

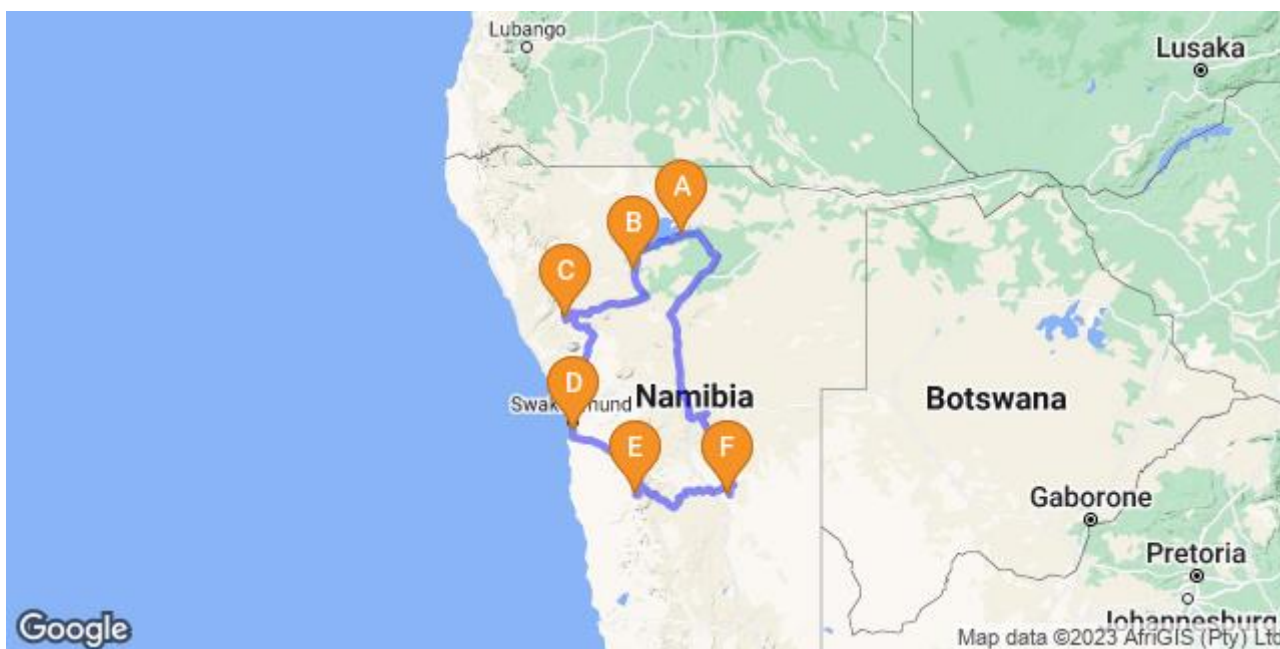


## 10 DAYS BEAUTY OF NAMIBIA | Guided Tour

*Etosha East - Etosha National Park - Etosha South - Twyfelfontein - Swakopmund - Brandberg - Walvis Bay - Sossusvlei - Namib - Solitaire - Intu Afrika Kalahari Game Reserve*

*10 Days / 9 Nights*

*Reference: MTA-10DBN*



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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

### **Namibia's Extraordinary Odyssey - Etosha, Himba, Twyfelfontein, Swakopmund, Walvis Bay Cruise, Tropic of Capricorn, Namib Desert, and Kalahari Desert Await Your Exploration!**

Welcome to a grand adventure that will immerse you in the diverse wonders of Namibia. From the abundant wildlife of Etosha to the ancient Himba culture, the ancient rock art of Twyfelfontein, the coastal charm of Swakopmund, the breathtaking boat cruise in Walvis Bay, crossing the Tropic of Capricorn, the ethereal beauty of the Namib Desert, and the vast serenity of the Kalahari Desert, Namibia promises a journey of discovery like no other.

**Etosha National Park - Wildlife Wonderland:** Embark on thrilling safaris in Etosha, where the vast African savannah comes alive with iconic wildlife. Marvel at the majestic elephants, spot elusive predators on the prowl, and witness the graceful movements of giraffes and zebras. Let the beauty of Etosha's landscapes and waterholes captivate your senses.

**Himba Cultural Encounter:** Engage with the Himba people, known for their unique traditions and striking appearance. Gain insights into their ancient way of life, intricate hairstyles, and traditional attire, as you connect with a culture deeply rooted in the rhythms of nature.

**Twyfelfontein - A Journey to the Past:** Journey to Twyfelfontein and uncover the world's largest concentration of ancient rock engravings. Be transported back in time as you admire the artistry and symbolism of the San people, providing a fascinating glimpse into Africa's prehistoric past.

**Swakopmund - Coastal Delights and Desert Adventures:** Discover the seaside charm of Swakopmund, where German colonial architecture meets the desert dunes. Enjoy the thrill of desert activities like quad biking or sandboarding, and set sail on a breathtaking boat cruise in Walvis Bay, where playful dolphins and majestic pelicans await.

**Crossing the Tropic of Capricorn:** Commence a symbolic crossing of the Tropic of Capricorn, marking a latitude where the sun's rays become especially intense. Capture this momentous occasion as you venture further into the heart of Namibia.

**Namib Desert - The World's Oldest Desert:** Experience the timeless beauty of the Namib Desert, where towering red dunes create a mesmerizing landscape. Stand in awe at Sossusvlei, where sunrises and sunsets paint the dunes in ever-changing hues, leaving you breathless with wonder.

**Kalahari Desert - Vast and Serene:** Journey into the tranquil embrace of the Kalahari Desert, where the sparse beauty of the landscape reflects the spirit of Africa's great wilderness. Encounter the resilient San people and learn about their ancient traditions, passed down through generations.

**Your Namibian Odyssey Awaits:** Embark on an extraordinary expedition that will unveil the heart and soul of Namibia. Let us craft a tailor-made itinerary that showcases the wonders of Etosha, the Himba culture, Twyfelfontein, Swakopmund, Walvis Bay Cruise, the Tropic of Capricorn, the Namib Desert, and the Kalahari Desert - a journey that promises a symphony of unforgettable experiences and soul-stirring moments.

Contact us now to begin your epic Namibian odyssey - a journey that will leave you with cherished memories and a deep connection to this captivating country.

*Unravel the wonders of Namibia - where adventure meets ancient heritage!*

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	Namutoni Resort	Etosha East	D,B&B	<b>2 Nights</b>
Day 3	<a href="#">Toshari Lodge (Etosha Gateway)</a>	Etosha South	D,B&B	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 4	<a href="#">Twyfelfontein Country Lodge</a>	Twyfelfontein	D,B&B	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 5	<a href="#">Bay View Resort Namibia</a>	Swakopmund	B&B	<b>2 Nights</b>
Day 7	<a href="#">Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia</a>	Sossusvlei	D,B&B	<b>2 Nights</b>
Day 9	Camelthorn Kalahari Lodge	Intu Afrika Kalahari Game Reserve	D,B&B	<b>1 Night</b>

### 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: Namutoni Resort, Etosha East

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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.

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Located in Northwestern Namibia, Etosha East is a protected sanctuary in the eastern part of the world-renowned Etosha National Park, known as one of the most accessible game reserves in Southern Africa. Etosha East boasts vast open plains scattered with semi-arid savannah grasslands dotted with watering holes and secluded bush camps. An impressive 5000-square-kilometre Etosha salt pan makes up a large area of the eastern side of the park and can even be seen from space. This remote area teems with abundant wildlife such as lions, elephants, black rhinos and giraffes, as well as a variety of birdlife featuring flamingos, ostriches, eagles, hornbills, and owls.

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### 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: Namutoni Resort**

The lodge centres on an old German Fort overlooking the King Nehale waterhole; an elevated decked walkway provides excellent opportunities for enjoying the surrounding scenery, wildlife and the spectacular sunsets. The Fort has been developed into a hub of activity, offering two restaurants, a relaxation lounge, a bar, crafts boutique, curio shop, jewellers and bookstore. Accommodation is provided in comfortable double rooms or bush chalets. Camping is also available.




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## **Activities**

Okahandja Craft Market - South

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### ***Okahandja Craft Market - South***

This craft market is Okahandja's best known tourist attraction. Woodcarvers from all over, and as far as the Kavango Region of north-eastern Namibia, who practice their ancient skills come here to sell their goods. Since wood is not resistant to the wear and tear of time, wood sculptures survive less well than other forms of art and are therefore an

important hidden element in the art history of many cultures. The wood-and-thatch market is situated next to the main road at the town's entrance and exit. Choose from a wide variety of hand-carved wooden artifacts such as animals, bowls or jewelry boxes.

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### **Basis**

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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## **Day 2: Namutoni Resort, Etosha East**

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### **Day Itinerary**

#### **After Breakfast; Embark on an Extraordinary Etosha National Park Adventure - Where Wildlife Roams Free.**

Enter a world where wildlife roams free, and nature reigns supreme. In Etosha, you'll have the opportunity to witness Africa's iconic animals up close - from mighty elephants and graceful giraffes to regal lions and elusive leopards. Keep your camera ready as you capture these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat.

Etosha is dotted with numerous waterholes that serve as natural oases in the vast wilderness. Sit quietly at the water's edge, and be rewarded with the sight of a fascinating array of animals quenching their thirst - a spectacle you won't want to miss.

Etosha's diverse landscapes are a photographer's dream. From shimmering salt pans that stretch as far as the eye can see to vast grasslands and mopane woodlands, each corner of the park offers breathtaking vistas that evoke a sense of awe. Etosha is a haven for bird enthusiasts, with over 340 bird species gracing its skies. From striking raptors to vibrant flamingos and elegant ostriches, the park's avian diversity promises an unforgettable birdwatching experience.

Our experienced guides will lead you on thrilling game drives, sharing their wealth of knowledge about the wildlife, plant life, and the delicate ecosystems that make Etosha so extraordinary.

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

Morning	Etosha Game Drive
Afternoon	Etosha Game Drive

### *Etosha Game Drive*

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 3: Toshari Lodge (Etosha Gateway), Etosha South



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

### Full Day Game Drive

Embark on an amazing Etosha National Park adventure that will ignite your passion for wildlife and leave you with memories to cherish for a lifetime. Let us craft a personalized itinerary that caters to your interests and ensures an unforgettable journey through this wildlife paradise.

**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**

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**Basis**

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast



## Day 4: 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	Otjikandero Himba Orphanage Village
Afternoon	Twyfelfontein

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### ***Otjikandero Himba Orphanage Village***

Otjikandero Himba Orphanage Village is located close to the local Kamanjab cattle farm in Himba Village. The village is inhabited by Himba kids, who are taken care of by volunteer mothers. All the children are raised in the traditional way, although a few of them have been slightly westernised because of the school they attend. Otjikandero Himba Orphanage Village is funded by the money received from tours to the village. Funds are used for medical purposes, food and other basic needs. Tourists will have the opportunity to see the Himba people in their natural environment as well as observe their culture. Excellent photo opportunities are also available.

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### **Basis**

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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## **Day 5: Bay View Resort Namibia, Swakopmund**

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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.

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### **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

Twyfelfontein

Zeila Shipwreck

Swakopmund City Tour

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### ***Brandberg***

Situated in northwestern Namibia, the Brandberg, meaning 'Fire Mountain', Massif is Namibia's highest peak, at its zenith, the Königstein (King's Stone), standing at a whopping 2573 metres above sea level. Named for the vivid shade of orange it sometimes turns at sunset, this is undoubtedly the main highlight of the region. The Brandberg has been sacred to the San people for centuries. The Tsisab Ravine at its base is permeated with over 45 000 ancient San rock paintings, including the famous 'White Lady'. Visitors flock here to view this unique bushman painting, said to be over 2000 years old. Other popular drawcards include its untouched natural beauty and its free-roaming wildlife such as mountain zebra, kudu, springbok, and desert elephant.

### ***Twyfelfontein***

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### ***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.

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## **Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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## **Day 6: Bay View Resort Namibia, Swakopmund**

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### **Day Itinerary**

Early departure to Walvis Bay, the main port town of Namibia. A boat trip on the lagoon leads you to search for dolphins and sea lions - NOT Private

Early morning trip on the Atlantic Ocean by boat, looking for sea lions, dolphins, pelicans, cormorants and possibly the rare fish "Mola-Mola". This sea adventure allows you to discover the aquatic life of the coast in the best possible conditions, on a comfortable and spacious boat, usually a catamaran with a maximum capacity of 25 people.

Did you know that the Atlantic in Namibia was home to so many fur seals? You will observe them this morning from a catamaran. In the afternoon, free time in the confusing "Seaside" city of Swakopmund, founded by the German commander Curt Von Francois in 1892. The objective was to create a competing port of the one of Walvis Bay (held by the English) to put into service a naval line between Hamburg and Namibia from 1899. This was to facilitate the supply from Germany and support the colonization of the region.

Light Lunch during the boat trip

Optional Activities: Flight over the Namib Desert, 4X4 in the Dunes Sandwich harbor, QuadBiking ...  
We can make the reservation for you for these activities and you can pay on the spot.

## Activities

Walvis Bay Boat Cruises

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## Recommended

Sandwich Harbour 4x4

Desert Explorers Quad Biking 2 Hour Explorer Tour

Sossusfly Scenic Flight

Swakopmund Tandem Skydiving Tour

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### *Walvis Bay Boat Cruises*

Several operators run boat cruises from Walvis Bay – some geared towards fishing or sightseeing and others towards dolphin and whale watching, but all offer the chance to experience the region’s natural beauty and phenomenal marine and bird life.

### *Sandwich Harbour 4x4*

Sandwich Harbour 4x4 is a safari company based in Walvis Bay, Namibia, offering 4x4 excursions to Sandwich Harbour, Marine Dune Days, Kayak Combos and Bird Watching Activities in the Wetlands around Walvis Bay.

### *Desert Explorers Quad Biking 2 Hour Explorer Tour*

Located in Swakopmund, Namibia. Desert Explorers Quad Biking 2 Hour Explorer Tour takes visitors on a pleasant guided quad bike tour to explore the different plant and animal life of the Namib Desert. During a variety of stops along the way, visitors can learn a little about the creatures of the desert.

### *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.

### *Swakopmund Tandem Skydiving Tour*

Swakopmund Skydiving Club offers a tandem jump from 10 000 ft for those with no previous sky-diving experience. This includes a briefing before the jump, a scenic flight over the famous Namib Dune Fields, a 35 second free fall, a 5 minute canopy ride, and a safe landing back at the club house.

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## Basis

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 7: Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Sossusvlei

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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.

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### 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

Guab Pass

Tropic of Capricorn

Solitaire

### *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.



**Solitaire**

Situated in the Khomas region of Central Namibia, the desert town of Solitaire serves as an oasis in the Namib Desert. The town provides an important stop on the way to the ancient dunes of Sossusvlei, allowing travellers to stock up on essentials as they make their way further into the wilderness. Solitaire also has a small bar and is renowned for its famous apple pie - said to be the best in the country. Enjoy a scenic sundowner with views of the spectacular Namib desert, hike and bike through the unspoilt natural surroundings, or visit the wonderful local Cheetah Sanctuary.

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**Basis**

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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**Day 8: 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

Dune 45
Sossusvlei
Deadvlei
Sesriem Canyon

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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.

### *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.

### *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.

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## Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 9: Camelthorn Kalahari Lodge, Intu Afrika Kalahari Game Reserve

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Set just 250 kilometres from the bustling capital of Namibia, the 10,000-hectare Intu Afrika Kalahari Game Reserve presents a landscape of unparalleled natural splendour. Deep red and clay-coloured dunes fan into the distance, decorated with areas of grasslands, shrubs, and trees. The park is home to an impressive array of wildlife, including black wildebeest, springbok, oryx, giraffe, and a large population of meerkats. This is the perfect place to learn about the ancient way of life; visitors can follow a !Kung guide through the desert and learn survival techniques. Make sure to take a look at the exquisite handmade crafts in the village. Hiking, 4x4 excursions, and quad-biking will appeal to adrenaline seekers.

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### Day Itinerary

Welcome to the Kalahari Desert, a land of captivating contrasts and boundless beauty. Prepare to immerse yourself in the essence of this ancient landscape, where the heartbeat of nature echoes through the golden dunes and shimmering salt pans. Get ready for an unforgettable journey into the heart of one of Africa's most enigmatic deserts.

Explore the ever-shifting sands of the Kalahari, where majestic dunes rise like golden waves on the horizon. Stand atop these towering dunes, and be rewarded with panoramic views that stretch as far as the eye can see.

Though seemingly desolate, the Kalahari is home to an array of unique and resilient wildlife. Keep your eyes peeled for the rare and elusive Kalahari lions, meerkats, gemsboks, springboks, and the iconic suricate (meerkat) families going about their daily activities.

Experience the tranquil solitude of the Kalahari as you venture into its seemingly endless landscapes. The desert's vastness creates a sense of peace and wonder, inviting you to connect with nature on a profound level.

Witness nature's daily masterpiece as the Kalahari's skies erupt into a breathtaking display of colors during sunrise and sunset. The desert's vast horizons provide the perfect canvas for these magical moments.

As night falls, the Kalahari unveils a celestial show of stars and constellations. With minimal light pollution, the desert's night skies are a stargazer's dream, revealing the wonders of the universe in all their brilliance.

Engage with the indigenous San people, who have lived in harmony with the Kalahari for thousands of years. Learn about their ancient traditions, survival skills, and the deep spiritual connection they share with the land.

*Discover the magic of the Kalahari - where nature's spirit whispers in the dunes!*

Located South-Central of Namibia, on the edge of the Kalahari Desert, the city of Mariental lies along the Trans-Namib railway line and serves as the commercial and admiring capital of the Hardap region. After breakfast, drive to

the Kalahari. The Kalahari is the last bastion of the San people. The modern world has traveled all the other territories it once roamed. Namibia is typically made up of red sand covered with fine, mainly golden grasses and dotted with acacia and wildlife.

### **Overnight: Camelthorn Kalahari Lodge**

Camelthorn Kalahari Lodge is situated between two sand dunes and Camelthorn trees in Namibia. The accommodation offers African hospitality in hut-inspired thatched bungalows with smaller cosy rooms built around the lodge's main area. Each is equipped with en-suite bathrooms, air-conditioning and tea/coffee-making facilities. During their stay, guests can enjoy delicious meals and refreshing drinks at the on-site restaurant and bar. Other facilities include a swimming pool and a lounge area.




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### **Recommended**

Intu Afrika Kalahari Reserve 4x4 Safari

#### ***Intu Afrika Kalahari Reserve 4x4 Safari***

The Intu Afrika Kalahari Reserve, situated in Kalkrand, Namibia, offers guests a 4x4 safari. Game drives are the most popular activity at the Intu Afrika Game Reserve because of the high density of animals that live there and because of the different landscapes. The sparse vegetation allows guests to easily spot the plethora of game that lives in the reserve.

The reserve is home to zebra, oryx, wildebeest, springbuck, waterbuck, kudu, blesbok, tsessebe, eland, ostrich, giraffe and even a lioness and there are many interesting bird species to discover. The guides are extremely knowledgeable and zealously share their passion for the animals, the plants, and the area. Game drives can be booked in the morning or in the late afternoon which allows the Kalahari to show off its magical sunsets. After a 2-hour drive, the guides set out a lavish display of snacks and drinks for guests to enjoy as they watch the sun set.

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### **Basis**

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 10: End of Itinerary

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### 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.

### Activities

Windhoek City Tour

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#### *Windhoek City Tour*

City Tour of Windhoek's historical buildings & monuments as well as the suburbs of Khomasdal, Katutura & Ludwigsdorf.

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### Basis

Bed and Breakfast

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## Terms and Conditions

### Motema Tours and Safaris 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.

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