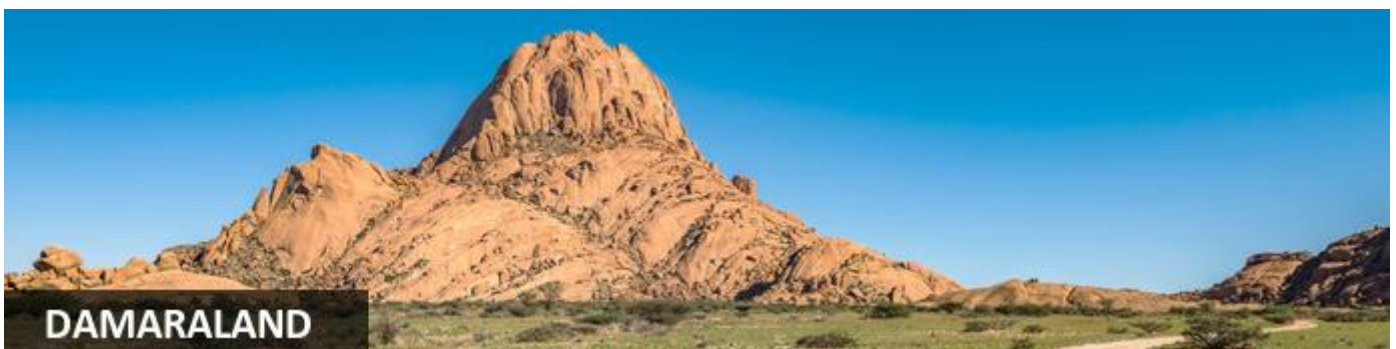




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Introduction

This 11 day tour is a 4x4 self-drive which you will head south and into the Kalahari Desert for two days. From there head over into the silence of the Namib Desert where the highest dunes in the world reign supreme at Sossusvlei, and follow their lead all the way to Swakopmund where delightful moments await you. From here on out you will head north-east, into Damaraland. Watch the sunset over the Petrified Forrest and be awed by the San artistry that fills Twyfelfontein, before you move on to the Etosha Safari Camp. Embrace the wildlife by day at the Etosha National Park and enjoy the authentic Shebeen culture by night where our Etosha Boys will keep you entertained.

Overview

- • DEPARTURE: This tour departs from Windhoek
 - • COUNTRY ('S): Namibia
 - • TOUR CODE: 11AC-KAL-SOSSUS-SWAK-DAMA-ETOSHA
 - • 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
Kalahari Anib Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia or similar	Kalahari Namibia	B&B	2 Nights
Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia or similar	Sossusvlei	B&B	2 Nights
Hotel Pension à la Mer or similar	Swakopmund	B&B	2 Nights

Damara Mopane Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia or similar	Damaraland	B&B	2 Nights
Etosha Safari Camp Gondwana Collection Namibia or similar	Etosha South	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: Kalahari Anib Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Kalahari Namibia (281.3km)

Start by heading south through the hills of Windhoek towards Mariental. An optional gravel route at Kalkrand, via the backroads and gentle hills, gives you a sample of the Kalahari. Travellers opting for the tar can continue southwards, turning off to the east towards Stampriet and the easy 30km drive to Kalahari Anib Lodge. The lodge celebrates the natural elements of earth, wood and fire in an elegantly stylish display.

Optional activities

- Trans-Kalahari Walks

Overnight & Kalahari Anib Lodge

Kalahari Namibia

Spreading across Botswana, South Africa and Namibia, the Kalahari meaning 'the great thirst' is an exceptionally beautiful living desert. The landscape is characterised by a large semi-arid sandy savannah draped over a gently rolling inland sea of sand covering most of Botswana and large parts of Namibia and South Africa. It is also the last bastion of the indigenous San people with the modern world having enveloped all the other areas they once roamed. The Namibian portion is made up of red sands covered in thin, wispy, mostly golden grass and dotted with acacia trees and wide-ranging wildlife including gemsbok, impala, jackals and cheetah.

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

Savour the Kalahari Desert at this easily accessible lodge. 30 standard rooms flank a shady courtyard, with another 21 comfort overlooking Kalahari savannah. Stretch legs on the walks and join the afternoon drive to experience the red Kalahari sands aglow with an inner fire.

Location: Approximately 30 km northeast of Mariental on the C 20 (Kalahari).



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 2: Kalahari Anib Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Kalahari Namibia

After a leisurely morning after your first night, enjoy a drive to Kalahari Farmhouse to visit the Self-Sufficiency Centre, which supplies Gondwana's lodges with 70% of its fresh produce, all cultivated in the unusually lush setting. Treat yourself to a wholesome and delicious lunch in the Farmhouse's peaceful garden. A highlight of a stay at Kalahari Anib is a wonderfully relaxing afternoon nature drive into the Kalahari. Later, toast life from the top of a dune as the sand turns a fiery red.

Optional activities

- Guided Kalahari Hike

Overnight & Kalahari Anib Lodge

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 3: Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Sossusvlei (332.8km)

To the Namib Desert. Cut across the width of the country from east to west via Maltahöhe and Büllsport (or take the more scenic route from Maltahöhe via the Tsaris Pass), and make your way to Namib Desert Lodge at the foot of a range of impressive 20-million-year-old fossilised dunes. Don't miss the afternoon drive to a pristine spot on the crest of a fossilised dune for a view of the awe-inspiring desert landscape.

Optional activities

- Climb 'Big Daddy', one of Sossusvlei's tallest dunes and explore Deadvlei a white, salt, claypan dotted with ancient trees,

Overnight & Namib Desert Lodge

Sossusvlei

Located in the scenic Namib-Naukluft National Park, Sossusvlei is where you will find the iconic red sand dunes of the Namib. The clear blue skies contrast with the giant red dunes to make this one of the most scenic natural wonders of Africa and a photographer's heaven. This awe-inspiring destination is possibly Namibia's premier attraction, with its unique dunes rising to almost 400 metres - making them some of the highest in the world. These iconic dunes come alive in morning and evening light and draw photography enthusiasts from around the globe. Sossusvlei is home to a variety of desert wildlife including oryx, springbok, ostrich and a variety of reptiles. Visitors can climb 'Big Daddy', one of Sossusvlei's tallest dunes; explore Deadvlei, a white, salt, claypan dotted with ancient trees; or for the more extravagant, scenic flights and hot air ballooning are on offer, followed by a once-in-a-lifetime champagne breakfast amidst these majestic dunes.

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

Set below striking fossilised dunes, the comfortable lodge provides a spectacular experience of ancient desert. 65 rooms, two swimming pools and a waterhole are surrounded by sandy splendour. Breathe in the grandeur on a sunset drive and feel the earth underfoot. Relax in the arms of the Namib.

Location: Approximately 60km north of Sesriem on the C19



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 4: Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Sossusvlei

Leave early, to be at the Sesriem gate at sunrise to catch the cooler weather and magnificent morning light. Entrance fees can be paid at the office. Sesriem is the gateway to the famed star dunes of Sossusvlei, a further 60km into the desert. The road crosses over the Tsauchab riverbed, marked by lush camelthorn trees, and continues through a corridor of majestic dunes to the parking area. Park your car and catch a ride on the shuttle. A short walk leads to the vlei, where ancient skeletons of camelthorn trees reach heavenwards from the chalky pan. Dead Vlei is one of the most striking sites in Namibia and a photographer's dream. Be sure to wear closed shoes and take a small bottle of water with you – for your own comfort on this incredible walk through the dunes. Sossusvlei is best appreciated from a height, so take a stroll a few paces up the dune. If you're feeling energetic, climb the adjacent Big Mama dune to best appreciate the beauty of the incredible otherworldly surroundings.

Optional activities

- scenic flights and hot air ballooning

Overnight & Namib Desert Lodge

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 5: Hotel Pension à la Mer, Swakopmund (298.3km)

First stop after you leave Namib Desert Lodge is Solitaire to fill up with fuel. Then it's a desert drive through the fascinating scenery of the Gaub and Kuiseb canyons before you reach the palm trees of Walvis Bay. Once back on the tar, the 30km drive to Swakopmund 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 & Hotel Pension à la Mer

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: Hotel Pension à la Mer

Overlooking the ocean, Hotel Pension à la Mer offers accommodation located in the heart of Swakopmund, Namibia. The property features 46 en-suite rooms equipped with safety deposit boxes, heating, tea/coffee-making facilities and free Wi-Fi.

Guests can look forward to an inclusive international buffet breakfast on-site each morning. Additional hotel amenities include a bar, a snack bar, a sun terrace, a mini-market and a gift shop. Local activities include dolphin cruises, scenic flights, hot air balloon rides, fishing and quadbike tours.



BasisBed and Breakfast

Day 6: Hotel Pension à la Mer, 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 & Hotel Pension à la Mer

BasisBed and Breakfast

Day 7: Damara Mopane Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Damaraland (324.6km)

Follow the salt road along the coast northwards towards Henties Bay, before heading inland on the gravel to Damaraland via Uis and the Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain. As you near the Ugab River, look out for the striking Herero women with their colourful stalls. Your overnight stop, Damara Mopane Lodge, is 30km east of Khorixas. Built in a semi-circular labyrinth design with a turquoise pool at its centre, the lodge is a lovely and charming surprise. Each chalet has its very own garden with fresh vegetables, sunflowers and the occasional scarecrow peeking out. Stroll up the koppie in the late afternoon to watch the sun set and appreciate the expansive view over the mopane woodland before the inviting aromas of dinner call you back to the lodge. An alternate tarred route from Swakopmund leads inland from the desert and northwards to Damaraland via Karibib, Otjiwarongo and Outjo.

Optional activities

- Guided drives, nature walks and visiting the local communities.

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 iBrochure](#)

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 8: Damara Mopane Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Damaraland

The second day is a day to enjoy the ancient rock engravings at Twyfelfontein and to explore the surroundings. Here, hunter-gatherer traditional healers spoke to their gods asking for healing, rain and luck for the hunt. The Organ Pipes and Burnt Mountain are other interesting sites to visit in the area, as is the Damara Living Museum for some local culture. On your return journey, consider a stop at the Petrified Forest to view ancient fossilised tree trunks. After a full day of memorable discovery, make your way back to the warmth and comfort of Damara Mopane Lodge.

Optional activities

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

Overnight & Damara Mopane Lodge

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 9: Etosha Safari Camp Gondwana Collection Namibia, Etosha South (199.2km)

In the heart of the country, Etosha National Park is reached via Outjo, a convenient place to stop for fuel, coffee and snacks. Don't linger too long though, Etosha is waiting. After checking in, if time allows, drive the 10km into the national park to sit at the large Okaukuejo waterhole, which is often frequented by wildlife, or take a drive to the surrounding waterholes. For those just wanting a siesta, put your feet up and relax with a book at the lodge pool. Etosha Safari Camp's colourful Shebeen restaurant has become a highlight on travellers' itineraries. Modelled on Namibia's 'shebeens' (informal township bars) of old, it's an enjoyable lively venue. The dinner feast is enjoyed outside in the courtyard to the sounds of the musicians strumming their guitars and singing local melodies.

Optional activities

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

Overnight & Etosha Safari Camp

Etosha South

Located just south of the boundary of Etosha National Park in northwestern Namibia, Etosha South makes up the southern region of this wild paradise. The area is comprised of a collection of world class private game reserves. The national park can be accessed via the southern entrance at Andersson's Gate. Visitors can catch a glimpse of a variety of wildlife including: lion, giraffe, elephant, white and black rhino, and a multitude of plains game. Popular activities include: enjoying an open 4x4 safari with an expert guide, half day or full day drives with the option of a picnic lunch with wine on the full day game drive.

Overnight: Etosha Safari Camp Gondwana Collection Namibia [View iBrochure](#)

Tap toes to an African beat in the novel Oshebeena Bar and relax at this friendly Camp, 10 kilometres from Etosha National Park. 50 chalets, shaded by mopane trees, and a grassy campsite provide a comfortable home from which to explore the abundant animal kingdom. Legendary.

Location: 10 km south of Andersson Gate on the C 38 (Etosha National Park).



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 10: Etosha Safari Camp Gondwana Collection Namibia, Etosha South

Explore Etosha at your leisure, visiting the many waterholes throughout the park. After experiencing the incredible and renowned wildlife sightings Etosha has to offer, return home to the easy-going warmth and friendliness of Etosha Safari Camp for your final night's stay. Guaranteed to be the perfect end to a fulfilling trip.

Optional activities

- Guided full day game drives

Overnight & Etosha Safari Camp

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 11: End of Itinerary (404.9km) back to Windhoek

After a leisurely breakfast you make your way back to Windhoek where you will return your rental vehicle. You can opt to either spend an additional night in Windhoek or continue to Hosea Kutako International Airport for the departure of your scheduled flight.

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Hotel Pension à la Mer		+264 64 40 4130	Albertina Amathila Ave, Swakopmund, Namibia
Kalahari Anib Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia		+264 61 42 7200	Kalahari Anib Lodge Mariantal District 22001
Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia		+264 61 42 7200	C19, sign posted on this road Solitaire 9000

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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