

Namibia Odyssey

Min 2 passengers / Max 12 passengers | 13 nights' comfortable accommodation



Day 1 Flight to Namibia

Begin with a scheduled overnight flight from London to Windhoek.

Day 2 Windhoek

Spend the night in a lovely guesthouse in one of the city's leafy suburbs.

Days 3 & 4 Namib-Naukluft

Meet your guide and take a varied route through mountains and down onto the Namib Desert's flat coastal plain. Rise early the following morning for a drive to Sossusvlei, home to some of the world's highest dunes. As the sun rises, the shifting, contrasting patterns of light and shadow on these dunes are enthralling. Explore Dead Vlei and Sossusvlei on foot with your guide before visiting a deep canyon with dramatic rock formations at Sesriem.

Days 5 & 6 Swakopmund

Drive through the desert to the coastal town of Walvis Bay. After a picnic lunch beside the marine lagoon, a short drive brings you to Swakopmund. There's a wide choice of things to do here. Your guide is available to take you into the nearby desert to explore the Moon Landscape and see the famous *Welwitschia* plants. Alternatively, there's a variety of optional active pursuits on offer, including dune-boarding, quad-biking, tandem sky-diving and scenic flights.

Day 7 Brandberg

From Swakopmund you take the road northward along the start of the Skeleton Coast to Cape



Cross, the breeding site for thousands of Cape fur seals. Heading inland, you first cross a forbidding stretch of amazingly flat and empty desert before reaching Brandberg Mountain where you take a relatively easy walk to see the world-famous 'White Lady' Bushman rock painting.

Day 8 Damaraland

Drive to Twyfelfontein, where a valley hides an amazing collection of rock engravings. After a tour here you travel deeper through Damaraland's picturesque scenery to your accommodation at a very comfortable lodge overlooking the surrounding dramatic landscape.

Day 9 South Kaokoveld

Descend the Grootberg Pass on your way to a private reserve bordering the western boundaries of Etosha National Park. Spend your afternoon exploring on one of the walking trails, on an optional game drive, or perhaps keeping watch for wildlife at the nearby waterhole.

Days 10 & 11 Etosha Park

You aim to arrive at your accommodation within Etosha National Park's southern region

in time for a late lunch. Even without the game, Etosha Pan is an amazing sight: an enormous shallow

depression coated with silvery-white crystals. A string of waterholes around its perimeter attract great concentrations of wildlife, especially in the dry season; your game drives focus on these.

Day 12 Etosha Park

Today brings a slightly more leisurely breakfast before you pack up and take a long, slow game drive right across the park. Stop at waterholes and any promising game sightings on the way, until you reach your accommodation on the eastern side of Etosha.

Day 13 AfriCat Foundation

There is time for a last game drive before you turn south and travel to Okonjima Lodge. Arriving in the mid-afternoon, you have time to enjoy your surroundings before a delicious dinner.

Day 14 Windhoek

Okonjima is home of the *AfriCat Foundation*, a non-profit organisation that works to conserve Namibia's large predators. Spend a little time here learning something about the foundation's work and meeting some of the cheetah that are part of this special programme.

This accommodated safari explores Namibia's main highlights in comfort. You'll stay in en-suite rooms at a mixture of small lodges, hotels and guesthouses. Explore the spectacular dunescapes of the Namib and travel across the desert to the coastal town of Swakopmund, where you can opt for a scenic flight or a boat trip. Drive along some of the desolate Skeleton Coast before seeking out Twyfelfontein's ancient gallery of rock engravings in the mountainous region of Damaraland. After a feast of game watching in Etosha, you'll get the chance to view some of the predators up close at Okonjima, home of the *AfriCat Foundation*.



Day 15 Flight to London

After a morning free to explore Windhoek you are transferred to the airport in time to depart on your scheduled flight to London.

Day 16 Arrive in London

Price guide 2010

Prices

Departs two or three times a month
Prices are per person, departing and returning UK and start from
£2,924 in January
£3,068 in July
£3,158 in December
£340 single traveller supplement

Includes

Overnight international flights with *South African Airways*; airport taxes; transfers; accommodation in comfortable guest houses, guest farms and lodges; park entrance fees; most meals; transport in a safari vehicle and the services of a knowledgeable guide.