodation
Excluded: lunch and dinner

Day 10

Namib Desert (240km - driving in the area)
Breakfast at least one hour before sunrise, then depart with your vehicle towards Sossusvlei and Deadvlei where some dunes measure up to 300m in height (the last 5km can only be undertaken on foot or with a 4x4 vehicle - shuttles are available at an extra cost). In the afternoon you can visit the Sesriem Canyon where centuries of erosion have cut a narrow gorge about 1km in length.
Lodging: Agama River Camp, or similar (***)
Included: dinner and accommodation
Excluded: lunch

Day 09

Swakopmund to Sesriem (300km - about 5 hours driving)
Your trip continues to the Kuiseb River, an important dry riverbed in Namibia because it halts the expansion of the dunes towards the north. You will cross the Namib Naukluft Park and check in at the lodge in the afternoon.
Lodging: Agama River Camp, or similar (***)
Included: dinner and accommodation
Excluded: lunch

Day 11

Sesriem to Mariental (350km - about 5 and a half hours)
Travel to Mariental in the morning. Check in at the lodge located on the border of the Kalahari Desert. In the afternoon you can join a sun-downer excursion with the lodge (with supplement).
Lodging: Intu Africa Zebra Lodge, or similar (***)
Included: dinner and accommodation
Excluded: lunch



Day 12

Mariental to Windhoek (295km - about 4 hours)

Depending on the time of your international flight you can participate in a guided bushman walk with the lodge (at an extra cost) before departing to Windhoek. Lunch excluded.

Return the rental vehicle to the car hire office in town before being transferred to Windhoek International Airport for your return flight (15h00 at the earliest).



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When to travel//

January and February

-- hottest months, rainy season; landscape is lush; breeding time for many species; rain fills up waterholes and animals spread out and are more difficult to see; elephants and some other animals migrate north.

March and April

-- April is normally the end of the rainy season; landscape is still green outside of desert areas; animals are migrating back from the north.

May and June

-- beginning of winter; dry weather, cold temperatures that can drop below 0 degrees C at night but warm up to 20/25 C during the day, June is coldest month of the year; best time for hiking, especially the Fish River Canyon and Tok Tokkie Trails which are closed during the hotter months; no clouds.

July and August

-- busiest time because of European school holidays, especially August when there's the highest influx of self-drive clients - not good time to visit if you don't like seeing lots of tourists; must book far in advance to secure preferred accommodation, vehicles, and guides; days are getting longer, temperatures are warming in August; waterholes are getting drier providing a better chance to see wildlife, especially in Etosha; August can be very windy.

September and October

-- days are longer still, so you have more daylight hours to travel and enjoy the scenery along the way; beginning of spring, trees start to bloom; ideal temperatures (not too hot, not too cold), rains can start to return in October; more large group travel during these two months plus November.

November and December

-- temperatures start to rise into the 30 degree range Celcius, with a chance of rain towards the end of the afternoon, which cools things down; good time to visit if you want a break from the cold of the European winter!

Things to know//

Respect the Wildlife

Please do not feed any wild animals and don't try to get close to them. Feeding them disturbs the ecology.

Is Your Passport Almost Full or About to Expire?

Your passport must be valid for at least six months when you arrive in Namibia. Plus, you need a minimum of three blank pages in your passport, of which two are next to each other. If you are traveling into other African countries as well, you'll need more than three blank pages to be on the safe side.

Risk of Malaria and Other Health Requirements

There is a risk of malaria all year round, especially in the northern part of the country. Please obtain the necessary medication from your local medical practitioner. Please carry insect repellent lotions or sprays with you, and use the mosquito net over your bed that most accommodations provide.

There are no vaccines required to visit Namibia, but 'tetanus' is recommended. If you are traveling to Victoria Falls and entering on the Zambian side, you will need to have a 'yellow fever' vaccination certificate. If you are visiting any areas in Africa infected by 'yellow fever', you will also need to carry your vaccination certificate with you to enter other countries.

Paying for Things

The Namibian dollar is the official currency in Namibia and is on par with the South African rand which is the legal tender. The exchange rate varies daily so you need to check with your bank. Please check our website, www.infinitehorizonssafaris for today's exchange rate.

Travellers cheques and foreign currencies can be exchanged in every bank and bureau de change. Most establishments accept payment by credit card, with the exception of some petrol stations, where payments are cash only. Some petrol stations charge an additional percentage for payments with credit cards, so make sure you ask beforehand. Payments with VISA and MASTERCARD are commonly accepted (American Express is rarely accepted).

There are bank machines in most of the larger communities.





Things to know//

Drivers Licenses

An international driving licence together with the national driving license is compulsory.

Mobile Phones

Your mobile phone will work in most locations within Namibia, except for really remote areas such as Hartmann's Valley or Puros. Roaming charges can be expensive.

Petrol Stations

Petrol stations are usually found every 250 km and sell petrol and diesel. However, we recommend you fill up your fuel tank whenever you reach a petrol station on long journeys, just to be on the safe side. It is possible a small station might have an emergency or close early in the evening. Not all petrol stations accept credit cards so be sure to carry enough cash to pay for your fuel. Also, ask beforehand if there is an additional fee for using your credit card.

Drinking Water

Most tap water is safe to drink, except in the Caprivi and along permanent rivers (please check with the accommodation owners when you arrive). Also, you should exercise caution in rural areas. Mineral water can be bought in every lodge, restaurant, grocery shop and most petrol stations.

Electricity

The power in Namibia is 220/240 volts. We lend adaptors for the three-point plugs to our clients on arrival.

Protect Your Camera

Namibia is a very dusty paradise! The very fine dust can damage your cameras, especially digital ones. We recommend to bring a plastic bag to protect your cameras, as well as at least two memory cards and batteries. You can charge your batteries in most lodges and hotels.

Ask Permission

Please ask permission before you take a person's photo.

Safety

Please remember to lock your vehicle at all times if you are traveling by road. Also be sure to store valuables so they are out of sight when you leave the vehicle.

When staying at lodges, etc., you should lock your valuables in a safe place.

If paying by credit card, do not allow your card to be taken out of your sight. Accompany your card to the machine.

Take the same precautions in Namibia that you do in any big city in the world; always be aware that there might be pickpockets or someone interested in stealing from your person.

It is not advisable to swim in most African rivers.

Insure Yourself

We strongly recommend that you take out a good travel insurance covering cancellation fees, repatriation on medical grounds and hospital fees. This is not included in our prices.

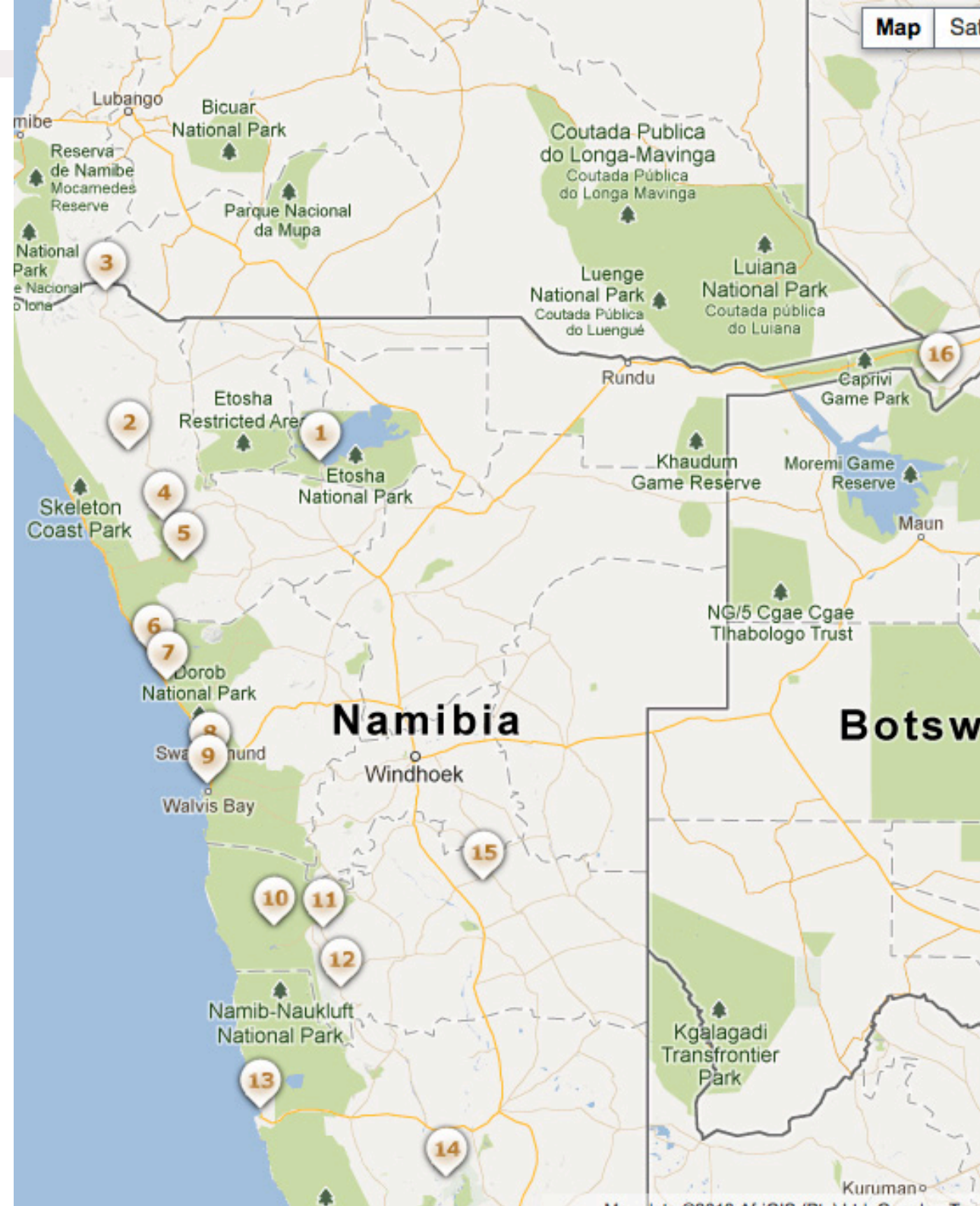
Tipping

It is customary to give a tip of 10% in restaurants, as well as a tip for portage and general service. Salaries in Namibia are generally still quite low and people are happy to receive a tip.



Places of Interest

DIVERSE and BEAUTIFUL



Etosha 01

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Hoanib River 02

This ephemeral river, marking the transition between the Erongo and Kunene, is a true wildlife oasis where desert-adapted elephants, giraffes, baboons and antelopes can be seen in their natural environment throughout the year. Discovering this untamed wilderness requires a 4x4 vehicle and an experienced guide. During the rainy season, the riverbeds can become inaccessible. A stay of two nights is highly recommended during the dry season.

Koakoland/Epupa 03

In the north-western corner of Namibia is a vast expanse of mountains and semi-arid plains, where the semi-nomadic people, the ovaHimba, live. Opuwo, the administrative capital of the region, is the departure point for the Epupa Falls, which were created by the Kunene River on the border of Angola and Namibia. The river drops in a series of waterfalls spread over 1.5km, with the greatest single drop being 37m. The falls, framed by coloured rock walls, fig trees, baobabs and makalani palms, are set in a largely unspoiled environment. We do not recommend going to

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