



DRIFTERS WILD NAMIBIA

16 - Day ADVENTURE SAFARI

Windhoek to Windhoek

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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 all 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 tour through Windhoek, viewing the attractions of

the city, including the local museum and church, ending the day savouring the warm hospitality and an own expense dinner at the infamous Joe's Beerhouse, 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. We pass through remote farming towns that offer us a glimpse of daily life in Namibia. Our journey will take most of the day, but there will be plenty of scenic beauty to keep us occupied. We will arrive at our overnight camp in the Kgalagadi in the late afternoon.

Meals: B L D // Distance: 560 km

ACCOMMODATION: Camping (2 person dome tents) – Rest Camp

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 bird-life. 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 information on the animals we encounter in the park, and will explain how they survive in the desert conditions. Tonight we camp amongst the Camel Thorn trees.

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

ACCOMMODATION: Camping (2 person dome tents) – Rest Camp

Included Highlights/Activity:

+ Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park

+ Extensive Game viewing experience

Optional Activities:

- None, all included



DAY 4: K GALAGADI – 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 on to 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 on, to our stop for the night at Ais Ais, the hot springs located in the depths of the canyon.

Meals: B L D // Distance: 470 km

ACCOMMODATION: Camping (2 person dome tents) – Ais Ais

Included Highlights/Activity:

- + Keetmanshoop
- + Fish River Canyon
- + Ais Ais Hotsprings

Optional Activities:

- None, all included

DAY 5: FISH RIVER CANYON – AUS

A relaxed morning, we enjoy breakfast in camp before travelling on remote roads to the southernmost point of our journey - the 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 of the Rich-



tersveld. We will enjoy a lunch stop and possibly even a swim in the river. This afternoon we travel north along the edge of diamond mining area of the Sperrgebiet, and make our way to the charming little town of Aus. where we spend the next two nights camping.

Meals: B L D // Distance: 335 km

ACCOMMODATION: Camping (2 person dome tents) - Desert Horse Inn Campsite

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, through the old buildings that bring 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 Bartolomeu Dias in 1487, and will spend some time strolling around town, enjoying the unique German colonial architecture. This afternoon we travel back into the desert, and will stop en-route to see the Namib Desert Horses. Lunch today will be own expense.

Meals: B D (Lunch own expense) // Distance: 250 km

Accommodation: Camping (2 person dome tents) –

Desert Horse Inn Campsite

Included Highlights/Activity:

- + Ghost Town of Kolmanskop
- + Luderitz
- + Namib Desert Horses

Optional Activities:

- None, all included

DAY 7: NAMIB DESERT RESERVE

A relaxed start, we enjoy breakfast before travelling north into the dry interior. Today we enter the heart of the Namib, to visit 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 CAMP, a remote camp 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 fauna and flora, and we will enjoy an extensive walk, as well as a day and a night desert drive during our time here.

Meals: B L D // Distance: 230 km

ACCOMMODATION:

Camping (2 person dome tents) -

Greenfire Desert Camp

Included Highlights/Activity:

- + Private Desert Camp
- + Private Desert Reserve

Optional Activities:

- None, all included

DAY 8: DESERT RESERVE

We awake to desert vistas that extend further than the eye can see. This protected wilderness is conserved and 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 reserve. Our guide will help us understand the unique desert fauna and flora, so today we start off with an ecology walk in this beautiful environment, looking for tracks of animals, and signs of the behaviour and survival strategies that allow them to exist in these harsh conditions. During the heat of the day guests have time to relax at the camp, 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 our camp, hoping to encounter some of the nocturnal animals adapted to living in the desert.

Meals: B L D // Desert drive

ACCOMMODATION: Camping (2 person dome tents) -

Greenfire Desert Camp

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 transfer into the heart of the dunes, to spend some time climbing these spectacular mountains of sand, before taking a 4x4 transfer into Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. After exploring these truly unique sites on foot, the 4x4's take us back to our vehicle, and we continue to our camp-site for the night.

Meals: B L D // Distance: 200 km

ACCOMMODATION: Camping (2 person dome tents) – Sossus on Foot

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 Kuiseb Canyon and the Namib-Naukluft National 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 get a feel for the local culture.

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

Today we head north along the barren Skeleton Coast, scene of many shipwrecks, 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 continue travelling through the desert to visit the towering granite peaks found at Spitzkoppe. After exploring the outcrops in the afternoon, we set up camp and enjoy the play of the light during sunset, from our seat on the mountain. We spend the night at the foot of the mountain.

Meals: B L D // Distance: 280 km

ACCOMMODATION: Camping (2 person dome tents) - Spitzkoppe

Included Highlights/Activity:

- + Cape Cross Seal Colony

+ Spitzkoppe

Optional Activities:

- + None, all included

DAY 13 - 14: ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

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

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

ACCOMMODATION: Camping (2 person dome tents) – Etosha

Included Highlights/Activity:

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

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 south to the impressive Waterberg Plateau National Park. This plateau is ecologically diverse and has over 200 different bird species, 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: Camping (2 person dome tents) - Waterberg

Included Highlights/Activity:

- + Short Morning Game Drive
- + Hike in the 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 post-tour 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/Activity:

- + Scenic Drive to Windhoek

Included Highlights

- + Windhoek city tour
- + Kgalagadi Transfrontier National Park – Game Drive
- + Fish River Canyon
- + Ai-Ais Hot Springs
- + Orange River
- + Kolmanskop Ghost Town
- + Luderitz
- + Namib Desert Horses
- + Private Namib desert reserve
- + Open-vehicle game drive
- + Desert walk
- + Desert night drive
- + 4x4 trip to Sossusvlei and Deadvlei dunes
- + Sesriem Canyon
- + Walvis Bay
- + Swakopmund
- + Skeleton Coast
- + Cape Cross seal colony
- + Spitzkoppe
- + Etosha National Park
- + Waterberg National Park

Optional Activities

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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 Celsius, and during summer the daytime temperatures can reach the forties – please be prepared. Most major currencies can be exchanged on arrival in Windhoek and at other centres, but banking hours do apply. Credit cards are generally accepted.

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 ensure they have the appropriate visas required for this trip, to all the countries we visit. Some nationalities may need to obtain visas before departure as they may not be obtainable at the border.

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

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 period of the published itinerary, conditions may change, roads may be improved or deteriorate, contracted camps and accommodation facilities may change standards, optional activities may become available or be discontinued, new border posts open or existing ones become congested, etc. Drifters are continuously monitoring all of the factors that contribute to a successful tour, and will make amendments to the published itinerary if circumstances so demand, or if we believe that the change will enhance the tour.

PREISLISTE 2019/2020

09.06.2019 - 24.06.2019	€1.845,00	05.01.2020 - 20.01.2020	€1.895,00	23.08.2020 - 07.09.2020	€1.895,00
21.07.2019 - 05.08.2019	€1.845,00	08.03.2020 - 23.03.2020	€1.895,00	13.09.2020 - 28.09.2020	€1.895,00
01.09.2019 - 16.09.2019	€1.845,00	19.04.2020 - 04.05.2020	€1.895,00	25.10.2020 - 09.11.2020	€1.895,00
22.09.2019 - 07.10.2019	€1.845,00	10.05.2020 - 25.05.2020	€1.895,00	06.12.2020 - 21.12.2020	€1.895,00
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15.12.2019 - 30.12.2019	€1.845,00	12.07.2020 - 27.07.2020	€1.895,00		

DEPARTURES

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