



# Discover Namibia Northern Odyssey - 8 Days (#17125)

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## Overview

Venture into Namibia's wild heartland. Travel north from the desert coast to the rugged Damaraland, then explore the world-famous Etosha National Park with its abundance of animal and bird life.

Minimum 2 guests/Maximum 16 guests.

Departure Day - Friday, selected departure dates.

## Trip Highlights

Windhoek-Swakopmund-Damaraland-Etosha National Park-Windhoek

## Detailed Itinerary



**Day 01****Day 1, Friday - Windhoek - Swakopmund**

A transfer brings you to the coastal town of Swakopmund, Namibia's premier holiday seaside town. Upon your arrival in the early afternoon, you will check into your hotel where the remainder of the day will be at leisure. With its palm-lined streets and seaside promenades, Swakopmund is a popular holiday destination in Namibia. For the international traveller, Swakopmund is a bohemian mix of German architecture and African rhythms, a laid-back attitude mixed with a variety of activities. It is colourful, it is vibrant, but most of all it is pure fun.

**Day 02****Day 2, Saturday - Swakopmund**

Swakopmund is often fondly referred to as the "playground of Namibia", it has numerous activities ranging from, adventure to exploring the fascinating features of the Namib Desert and the animals and plants that occur and survive here. There are a myriad of optional activities on offer from Swakopmund. You may choose to explore the town on your own accord and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere or enjoy freshly baked pastries and coffee in any of the many cafes and coffee shops dotted around the town. Afternoon cake and coffee is taken very seriously and a delicious way to meet some of the locals. Alternatively explore the rugged, sweltering desert on a day tour, or view this awesome, environment from the air on a scenic flight.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 03****Day 3, Sunday - Swakopmund - Damaraland**

Leaving the foggy coast behind this morning, we make our way towards Damaraland. The journey takes us through the mining village of Uis and past the Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain, just shy of 2 600m. We then continue further into Damaraland, one of the least populated and most geologically diverse areas in Africa. This harsh, rocky environment is home to the elusive desert elephant, the black rhino and free-roaming antelope species. Arrival at the lodge will be in the afternoon, with the remainder of the day at leisure to soak up the atmosphere of the lodge.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 04****Day 4, Monday - Damaraland**

Enjoy an early morning scenic nature drive through the wilderness area of the Otjimboyo concession as we make our way towards the Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain. This is the best time to capture the perfect light of sunrise and catch the last mist engulfing the mountain. We then continue down into the dry Ugab riverbed, which we follow back towards the camp. Stopping under one of the majestic camelthorn trees we enjoy a light picnic lunch. On our drive along the meandering river we might encounter the elusive desert elephant that roam the dry riverbeds of the Damaraland, feeding on the nutritious pods of the trees lining the riverbanks. Arriving back at the camp we have enough time left to enjoy the scenery or follow one of the walking trails.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 05

### Day 5, Tuesday - Damaraland - Etosha National Park

During the cooler hours of the morning, we start our adventure filled day in the company of a local Damara guide, who takes us to Twyfelfontein, a UNESCO heritage site where Bushman communities engraved and painted over 2.500 pictures some 6.000 years ago! After a visit to the nearby Living Museum of the Damara, we proceed to the Petrified Forest - a geological phenomenon depicting the creation and metamorphosis of wood into stone amongst some of the oldest landmasses on Earth. Here we also see the Welwitschia mirabilis plant – the oldest living desert plant on Earth. Our onward journey takes us to the wildlife heaven of Namibia - the Etosha National Park. We check into our lodge located on the border of the Etosha National Park and can unwind after the adventure filled day alongside the pool.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 06

### Day 6, Wednesday - Etosha National Park

The day is devoted purely to the abundant wildlife found in the Etosha National Park, which surrounds a parched salt desert known as the Etosha Pan. The park is home to 4 of the Big Five - elephant, lion, leopard and rhino. The Park was proclaimed as Namibia's first conservation area in 1907 by the then Governor, von Lindequist. Despite the size of the Etosha National Park, only the southern edge of the pan is accessible to visitors. Game viewing in the park is primarily focussed around the waterholes, some of which are spring fed and some supplied from a borehole, ideal places to sit and watch over 114 different game species, or for an avid birder, more than 340 bird species. Popular game species such as giraffe, blue wildebeest, plains and mountain zebra, hyena, lion, leopard, antelopes such as kudu, oryx, eland, as well as some of the endangered species such as Black rhino, cheetah and the black-faced impala are all found here. An extensive network of roads link the over 30 water holes allowing visitors the opportunity of a comprehensive game viewing safari throughout the park as each different area will provide various encounters.



**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 07

#### Day 7, Thursday - Etosha National Park

Today your guide takes you on a game drive in the Etosha National Park. We may encounter animal species we have not seen the previous day and look forward to any new surprises at the different waterholes visited. The Etosha Pan dominates the park. This salt pan desert, which is nearly completely enclosed by the park and is lined by numerous watering holes, is roughly 130 km long and as wide as 50 km in places. During Etosha notorious dry spells the pan is a deathly place, lying parched and cracked under the molten African sun. It is claimed that game viewing is best during the dry periods as animals will then congregate closer to water. But even in the rainy season, the park remains an abundant wildlife haven. You then have the pleasure of experiencing the rebirth of life as the young foals, cubs and chicks are seen frolicking with their parents, and the sprouting new green shrubs and grasses create a pleasing green oasis. In the afternoon we travel back to our lodge, where we enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure. An optional open vehicle game drive can be booked with the lodge.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 08

#### Day 8, Friday - Etosha National Park - Windhoek

After breakfast, we travel back through the centre of the country exposing bush land savannah to the capital in the centre of the country. Time permitting, en-route we may stop at the famous wood carvers market in Okahandja or the craft market in the main street in Windhoek to pick up the last few souvenirs. Windhoek is a cosmopolitan melting pot of European architecture with African culture, with a variety of excellent restaurants to choose from. You will be dropped off at your accommodation of choice, or transferred to the airport for your outward flight.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

7 breakfasts & 1 picnic lunch, accommodation, bottled water on board, portorage, entrance fees and sightseeing as specified.

## Exclusions





- International / Domestic airfare.
- Optional activities.
- Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program.
- Personal equipment.
- Travel insurance, Gratuities.
- Voluntary tips for guides or drivers.
- Travel and medical insurance.
- Any items not mentioned as included.

## Note

### Hotels Used OR Similar

Swakopmund - Hansa Hotel or similar

Damaraland - Ondjamba Hills or similar

Etosha National Park - Eldorado Lodge or similar

Etosha National Park - La Rochelle Lodge or similar (Last night)

### VISA REQUIREMENTS

certain nationalities may require visas in order to travel through Namibia.

Please check visa requirements, as

### LANGUAGE

All departures are in dual language German/English commentary except dates indicated as English as mentioned below.

Dates with English language: 08th March' 2024, 05th April' 2024, 31st May' 2024, 28th June' 2024, 09th August' 2024, 06th September' 2024 and 04th October' 2024.

**Highlights:** Swakopmund, Damaraland, visit to a Damara Village, Etosha National Park

### TIMINGS

08:00 and 09:00 on the first day. Should the flight arrival be before 09:00 the guide will collect at the airport.

Departure of the tour will be between

Same day departure flights from Windhoek should only be booked after 19:00.

Prices are subject to alteration without prior notice. Prices are also subject to adjustment in the event of changes in government imposed taxes, fuel price, airfares, hotel charges, tourism levies and the introduction of national, regional or local taxes or levies of whatever nature.

Departure from Windhoek on Friday.



## Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

## Fixed Departure

**11 Oct, 2024**

Package Cost  
AUD 3,492 P P twin share  
AUD 3,775 P P single  
AVAILABLE

**18 Oct, 2024**

Package Cost  
AUD 3,492 P P twin share  
AUD 3,775 P P single  
AVAILABLE

**25 Oct, 2024**

Package Cost  
AUD 3,492 P P twin share  
AUD 3,775 P P single  
AVAILABLE

