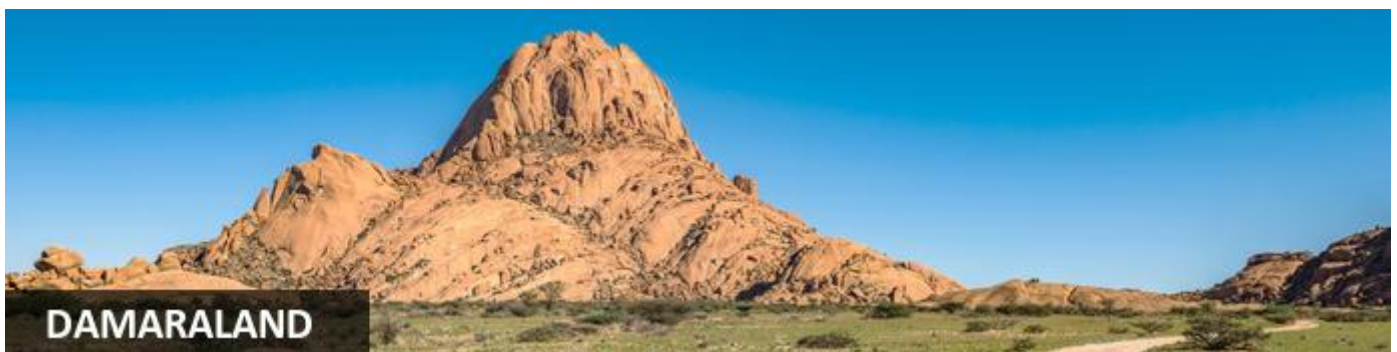


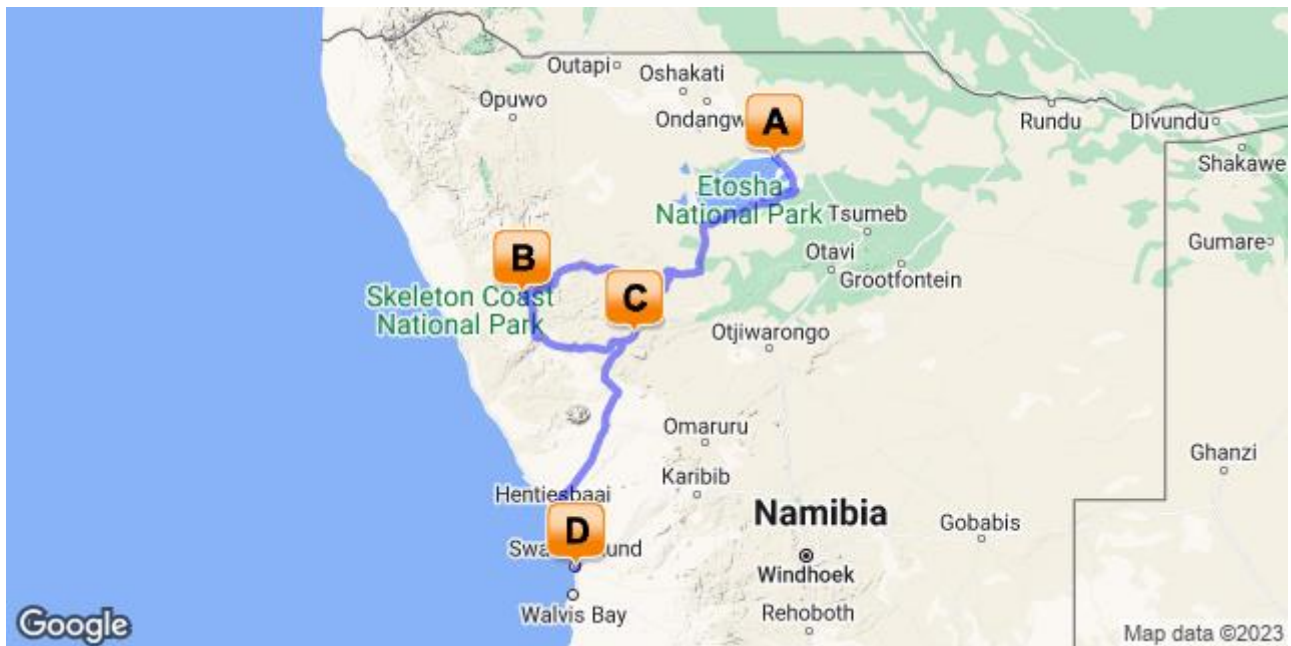


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Etosha East - Palmwag - Damaraland - Swakopmund



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Introduction

This 9 day tour is a planned safari which incorporates a feast of wildlife viewing in Etosha National Park with a friendly taste of Damaraland where you have the opportunity to view the ancient Twyfelfontein rock engravings and to track desert-adapted rhino. The trip ends in Swakopmund where you can partake in activities like dolphin cruises and living desert tours, or explore the town with its many restaurants and curio shops at your leisure.

Overview

- • DEPARTURE: This tour departs from Windhoek
 - • COUNTRY ('S): Namibia
 - • TOUR CODE: 9AC-ETOSHA-DAMA-SWAK
 - • RETURN: NAMIBIA WINDHOEK
 - • PASSENGERS: Minimum 1 Traveler and a Maximum of 24 Travelers per group
 - • STYLE: LODGING
 - • MEALS: BB: Breakfast and 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

Etosha King Nehale Gondwana Collection Namibia or similar	Etosha East	B&B	3 Nights
Palmwag Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia or similar	Palmwag	B&B	2 Nights
Damara Mopane Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia or similar	Damaraland	B&B	1 Night
The Delight Swakopmund Gondwana Collection Namibia or similar	Swakopmund	B&B	2 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

SELF-DRIVE INFORMATION:

Emergency Services: Emergency evacuation services are included.

Drivers: A valid and unendorsed license must be produced by all drivers. The minimum age for authorized drivers is 23 years.

Fuel: The renter will receive the vehicle with a full tank of fuel. Upon the return of the vehicle/termination of the hire, the vehicle will be refilled at the renter's expense.

Insurances: The rental vehicle includes Zero Excess

Rental Agreement: Upon renting the vehicle the renter and additional drivers will be required to complete a standard rental agreement with the car rental company. A valid credit card is required for the rental deposit.

Health: It is the client's responsibility to ensure that he/she is medically fit and able to embark on the tour.

Force Majeure: We do our utmost to conduct the tour as described in the program; however, we cannot guarantee it. Unfavorable weather conditions, rivers in flood, organizational problems, unforeseen events, or other factors may force us to change the course of the tour. We apologize for the inconvenience.

INCLUDED

1. Toyota Hilux 4x4 DC/ Nissan NP300 4x4 D/C/ Ford Ranger 4x4
2. Zero Excess Fee
3. GPS & latest Track4Africa software
4. 12-220v inverter with USB
5. Fridge
6. Airport transfers
7. 24/7 Support
8. If Driver needed it can be arranged

EXCLUDED

1. Excludes International Flights
2. Excludes Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
3. Excludes Park Fees
4. Excludes Drinks
5. Excludes Upgrades on accommodations
6. Excludes Fuel
7. Excludes Park Fees

Day 1: Etosha King Nehale Gondwana Collection Namibia, Etosha East (601.1km)

Make sure of an early start from Windhoek to make the most of this full day that takes you into Etosha and through its most northerly gate. The route from Windhoek passes the town of Okahandja where the first turnoff leads to the woodcarvers' market. Further north towards Otjiwarongo, the Omatakos, a pair of conical mountains, are prominent landmarks along the route. Termite mounds reach for the sky and warthogs root along the roadside. The B1 passes the towns of Otavi and Tsumeb before you veer left onto the C38 to Etosha's Von Lindequist Gate. Spend the afternoon enjoying the drive northwards through Etosha. Etosha King Nehale awaits you soon after the King Nehale Gate, where you can kick off shoes and raise glasses as the sun sets over the Andoni Plains, relishing the comfort of this stylish lodge.

Optional activities

- Guided half day game drives and in the afternoon visit the waterhole and see how variety of animals go there to quench their thirst.

Overnight & Etosha King Nehale

Etosha East

Located in Northwestern 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.

Overnight: Etosha King Nehale Gondwana Collection Namibia [View](#)

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Etosha King Nehale has been designed and decorated to pay homage to the rich cultural heritage of the area and the majestic riches of the Etosha animal kingdom. Guests of this new Gondwana lodge are immediately captivated by the fascinating atmosphere and warm cordiality that arises from the great attention to detail, whether in the interior design, the choice of food or the small detailed features that they encounter at every turn.

Etosha King Nehale is situated on the Andoni Plains, just one kilometre from Etosha's northern King Nehale Gate and only 48 kilometres north of Namutoni. At this welcoming lodge each of the 40 spacious chalets has its own plunge pool and views over the plains.

Etosha King Nehale has private access to a remote waterhole in Etosha National Park where the lodge has established its Ontalelo Outpost. The name says it all: ontalelo meaning "view, sight", "outpost" describes a remote part of a kingdom or empire. Guests can enjoy the fascinating experience of being really close to the wonders of Etosha's animal kingdom.

To the north, the pulsating cultural vibrancy of the communal areas of the Oshikoto, Oshana, Ohangwena and Omusati regions awaits visitors.

Location: 1 km north of the King Nehale Gate outside the Etosha National Park



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 2: Etosha King Nehale Gondwana Collection Namibia, Etosha East

The second day can be used to explore northern and eastern Etosha, visiting the waterholes, which attract a variety of animals that come to quench their thirst. The 22 912km² wildlife haven is home to 114 mammal species, including elephant giants and diminutive Damara dik-diks, and 340 species of birds. Etosha King Nehale has a waterhole reserved especially for lodge guests. Spend the day in the park or return to the lodge for lunch and to relax and luxuriate in your private plunge pool.

Optional activities

- Visit the waterhole and see how variety of animals go there to quench their thirst.

Overnight & Etosha King Nehale

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 3: Etosha King Nehale Gondwana Collection Namibia, Etosha East

The Etosha feast continues as you journey westwards into the heart of the 'Great White Place'. Etosha has a variety of landscapes and vegetation types including grassland and dwarf-shrub, woodland and thornbush savannah. At its centre is the shimmering mirage-like pan, which fills with water in years of good rainfall and gives the chalky character to the park. The pan formed 120 million years ago when continental drift changed the slope of the land and redirected the course of the ancient rivers, which dried up over time. Day three provides the opportunity to hopscotch from waterhole to waterhole as you travel towards Okaukuejo. Keep in mind that it is often slow-going through the park. Enjoy a lunchbreak midway at Halali. Both the Halali and Okaukuejo camps have popular waterholes, which attract animals large and small. In the late afternoon exit from Okaukuejo at Andersson Gate to drive the ten kilometres to Etosha Safari Lodge. Arrive in time to enjoy a sundowner drink overlooking the mopane woodland, when the world is painted in gold. Enjoy supper at the lodge or reserve a table at Etosha Safari Camp's Shebeen restaurant for a fun-filled relaxed evening.

Optional activities

- Sundowner, full day game drives

Overnight & Etosha King Nehale

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 4: Palmwag Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Palmwag (495.5km)

After a leisurely breakfast take the C38 southwards to the town of Outjo, where you'll be able to fill your fuel tank and stock up with snacks and essentials for the journey. From Outjo take the C40 north-west to Kamanjab. (There is an option to reach Kamanjab on the gravel roads via the D2695, south of Etosha Safari Lodge.) Stock up and fill fuel tanks in Kamanjab before continuing on the scenic Grootberg Pass to Palmwag. Take it slowly and carefully around the bends, and keep eyes open for desert elephants in the valley. Flat-topped Etendeka Mountains and rich red rock dotted with green euphorbias and robust mopane trees characterise the area around Palmwag. Palmwag Lodge is set in a grove of makalani palm trees that mark the underground watercourse of the Uniab River and the lodge overlooks the sweeping Damaraland landscape. Make sure you arrive in time to sip a sundowner as the sun dips in the sky, transforming the landscape into deep reds and shades of pastel pink. Arrange your activities for the next day on your arrival before soaking up the beauty of the surroundings.

Optional activities

- track desert-adapted black rhino, hiking trails

Overnight & Palmwag Lodge

Palmwag

Palmwag is a nature reserve idyllically located along a palm-lined tributary of the Uniab River, halfway between Swakopmund and Etosha, providing an ideal base from which to see the sights of the Kunene region or embark on one of the many local hiking trails. Water is scarce in this area, so the river's presence often lures elephants closer to the camps. The reserve is notable for its unusual species of palm tree, the *hyphaene petersiana*, and for being home to the largest population of

southwestern black rhinos in Africa. Animal lovers can also get a peek at leopard, lion, cheetah, mountain zebra, Angolan giraffe, springbok, kudu, and African bush elephant.

Overnight: Palmwag Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia [View iBrochure](#)

A call from the far western wilderness beckons you to the home of the desert adapt world. With the largest predator population outside of Etosha National Park, this destination will not disappoint. With rooms and safari tents on offer, your stay will be most memorable.

Location: 121 km west of Kamanjab off the C43



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 5: Palmwag Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Palmwag

After breakfast you continue to explore the environment Activities include an early start taking a guided walk to become better acquainted with the environment and self-driving or joining a sundowner drive into the 582 000-hectare Palmwag Concession, a vast conservation area with an abundance of wildlife. Palmwag collaborates with neighbouring conservancies, the Ministry of Environment and

Tourism and Save the Rhino Trust to safeguard this rich wild heritage. During the day, enjoy a relaxed lunch at the pool bar and in the evening keep eyes open for the resident bull elephant 'Jimbo', who often makes an appearance.

Optional activities

- Taking a guided walk

Overnight & Palmwag Lodge

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

[Day 6: Damara Mopane Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Damaraland \(187.6km\)](#)

After an early breakfast, travel southwards on the C43 and eastwards on the C39 until the D2612 turnoff to the Twyfelfontein engravings. Two to six thousand years old, the engravings, mostly of animals, were made by hunters and gatherers who congregated at the springs in the mountain in the dry season. It is believed that their shamans chiselled into the Mount Etjo sandstone as a form of prayer as they beseeched the gods for healing, rain, food and protection for their people. Guided walks are available to visit the main sites. If time allows, in the vicinity are also a series of rock formations known as the Organ Pipes and a Damara Living Museum to experience the traditions of the Damara people continue on the C39 eastwards towards Khorixas. Another optional stop on the route is the small Petrified Forest where a number of conifers from ancient rivers were deposited millions of years ago, eventually fossilising into stone. Damara Mopane Lodge, a refreshingly different oasis-like lodge, is reached

20km after Khorixas. Built in the traditional design of an African king's residence, a semi-circular labyrinth of passageways leads to the spacious chalets, each with its own productive food garden.

Optional activities

- Visit the Damaraland's world-famous ancient rock art, The Organ Pipes and Burnt Mountain, Damara Living Museum, Twyfelfontein engravings and the Brandberg paintings

Overnight & Damara Mopane Lodge

Damaraland

This vast desert landscape is known as one of the most beautiful regions in Namibia. Huge, untamed and ruggedly beautiful, Damaraland is an exceptionally scenic landscape featuring open plains, ancient valleys and spectacular rock formations. The major attractions are the sacred Spitzkoppe, the Brandberg, Twyfelfontein, Vingerklip and the otherworldly Petrified Forest. Visitors can take in the dramatic vistas, catch a glimpse of the rare desert-adapted elephant, and enjoy spectacular stargazing in crystal-clear night skies from one of the many safari camps dotting Damaraland. Other popular activities include: guided drives, nature walks and visiting the local communities. Don't miss the opportunity to view Damaraland's world-famous ancient rock art.

Overnight: Damara Mopane Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia [View](#)

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Built in a labyrinth design, this innovative lodge has 60 chalets, each with its own vegetable garden. Savour the charm from your stoep where sunflowers peep over walls, refresh in the pool, visit the Twyfelfontein rock engravings 100km away and watch the sun sink into mopane woodland.

Location: approximately 20 km east of Khorixas on the C 39 (Damaraland).



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 7: The Delight Swakopmund Gondwana Collection Namibia, Swakopmund (323.8km)

Have breakfast and drive towards Swakopmund, which takes you on a mesmerizing journey between the icy Atlantic Ocean and Namib Desert dunes. Unwind and refresh at the end of the day in the warm and uplifting atmosphere of the Delight hotel.

Optional activities

- fascinating desert tours, skydiving, sandboarding and hot air ballooning

Overnight & The Delight 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.

Overnight: The Delight Swakopmund Gondwana Collection Namibia [View iBrochure](#)

Amongst the town's captivating contrasts and old traditions, Gondwana's Delight is a fresh breeze in the desert. A refreshing, relaxing, modern, light and airy establishment to uplift and inspire. Effortless and comfortable, with the distinctively warm and welcoming Gondwana service and charm, your stay is always a memorable experience.

Location: Corner of Theo-Ben Guriab Avenue and Nathaniel Maxuilili Street in Swakopmund.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 8: The Delight Swakopmund Gondwana Collection Namibia, Swakopmund

The Delight's mouth-watering breakfast feast is the very best way to start your day in Swakopmund. Stroll through the town, visit the museum, pop into coffee shops and browse the selection of African curios. Or take a scenic flight, join a living desert tour or a dolphin cruise. Swakopmund is the activity playground of Namibia. Activities range from skydiving and sandboarding to the more peaceful desert trips. Enquire about your options from the hotel's activity desk on your arrival and select your favourites for the day. Before you go, reserve a table at one of the many restaurants for dinner and if back in time, walk along the wooden jetty to watch the sun sink into the sea.

Optional activities

- Quad biking, horse riding, paragliding, walk along the wooden jetty to watch the sun sink into the sea and scenic flight, join a living desert tour or a dolphin cruise

Overnight & The Delight Swakopmund

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 9: End of Itinerary (360.3km) Back to Windhoek

You have another opportunity to enjoy The Delight's breakfast before you return to the capital city. The drive is approximately four hours. Make a stop along the way at the Ûiba-Ôas crystal market at the turnoff to Spitzkoppe for one of the finest displays of Namibian gemstones. Further on, the Wilhelmstal Padstal is a good place for Apfelstreusel and biltong. After that it's only a hop and a skip back to Windhoek as you breeze along, reminiscing about the incredible adventures of the trip.

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Etosha King Nehale Gondwana Collection Namibia		+264 61 42 7200	Found on the B1 near the Etosha King Nehale Gate. Etosha 9000
Palmwag Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia		+264 61 42 7200	The lodge is well signposted on the C39 Kunene 9000
The Delight Swakopmund Gondwana Collection Namibia		+264 61 42 7200	Theo Ben Gurirab Avenue Swakopmund 13001

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.

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