

Classic Namibia Experience

Min 2 passengers / Max 10 passengers | 6 nights' luxury camping / 5 nights' accommodation

This safari travels the classic route through Namibia, encompassing the key highlights. Experience the country led by a knowledgeable and professional guide. Stay in a combination of good lodges and comfortable guesthouses, with adventurous nights spent under canvas at luxury mobile camps where each tent has comfortable beds and is en suite. Visit the fascinating Okonjima learning about the *AfriCat Foundation's* work in conserving Namibia's predators, before searching them out on safari drives in Etosha National Park. Marvel at ancient rock art at Twyfelfontein, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, before being awestruck by the tallest dunes on earth at Sossusvlei.



Day 1 Flight to Namibia

Begin your holiday with a scheduled flight from London to Windhoek.

Day 2 Windhoek

At Windhoek Airport you will be met and transferred to your accommodation in a comfortable hotel or guesthouse. There is time to relax before you meet your guide who briefs you on the safari and answers any queries you might have.

Day 3 Okonjima

Drive north to Okonjima, home to the *AfriCat Foundation*, a non-profit organisation committed to the long-term conservation and preservation of Namibia's large carnivores, especially cheetahs and leopards. You can learn more about the rescue, relocation and education work that the foundation does, as well as having the chance to get close to some of these magnificent cats.

Days 4 - 6 Etosha Park

Spend two nights camping at a luxury, mobile camp situated on a private reserve bordering eastern Etosha. The game drives around the eastern side of Etosha National Park are thought to be some of the best due to the numerous waterholes found here. A full-day game drive then takes you west across the park to comfortable chalet accommodation in the south. Your time here is all about game viewing, whether you follow the animals between the surrounding waterholes or just sit by the busiest and watch the action.



Days 7 & 8 Damaraland

Turn west towards the attractive landscapes of Damaraland. On the way you stop for a cultural visit to a Himba village on a farm near Kamanjab. These tribespeople have migrated here, lifestyle and customs intact, and are following their traditional way of life. A local guide introduces you to their alternative lifestyle, and helps you to understand their background and culture.

Continue to the Mowani foothills and your luxury camping site surrounded by huge granite boulders and superb scenery. Take a walk around Twyfelfontein: a seemingly ordinary valley that hides an amazing open-air gallery of ancient Bushman rock art. During your time here you might also visit the nearby 'Organ Pipe' rock formations and the surreal Burnt Mountain before a drive along the riverbed with a possibility of encountering desert-adapted wildlife.

Days 9 & 10 Swakopmund

Cross what seems an endless and forbidding desert plain on your way to the Skeleton Coast. From here it's an easy drive south to the charming coastal town of Swakopmund where you will settle into a lovely guesthouse. The following morning you join a dolphin cruise out into the harbour in search of the area's rich marine life including heaviside and bottlenose dolphins and playful Cape fur seals. The trip usually includes snacks, fresh oysters and champagne on board.

Days 11 & 12 Namib Desert

Head southwest, traversing the deeply incised Gaub and Kuiseb Canyons and out onto the flat gravel plains of the Namib Desert, before arriving at your campsite at the edge of the desert in the mid-to-late afternoon. Rise before dawn the following morning to drive deep into the desert, home to some of the world's highest dunes and stunning scenery. The shifting, contrasting patterns of light over the orange desert sands caused by the rising sun are always enthralling. During the afternoon there is time to visit the nearby Sesriem Canyon and walk through canyons and rock formations created by the ephemeral Tsauchab River.

Day 13 Flight to London

Pass through yet more stunning scenery on your return journey to Windhoek arriving back at about midday, ready to transfer to the airport for your scheduled flight home.

Day 14 Arrive in London

Price guide 2010

Prices

Monthly departures throughout 2010

Prices are per person, departing and returning UK and start from £3,237 in January £3,125 in May £3,215 in November £280 single traveller supplement

Includes

Overnight international flights with *South African Airways*; airport taxes; transfers; accommodation; camping equipment; park entrance fees; some drinks; most meals; transport in a safari vehicle and the services of a guide and camp staff.

