

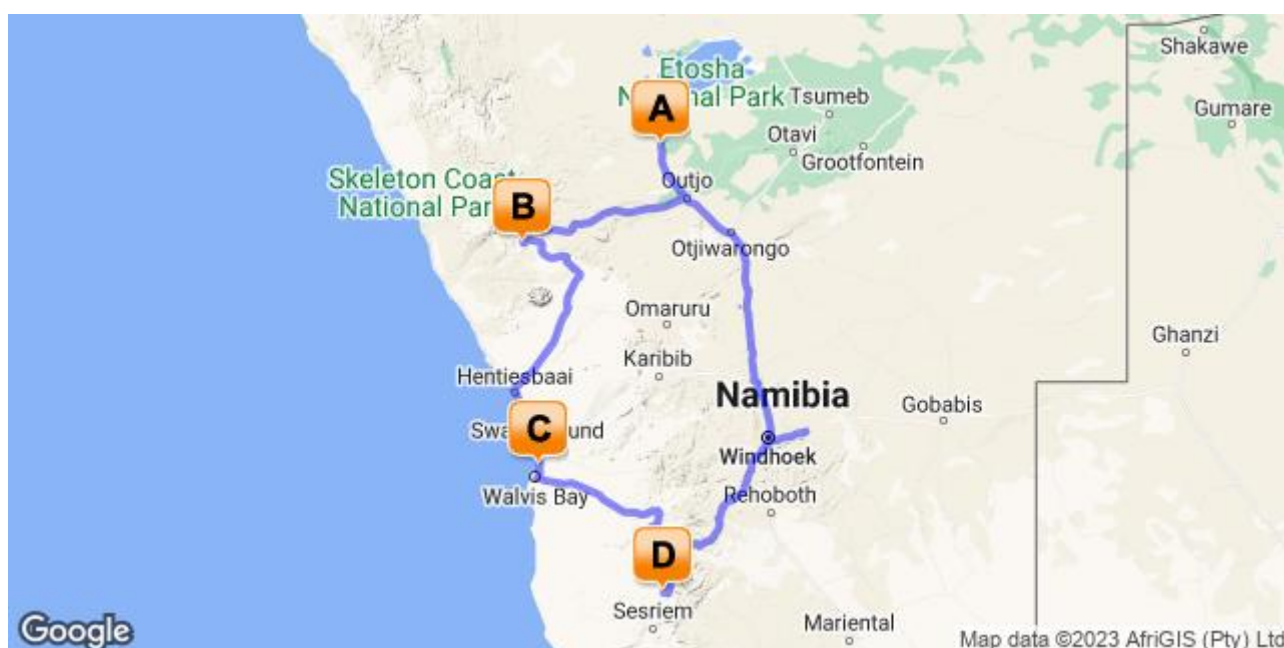


07 DAYS HIGHLIGHT OF NAMIBIA

Etosha South - Etosha National Park - Twyfelfontein - Swakopmund - Namib - Sossusvlei

7 Days / 6 Nights

Reference: MTA-7DHN



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NOTE:

Please be aware that accommodations mentioned in this itinerary is NOT confirmed.

It will only be CONFIRMED once we received the Tour FULL Payment or the Tour NON-Refundable Deposit of 40% of the Grand Total of the Tour.

Your consultant will advise you which accommodations are confirmed.

Introduction

Discover Namibia's Natural Treasures - Etosha, Twyfelfontein, Swakopmund, and Sossusvlei Awaits You!

Calling all adventure-seekers and nature enthusiasts! Namibia, a land of striking contrasts and untamed beauty, beckons you to explore its most iconic destinations. From the captivating wildlife of Etosha National Park to the ancient rock engravings of Twyfelfontein, the coastal charm of Swakopmund, and the mesmerizing dunes of Sossusvlei, Namibia promises an unforgettable journey of discovery.

Etosha National Park - A Safari Paradise: Venture into the heart of the wild at Etosha National Park, where the African savannah comes to life. Witness the grace and power of lions, elephants, giraffes, and the elusive black rhino as they roam free in their natural habitat.

Twyfelfontein - Timeless Petroglyphs: Step back in time at Twyfelfontein, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where ancient rock engravings offer a glimpse into the rich cultural history of Namibia's early inhabitants. Marvel at the intricate details of these stone etchings, connecting you to a past that echoes through the ages.

Swakopmund - Coastal Charm and Adventure: Feel the refreshing ocean breeze as you arrive in Swakopmund, a coastal town where adventure meets relaxation. Embark on thrilling desert excursions, indulge in delectable seafood, and immerse yourself in the town's vibrant culture.

Sossusvlei - Nature's Majestic Canvas: Prepare to be humbled by the ethereal beauty of Sossusvlei, a mesmerizing landscape of towering red sand dunes and ancient clay pans. As the sun rises, the dunes come alive with a kaleidoscope of colors, painting a masterpiece that will leave you in awe.

Why Visit Namibia:

1. **Unspoiled Wilderness:** Namibia's vast and untouched landscapes offer an escape into nature, allowing you to connect with the raw beauty of Africa like never before.
2. **Diverse Wildlife:** Etosha National Park boasts an incredible diversity of wildlife, providing ample opportunities for unforgettable animal encounters.
3. **Ancient History:** Twyfelfontein's ancient rock art provides a fascinating glimpse into the lives and beliefs of Namibia's early inhabitants.
4. **Adventure and Adrenaline:** From thrilling desert activities in Swakopmund to scaling iconic sand dunes in Sossusvlei, Namibia offers adventure at every turn.
5. **Stargazing Splendor:** Namibia's vast and remote landscapes provide an ideal setting for stargazing, with the night sky ablaze with stars.

Plan Your Namibian Adventure Today: Seize the opportunity to explore Namibia's natural treasures and embrace the spirit of adventure that awaits you. Allow us to create a customized itinerary that showcases the very best of Etosha, Twyfelfontein, Swakopmund, and Sossusvlei. Let the wonders of Namibia inspire you, leaving you with cherished memories and a deep connection to this captivating land.

Contact us now to embark on a journey that will awaken your senses and leave you with a lifelong love for Namibia.

Unravel the secrets of Namibia - a land of wonder and exploration!

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	Toshari Lodge (Etosha Gateway)	Etosha South	D,B&B	2 Nights
Day 3	Twyfelfontein Country Lodge	Twyfelfontein	D,B&B	1 Night
Day 4	Bay View Resort Namibia	Swakopmund	B&B	1 Night
Day 5	Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia	Sossusvlei	D,B&B	2 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

D,B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Included

- * Professional Guide / Chauffeur
- * Accommodation as stated in the program
- * Meals as stated in the program
- * The rental vehicle with all risk insured
- * Fuel for Vehicle
- * The Activities or Visits as STATED in the Program as INCLUDED
- * Entry fees to National Parks
- * Namibian VAT

Excluded

- * International flights
- * Personal Purchases
- * Entry fees to neighboring countries such as Zimbabwe
- * Drinks, which are the responsibility of travelers
- * Tips and gratuities
- * Personal Medical Insurance and Repatriation (Very Important)
- * Optional Activities / Additional Activities

Day 1: Toshari Lodge (Etosha Gateway), Etosha South



Located in southwestern Africa, Namibia boasts a well-developed infrastructure, some of the best tourist facilities in Africa, and an impressive list of breathtaking natural wonders. Visitors can explore the capital of Windhoek and discover the lovely coastal town of Swakopmund boasting remnants of the country's German influence, reflected in the architecture, culture, cuisine and the annual Oktoberfest celebrations. To properly appreciate this extraordinary country, you will have to venture out of the cities to explore the remarkable natural landscapes Namibia has to offer. These include: the impressive Fish River Canyon; the vast Etosha National Park teeming with abundant wildlife, such as lions, desert-adapted elephants and the Hartmann's Mountain Zebra; the hauntingly beautiful Kalahari Desert; and of course the Namib Desert stretching for over 2000 km along the magnificent Atlantic Coast. Namibia is an ideal destination for travellers seeking an unforgettable African experience in a uniquely beautiful untamed wilderness.



Located just south of the boundary of Etosha National Park in northwestern Namibia, Etosha South makes up the southern region of this wild paradise. The area is comprised of a collection of world class private game reserves. The national park can be accessed via the southern entrance at Andersson's Gate. Visitors can catch a glimpse of a variety of wildlife including: lion, giraffe, elephant, white and black rhino, and a multitude of plains game. Popular activities include: enjoying an open 4x4 safari with an expert guide, half day or full day drives with the option of a picnic lunch with wine on the full day game drive.

Day Itinerary

Welcome to **Namibia**! We hope you had a pleasant flight. Your adventure begins here...
Everything you've been looking forward to is now reality. Let that set in a minute.

At Windhoek Airport or At your Accommodation,
Discover the caring smile of your guide.

- If arriving from the Airport look out for your name on the welcome board and behind it the smiley face to welcome you.

- If already in Windhoek, your guide will come collect you from your Accommodation that you have indicated or mentioned to us, of course with a great smile to welcome you.

Approximate transfer time to Windhoek from Hosea Kutako International Airport – 45 minutes

Your guide will handover your travel documents and help you get acquainted with your route and what to expect on your upcoming journey. Feel free to ask any questions. Your guide is flexible, as is your schedule, so plan it day by day as you go along to get the most out of your trip.

Your guide will know where the nearest shops and bank are if you wish to get anything. Grab some cold drinks and some snacks for the road. We recommend you plan to be on the road as early as you can.

Today you already heading to the gate of Etosha National Park, with a Quick Stop at the Craft Market.

Etosha National Park is a national park in northwestern Namibia and one of the largest national parks in Africa. It was proclaimed a game reserve in March 1907 in Ordinance 88 by the Governor of German South West Africa, Friedrich von Lindequist.

Depending on the time of arrival, a first Safari will be done on arrival in the afternoon.

As the stars light up the Namibian sky, you gather around a friendly table to listen to your guide's information and discuss the journey ahead - This will happen daily until the end of your tour.

Overnight: Toshari Lodge (Etosha Gateway) [View iBrochure](#)

Nestled on an outcrop of dolomite rocks, under a forest of Mopane and white Seringa trees, Toshari Lodge offers affordable but enchanting accommodation close to Etosha National Park. A warm welcome awaits you complimented by a refreshing cold drink on arrival. Absorb the peace and tranquility of the natural African bush as you amble through a blend of manicured lawns and rustic bush gardens to your private room. Take a refreshing dip in the sparkling pools and enjoy wholesome Namibian cuisine, complimented with herbs and vegetables from the garden and fresh home baked bread, in the tranquility of the striking African Lapa with its stunning photographs of local Etosha wildlife. Campsites are also available; each pitch having a private shower room with hot and cold water, 220v power point, herb garden and braai place. Situated just off the C38 between Outjo and Okaukuejo, Toshari Lodge is ideally positioned for day visits into Etosha National Park; on your own or on the expertly guided tours.



Activities

Etosha Game Drive

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Game drive through Etosha National Park searching for predators, plains game, reptiles & birds.

Game drives are conducted in custom built safari vehicles with a pop-up roof and large opening windows to maximize photographic opportunities.

Depending on the time of year, these game drives take many different routes, but most often focus around the waterholes where you are most likely to see a variety of wildlife taking the chance to get a drink and swim.

Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 2: Toshari Lodge (Etosha Gateway), Etosha South**Day Itinerary**

After breakfast, it is in Etosha Animal Park that you will wander. We offer you time to observe the animals! If you happen to be a photo enthusiast, bring along your equipment and patience to capture the unusual encounters of wildlife. You will be able to observe the groups of springboks, zebras, etc., but also the rarer species such as the black-faced impala (endemic to Namibia) or the dik-diks, the smallest African antelope. The interaction between the animals around the waterholes is often very magical in the Etosha, where you might just come across the path of a leopard or a group of lionesses hunting!

After a lunch break, it is in the animal park of Etosha that we will continue our day. You will discover abundant wildlife that you can observe on the "pan" or around the many water points of the reserve. Your guide will give you information on the species encountered.

You will take on the animal safari with your guide in your own vehicle around the park. Etosha was established in 1907, Etosha is home to 114 mammal species and more than 340 bird species.

This park is one of the largest game reserves in the world. Take full advantage of this moment to make sure that you make the most out of this safari and do not forget your binoculars too long: we never tire of scanning the horizon for having flushed a cat under an acacia or a troop of elephants strolling nonchalantly through the huge Salt Lake that gave his name at the park.

Activities

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Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 3: Twyfelfontein Country Lodge, Twyfelfontein



Set in the Kunene Region of northwestern Namibia, Twyfelfontein is a spectacularly scenic area, featuring one of the largest and most important concentrations of rock art in Africa. The name 'Twyfelfontein' translates to 'Fountain of Doubt', which refers to the perennial spring situated in the impressive Huab Valley flanked by the slopes of a sandstone table mountain. It was this spring that attracted Stone Age hunters over six thousand years ago, and it was during this time that the extensive group of rock engravings and paintings were produced. Visitors can look forward to basing themselves at some wonderfully shady campsites along the Aba-Huab riverbed, while exploring over thirty different sacred ritual sites of the traditional hunter-gatherer communities.

Day Itinerary

Today after breakfast you will embrace the Soulful Beauty of Himba Culture - A moment to Namibia's Heart.

Prepare to fall in love with the enchanting spirit of the Himba people, as you embark on a transformative journey to the heart of Namibia.

The Himba people live in harmony with nature and each other, forming close-knit communities that value unity and support. You'll be captivated by their genuine warmth and the deep bonds they share with their families and neighbors.

The Himba cherish their ancestors' teachings and rituals, passing down their rich cultural heritage from one generation to the next. Witness their reverence for the past and experience the wisdom that guides their present.

You will Immerse yourself in the heart of Himba culture, learning their customs, traditions, and daily rituals. Participate in traditional dances, engage in storytelling sessions, and discover the true essence of what it means to be Himba. As you immerse yourself in Himba culture, be prepared for a profound transformation within. Discover a newfound appreciation for simplicity, community, and the beauty of living in harmony with the land.

In the Afternoon, you will Visit Twyfelfontein

Twyfelfontein is a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in the Kunene region of northwest Namibia. It is renowned for its exceptional concentration of rock engravings and rock paintings, making it a significant cultural and historical site in Southern Africa. The name "Twyfelfontein" translates to "Doubtful Fountain" in Afrikaans, referring to the unreliable water source in the area.

The main attraction of Twyfelfontein is its extensive collection of rock engravings, which are estimated to be between 2,000 and 6,000 years old. These engravings depict a variety of subjects, including animals such as giraffes, elephants, rhinoceroses, and lions, as well as human figures, footprints, and abstract patterns.

In addition to the rock engravings, Twyfelfontein is also home to some rock paintings, created using a red ochre pigment. These paintings add to the site's cultural significance and provide further insights into the lives of the ancient San people who once inhabited the area.

Twyfelfontein holds immense cultural importance for the indigenous communities of Namibia, particularly the Damara and the San (also known as the Bushmen). The engravings and paintings serve as a link to their ancestors and are considered sacred sites.

Twyfelfontein is set in a stunning landscape of rugged mountains, deep valleys, and flat plains. The contrasting red sandstone rocks and the surrounding desert scenery create a surreal and beautiful setting for the rock art. Besides the rock art, visitors to Twyfelfontein can explore nearby geological formations such as the Burnt Mountain and the Organ Pipes, which add to the area's unique charm and natural wonders.

Twyfelfontein is not just a historical site; it is a living testament to the enduring culture and traditions of Namibia's ancient inhabitants. A visit to this extraordinary place is an opportunity to connect with the past, gain cultural insights, and marvel at the artistic achievements of our human ancestors.

Overnight: Twyfelfontein Country Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Welcome to Twyfelfontein Country Lodge. A true landmark situated in the heart of one of the world's most magnificent wilderness regions. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Twyfelfontein in Damaraland is home to one of the largest collections of rock-art engravings found in Southern Africa. Not only did the Khoi-San and tribes of ancient years leave us with a true cultural heritage, but the whole area is characterised by natural wonders such as Doros Crater, Burnt Mountain, Organ Pipes, Petrified Forest and desert-adapted animals – of which the desert-adapted elephant is probably the most well-known species.

Nestled along the mountainside, the lodge beautifully blends in with its surrounding environment. Using natural stone, carefully selected paint colours and thatched roofs, its design compliments the sandstone rock formations with minimum visual impact on this picturesque landscape. Magnificent views from the deck over the Huab Valley, desert plains and distant mountains provide for hours of relaxed comfort, peace and tranquillity.

Twyfelfontein is much more than just accommodation; it is a destination in itself.



Activities

Morning	Himba Village Visit
Afternoon	Twyfelfontein

Recommended

Ephemeral (Dry) River Drive

Himba Village Visit

The Himba, one of the last tribes in Namibia still attempting to preserve and live their customs and traditions. The challenge of how to let a bronze age culture survive in our modern world without people living in museums is not a simple task. This proud nation, especially the regal women may just be up to this task. Their appearance is not accidental, each aspect either having practical reasons or represent age or status.

The daily life explained on your visit is fascinating, each facet reflected in their striking appearance. But beware, your visit may not be a one-sided affair, you too could be asked questions, your answers and their reactions will give you a greater understanding of who the Himba are.

Ephemeral (Dry) River Drive

Marvel at the rich vegetation with the possibility to encounter desert adapted elephants in the dry Aba-Huab River valley. Our experienced field guides will take you on an exciting nature drive, filled with interesting facts pertaining to the area, its history and wildlife. Be on the lookout to spot birds of prey, antelope, fairy circles, Welwitschia Mirabilis and many other interesting geological formations. Our guides have an excellent record for tracking down herds of free roaming desert adapted elephants and will do their best to meet up with these magnificent giants. Ample time is allowed to take pictures and exchange information about endemic fauna and flora.

The nature drive returns over valleys of savannah, small dunes, the dry river bed and interesting geological formations. A stop at Welwitschia Hill allows guests to disembark the vehicle and enjoy a lovely sundowner in an unspoilt nature setting. Take as many pictures as you like of the sun setting across the desert-like savannah plains and distant mountains. This is Africa at its best.

After the sundowner, guests return to the lodge to freshen up and enjoy a delicious buffet dinner.

Guests are required to meet their guide at Reception 15 minutes prior to departure time for a meet and greet session. The guide will give a general introduction of the tour and highlight specific safety and environmental regulations that need to be adhered to. Guests are encouraged to make use of this opportunity to inform their guide of specific fields of interest such as photography, birding, animal behaviour, etc. The guide will structure the tour to focus on these areas of interest.

Departure time: 15h00

Included: Mineral water, soft drinks, beers and sparkling wine.

Duration: 3.5 – 4.0 hours

Guests are advised to have sufficient protection against the sun and to take warm clothes along during winter times.

Bookings can be made in advance, or at reception.

BasisDinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 4: Bay View Resort Namibia, Swakopmund



Set along Namibia's spectacularly scenic coast, the seaside town of Swakopmund is known for its wide-open avenues, colonial architecture, and its surrounding otherworldly desert terrain. Founded in 1892 as the main harbour for German South-West Africa, Swakopmund is often described as being more German than Germany. Now a seaside resort town, Swakopmund is the capital of the Skeleton Coast tourism area and has plenty to keep visitors happy. The quirky mix of German and Namibian influences, adventure options, laid-back atmosphere and cool sea breeze make it a very popular Namibian destination. Visitors can look forward to a number of exciting activities including: quad biking, horse riding, paragliding, fishing, sightseeing and fascinating desert tours.

Day Itinerary**Today you will drive to Swakopmund.**

Swakopmund, a coastal gem nestled between the rolling dunes of the Namib Desert and the mighty Atlantic Ocean, is a captivating destination that exudes a unique charm and beauty. As you explore this enchanting town in Namibia, you'll be spellbound by its picturesque landscapes, rich history, and a vibrant mix of cultures. Here's a glimpse of the beauty that awaits you in Swakopmund:

The town's coastline is a mesmerizing fusion of dramatic desert dunes meeting the crashing waves of the Atlantic Ocean. The endless stretches of sandy beaches and the sea's calming rhythm create a serene and picturesque setting, perfect for tranquil walks and breathtaking sunsets.

Swakopmund's architecture reflects its colonial past, with well-preserved German-style buildings adding an old-world charm to the streets. Stroll through the town's avenues lined with historic structures, evoking a sense of nostalgia and cultural richness.

Just beyond Swakopmund lies the magnificent Namib Desert, where thrilling desert adventures await. Explore the surreal landscapes of the nearby dune fields, such as Dune 7, and experience the exhilaration of sandboarding or quad biking amidst the vast sea of golden dunes.

For the thrill-seekers, Swakopmund offers a plethora of activities, including skydiving over the desert, deep-sea fishing, hot air ballooning, and dolphin and seal cruises. The town's adventure-filled atmosphere will leave you with memories of adrenaline-fueled excitement.

Swakopmund's vibrant craft markets and boutique stores offer an array of locally crafted souvenirs, including exquisite handcrafted jewelry, traditional Himba crafts, and striking desert-inspired artworks, allowing you to take a piece of Swakopmund's beauty home with you.

Swakopmund's beauty lies not only in its natural wonders but also in the warm hospitality of its people and the sense of adventure that permeates the air. Whether you seek relaxation on the beaches, cultural immersion, or thrilling escapades, Swakopmund is a destination that promises a one-of-a-kind experience that will remain etched in your heart forever.

Free afternoon

Possibility to have a optional activities.

Overnight: Bay View Resort Namibia [View iBrochure](#)

Bay View Resort Hotel is a one of a kind, 4-star beach resort located in Dolphin Beach, halfway between Swakopmund and Walvis Bay, Namibia. The property offers 44 luxury rooms and two executive penthouse suites, all sea-facing with private balconies overlooking the Atlantic ocean. Guests can make use of the conference facility, the in-house SALT Restaurant as well as a Sky Bar on the 6th floor to take in views of the dunes and the sea.



Activities

Zeila Shipwreck

Swakopmund City Tour

Recommended

Sossusfly Scenic Flight

Sandwich Harbour

Zeila Shipwreck

Situated on Namibia's Skeleton Coast, the Zeila Shipwreck was a fishing trawler that was sold as scrap metal to an Indian company. Unfortunately, the ship

Swakopmund City Tour

Better known as Namibia's playground, this idyllic town is wedged between the sweltering Namib Desert and cold Atlantic Ocean. This desert town is a rhapsody of adventure, fun, exploration and relaxation. Graced with many beautiful, old buildings in a colonial, Bavarian style, the best way to experience this small town is on foot.

Sossusfly Scenic Flight

The Sossusfly Scenic Flight is a flight that gives visitors the opportunity to experience a birds-eye view of the most spectacular scenery of the Namib Desert. The flight covers the desert and the Southern Skeleton Coast from the air. The flight includes a low-level flight along the green Kuiseb to the Kuiseb Canyon, as well as the coastline. Highlights of the flight include Tsondablei, Sossusvlei area, diamond camps, shipwrecks, Sandwich Harbour, salt works, Walvis Bay, Longbeach, and Swakopmund.

Sandwich Harbour

Sandwich Harbour is an important wetland and ecosystem on the Atlantic coast of Namibia, located between Walvis Bay and Swakopmund. It is an important wildlife habitat for fish, shorebirds, and other seabirds, as well as a variety of migratory species. The area includes a bay in the north and a lagoon at the southern end, providing a tranquil environment for various aquatic creatures. The lagoon is home to several endangered species and is an important breeding ground for thousands of migratory birds, making it a unique and important area to be protected. The area also provides necessary resources for local communities, including a fishing industry and sea salt production.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 5: Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Sossusvlei

Located in the scenic Namib-Naukluft National Park, Sossusvlei is where you will find the iconic red sand dunes of the Namib. The clear blue skies contrast with the giant red dunes to make this one of the most scenic natural wonders of Africa and a photographer's heaven. This awe-inspiring destination is possibly Namibia's premier attraction, with its unique dunes rising to almost 400 metres - making them some of the highest in the world. These iconic dunes come alive in morning and evening light and draw photography enthusiasts from around the globe. Sossusvlei is home to a variety of desert wildlife including oryx, springbok, ostrich and a variety of reptiles. Visitors can climb 'Big Daddy', one of Sossusvlei's tallest dunes; explore Deadvlei, a white, salt, claypan dotted with ancient trees; or for the more extravagant, scenic flights and hot air ballooning are on offer, followed by a once-in-a-lifetime champagne breakfast amidst these majestic dunes.

Day Itinerary

Embrace the Eternal Beauty of the Namib Desert - A Journey into Timelessness

Welcome to the Namib Desert, where ancient dunes, golden vistas, and ethereal landscapes come together to form a realm of enchantment. Prepare to be captivated by the desert's timeless beauty, as you embark on an extraordinary journey into the heart of one of the world's oldest and most majestic deserts.

Experience the unparalleled tranquility of the Namib Desert as you immerse yourself in the vastness of its open spaces. Embrace the profound stillness that brings a sense of peace and reflection, rejuvenating your soul like an ancient desert breeze.

As night falls, be enchanted by the mesmerizing dance of stars overhead. The desert's remoteness provides an unpolluted canvas for stargazing, unveiling the brilliance of constellations and the Milky Way in a spectacle that leaves you humbled by the universe's mysteries.

In the Namib Desert, you'll find a place where time seems to stand still, offering a unique opportunity for introspection and a broader perspective on life. The desert's vastness and ageless beauty invite contemplation and a reconnection with nature's eternal rhythms.

Your Adventure Awaits:

Embrace the captivating allure of the Namib Desert, where ancient sands whisper tales of timelessness and untamed beauty. Allow us to curate an unforgettable journey into the heart of this extraordinary desert, where the landscapes are painted with the hues of dreams and the echoes of eternity.

The Namib Desert is one of the oldest and driest deserts in the world, covering more than 15% of the country along the Atlantic. It nevertheless extends over 2000 km, along the coast of South Africa and to the Angolan border. Sand accumulation and dune formation range from 40 to 15 million years.

You will pass by the Kuiseb Canyon, Tropic of Capricorn and enjoy the beautiful landscape. Quick stop at Solitaire for refreshment and nice pictures. Then continue the road to your accommodation.

Relax afternoon at the Lodge and enjoy the swimming pool.

Overnight: Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia [View iBrochure](#)

Set below striking fossilised dunes, the comfortable lodge provides a spectacular experience of ancient desert. 65 rooms, two swimming pools and a waterhole are surrounded by sandy splendour. Breathe in the grandeur on a sunset drive and feel the earth underfoot. Relax in the arms of the Namib.

Location: Approximately 60km north of Sesriem on the C19



Activities

Kuiseb Pass

Tropic of Capricorn

Kuiseb Pass

Kuiseb Pass takes you through the Kuiseb Canyon, the watercourse of which only flows occasionally but often enough to halt the advance of the red sands of the Namib.

Tropic of Capricorn

Located just South of Walvis Bay in Solitaire, is the approximate latitude of the Tropic of Capricorn at 23.5 degrees South. The Tropic of Capricorn is one of the 5 major circles of latitude and the southernmost point of latitude from where the sun can be seen directly overhead. This point of latitude runs through many other countries such as Brazil, Mozambique and Australia to name a few.

Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 6: Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Sossusvlei

Day Itinerary

After breakfast, today will be all about forms and colors. The Sossusvlei dunes rise more than 375 meters above the Tsauchab River that flows from East to West in the desert, just a few kilometers from the Atlantic Ocean. They are among the highest dunes in the world. These dunes are located above an ancient petrified desert that forms a basement of sandstone.

You will take full advantage of the ocher color palettes and the wavy shapes of the Sossusvlei and Deadvlei dunes.

The Namib Desert - A Land of Wonders:

Endless Dunes: Witness the awe-inspiring grandeur of the Namib's towering sand dunes, gracefully sculpted by the gentle caress of the wind over millennia. Their ever-changing shapes and shades of gold create a surreal canvas that inspires wonder and awe.

Deadvlei - A Desert Masterpiece: Step into the realm of Deadvlei, an ancient clay pan adorned with hauntingly beautiful, dead camel thorn trees. Surrounded by some of the tallest dunes on Earth, this striking contrast between lifeless trees and fiery red sands creates a surreal landscape that has to be seen to be believed.

Sossusvlei - A Desert Oasis: Discover the magic of Sossusvlei, an ephemeral pan where rare rains bring life to the desert, transforming the stark landscape into a vibrant oasis. Here, the white clay floor contrasts vividly with the towering red dunes, offering a spectacle that is both captivating and humbling.

Embracing the Spirit of Sesriem Canyon:

Ancient Echoes: As you walk in the footsteps of time, allow the canyon's ancient echoes to whisper their secrets to you. Reflect on the significance of this natural wonder, and connect with the timeless essence of the Namib Desert.

Natural Serenity: In the heart of Sesriem Canyon, find a tranquil oasis of peace amid the desert's harshness. The canyon's quiet serenity invites moments of self-reflection and an opportunity to recharge your spirit in the embrace of nature.

Photographer's Paradise: Capture the canyon's captivating beauty with your camera, as the interplay of light and shadow creates an ever-changing spectacle. The intricate patterns and textures of the rocks offer a photographer's dream come true.

Activities

Dead Vlei
Sossusvlei
Dune 45
Sesriem Canyon

Dead Vlei

This ancient clay pan was once an oasis, studded with acacias and fed by a river that suddenly changed course, leaving the earth to dry up along with the trees it previously supported. So dry were the climatic conditions that the trees never decomposed – instead they were entirely leached of moisture so that today, 900 years later, they remain as desiccated, blackened sentinels dotting the pan's cracked surface. Surrounded by the red-pink dunes of the Namibia Desert, they create a surreal spectacle that is a photographer's dream.

Sossusvlei

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Dune 45

Named for its location 45 kilometres past the town of Sesriem, Dune 45 is renowned for its elegant shape, which – along with its position close to the road – have earned it the distinction of ‘most photographed dune in the world’. If you’re not keen for the strenuous hike to the top of Big Daddy, Dune 45 is a more forgiving alternative, standing at only 80 metres and featuring a much gentler gradient.

Sesriem Canyon

Sesriem Canyon, a deep chasm carved through the rocks by water, is a striking natural feature of the area that is best explored on foot. Stony walls rise up sharply on both sides of the canyon, while birds roost in its crags and lizards dart along the ledges. The canyon’s name was coined when early settlers used it as a water source, using six lengths of leather (‘ses riem – six thongs) tied together to lower buckets into the water at the base of canyon.

Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 7: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

Quiet breakfast at the lodge, and then drive to Windhoek, where you will arrive in the late morning or early afternoons.

If time permits you will visit the city with your guide or do some shopping, before being transferred to the international airport if your flight is due.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Terms and Conditions

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Travel agreement/contract

This travel agreement is between the client and Motema Tours and Safaris. In terms of this travel agreement a booking is defined as a reservation which is done by the client or the client's travel agency. The client is defined as the person who accepts the booking on behalf of himself.

Travel agency is defined as any agency that places or accepts a booking for any person or group of persons or company with Motema Tours and Safaris.

Deposits and Payment

We only confirm a Booking or a quote upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit of 40% of total tour charges, the balance being due and payable 60 days prior to departure date. In the event of bookings being effected less than 60 days before departure the full amount charged will forthwith be payable.

Cancellation

Cancellation must be made in writing. Upon receipt of the written notification, Motema Tours and Safaris will confirm receipt thereof and this date will determine the following charges. This applies to Tour Guides as well.

- Up to 60 days prior to departure: Credit Note allocated and can be transferred.
- Less than 60 days to departure: 100% of total cost forfeited/lost

It is mandatory for the client to be in possession of a cancellation insurance policy. Please note that if the reason for cancellation falls within the terms of any holiday insurance policy, which the client must hold, then any such charges would normally be refunded to the client by the insurance company, subject to the terms of the insurance.

Passport and visas

Travel agencies and clients must ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited. Motema Tours and Safaris cannot be held liable or responsible should a passenger be refused entry into any country for any reason.

Changes and delays

By the company: The company shall reserve the right to change any tour due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. airlines not running on schedule, road conditions, weather, mechanical breakdown, accidents and political instability) beyond the control of Motema Tours and Safaris. The company will try to provide adequate alternatives, but will accept no liability.

By the client: In case the client changes the itinerary on his own request, the company shall try to accommodate the client, but may charge cancellation fees. This is subject to a new quotation, which will be given by the client in writing.

Authority on Tour

At all times the decision of the tour guide will be final on all matters likely to endanger the safety and wellbeing of the group. The client must at all times strictly comply with the laws, customs and foreign exchange regulations of all countries visited. Should the client be detected in any contravention of the law, custom or exchange regulations, or should the client be a nuisance to the group, the guide may order the client to leave the tour without the right of refund.

Accidents

While every precaution is taken to ensure the safety of all persons participating on the tour, the client his/hers,

heirs, dependents, agents, executors or their assignees, hereby irrevocably waive any rights they may have to claim, any form of compensation for any damages which the client may suffer due to injury or death whilst on, or at any time after the tour, from Motema Tours and Safaris. Under no circumstances will Motema Tours and Safaris be responsible for the death or injury or loss, which might occur to such persons sustained from any case whatsoever. The client hereby indemnifies and holds Motema Tours and Safaris harmless against any and all claims whatsoever the nature.

Health

It is the client's obligation to ensure that he is medically fit and able to embark on the tour. We recommend the vaccination against Hepatitis before travelling. Anti-malaria precautions should be commenced prior to departure and clients should bring insect repellents on tour.

Photography

Motema Tours and Safaris reserves the right without giving further notice, to make use of any photographs or films produced during any of their tours for general publicity purposes without payment or permission.

Insurance

It is a condition of travel with Motema Tours and Safaris that all guests must have insurance for medical expenses, baggage loss, cancellation/curtailment, default and personal accident.

Liability/Responsibility

The client should get him/herself acquainted with customary practices. Motema Tours and Safaris as well as co-operating agents do act in the capacity of agents for the clients in all matters and will under no circumstances whatsoever be responsible and be exempt from any liability for accidents, injury, delay, loss or damage to property or any other loss or damage from whatever it may arise. All tours are subject to the conditions of the concerned airlines, hotels, restaurants and all other contractors involved.

This information can be found on the website www.motema-safaris.com as well as the FAQs. You are strongly advised to go through it.

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