Classic Namibia (G02) Desert Dunes and Wildlife

Windhoek - Mariental - Sossusvlei - Swakopmund - Damaraland - Etosha South - Etosha East

12 Days / 11 Nights



Introduction

Explore the bare plains of the Namib Desert, the apricot-coloured dunes of Sossusvlei, the romantic coastal town of Swakopmund nestled between the Ocean and the Desert, the rough terrain of Damaraland and the abundant wildlife in the world renowned Etosha National Park on this classic Namibia tour.

Itinerary

Day 1: Windhoek

Arrival in Windhoek and subsequent transfer to your accommodation. Your guide will meet you this afternoon and will conduct an orientation city tour of Namibia's capital.

Overnight at Villa Violet Guesthouse or similar

Activities included: orientation city tour

Meals included: none

Day 2: Windhoek – Kalahari

Depart for the Kalahari semi-desert, where you arrive in the early afternoon. Later today we enjoy a sundowner drive on the lodge property.

Overnight at Bagatelle Kalahari Lodge or similar

Activities included: sundowner drive

Meals included: breakfast & dinner

Day 3: Kalahari – Namib Desert

The routing takes you further south via Maltahöhe into the low plains of the Namib Desert to Desert Camp, which is located nearby the entrance gate to the Sossusvlei dunes.

Overnight at Desert Camp or similar

Activities included: none

Meals included: breakfast & dinner

Day 4: Namib Desert

Very early departure today into the Namib Naukluft Park to witness one of Namibia's most scenic attractions - the Sossusvlei and the highest dunes of the world. Visit the nearby Deadvlei, a dried out natural water pan with its dead acacia tree trunks rising to the blue sky.

The Sesriem Canyon is another attraction worthwhile seeing en route back to the lodge. A relaxing sundowner on top of the nearby ridge ends off an unforgettable day in the desert.

Overnight at Desert Camp or similar

Activities included: Visit to Sossuvlei, Dead Vlei & Sesriem Canyon

Meals included: breakfast & dinner

Day 5: Namib Desert – Swakopmund

The route takes you north via the Kuiseb Canyon to Swakopmund. This quaint desert town with its old-world charm and relaxed atmosphere hedged by desert and sea, is enhanced by lush green lawns and palm trees.

Overnight at Swakopmund Guesthouse or similar

Activities included: none

Meals included: breakfast

Day 6: Swakopmund / Walvis Bay

A marine cruise has been booked for you today. You will be picked up at your accommodation and driven to the nearby town of Walvis Bay, from where your marine cruise departs. To round the trip off you will be spoilt with fresh Walvis Bay oysters, snacks and cold sparkling wine on board as you make your way back to the docking station and then back to Swakopmund.

Overnight at Swakopmund Guesthouse or similar

Activities included: Marine Cruise

Meals included: breakfast

Day 7: Swakopmund – Damaraland

Departure from Swakopmund along the Atlantic Coast towards the North.

Visit the lichen fields near Wlotzka's Baken before continuing to Henties Bay, a small holiday resort.

Onwards to the seal colony at Cape Cross. After visiting the seals, the journey continues via Uis towards Twyfelfontein.

Overnight at Malansrus Tented Camp or similar

Activities included: Cape Cross seal colony

Meals included: breakfast & dinner

Day 8: Damaraland

Experience the desert-adapted elephants in the Huab and Aba-Huab dry riverbeds this morning with your guide. In the afternoon pay a visit to the Twyfelfontein Rock engraving, a world heritage site.

Overnight at Malansrus Tented Camp or similar

Activities included: Elephant drive in touring vehicle & Twyfelfontein Rock Engraving

Meals included: breakfast & dinner

Day 9: Damaraland – Southern Etosha National Park

Leaving Malansrus we travel to Kamanjab and further to the Etosha National Park. The Etosha National Park presents to its guests a wilderness experience that is unmatched in terms of privacy and landscape viewing. If time permits, your guide will drive into the National Park with you already this afternoon for a game drive.

Overnight at Etosha Village or similar

Activities included: Excursion to Etosha National Park in touring vehicle (time-permitting)

Meals included: breakfast & dinner

Day 10: Southern Etosha National Park

Discover the mysteries of the African bush in Etosha National Park whilst travelling in an eastern direction through the park. We spend the day doing game drives in the park and visit the numerous waterholes that attract a large diversity of animal and bird species, many of these being endemic to the country.

Overnight at Etosha Village or similar

Activities included: Excursion to Etosha National Park in touring vehicle

Meals included: breakfast & dinner

Day 11: Southern – Eastern Etosha National Park

Another day to discover the mysteries of the African bush in Etosha National Park whilst travel in an easterly direction via Halali and Namutoni to Onguma Bushcamp.

Overnight at Onguma Bush Camp or similar

Activities included: Excursion to Etosha National Park in touring vehicle

Meals included: breakfast & dinner

Day 12: Eastern Etosha National Park – Windhoek / End of Safari

Return journey via Okahandja to Windhoek. Okahandja is an important centre for woodcarvers from the north. This is a good place to pick a last souvenir. Arrival in Windhoek will be around 17h00 with transfer to Hosea Kutako Airport for check-in on your outbound flight.

Activities included: none

Meals included: breakfast

END OF SERVICES

Included in this travel option:

- Travelling costs as per itinerary; activities, entrance- and park fees as specified;
- Accommodation on a shared basis;
- Meals as per itinerary;
- Mineral water en route;
- Experienced guiding in English or German;
- VAT and bed levy.

Excluded from this travel option:

- Expenses of a personal nature, i.e. laundry, telephone, gratuities, souvenirs, etc.;
- Personal-, medical- and evacuation insurances;
- Additional activities;
- Alcoholic beverages and all drinks.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Rates are as per scheduled departures with a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 8 participants;
- Private departures are available and subject to payment of a surcharge;
- Services and accommodations are subject to availability at the time of booking;
- It is compulsory for all guests to have comprehensive cancellation-, default-, baggage-, emergency evacuation- and medical insurance for the duration of the trip;
- The operator reserves the right to change the itinerary;
- All relevant booking conditions of Namibia Tracks & Trails and/or any other booked services will apply to your travel arrangements;
- The relevant cancellation policy applies should you fail to join or start your safari/journey for any reason, including airline delays or missed connection. Please ensure you have adequate travel insurance for this purpose. You become liable for cancellation penalties immediately on confirmation of booking services;
- Passports must be valid (usually for at least 6 months after date of travel) and still have at least 3 blank visa (not endorsement) pages;
- All visa requirements must be fulfilled and these are your responsibility.