



DRIFTERS WILD NAMIBIA
16 - Day ACCOMMODATED
Windhoek to Windhoek

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1x HOTEL
14x LODGE

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Namibia: Africa's adventure playground. The land of unrelenting sun, where the ground appears to beg the heavens for rain and the vast landscapes stretch uninterrupted for hundreds of kilometres without signs of Man's intervention. Living deserts where one gazes in wonder and amazement at the displays of changing natural colours, and at the animals and plants that somehow survive in this seemingly harsh environment.

This tour covers many of the popular highlights but also includes many "off the beaten track" destinations seldom visited by mainstream tourism.

Flexibility, a willingness to participate, an awareness of the elements, and a desire for unlimited adventure, are essential in order to best absorb all this tour has to offer.

DAY 1: WINDHOEK

Our adventure in Namibia begins in the Capital city of Windhoek at 14h00 when everyone meets at our hotel for a short tour briefing. We then set off on an afternoon of driving through Windhoek and viewing the attractions of the city, including the local museum and church before setting off to enjoy the warm hospitality and an own expense dinner at the infamous restaurant "Joe's Beer-



house", or a similar restaurant. We spend the night in comfort at our hotel and prepare for the next day's adventure.

**Meals: Dinner own expense // Distance: +-30 km
ACCOMMODATION: Safari Court Hotel**

**Included Highlights/Activity:
+ Windhoek city Tour**

**Optional Activities:
- None, all included**

DAY 2: WINDHOEK – K GALAGADI

This morning, we leave the city behind us and begin our winding journey south into the open plains of the vast Kalahari Desert. Our journey today takes us through remote farming towns that offer us a glimpse of daily life in Namibia. Our jour-

ney will take the majority of the day but there will be plenty of scenic beauty to keep us occupied. We will arrive at our overnight accommodation in the Kgalagadi in the late afternoon.

**Meals: B L D // Distance: 560 km
ACCOMMODATION: Kgalagadi**

**Included Highlights/Activity:
+ Scenic drive through the
Kalahari Desert**

**Optional Activities:
- None, all included**

**DAY 3: K GALAGADI
TRANSFRONTIER PARK**

After a sumptuous breakfast, we embark on our game drive through the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, a National Park spanning both South Africa and Botswana. Well known for its predator population, including cheetah and the massive Black Maned Lion, the Kgalagadi Park offers unique game viewing opportunities and spectacular birdlife. We will spend most of the day traversing the South African side of the park in search of animals. Our guide will take time to give us more information on the animals we encounter in the park and will explain how they survive in the desert conditions.

Tonight we stay in the comfortable rest camp accommodation amongst the Camel Thorn trees.

**Meals: B L D // Distance: +- 100 km on game drive
ACCOMMODATION: Kgalagadi**



Included Highlights/Activity:

- + Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
- + Extensive Game viewing experience

Optional Activities:

- None, all included

DAY 4: KGALAGADI – FISH RIVER CANYON

Rising early, we witness the sunrise over the landscape before breakfast. Today we travel one of the most scenic Kalahari roads, crossing numerous high dunes which offer spectacular viewpoints. We make our way to Keetmanshoop where we have a short comfort break and then continue onto the Fish River Canyon, regarded as the second largest in the world. We spend some time taking in the views of the canyon before moving onto our stop for the night at Ai – Ais, the Hot Springs located in the depths of the canyon.

Meals: B L D // Distance: 470 km**ACCOMMODATION: in rest camp – Ai Ais****Included Highlights/Activity:**

- + Keetmanshoop
- + Fish River Canyon
- + Ais Ais Hot springs

Optional Activities:

- None, all included

**DAY 5: FISH RIVER CANYON – AUS**

A relaxed morning we enjoy breakfast in camp before traveling on remote roads to the southernmost point of our journey - the mighty Orange River. Forming the border with South Africa, the Orange River creates a narrow band

of green vegetation that winds its way through the towering rugged mountains of this seemingly burnt landscape. We will enjoy a lunch stop and possibly even a swim in the river. This afternoon we travel north along the diamond mining area of the Sperrgebiet and make our way to the charming little town of Aus where we spend the next two nights in accommodation.

Meals: B L D // Distance: 335 km**ACCOMMODATION: Klein Aus Vista****Included Highlights/Activity:**

- + Scenic drive along Orange River

Optional Activities:

- None, all included

DAY 6: AUS – LUDERITZ – KOLMANSKOP – AUS

An early start, we make our way across the open desert plains toward the Atlantic Ocean. Our first stop today will be at the Ghost Town of Kolmanskop. Once the site of a prosperous diamond mine, the town is slowly being reclaimed by the shifting sands of the desert. We enjoy an entertaining tour and a walk around the town and through the old buildings that brings the colourful history to life. Then it's on to Luderitz, a small harbour town on one of the most inhospitable coasts imaginable. We will visit the cross planted here by Dias in 1487 and will

spend some time strolling around town, enjoying the unique architecture. This afternoon we travel back into the desert and will stop on route to spend time with a colony of wild desert horses. Lunch today will be own expense.

Meals: B D (Lunch own expense) // Distance: 250 km**ACCOMMODATION: Klein Aus Vista****Included Highlights/Activity:**

- + Ghost Town of Kolmanskop
- + Luderitz
- + Wild desert horses

Optional Activities:

- None, all included

DAY 7: NAMIB DESERT RESERVE

A relaxed start, we enjoy breakfast before we continue travelling north into the dry interior. Today we venture into the heart of the Namib to our privately owned game reserve, taking in its vast plains, red dunes, and towering mountains of stone. Our next two nights will be spent at the GREENFIRE DESERT LODGE, a remote lodge nestled against a rock outcrop within a conservancy that forms part of the vast Namib Rand Nature Reserve. The reserve is home to a variety of desert adapted ecology and wildlife and we will enjoy an extensive walk as well as a day and night desert drive during our time here.

Meals: B L D // Distance: 230 km**ACCOMMODATION: Greenfire Desert Lodge****Included Highlights/Activity:**

- + Private Desert Lodge
- + Private Desert Reserve

Optional Activities:

- None, all included

DAY 8: DESERT RESERVE

Awake to desert vistas that extend further than the eye can see. This protected wilderness has been conserved and is protected through the proceeds of tourism. All animals here exist in completely natural surroundings and are free to move unrestricted over the full extent of the 22,000 hectare reserve. Our guide will help us understand the unique desert fauna and flora. Today we start off with an informational and educational walk in this beautiful environment, looking for tracks and signs of animal's behaviour and survival strategies allowing them to exist in these harsh conditions. During the heat of the day guests have time to relax at the lodge or to explore the surrounding area on foot should they wish to. In the afternoon we depart on a desert drive. During the drive we stop at a suitable place to enjoy the sunset and a traditional sundowner drink. Once it is dark we slowly drive back to the Lodge and hope to encounter some nocturnal animals adapted to living in the desert.

Meals: B L D // Distance: Desert Drive**ACCOMMODATION: Greenfire Desert Lodge****Included Highlights/Activity:**

- + Open Vehicle Desert Drive
- + Desert Walk
- + Private Desert Reserve

Optional Activities:

- None, all included



DAY 9: SOSSUSVLEI DUNES

Setting off early, we continue across the endless desert plains to the Sesriem Canyon and the awesome Sossusvlei dunes – reputedly the highest in the world. After exploring the canyon on foot, we will transfer into the heart of the dunes and will spend time climbing these spectacular mountains of sand before moving on to our accommodation in the desert. On this day we take you to climb the dunes and explore the Sesriem Canyon, Sossusvlei and Deadvlei with a 4x4 transfer in and out of these attractions.

Meals: B L D // Distance: 200 km

ACCOMMODATION: Agama River Lodge

Included Highlights/Activity:

- + Sesriem Canyon
- + Sossusvlei
- + Deadvlei
- + 4x4 Transfer into these areas
- + Dune climbing

Optional Activities:

- None, all included

DAY 10 - 11: SWAKOPMUND

Crossing through the Namib Naukluft Park, we make our way to the coastal town of Walvis Bay and then on to Swakopmund where we spend two nights in comfortable accommodation. We explore this holiday town and its surrounds thoroughly and enjoy both our evening meals at local restaurants. (own expense). Swakopmund is a must-see for any visitor and offers guests a variety of adventure activities. Clients will have the opportunity to partake in quad biking, sand boarding and skydiving whilst here (own expense). For those that simply want to relax, the town offers a variety of restaurants and shops where one can sit and enjoy the town atmosphere.

Meals: B L; B (Dinner on day 10, lunch and dinner on day 11 own expense) // Distance: 290km on Day 10

ACCOMMODATION: Amanpuri Lodge

Included Highlights/Activity:

- + Scenic Drive through Namib Naukluft National Park
- + Welwitschia desert plants
- + Swakopmund

Optional Activities:

- Skydive
- Quad Bikes
- Dune Boarding
- Desert Tours
- Boat Cruises

DAY 12: SKELETON COAST – BRANDBERG

Today we head up along the barren Skeleton Coast, scene of many a shipwreck, to the seal colony at Cape Cross where thousands of Cape Fur Seals can be seen ashore. We will get within very close proximity to these wild animals. We then travel through the desert to visit the Bushman rock paintings at Brandberg, where we spend the night at the foot of the mountain at Mt Brandberg Nature Reserve. During our time here we hope to see the rare Desert Elephants.

Meals: B L D // Distance: 325 Km

ACCOMMODATION: White Lady Lodge

Included Highlights/Activity:

- + Cape Cross Seal Colony
- + Brandberg and Mt Brandberg Nature Reserve
- + White Lady Bushman Paintings

Optional Activities:

- None, all included

DAY 13 - 14: ETOSHA NAT. PARK

Making our way up north we enter Etosha National Park today, arguably the highlight of the tour. We spend two nights here within the park in search of the big game that this park is so well known for. One evening guests have time to spend at a floodlit waterhole watching the many animals that come down to drink. During these days we will conduct extensive game drives, visiting all the little waterholes during the heat of the day and staying within the park the entire time. Each night we stay in one of the rest camps of the park in comfortable accommodation.

Meals: 2 x B L D // Distance: 330 Km on Day 13, & Roughly 120 Km Game Drive on Day 14

ACCOMMODATION: in rest camp – Etosha

Included Highlights/Activity:

- + 2 Days within the Park
- + Extensive Game Viewing Opportunity

Optional Activities:

- Own Expense Night Drive within the Park

DAY 15: ETOSHA– WATERBERG

After a short morning game drive, we exit the park and travel down to the impressive Waterberg Plateau National Park. This plateau is ecologically diverse and has over 200 different bird species with some rare species of small antelope that occur on the lower hills of the mountain. This afternoon we will hike up the mountain and will enjoy the views of the Kalahari from the summit. We enjoy our last night of tour at the base.

Meals: B L D // Distance: 350 Km

ACCOMMODATION: in rest camp – Waterberg

Included Highlights/Activity:

- + Short Morning Game Drive
- + Hike at Waterberg

Optional Activities:

- None, all included

DAY 16: WINDHOEK

An early morning, we pack up and begin our journey back to civilization. The drive to Windhoek will take approximately 5 hours and we intend to be back in the capital by 13h00 where the tour will officially come to an end. Lunch will be enjoyed at your own expense. Clients may book a post-tour night accommodation through Drifters. For those flying out this afternoon, please allow for check in time and at least an hour for the airport transfer.

Meals: B // Distance: 290 Km

Included Highlights

- + Windhoek City Tour
- + Kgalagadi Transfrontier National Park – Game Drive
- + Fish River Canyon
- + Ai-Ais Hot Springs
- + Orange River
- + Kolmanskop Ghost Town
- + Luderitz
- + Desert Horses
- + Private Namib Desert Reserve
- + Open-vehicle Desert Drive
- + Desert Walks
- + Desert Night Drive
- + 4x4 trip to Sossusvlei Dunes and Deadvlei dunes
- + Sesriem Canyon
- + Walvis Bay
- + Swakopmund
- + Skeleton Coast
- + Cape Cross Seal Colony
- + Brandberg and Mt Brandberg Nature Reserve
- + Etosha National Park
- + Waterberg National Park

Optional Activities

- Quad biking
- Dune Boarding
- Sky Diving
- Marine Wildlife Boat Trip



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The tour is an accommodated tour and linen will be supplied on all nights. Accommodation may vary from tour depending on availability but Drifters will offer the same standard on all tours.

This is an adventure tour and as such involves a certain amount of walking - a small daypack is advisable. Seasonable malaria precautions are advisable and are locally obtainable. During winter the night-time temperatures can fall below zero and during summer the daytime temperatures can reach the forties – please be prepared.

Most major currencies can be exchanged on arrival in Windhoek and other centers but banking hours do apply. Credit cards are generally accepted.

Our price includes transport, food, coffee, teas and fruit juice at breakfast, a professional guide, group equipment, accommodation, permits and park entry fees. The price does not include alcohol, bottled water and soft drinks, tips, curios and optional extras.

Visa info - A valid passport is required by everyone. The tour will visit Namibia and the South African side of Kgalagadi National Park. It is the client's responsibility to insure they have the appropriate visas required for this trip to all the countries we visit. Some nationalities might need to obtain visas before departure as they cannot be obtained at the border.

Before departure, clients will be required to enter into an agreement pertaining to our booking conditions and general information. Clients are required to be covered by their own comprehensive personal travel insurance, including medical cover.

At time of going to print the above itinerary was correct but Drifters continually strive to offer our clients the best available tour options and as such we reserve the right to change aspects of the itinerary at our discretion. During the validity of the published itinerary conditions will change, roads are improved or deteriorate often opening up new routes, contracted camps and accommodation facilities change standards, optional activities become available or are discontinued, new border posts open and old ones become congested, etc. Drifters are continuously monitoring all of the factors that make up a successful tour and as such will make amendments to the published itineraries if circumstances demand or if we believe that the change will enhance the tour.

PREISLISTE 2019

17.03.2019 - 01.04.2019	€ 2.995,00	11.08.2019 - 26.08.2019	€ 2.995,00
19.05.2019 - 03.06.2019	€ 2.995,00	13.10.2019 - 28.10.2019	€ 2.995,00
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DEPARTURES

This tour starts in Windhoek on selected Sundays. Pre and post-tour nights can be arranged.