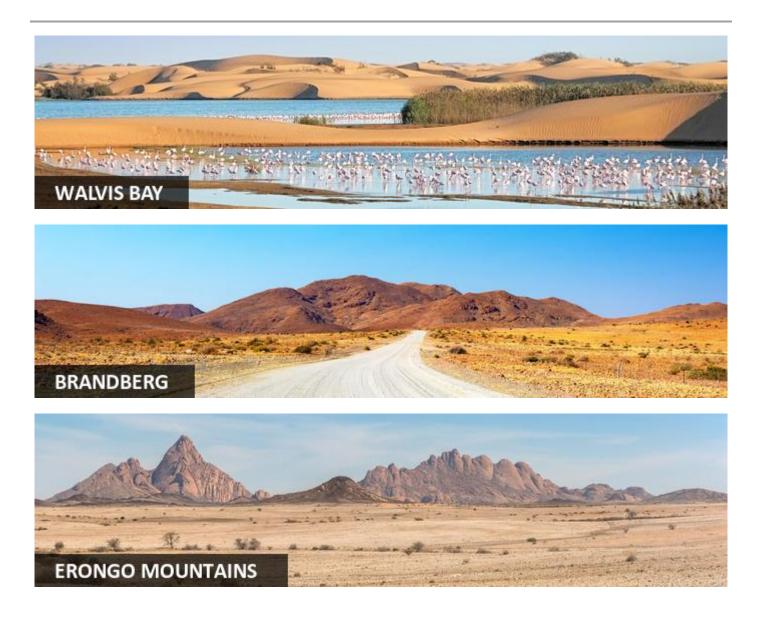


4 Days Birding & Wildlife Safari Tour (Lodging)



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Introduction

These 4 day birding wildlife safari tour mainly focuses on the birds the tour will start from Windhoek whereby the guide makes sure everyone reaches their target species. On these tour you will see different types of birds.

<u>Highlight</u>

- Visit Dan Viljoen and Walvisbay Lagoon
- Visit to Spitzkoppe and a endemic drive
- Rock Art Drive

Review

DEPARTURE: This tour departs from Windhoek

- COUNTRY ('S): Namibia
- DESTINATIONS: WALVIS BAY-ERONGO MOUNTAIN
- TOUR CODE: 4A-NAM-WAL-BRAN-ERO
- RETURN: Back to Windhoek in the Afternoon
- PASSENGERS: Minimum 1 Traveler and a Maximum of 14 Travelers per group
- STYLE: LODGING
- MEALS: BB: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner
- VEHICLE: 2-3: Double Cab 4x4/ SUV
- 4 7 guests: Toyota Quantum/Landcruiser with a purpose-built trailer
- 8-14 guests: Toyota Dyna truck (a modified safari vehicle) / Iveco Daily 24-Seater

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Lagoon Lodge or similar	Walvis Bay	FB	1 Night
Brandberg White Lady Lodge or similar	Brandberg	FB	1 Night
Omandumba Bush Camp or similar	Erongo Mountains	FB	1 Night

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

Included

- Qualified Professional driver guide
- Vehicle and fuel
- Park entrance fees as per itinerary
- Passenger liability 15% VAT 2% tourism levy
- Airport transfers
- All Activities as Mentioned Included on itinerary.
- Accommodation with Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- 24/7 assistance locally

Excluded

- Expenses of personal nature
- Entrance fees not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Meals not mentioned.
- Drinks at lodges and on road
- Travel- and cancellation insurance
- Visa
- Optional excursions and activities
- Tips for tour guides
- International & National flights and airport taxes
- Items not mentioned in the itinerary

Day 1: Lagoon Lodge, Walvis Bay (397.6km)

Our first stop will be at Daan Viljoen Game Reserve, a reserve on the western side of Windhoek that provides excellent dry-country birding. From here we make our way down the escarpment and across the spectacular plains of the Namib Desert.

We will arrive in Walvis Bay in the late afternoon. After settling into our perfectly situated accommodation for the evening we will get together for some afternoon birdwatching. We will spend the late afternoon at the famous Walvis Bay lagoon, which hosts several wonderful bird species.

We will return to our lodge to freshen up and then we will have dinner at one of the many good quality establishments in town. We will then return to our lodge for a good night's rest.

Included activities

• Visit Dan Viljoen and Walvisbay Lagoon

Overnight: Lagoon Lodge

Walvis Bay

Resting on Namibia's spectacular coastline just south of Swakopmund, Walvis Bay (Whale Bay) is a thriving town, Namibia's principal harbour and one of the country's most popular tourist centres. It is known for its natural lagoon, striking orange sand dunes and wealth of outdoor activities. Visitors can enjoy fishing, bird-watching, sailing, sandboarding, swimming, surfing and golf. Located just outside town is Dune 7, one of the largest sand dunes in the world, offering fantastic views from the crest for those with the energy to climb it. Other bucket list items include a trip to the expansive green and pink salt pans dotted with flocks of flamingos, and boat trips to see seals colonies, dolphins and friendly pelicans while enjoying champagne and oysters.

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Overnight: Lagoon Lodge

Lagoon Loge, "the yellow house on the lagoon" long established landmark in Walvis Bay, offers 8 cosy and elegant individually decorated rooms, all with balcony or veranda and sea views. Walvis Bay is the departure point for many activities such as dolphin cruises, Sandwich Harbour dune driving tour, quad biking, and sea kayaking and sand boarding. Guests can also laze around the swimming pool or enjoy a drink on the roof deck facing the lagoon.

The lodge offers an original decor, a warm and friendly atmosphere and delicious breakfasts are served. It is a wonderful place to enjoy a memorable stay on the Namibian Coast. Walvis Bay is a paradise for birders, tourists, a prime spot for surfers and kite surfers, and home for many travelers on business trips.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 2: Brandberg White Lady Lodge, Brandberg (266.7km)

After an early breakfast at the lodge we will focus on finding Dune Lark, Namibia's only true endemic and a great bird to have on any birder's list.

From here we will make our way north to Damaraland, driving past one of Namibia's most recognizable landmarks in the distance, the Spitzkoppe.

The plains of Damaraland are home to many special bird species. This region is also home to an assortment of scientifically important desert-adapted wildlife such as African Elephant, Black Rhinoceros and Lion, which somehow survive and thrive in this near-barren landscape. If we are lucky we might see some of these special animals.

We should arrive at our lodge situated on the Huab River by late afternoon. It is close to the Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain. Our accommodation for tonight is a beautiful lodge, with stunning views. We will check in and have some time in our rooms. We will then get together to update our lists.

Including activities

visit to Spitzkoppe and a endemic drive

Overnight: Brandberg White Lady Lodge

Brandberg

Situated in northwestern Namibia, the Brandberg, meaning 'Fire Mountain', Massif is Namibia's highest peak, at its zenith, the Königstein (King's Stone), standing at a whopping 2573 metres above sea level. Named for the vivid shade of orange it sometimes turns at sunset, this is undoubtedly the main highlight of the region. The Brandberg has been sacred to the San people for centuries. The Tsisab Ravine at its base is permeated with over 45 000 ancient San rock paintings, including the famous 'White Lady'. Visitors flock here to view this unique bushman painting, said to be over

2000 years old. Other popular drawcards include its untouched natural beauty and its free-roaming wildlife such as mountain zebra, kudu, springbok, and desert elephant.

Overnight: Brandberg White Lady Lodge

Brandberg White Lady Lodge is named after the San paintings for which the Brandberg became famous. It is a place where you will feel at home and enjoy a true warm-hearted hospitality, "tranquillity" is name of the game. At the Lodge you find a fully licensed restaurant, a well-stocked bar, comfortable lounge and a large pool area. And if you are lucky you might bump into a dessert adapted elephant.



Basis Bed and Breakfast

Day 3: Omandumba Bush Camp, Erongo Mountains (141.7km)

After coffee and an early breakfast we will use the morning to explore the Huab River and surrounding Mopane woodland, home to several of the Namibian near endemics and other important species.

We will then have lunch and continue southeast to the incredible rocky topography of the Erongo area. The landscape is dominated by rugged granite outcrops standing tall over the surrounding arid plains. It is the best area in the country to search for the very secretive Hartlaub's Spurfowl, and although probably better to search for this special species tomorrow morning, we will have a quick walk among the boulders to try our luck. Our lodge is perfectly situated amongst the rocks and staying here is the perfect ending to an amazing birding tour.

We will have dinner and update our lists, and perhaps sit on the deck and enjoy the incredible views. After dinner we retire to our tents and enjoy a good night's sleep; tomorrow morning we have some big targets!

Included activities

Rock Art Drive

Overnight: Omandumba Bush Camp

Erongo Mountains

Conveniently located only a few hour's drive from Namibia's capital city of Windhoek, the Erongo Mountain Range stretches across the plains between the towns of Omaruru and Karibib, and is home to a remarkably rich natural heritage. This expanse of rugged wilderness serves as one of Namibia's most popular tourist drawcards, attracting visitors with its spectacularly scenic landscapes, magnificent caves and rock painting sites, and its impressive array of wildlife species. These include, among others: rhino, elephant, cheetah, leopard, giraffe, wildebeest, impala, blesbok, waterbuck, kudu, warthog, mountain zebra, oryx, eland, springbok and over 200 species of bird. Visitors can look forward to enjoying a variety of adventurous activities such as hiking, rock climbing, games drives, horse riding safaris and mountain biking.

Overnight: Omandumba Bush Camp

Farm Omandumba West is exactly what is meant when speaking about a typical Namibian farm: cosy and familiar atmosphere, exciting farm events, fascinating landscapes, recreative nature, rustic accommodation, exciting activities and the famous Namibian silence.

Experience the daily farm life amongst dogs, cats, goats, and other pets on Omandumba, a tremendous joy especially for children.

Omandumba offers different accommodation facilities.

- 8 rooms full board (farm accommodation)
- 5 camp sites

Omanduba offers different activities

-Rock Art Drive (+- 3 hours)

-The Living Museum of the San People



Basis Bed and Breakfast

Day 4: End of itinerary Back to Windhoek (249.8km)

We will start the day with an early walk around the lodge. The granite hills surrounding the lodge are famous for some very special birds. We will return to the dining area for a late breakfast, and at this time the massive numbers of Rosy-faced Lovebird should be busy with their morning foraging. It is special sipping your coffee with hundreds of these colourful (and luckily wild) lovebirds around you! After our exciting morning of birding we will pack up our bags, check out and drive back to Windhoek.

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Travel Information



Located in southwestern Africa, Namibia boasts a well-developed infrastructure, some of the best tourist facilities in Africa, and an impressive list of breathtaking natural wonders. Visitors can explore the capital of Windhoek and discover the lovely coastal town of Swakopmund boasting remnants of the country's German influence, reflected in the architecture, culture, cuisine and the annual Oktoberfest celebrations. To properly appreciate this extraordinary country, you will have to venture out of the cities to explore the remarkable natural landscapes Namibia has to offer. These include: the impressive Fish River Canyon; the vast Etosha National Park teeming with abundant wildlife, such as lions, desert-adapted elephants and the Hartmann's Mountain Zebra; the hauntingly beautiful Kalahari Desert; and of course the Namib Desert stretching for over 2000 km along the magnificent Atlantic Coast. Namibia is an ideal destination for travellers seeking an unforgettable African experience in a uniquely beautiful untamed wilderness.