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# Namibia

This is a vast country of compelling beauty and spectacular landscapes, which is sparsely populated and has a timeless quality. The brooding Namib, said to be the oldest desert in the world, has towering red dunes lying along the Atlantic Ocean contrasting with tree skeletons in the Deadvlei.

Further north are the eerie desert shores and treacherous rocks of the Skeleton Coast, the graveyard of many ships and home to over 100,000 fur seals. Inland is the harsh wilderness of Damaraland with its desert elephant, living fossil plants, stone-age rock engravings and desolate mountains.

Etosha National Park is based around a huge pan surrounded by grasslands and scrub whilst the Caprivi Strip has lush vegetation and riverine forests. However, both are renowned for their wildlife.

The savannah and rugged mountains of the central plateau, give way to spectacular views of Fish River Canyon in the south and dense scrub, open plains and riverine vegetation in the north.

This ageless land has dinosaur footprints, ancient fossil plants, memorable wildlife and extensive salt-pans interspersed with captivating desert wilderness. It is rich in colonial history and cultural diversity yet still appears somewhat untouched.



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## Sossusvlei – fly in tour

**Day 1 Windhoek** - transfer from Windhoek airport to your comfortable accommodation located in a quiet residential area.

Overnight and breakfast: Hilltop House or similar

**Day 2 Namib** - transfer to Eros Airport and board a light aircraft to take you to Sossusvlei Lodge located at Sesriem Gate in the heart of the Namib Desert. Time to relax by the pool or simply take a stroll in the desert area surrounding the lodge.

Overnight and full board: Sossusvlei Lodge or similar

**Day 3 Sossusvlei** - after an early breakfast take the excursion to Sossusvlei where you can climb one of the highest sand dunes in the world to experience endless vistas. The dunes lend amazing photographic opportunities as the rising sun creates an ever changing kaleidoscope of colours.

Overnight and full board: Sossusvlei Lodge or similar

**Day 4 Windhoek** - fly back to Eros Airport then a road transfer takes you to your hotel.

Overnight and breakfast: Hilltop House or similar

**Day 5 Departure** - transfer to Windhoek Airport for your onward flight.

Prices are from £715 per person including meals as shown.

## Southern Namibia – escorted minibus tour

**Day 1 Kalahari** - Travel south through rugged mountain ranges and the vegetated red dunes of the Kalahari Desert. Take a late afternoon scenic drive of the area.

Lunch, dinner and overnight: Auob Lodge or similar

**Day 2 Fish River Canyon** - A full day's journey through the desert-dominated landscapes to a prehistoric Quiver Tree Forest near Keetmanshoop and onwards to our lodge near Fish River Canyon.

Overnight and full board: Canon Lodge or similar

**Day 3 Fish River Canyon** - A guided excursion is taken to majestic Fish River Canyon with its impressive rock formations and viewpoints high above the deep winding gorges. The afternoon is at leisure to explore.

Dinner, overnight and breakfast: Canon Lodge or similar

**Day 4 Lüderitz** - Travel via historic Aus and through the barren Prohibited Diamond Area to the coastal fishing town of Lüderitz. After a short tour of the town visit the Diaz Cross.

Overnight and breakfast: Nest Hotel or similar

**Day 5 Central Namib** - Travel to the famous ghost town of Kolmanskop and onwards to our country hotel.

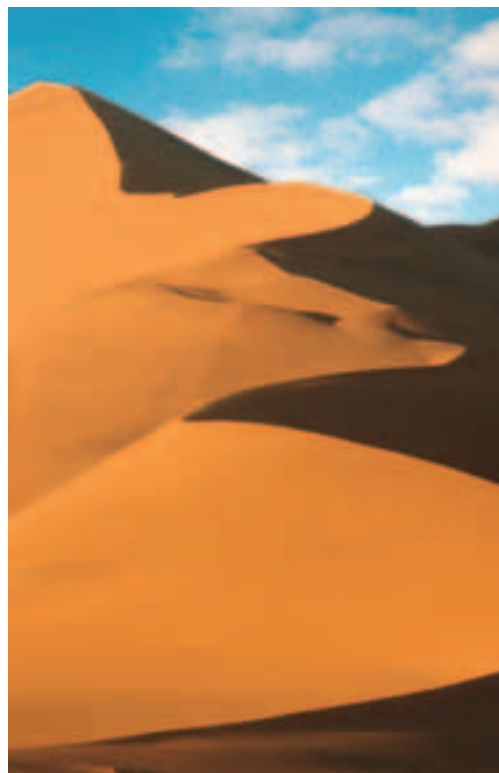
Overnight and full board: Helmeringhausen Hotel or similar

**Day 6 Duwisib** - Explore Duwisib Castle before an afternoon at leisure to relax in the desert surrounds.

Dinner, overnight and breakfast: Hammerstein Guest Farm or similar

**Day 7 Sossusvlei** - An early start to famous Sossusvlei and some of the highest sand dunes in the world. Explore the gorges of the Sesriem Canyon then during the afternoon transfer back to Windhoek with arrival in the evening.

Prices are from £935 per person including meals as shown.



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## Caprivi, Chobe & the Falls - escorted minibus tour

**Day 1 Windhoek** - transfer from Windhoek Airport to your quietly located accommodation.

Overnight and breakfast: Hilltop House

**Day 2 Otavi** - depart for Okahandja to visit the Herero graves and a local handicraft market then onwards to the far north.

Dinner, overnight and breakfast: Khorab Lodge or similar

**Day 3 Bagani** - travel through rural Africa en route to Rhundu arriving at your lodge in the afternoon, before enjoying a sunset cruise on the Kavango River.

Dinner, overnight and breakfast: Nkwazi Lodge or similar

**Day 4 Mamili** - visit Popa Falls followed by a game drive in Mahango National Park then onwards to Mamili National Park and your spectacular lodge for sunset game viewing.

Overnight and full board: Lianshulu Lodge or similar

**Day 5 Mamili** - a full day to enjoy game viewing and a boat cruise on the Kwando River.

Overnight and full board: Lianshulu Lodge or similar

**Day 6 Kasane** - travel to Katima Mulilo stopping for a packed lunch by the Zambezi before being transferred by boat to your Botswana lodge in Kasane. Enjoy a cruise on the Chobe River viewing large elephant and buffalo herds.

Dinner, overnight breakfast: King's Den or similar

**Day 7 Livingstone** - transfer by boat and road to your hotel by the magnificent Victoria Falls.

Overnight and breakfast: Zambezi Sun or similar

**Day 8 Depart** - transfer to Livingstone Airport or add some optional extra days to explore Victoria Falls and surround areas.

Prices are from £1,955 per person including meals as shown.

## Northern Namibia - escorted minibus tour

**Day 1 Swakopmund** - travel via Gamsberg Pass through Okahandja and visit Moon Valley before arriving at this coastal town.

Overnight, breakfast and packed lunch: Hansa Hotel or similar

**Day 2 Swakopmund** - Full day at leisure to explore this historic town with its mixture of German and Bohemian influences.

Overnight and breakfast: Hansa Hotel or similar

**Day 3 Damaraland** - travel northwards via Henties Bay to the Cape Cross Seal Reserve, home to over 100,000 Cape Fur Seals, before heading inland to Damaraland with its rugged landscapes and mountains.

Dinner, overnight and breakfast: Twyfelfontein Lodge or similar

**Day 4 Outjo** - Twyfelfontein has slopes strewn with boulders dotted with thousands of engravings and ancient paintings. Visit the Organ Pipes and Burnt Mountain before travelling onwards via the Petrified Forest to Outjo.

Dinner, overnight and breakfast: Namatubis Guest Farm or similar

**Day 5 Etosha** - enter the world famous Etosha National Park where a full day of game driving is enjoyed as you head east towards Namutoni.

Dinner, overnight and breakfast: Mokuti Lodge or similar

**Day 6 Etosha** - Return to Etosha National Park for morning and afternoon game drives.

Dinner, overnight and breakfast: Mokuti Lodge or similar

**Day 7 Windhoek** - visit the mining town of Tsumeb and Lake Otjikoto. Continuing onwards to Okahandja visit a wood carvers market before arriving in Windhoek where the tour finishes.

Prices are from £935 per person including meals as shown.



## Visions of Namibia – self drive tour

**Day 1 Windhoek** - collect car from Windhoek airport and drive to your hotel in Windhoek.

Overnight and breakfast: Hilltop House or similar

**Day 2 & 3 Kalahari** - a three hour drive takes you to the Kalahari Desert and the Intu Afrika Game Reserve. Activities include guided game drives and a fascinating walk with local Bushmen to learn about their history and desert survival skills.

Overnight and full Board: Zebra lodge or similar

**Day 4 Keetmanshoop** - travel via Mariental to the Quiver Tree Forest and Giant's Playground where large boulders of dolerite are stacked upon each other as if a giant had just discarded them. Continue on towards Keetmanshoop for your overnight stay.

Overnight and breakfast: Bird's Mansion Hotel or similar

**Day 5 & 6 Fish River Canyon** - drive south to Canon Lodge located just 20 km from the main viewpoint over Fish River Canyon. This lodge has thatched bungalows built of natural stone that are located between tall weather beaten granite boulders. The restored old farmhouse offers traditional Namibian food and awe-inspiring views of the Canyon's landscape. Local activities include horse riding, guided walks, sundowner drives and hiking.

Overnight and breakfast: Canon Lodge or similar

**Day 7 Luderitz** - onwards to the coastal town of Luderitz which was the first German settlement in Namibia and is home to colonies of aquatic birds, seals, penguins and dolphins.

Overnight and breakfast: Nest Hotel or similar

**Day 8 & 9 Sossusvlei** - drive north through the Namib Desert to Sesriem, the gateway to Sossusvlei. Your lodge consists of half canvas covered bungalows reminiscent of Bedouin tents. This unique resort lies amongst multi-coloured sand dunes and mountain ranges. Local activities include excursions to Sossusvlei and Sesriem Canyon, nature drives, hot air ballooning and dune climbing.

Dinner, overnight and breakfast: Sossusvlei Lodge or similar

**Day 10 & 11 Swakopmund** - this premier resort has well preserved German colonial buildings, lush lawns and palm trees. Visit Walvis Bay, an important wetland area for coastal birds, and take an optional cruise to Pelican Point seal colony viewing dolphins on the way.

Overnight and breakfast: Hansa Hotel or similar

**Day 12 & 13 Cape Cross** - travel via Henties Bay to the Cape Cross Seal Reserve, which is home to a large breeding colony of Cape Fur Seals.

Dinner, overnight and breakfast: Cape Cross Lodge or similar

**Day 14 & 15 Twyfelfontein** - drive onwards past the Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain and view stone-age rock art, the dolerite pillars of the Organ Pipes and the blackened Burnt Mountain. Your impressive lodge of rock and thatch offers nature drive, guided hikes and excursions visiting rock engraving sites.

Dinner, overnight and breakfast: Twyfelfontein Lodge or similar

**Day 16 Etosha** - journey via Khorixas to see the Petrified Forest and its giant tree trunks, some in excess of 200 million years old. Continue to your camp through Etosha National Park viewing numerous game en route.

Overnight and room only: Namutoni Restcamp or similar

**Day 17 & 18 Etosha** - your next stop is at Mokuti Lodge, which is located in a 4000 hectare game park on the edge of Etosha National Park. It has thatched chalets set in exotic gardens and there is a boma for dining under the stars. Activities include walking, horse riding and game drives in open safari vehicles.

Overnight and breakfast: Mokuti Lodge or similar

**Day 19 Windhoek** - return to Windhoek for a relaxing final night.

Overnight and breakfast: Hilltop House or similar

**Day 20** - return your car to Windhoek Airport where your journey ends.

Prices are from £1,995 per person including meals as shown and car hire. This itinerary can be reduced for those with less time.



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