

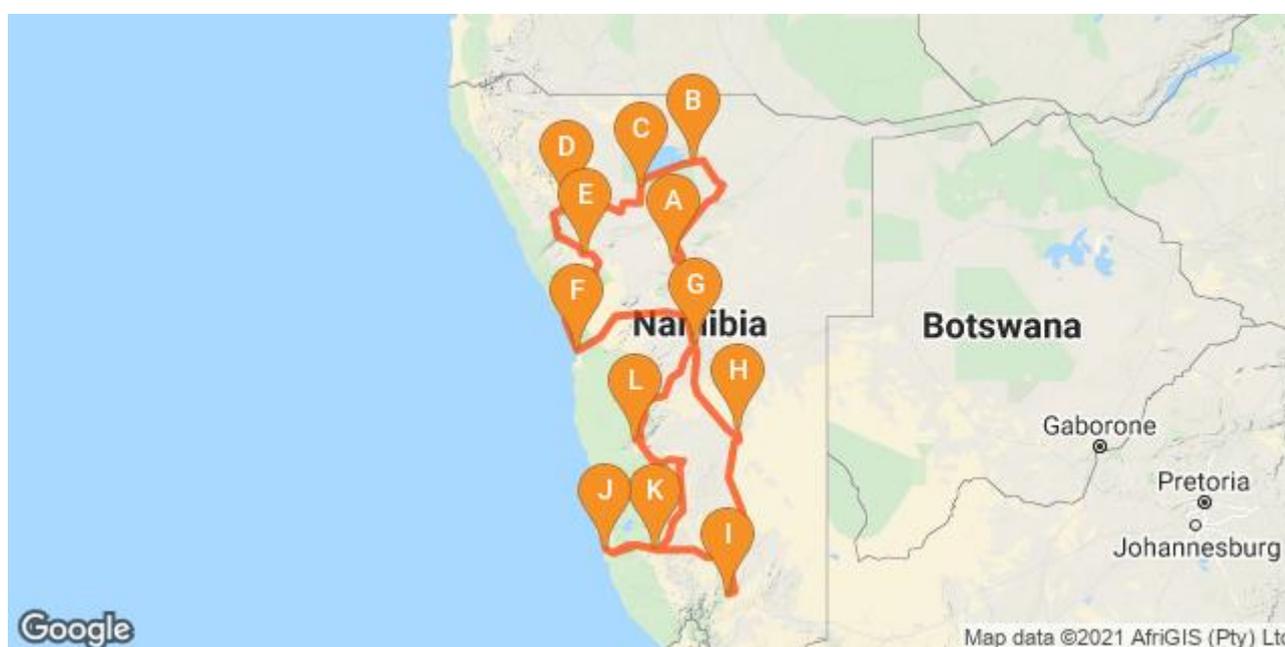


2021 & 2022 - SCH 14 day Namibian Experience (NS) schedule (selected Fri departure)

Okonjima Nature Reserve - Okahandja - Onguma Game Reserve - Etosha South - Etosha East - Etosha National Park - Palmwag - Twyfelfontein - Swakopmund - Windhoek - Kalahari Namibia - Fish River Canyon - Luderitz - Aus - Sesriem - Sossusvlei - Central Namibia

14 Days / 13 Nights

Group Size: Minimum 1 guest Maximum 14 guests



Introduction

Visit the home of the AfriCat Foundation, journey through the world famous Etosha National Park – a game viewing delight. Experience the communal conservancy areas of Damaraland before arriving at the Skeleton Coast and town of Swakopmund which nestles between the Namib Desert and Atlantic Ocean. Your journey takes in the Kalahari area of Namibia, majestic Fish River Canyon, eclectic town of Luderitz, ghost town at Kolmanskop ending in the Namib desert at Sossusvlei.

Departs: from Windhoek selected Friday mornings.

Ends: in Windhoek on a Thursday evening.

2021 Departure dates

Nov	Dec	Jan 21	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
06	04	08	05	05	02	14	11	09	06	03	01
20	18	22	19	19	16	28	25	23	20	17	15
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Rates valid: 01 November 2020 - 31 October 2021: NAD36 600.00

2022 Departure dates

Nov	Dec	Jan 21	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
12	10	07	04	04	01	13	10	08	05	02	14
26	17	21	18	18	15	27	24	22	19	16	28
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Rates valid: 01 November 2020 - 31 October 2021: NAD38 430.00

Pricing is per person sharing – as tours tend to run full, we have limited packing space on the vehicles, tents are bulky items and as such we do require people of same gender to share.

Single tents may be supplied for those with valid health reasons, no single supplement payable.

Can this tour be combined with others: No, this tour does not combine with any of our other schedule programs.

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Day 1	Okonjima's Omboroko Campsite	Okonjima Nature Reserve	L&D	1x Campsite	1 Night
Day 2	Onguma Tamboti Campsite	Onguma Game Reserve	FB	1x Campsite	1 Night
Day 3	Etosha Village Campsite	Etosha South	FB	1x Campsite	1 Night
Day 4	Hoada Campsite	Palmwag	FB	1x Campsite	1 Night
Day 5	Madisa Camp	Twyfelfontein	FB	1x Overland Site	1 Night
Day 6	Prost Hotel Swakopmund	Swakopmund	B,B&L	1x Twin room	1 Night
Day 7	The Utopia Boutique Hotel	Windhoek	B,B&L	1x Standard Room	1 Night
Day 8	Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Campsite	Kalahari Namibia	FB	1x Campsite	1 Night
Day 9	Canyon Roadhouse Campsite Gondwana Collection Namibia	Fish River Canyon	FB	1x Canyon Roadhouse Campsites	1 Night
Day 10	Luderitz Nest Hotel	Luderitz	B,B&L	1x comfort twin	1 Night
Day 11	Klein-Aus Vista Desert Horse Campsite Gondwana Collection Namibia	Aus	FB	1x Desert Horse Campsite	1 Night
Day 12	Sesriem Oshana Campsite	Sesriem	FB	1x Campsite	2 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

B,B&L: Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

L&D: Lunch and Dinner

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Included

- Professional guide
- Camp assistant
- All transport whilst on tour
- Meals as specified
- Camping equipment (does not include sleeping bag / pillow / stretcher)
- National Park entrance fees
- Campsite fees

Excluded

- Sleeping bag – can be rented for a daily fee of NAD45.00
- Stretcher - can be rented for a daily fee of NAD55.00
- Pillow
- Alcoholic beverages, soft drinks & bottled water
- Personal travel insurance - **compulsory**

Day 1: Okonjima's Omboroko Campsite, Okonjima Nature Reserve

Midway between the spectacular Etosha National Park and the capital city of Windhoek, lies the well-known Okonjima Nature Reserve. The 22 000 hectare nature reserve is home to AfriCAT, a carnivore sanctuary, which gives the captive cats a second chance to be released back into the wild and become completely independent hunters in a protected area right in the middle of commercial cattle farmland. Visitors can enjoy a stay at a variety of excellent accommodation options including everything from luxury villas to secluded camping. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy thrilling cat-tracking guided safaris, leopard-spotting, off-road night drives and learn about local San culture along the Bushmen trail.

Day Itinerary

Day 1 - Friday

Route: Windhoek to Okonjima Game Reserve

Distance: 225 km

Collection time: 08h00 – 08h30 from any accommodation within the City of Windhoek

Journey: leaving Windhoek we travel via the town of Okahandja, founded around 1800 by two local groups, the Herero and the Nama it is known as the Garden town of Namibia. South of Otjiwarongo lies Okonjima, home to the AfriCat Foundation, as our first night on tour this is a great place to become attuned to camping along with the sights and sounds of the bush. Afternoon track cheetahs and leopards through the 20 000ha Okonjima Nature Reserve with a guide, this Reserve is home to and runs extensive research projects on rare and endangered species, big and small.

Overnight: Okonjima's Omboroko Campsite

Camping in Okonjima Nature Reserve epitomises the African safari experience. Your small group or family can become one with nature as they visit the Carnivore Care Centre, track leopards and cheetahs, learn about the indigenous people during the Bushman trail, and grow attuned to the sights, sounds and ways of Namibia's grassy plains.

The four, partially-equipped, private campsites share a swimming pool at the foot of the Ombokoro Mountains and are located in the 2000ha non-rehabilitation area. All four sites boast spectacular sundowner viewpoints.

Activities

Morning	Okahandja
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Okahandja

Located just north of Windhoek, in the central Namibian Otjozondjupa region, the bustling city of Okahandja serves as the main commercial centre of the area, as well as a prominent cultural centre for the local Herero people. The name 'Okahandja', means 'The place where two rivers flow into each other to form one wide one.' These two seasonal rivers are the Okamita and the Okakango. Known as the 'Garden Town of Namibia', Okahandja boasts a rich cultural heritage, numerous historical sites and excellent bird watching in the surrounding areas. Visitors can look forward to a variety of interesting activities including: browsing the colourful arts and crafts market, visiting the nearby Gross Barmen Hot springs for a soak in the rejuvenating thermal waters and enjoying an array of watersports at the nearby Von Bach Dam.

Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

Day 2: Onguma Tamboti Campsite, Onguma Game Reserve

Situated east of Etosha, bordering Fisher's Pan, Onguma Game Reserve is one of Namibia's best-kept secrets. The reserve offers visitors the opportunity to experience Africa in all her beauty and diversity. Onguma Game Reserve features over 34000 hectares of protected land scattered with a variety of wildlife including plains game, black rhino, kudu, giraffe, zebra, lion, cheetah, leopard and more than 300 bird species. The seasonal rains attract thousands of migrating birds to the Fisher's Pan wetland area. The neighbouring Etosha National Park is home to a rich array of wildlife, including four of the Big 5. Visitors can enjoy game drives, guided walks and rhino research drives within the private reserve as well as wildlife safaris into Etosha National Park to view abundant game in the largest national park in Namibia.

Day Itinerary**Day 2 - Saturday**

Route: Okonjima to Onguma Game Reserve (outer border of Etosha National Park)

Distance: 350 km

Journey: we continue northwards via the town of Otjiwarongo, the next stop being the mining town of Tsumeb. We aim to arrive at the private reserve mid-afternoon, set up camp and head off for some game viewing.

Overnight: Onguma Tamboti Campsite

The 15 sites are all nestled in the trees of the Onguma Reserve, and each camper is ensured privacy and space to enjoy the bush. Each campsite has a private ablution facility with spacious shower room, separate toilet and covered washing-up areas with lots of space to unpack and organize. Each unit also has ample plugs to ensure cooler boxes keep cool and cameras get charged.

There is a stunning main area with a restaurant where guests can enjoy a hearty meal while looking out across the waterhole. The supply store stocks essentials and the deep verandas ensure there is shade to relax in.

Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

Day 3: Etosha Village Campsite, Etosha South

Located just south of the boundary of Etosha National Park in north-western Namibia, Etosha South makes up the southern region of this wild paradise. Ongava Private Game Reserve shares the southern boundary with Etosha National Park and offers an array of luxury lodges overlooking picturesque landscapes dotted with abundant wildlife. 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: game drives, tracking rhinos on foot, guided nature walks, or watching the sunset over the magnificent African landscape.

Day Itinerary**Day 3 - Sunday**

Route: Through Etosha Onguma to Okaukuejo region (Talení Etosha)

Journey: Up before dawn, we need to be at the Von Lindequist Gate for sunrise which is when the entrance gates open, one of the best times for game viewing is the cooler morning hours and late afternoon. We make use of today on an extensive game drive in search of black and white rhino, elephants, lion, cheetah and the numerous species of plains game. The drive will give you an overview of the National Park including its birdlife, flora and geology. A stop will be made at Halali, the most central of the resorts. Exit the National Park, it's a short journey to our overnight camping.

Overnight: Etosha Village Campsite

The Etosha Village Camp Site is nestled in the spectacular green and gold Mopani forests surrounding Etosha National Park, and caters for both Groups as well as Individual travellers.

The 2 spacious Group Camp Sites are ideal for larger groups and can accommodate a maximum of 25 – 30 tents. These sites are equipped with Power Outlets, Running Water, Lights, Barbeque area and separate Ladies and Gents Bathroom facilities each featuring toilets, wash basins and showers.

The 4 Individual Camp Sites are also equipped with Power Outlets, Running Water, Lights, Barbeque and a well-kept shared ablution.

Inspiring cuisine can be enjoyed at the Etosha Village Restaurant situated walking distance from the Camp Site. On-site facilities include swimming pools and a bar area with a big-screen television as well as a fully stocked utility and curio shop. Guided excursions to Etosha and sundowner drives can also be booked at reception.

Campsite

Spacious Group Camp Sites are ideal for larger groups. Can accommodate a max of 30 persons. Sites are equipped with Power Outlets, Running Water, Lights, Barbeque area and separate Ladies and Gents Bathroom facilities with showers, toilets & basins.

Activities

Morning	Etosha East
Morning	Etosha Pan

Etosha East

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.

Etosha Pan

Aeons ago, Etosha Pan was the bed of a vast lake; today what remains is a glittering, silvery-green salt pan that stretches across roughly 5000 square kilometres. Etosha is protected by the Etosha Pan National Park surrounded by savannah plains and woodlands supporting large herds of elephants. When dry, the pan sustains little life except for the algae that gives it its distinctive colour, and migratory birds that use it as a pit stop, but with heavy rain it becomes a shallow lake where flamingos breed, pelicans wade and feed, and a variety of mammal species come to quench their thirst, including leopards, lions, white rhinos, hunting dogs and antelopes.

Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

Day 4: Hoada Campsite, Palmwag

Palmwag is a nature reserve idyllically located along a palm-lined tributary of the Uniab River, halfway between Swakopmund and Etosha, providing an ideal base from which to see the sights of the Kunene region or embark on one of the many local hiking trails. Water is scarce in this area, so the river's presence often lures elephants closer to the camps. The reserve is notable for its unusual species of palm tree, the hyphaene petersiana, and for being home to the largest population of southwestern black rhinos in Africa. Animal lovers can also get a peek at leopard, lion, cheetah, mountain zebra, Angolan giraffe, springbok, kudu, and African bush elephant.

Day Itinerary

Day 4 - Monday

Route: Taleni Etosha to Hoada campsite

Distance: 275 km

Journey: Today's travels take us to a Himba Village situated on a local cattle farm, a guided tour around an authentic Himba village will not only give you an in depth insight into the life and ways of this traditional tribe but an amazing photographic opportunity as well. A stop to buy supplies before we head off to our campsite, hidden among large grey granite boulders and mopane trees, the sites were designed to minimize the impact on the environment. After a day on the road refresh oneself in the sparkling splash pool and enjoy your sundowners on the natural wooden decks surrounding it.

Overnight: Hoada Campsite

Hidden among large grey granite boulders and Mopani trees, Hoada Campsite offers travellers a serene home in the wilderness of Namibia. Accommodation includes six luxury campsites with ample designated areas for tents or vehicles with rooftop tents, and permanent tents are available for hire. Each campsite boasts its own braai area and kitchen facilities with running water. There are also ablution facilities, with flush toilets, hidden amongst the rocks.

Campsite

Currently, there are seven campsites & 1 group campsite, each with its own well equipped bathroom facilities including showers and toilets.

Activities

Morning	Omapha Himba Village
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Omapha Himba Village

Omapha Himba Village in Etosha South, Namibia, is home to the indigenous Himba tribe, who are half-nomadic people. The people are famous for maintaining the traditional way of life of their ancestors up to recent times. External influences have not polluted them, and this reflects in the way they dress, cook, trade, interact and live. An array of wildlife can be seen roaming freely close to the village. Guided tours are offered, and guests can look forward to exploring the village in its natural environment.

Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

Day 5: Madisa Camp, Twyfelfontein

Set in the Kunene Region of north-western 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**Day 5 - Tuesday**

Route: Hoada campsite to Madisa campsite

Distance: 190 km

Journey: We drive along the Grootberg Pass through Damaraland, an area characterised by its rocky and rugged landscapes of rough, fascinating beauty. A visit to the Damara Living Museum before we view the rock engravings and rock paintings at Twyfelfontein, a UNESCO World Heritage Site before setting up camp for the night.

Overnight: Madisa Camp

Madisa Camp is situated on the D2612 road to Twyfelfontein, a very popular route. The camp is hidden between amazing rock formations which are scattered with Bushman Paintings and has privy to an ancient Desert Elephant route that often gets visited by these beautiful giants.

Each spacious campsite has an exquisite view of the Gauntegab River bed and rock formations. The campsites have individual ablution facilities situated on stilts hidden in the tree tops. The braai facilities also double up as a heater (donkey system) for hot running water at each open air shower.

Overland Site

These sites are large and each have a circle braai area with seating, a wash up basin and water supply. The ablution facilities are shared.

Activities

Afternoon	Twyfelfontein
Afternoon	Damara Living Museum

Twyfelfontein

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Damara Living Museum

Observe and experience the traditional Damara way of life right in the heart of their traditional homelands. A unique opportunity to see a way of life that is slowly dying out.

Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

Day 6: Prost Hotel Swakopmund, 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

Day 6 - Wednesday

Route: Twyfelfontein to Swakopmund

Distance: 385 km

Journey: Destination = Swakopmund. Today we continue our travels through southern Damaraland, passing the Brandberg Mountain to arrive at the old mining town of Uis before heading off across the gravel plains to reach the Atlantic Ocean and the Skeleton Coast. Here we travel north to Cape Cross Seal Reserve, home to between eighty and one hundred thousand Fur seals, endemic to southern Africa they are commonly known as "eared seals". Arrival in the coastal town of Swakopmund will be mid-afternoon.

Overnight: Prost Hotel Swakopmund

Prost Hotel is situated in the heart of Swakopmund, giving access to the town's various and excellent restaurants. The hotel offers 28 en-suite rooms, ranging from luxury, family to standard rooms. All rooms are equipped with 43" flat screen TV, DSTV decoder, electronic laptop safe, tea/coffee station, telephone and hair dryer. Facilities include complimentary Wi-Fi, buffet breakfast, secure parking, secure parking, 24 hour reception, conference & events facility and same day laundry service.

Activities

Afternoon	Cape Cross Seal Colony
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Cape Cross Seal Colony

This colony of Cape Fur Seals is one of the largest in the world, home to approximately 80 000 to 100 000 of these so-called 'seals', which are in fact a species of sea lion. Day trips to the colony are offered and the seals can be viewed from a walkway at a distance of roughly 200 metres.

Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch – camping style.

Excluded

Dinner for guests own account.

Day 7: The Utopia Boutique Hotel, Windhoek

Situated in Central Namibia, the cosmopolitan city of Windhoek serves as the capital of the country. It is home to an international airport and a plethora of restaurants, shops, entertainment venues and accommodation options. The city is clean, safe and well-organised, with a colonial legacy that is reflected in its many German eateries and shops, and the widespread use of the German language. Windhoek has an interesting mix of historical architecture and modern buildings, many of which are worth a look, including the Alte Feste an old fort, the 1896 Christuskirche Christ Church, and the more contemporary Supreme Court.

Day Itinerary

Day 7 – Thursday

Route: Swakopmund to Windhoek

Distance: 352 km

Journey: All guests have the morning at leisure to explore this coastal town or participate in one of the many morning activities available in the Swakopmund vicinity and in Walvis Bay. These optional activities may include kayaking or a marine cruise from Walvis Bay. Alternatively explore the desert surrounding Swakopmund on the Living Desert Tour, do a township tour or for those seeking some adventure quad biking and dune boarding is also offered.

Departure from Swakopmund will be around lunch time (or just thereafter), we head due east through the sun baked town of Usakos and return on the main road to Windhoek. Your night in Windhoek is included in tour price.

Overnight: The Utopia Boutique Hotel

The modern N/a'ankusê@Utopia establishment has allied with the neighboring Pension Bougainvillea and offers serene rooms and luxurious suites situated amid beautiful, green lush gardens. The hotel is conveniently located in the tranquil suburb of Klein Windhoek.

Utopia combines business and leisure in a modest manner, simultaneously welcoming modern travelers and tourists in need of relaxation. Boasting 14 standard rooms, 7 luxurious suites and 1 executive suite, N/a'ankusê@Utopia creates an ideal hideaway.

Standard Room

All rooms are equipped with a plasma screen TV's, DSTV, free Wi-Fi access and air-conditioning.

Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch – camping style.

Excluded

Dinner for guests own account.

Day 8: Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Campsite, Kalahari Namibia

Spreading across Botswana, South Africa and Namibia, the Kalahari meaning 'the great thirst' is an exceptionally beautiful living desert. The landscape is characterised by a large semi-arid sandy savannah draped over a gently rolling inland sea of sand covering most of Botswana and large parts of Namibia and South Africa. It is also the last bastion of the indigenous San people with the modern world having enveloped all the other areas they once roamed. The Namibian portion is made up of red sands covered in thin, wispy, mostly golden grass and dotted with acacia trees and wide-ranging wildlife including gemsbok, impala, jackals and cheetah.

Day Itinerary

Day 8 - Friday

Route: Windhoek to Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch

Distance: 265 km

Journey: Leaving Windhoek we head south passing through the town of Rehoboth, our destination for today is a private Reserve situated on the edge of the southern Kalahari are of Namibia, this is an area of mixed tree and shrub savannah crisscrossed by red sand dunes – quite different to the Namib Desert. During the afternoon we will take an afternoon nature drive in the Reserve where we hope to see various antelope species, ostrich, zebra and if lucky meerkats.

Overnight: Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Campsite

Located in Mariental, Namibia, Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Campsite offers guests a lovely camping experience set in tranquil surroundings. The establishment features a total of five camping sites, each with an ablution block, shower, wash-basin and toilet. Guests can enjoy meals and drinks at the nearby lodge restaurant and bar. Other lodge facilities campers have access to include a swimming pool and a library. Activities guests can enjoy at Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Campsite include day and night-time game drives, cheetah feedings, bush walks, horseback safaris, helicopter rides and much more.

Activities

Afternoon	Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Afternoon Drive
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Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Afternoon Drive

The Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch, situated in Mariental, Namibia, offers guests an afternoon game drive. The activity includes a game drive in the reserve, viewing a variety of game such as giraffe, kudu, zebra, oryx, blue wildebeest and eland. Guests are able to experience breathtaking views of the reserve that has some of the highest dunes in the region, with views over the pan.

The Kalahari has more than 150 bird species for guests who are bird enthusiasts. The well-known suricate, more commonly known as a meerkat can also be seen. As the day draws to a close, guests are treated to a sundowner on the dune, complemented by refreshments and a Namibian snack, while enjoying a breathtaking sunset over the Kalahari.

Included

Meals: Light lunch and dinner – camping style

Day 9: Canyon Roadhouse Campsite Namibia, Fish River Canyon

Carving out an epic rocky wonderland in the south of Namibia, the Fish River has created Africa's largest and the world's second-largest canyon. Hot, dry and stony, the Fish River Canyon measures a whopping 160 kilometres in length, at times 27 kilometres in width and 550 metres in depth. The awe-inspiring natural beauty of this ancient geological marvel draws visitors from around the globe. For those looking for adventure, the intense 85 kilometre Fish River Hiking Trail through 1.5 billion years of geological history will definitely thrill avid adventure enthusiasts, and for visitors looking to relax, head over to the canyon's southern end to enjoy a soak in the mineral waters of the renowned hot springs of Ai-Ais, or take in the spectacularly scenic views from Hobas Restcamp as well as numerous other viewpoints along its rim. Other popular activities include: scenic chartered flights, horse riding, nature drives and seasonal kayaking.

Day Itinerary

Day 9 - Saturday

Route: Bagatelle to Canyon Road campsite

Distance: 452 km

Journey: An early morning start as we travel down to Keetmanshoop, the original population of the town by a Nama tribe reaches back to the end of the 18th century. We take a guided tour with the owner to explore the Mesosaurus

Fossil site, Quiver trees and dolerite rock before heading back to town and on to the Fish River Canyon, the largest canyon in Africa and forms part of the Ai-Ais Richtersveld Tansfontier Park. Our campsite is situated in the Gondwana Reserve on the bank of a dry riverbed against a backdrop of rocky hills.

Overnight: Canyon Roadhouse Campsite Gondwana Collection Namibia

Fill up with smiles at this innovative lodge that celebrates the good old days of the automobile. It offers peaceful slumber in 24 spacious rooms and boasts a pool, a campsite, a fuel station, an inviting terrace and the most extraordinary restaurant in southern Namibia.

Canyon Roadhouse Campsites

Campsites are on the bank of a dry riverbed. There are shared ablutions and washing up areas built out of natural stone. Each camp site has a power point and also it's own barbeque. Campers are welcome to make use of the lodge facilities.

Activities

Morning	Mesosaurus Fossil Site & Quivertree Dolorite Park
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Mesosaurus Fossil Site & Quivertree Dolorite Park

In the middle of Namibia's stark, arid landscape lies the dry bed of an ancient lake, where history is recorded in beautiful rock formations bearing fossils of a pre-historical creature known as Mesosaurus tenuidens. Visitors can explore the surrounding area on hikes and sundowner drives that will take them past many a quiver tree and dolorite valley.

Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

Day 10: Luderitz Nest Hotel, Luderitz

Sandwiched between the rugged and stark Atlantic Coast and the arid desert of Namibia, the town of Luderitz is located in an incredible unique geographical setting. This seaside town is something of an anomaly frozen in time – a piece of 19th-century Bavaria bordering the pinkish sand dunes of the Namib Desert. Lutheran churches, German bakeries, and colonial buildings boasting German art nouveau architecture are dotted about the settlement, while its windswept beaches are home to flamingos, ostriches, seals, and penguins. The nearby ghost town of Kolmanskop, which has been taken over by the desert dunes, is another fascinating must-see attraction, located approximately 10 kilometres from Luderitz central, along with the herd of wild desert-adapted horses near the small town of Aus.

Day Itinerary

Day 10 - Sunday

Route: Canyon Road campsite to Luderitz

Distance: 385 km

Journey: This morning we enter the Fish River National Park near Hobas, the most northern viewpoint from where the canyon meanders into the distance. The geology of this area began over a billion years ago, more 'recently' with the separation of the continent Gondwana about 120 million years ago the gradient of the Fish River increased allowing it

to erode deeper into the rock so as at today, the deepest point is around 549 metres. Our travels today take us to the coastal town of Lüderitz nestling between the Namib Desert and south Atlantic. During 1908 a black worker Zacharias Lewala found a diamond during his work at the narrow-gauge railway, this led to a diamond rush which turned Lüderitz into a very wealthy town. As the diamonds petered out the town lost most of its importance and today Lüderitz has a lucrative fishing industry.

Overnight: Lüderitz Nest Hotel

The Lüderitz Nest Hotel enjoys a superb on the rocks and sea location, with far reaching uninterrupted views. The hotel's private tidal beach with walk-on jetty, unique in Namibia, allows the guest to get close-up to the sea. All rooms and suites have direct sea views. The outdoor sparkling residents' pool with sun-loungers and parasols is surrounded by verdant gardens. Facilities include free Wi-Fi throughout, complementary full-buffet breakfasts, free sauna and free secure parking. The hotel delivers a friendly service in a relaxed environment.

Since 1998, management and staff have hosted guests from around the world and very much look forward to welcoming you. Hospitality Association of Namibia (HAN) Excellence Awards 2016 winner.

COMFORT TWIN ROOM

All TWIN rooms have ocean view with small balcony, En-suite (Bath with overhead shower OR Walk-in shower), Remote air-conditioning & Heater, Extra long high quality 3/4 beds, Free Wi-Fi, HD TV, Hairdryer, Telephone, Laptop safe, Tea & Coffee making facilities, Mini-fridge.

Activities

Morning	Fish River Canyon Viewpoint
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Fish River Canyon Viewpoint

Located in Southern Namibia The Fish River Canyon is the largest canyon in Africa and draws many visitors each year. This viewpoint has a beautiful panoramic view of the canyon where visitors can witness the Fish River flow through sharp corners amidst rocky terrain.

Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch (camping style)

Excluded

Dinner for guests own account

Day 11: Klein-Aus Vista Desert Horse Campsite Gondwana Collection Namibia, Aus

Perched above the plains of the Namib Desert in the rocky Aus Mountains, the small village of Aus lies at the heart of phenomenal botanic diversity. Aus serves as an excellent base from which to see the area's major attraction: the feral horses of the Namib Desert, which run wild and free in the sparsely vegetated plains. The best place for viewings is at the water trough at Garub, which lies just twenty kilometres away from Aus. Visitors can gain insight into the Succulent Karoo by visiting beautiful Gondwana Sperrgebiet Rand Park, home to the most biodiverse desert in the world. Don't

miss the opportunity to camp under the famously clear Namibian night sky and experience the desert landscape on horseback.

Day Itinerary

Day 11 - Monday

Route: Luderitz to Aus

Distance: 125km

Journey: Participate in an optional morning boat excursion to Halifax Island, home to a colony of African penguins. This tour passes an old whaling station and goes around Diaz Point, one can expect to see a host of marine wildlife which may include heavy side dolphins, seals and on occasion, whales. For those that decide against, there is the town to explore with its colonial buildings and the Lüderitz Museum which displays the town's diamond-mining past as well as local and natural history. Mid-morning, we head to Kolmanskop Ghost Town – the area where the diamond rush started, an affluent town in its heyday today the desert encroaches the town.

Overnight: Klein-Aus Vista Desert Horse Campsite Gondwana Collection Namibia

Large old camel thorn trees greet camping guests at the Desert Horse Campsite in a small valley of the Aus Mountains. Each of the ten sites is equipped with a tap, table, grill and windbreak. Neat shower and toilet facilities are within easy reach of each site. Barbecue packs are available at the reception of Desert Horse Inn (1.5 km); those who like to skip cooking for a change are more than welcome at the Inn's restaurant (subject to space available, please enquire upon arrival). Note there are no power point outlets at the Desert Horse camp. If you have equipment that need to be charged it can be done at reception of Desert Horse Inn.

Desert Horse Campsite

Each of the sites is equipped with a water tap, table with benches, fireplace with grid and windshelter There are clean and neat ablution facilities to service the 10 sites with gas heated showers and flush toilets. Note there are no power point outlets.

Activities

Morning	Kolmanskop
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Kolmanskop

Amongst the sands of the Namib, the crumbling buildings of a small, once-luxurious town emerge from the drifting dunes. This ghost town is Kolmanskop, a reminder of the wealth of a time when diamonds could be picked by hand from the desert, and a remarkable photographic opportunity with few equals anywhere on earth.

Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

Day 12: Sesriem Oshana Campsite, Sesriem

As there is no accommodation at Sossusvlei, visitors to this desert wilderness are likely to end up staying at Sesriem, 65 kilometres away, where camps and lodges serve as a base from which to explore the dunes. 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.)

Day Itinerary

Day 12 - Tuesday

Route: Aus to Namib Nauklfut Park – Sesriem area

Distance: 345 km

Journey: Today we'll be spending time travelling through the southern Namib, passing rural communities on the way. This is a bleak, harsh and forbidding landscape yet we come across some open savannah and farms before encountering the dunes of the Namib Desert. In the town of Maltahohe we will stop to experience the Amabaruxa Cultural Choir which was started in 2001. This is a group of learners that dance and sing, most of whom are orphans or vulnerable. Set up camp in the Sesriem area and visit Elim dune – a great place for sundowners with the dunes behind us and the Naukluft Mountains in the distance.

Overnight: Sesriem Oshana Campsite

Sesriem offers ten (10) self-catering camping facilities with each campsite having its own private toilet and shower, washup kitchenette with hot and cold water and 220V electricity. Campers have full access to the shop, bar, restaurant and swimming pool at Sesriem (NWR)

Activities

Lunch	Amabaruxa Cultural Choir
Afternoon	Elim Dune

Elim Dune

Just five kilometres from the camp at Sesriem, Elim Dune is best viewed at sunset, when the colours deepen, intensifying the contrast between the red dunes and the purple-blue Naukluft Mountains on the opposite horizon. Elim Dune is roughly 100 metres in height and the climb to its zenith takes under an hour.

Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

Day 13: Sesriem Oshana Campsite, Sesriem

Day Itinerary

Day 13 - Wednesday

Route: Sesriem – Sossusvlei - Sesriem

Journey: We'll need to be on the move an hour before dawn as we make our way through a dry riverbed and across the gravel plains towards the Namib Dunes. We'll stop at Dune 45 before making our way to Sossusvlei with age old sands said to be around five million years old. Dead Vlei with its white pan and contrasting black scorched trees is also on our visit list. Whilst this region appears to be lifeless there are a variety of animal species that have adapted to these conditions and if we're lucky may see Oryx antelope, ostrich, springbok and don't forget about the birdlife and reptiles that inhabit the area. Return to our campsite for lunch, late afternoon visit to the Sesriem Canyon where the ephemeral Tsauchab River has shaped the area over millions of years.

Activities

Morning	Dune 45
Morning	Sossusvlei
Morning	Dead Vlei
Afternoon	Sesriem Canyon

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.

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.

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.

Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

Day 14: End of Itinerary**Day Itinerary****Day 14 - Thursday**

Route: Sesriem to Windhoek

Distance: 335 km

Arrival in Windhoek: Between 15h00 – 17h00

Journey: Our route today takes us back towards Solitaire from where we travel to the town of Rehoboth, an area of natural hot water springs, before arriving back into the city of Windhoek, this will be late afternoon, please do not book any outbound flights for this afternoon.

Activities

Lunch	Rehoboth
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Rehoboth

Located in Hardap, Namibia, about 90 kilometres south of Windhoek, Rehoboth is surrounded by camel thorn, sweet-thorn and candle-pod acacia and dotted with several natural hot springs. The area is known not only for its striking natural beauty but also its rich heritage - the ancient Baster community, who came across the river to settle here in 1870, have a long and interesting history. Plant lovers will be interested to find that some of the Acacia Trees here date back around 2000 years. History enthusiasts will delight in the interesting town museum. Rehoboth makes for a convenient base for reaching popular destinations such as the Fish River Canyon, Sossusvlei, and Hardap Dam.

Included

Meals: Breakfast and light lunch – camping style
