



## 2021 & 2022 - SCH 7 day Pride of Namibia Camping safari (Schedule Mon departure)

Onguma Game Reserve - Etosha South - Etosha East - Etosha National Park - Etosha West - Swakopmund - Sesriem - Sossusvlei

7 Days / 6 Nights

Group Size: Minimum 1 guest Maximum 14 guests



### Introduction

Time spent game viewing in the world famous Etosha National Park area followed by some adventure time at the coastal town of Swakopmund which is situated on the Skeleton Coast, ending with two nights in the Namib Naukluft Park and a visit to Sossusvlei.

**Departs:** from Windhoek on selected Monday mornings.

**Ends:** in Windhoek on a Sunday evening.

### 2021 Departure dates

Nov	Dec	Jan 21	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
09	07	11	08	08	05	03	14	12	09	06	04
23	21	25	22	22	19	17	28	26	23	20	18
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Rates valid: 01 November 2020 - 31 October 2021: NAD19 400.00

**2022 Departure dates**

Nov	Dec	Jan 22	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
01	13	10	07	07	04	02	13	11	08	05	03
15	20	24	21	21	11	16	27	25	22	19	17
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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.

This 7 day tour cannot be combined with any of our other products.

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Day 1	Onguma Tamboti Campsite	Onguma Game Reserve	L&D	1x Campsite	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 2	Etosha Village Campsite	Etosha South	FB	1x Campsite	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 3	Prost Hotel Swakopmund	Swakopmund	B,B&L	1x Twin room	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 4	Prost Hotel Swakopmund	Swakopmund	B&B	1x Twin room	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 5	Sesriem Oshana Campsite	Sesriem	FB	1x Campsite	<b>2 Nights</b>

**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**

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## **Day 1: Onguma Tamboti Campsite, Onguma Game Reserve**

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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.

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### **Day Itinerary**

#### **Day 1 - Monday**

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

Distance: 545 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. The road north to Otjiwarongo passes through commercial farming area – and on a clear day the Waterberg may be seen off in the distance, our next stop being the mining town of Tsumeb. We aim to arrive at the private reserve mid-afternoon so as to 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.

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### **Included**

Meals: Light Lunch and dinner – camping style

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## **Day 2: Etosha Village Campsite, Etosha South**

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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.

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## Day Itinerary

### Day 2 - Tuesday

Route: Through Etosha Onguma to Okaukuejo region (Taleni 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.

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#### Activities

Morning	Etosha East
Morning	Etosha Pan
Afternoon	Etosha West

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#### Etosha East

Located in North-western 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.

### ***Etosha West***

Situated in the western part of Etosha National park, a world-famous wildlife sanctuary in the northwestern part of Namibia, Etosha West is the wilder western region accessed through Galton Gate. Visitors to Etosha West can look forward to exploring the magnificent scenery of this remote north Namibian landscape characterised by lush undulating terrain and a reddish-brown soil, which is a stark contrast to the white dusty clay soil of Etosha East's flat expansive plains. This area is home to several species not found in the rest of the park: baboons, Mountain Zebra, and Brown Hyena, as well as several unique plants. The area also boasts numerous waterholes attracting elephant, rhino, leopard, lion, a variety of buck, and around 300 bird species.

### **Included**

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

## **Day 3: 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 3 - Wednesday**

Route: Taleni Etosha to Swakopmund

Distance: 512 km

Arrival in Swakopmund: Between 15h00 – 17h00

Journey: Today we return to the town of Otjiwarongo and head to the coastal region, we'll make a short stop in Omaruru as this eclectic town is home to one of Namibia's few wineries. Late afternoon arrival in Swakopmund – the following two nights accommodation are included within the tour costs and will be at a guest house. Dinner tonight is for clients own account.

#### **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.

**Included**

Meals: Breakfast and light lunch – camping style

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**Excluded**

Dinner

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**Day 4: Prost Hotel Swakopmund, Swakopmund****Day Itinerary****Day 4 - Thursday**

Swakopmund is the adventure center of Namibia with activities offered in and around the town itself or in neighboring Walvis Bay (30km away). A few examples: marine cruise, Sandwich Harbour excursion, kayaking in Walvis Bay– Living Desert Tour, Township tour, dune boarding, quad biking – any of these tours can be pre-booked, please do ask for more information as needed. Accommodation tonight is included within the tour costs.

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**Included**

Meals: Breakfast

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**Excluded**

Lunch and dinner are for clients own account

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**Day 5: 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.)

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**Day Itinerary****Day 5 - Friday**

Route: Swakopmund to Namib Naukluft Park

Distance: 345 km

Collection time: 08h00 – 08h30 from any accommodation within the town of Swakopmund

Journey: we leave Swakopmund to the harbour town of Walvis Bay before heading south travelling across the gravel plains of the Namib Desert, endless horizons. The surrounds of the Kuiseb and Gaub Canyon provide good geological phenomenon, in addition we may see the elusive Mountain Zebra. After crossing the Tropic of Capricorn head on to the settlement of Solitaire. Our aim is to arrive at our campsite mid to late afternoon. Set up camp 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**

Elim Dune
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### ***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: Light Lunch and dinner – camping style

## **Day 6: Sesriem Oshana Campsite, Sesriem**

### **Day Itinerary**

#### **Day 6 - Saturday**

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
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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 7: End of Itinerary**

### **Day Itinerary**

#### **Day 7 - Sunday**

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

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.

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### Included

Meals: Breakfast and light lunch – camping style

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