

Namibia – Africa's Hidden Gem

Tour Code NA

Namibia is Africa's last wilderness, rich in natural resources and spectacular beauty. Home to a varied range of ethnic peoples we encounter the Herero, Ovambo, Himba and Damara tribes. Tour highlights include the world-renowned wildlife rich Etosha National Park, the towering sand dunes of the Namib desert and the colonial architectural heritage of Swakopmund



Acacia and Dune, Sossusvlei
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Day 1 Fly to Namibia

Evening departure from London Heathrow with SAA via Johannesburg to Windhoek, the capital of Namibia

Day 2 Arrive Windhoek

Morning arrival into Windhoek, and transfer to the Safari Court Hotel with immediate rooms. This afternoon we have a city tour of Windhoek to view its colonial architectural heritage. We enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant (B,D)

Day 3 Visit Waterberg Plateau Park

We head north today to Otjiwarongo, home of the Herero people. We visit the lush green Waterberg Plateau Park, with its abundance of rare and threatened species including sable, roan antelope and white rhino. We overnight at a comfortable lodge with dinner (B,D)

Day 4 Visit Grootfontein and Tsumeb

This morning we head north to the picturesque town of Grootfontein. It has a distinctive colonial feel with its wide lined avenues of jacaranda and limestone buildings. Nearby we visit the site where the world's largest meteorite fell in 1920. We continue to Tsumeb, another pleasant town world renowned for its mineral wealth. We overnight at a comfortable lodge with dinner (B,D)

Day 5 Drive to Ovamboland. Visit Ovambo Tribes

Our journey heads north-east into the Ovamboland, home to the Ovambo, Namibia's largest ethnic group. Traditionally they pursue subsistence agricultural lifestyles, growing their own crops and raising cattle and goats. We will be able to visit a local market and learn about the Ovambo culture. Overnight at the Oshakati Country Lodge with dinner (B,D)

Day 6 Drive to Opuwo in the Kaokoveld

An interesting drive today heading west we enter the isolated and rugged terrain of the Kaokoveld. Often described as Africa's last great wilderness, we may be lucky enough to glimpse a desert elephant. Our destination is Opuwo, the region's capital and home to the Himba tribe. Overnight at the Opuwo Country Lodge with dinner (B,D)

Day 7 Visit Himba settlement. Drive to Outjo

The morning is spent visiting the fascinating Himba tribe; a tall, graceful people who protect their skin from the elements by rubbing it with a mixture of red ochre, butterfat and a wide range of aromatic herbs and bark. In the afternoon we drive to Outjo and overnight at the Etotongwe Lodge with dinner (B,D)

Day 8 Game viewing in the Etosha National Park

We have an excursion into Etosha NP, one of the world's greatest wildlife parks with a huge variety of game and a unique landscape. Etosha's large and divergent concentrations of game depend on water holes for most of the year, making excellent game viewing and ideal photographic conditions. Overnight at the Etosha Park Safari Lodge with dinner (B,D)

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Day 9 Visit Damaraland

A landscape renowned for its rugged and colourful beauty; Damaraland is home to the Damara people who make a living from subsistence farming. Today we visit Twyfelfontein, known for its abundance of bushman paintings and engravings dating back to 3000 BC. We also view the various curious geological features in the area including the Petrified Forest. Overnight at Twyfelfontein lodge with dinner (B,D)

Day 10 Drive to Swakopmund

Today we head southwest to the Atlantic coast via Henties Bay. Our destination is the town of Swakopmund, a legacy from the German colonial era. Many of its buildings are built in the Art Nouveau architectural style. Two nights at the Swakopmund hotel with dinner (B,D)

Day 11 City tour of Swakopmund. Afternoon at leisure

Our tour this morning starts at the excellent museum and a walking tour through the town's colonial architectural heritage including the old railway station. The afternoon is left free for personal exploration. We dine in a local restaurant (B,D)

Day 12 Visit Walvis Bay. Drive to Namib Naukluft Park

Heading south we stop at the interesting town of Walvis Bay famous for its salt and fishing industry. Turning inland we enter the vast Namib Naukluft Park, home to the endemic Hartmann's zebra and some of the world's largest dunes. Two nights at Namib Naukluft lodge with dinner (B,D)

Day 13 Visit Sesriem Canyon and Sossusvlei dunes.

We visit the heart of the Namib Park today venturing first to Sesriem where the Tsauchab River has cut a kilometre long gorge through the 15 million year old rock. Continuing deeper into the desert we arrive at Sossusvlei; a huge clay-pan surrounded by massive dunes. The yellow hues of the pan contrast sharply with the brick-red dunes providing spectacular opportunities for photography (B,D)

Day 14 Drive to Windhoek

We return to the capital via Mariental and Rehoboth, famous for its thermal springs. Two nights at the Safari Court hotel with dinner (B,D)

Day 15 Visit Daan Viljoen Game Park

The day is spent visiting the beautiful Daan Viljoen Game Park where we enjoy a walking tour and see gemsbok, kudu, mountain zebra and springbok. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner in a quality Windhoek restaurant (B,D)

Day 16/17 Fly to London

After a leisurely breakfast we transfer to Windhoek international airport with SAA via Johannesburg to London arriving the next morning (B)

Cost £2295.00 per person in a twin room (excl. international flight) Single supplement charge £300.00



Himba Woman, Opuwo, Kaokoveld

Price includes –

- ▶ Tour accompanied from London by Patrick Syder FRGS
- ▶ Local Namibian driver/guide throughout the trip
- ▶ Transportation in private a/c bus
- ▶ Full sightseeing programme including entrance fees
- ▶ Quality lodges and local four star hotels with private en-suite bathroom
- ▶ All breakfast and dinners included (half board basis)
- ▶ Restaurant dinners in Windhoek
- ▶ Airport transfers
- ▶ Bottled water daily
- ▶ Porter, hotel and restaurant staff gratuities

PLEASE NOTE – personal travel insurance, visa fees, alcoholic drinks, guide and driver gratuities, and international flight costs are not included in the land cost (visa on arrival fee is \$20.00, SAA international flights start from £1100.00 through Flight Centre UK) (Included meals - B Breakfast, L Lunch, D Dinner)