

# 7-days Around the campfire Safari

Etosha South - Onguma Game Reserve - Etosha West - Etosha National Park - Etosha East - Windhoek - Sesriem -Naukluft Mountains - Sossusvlei - Central Namibia 7 Days / 6 Nights Group Size: Minimum 2 guest Maximum 10 guests



# Introduction

On this trip, we dive right into what nature offers at two key destinations in Namibia, Etosha National Park and the world famous Namib Naukluft (Sossusvlei). We'll camp out in tents under the star studded skies, chill by the campfire in the evenings, listen to the call of nature and travel through some wonderfully diverse scenery.

Departs: from Windhoek on Thursday mornings as per below.

Ends: in Windhoek on a Sunday afternoon

## Departure dates 2025

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
02	13	13	03	01	05	03	07	04	02	13	11
16	27	27	10	08	12	10	14	11	09	27	-
30	-	-	17	15	19	17	21	18	16	-	-
-	-	-	24	22	26	24	28	25	23	-	-
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Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Day 1	Etosha Omusati Lodge	Etosha South	L&D	1x Group Campsite	1 Night
Day 2	Onguma Tamboti Campsite	Onguma Game Reserve	FB	1x Campsite	2 Nights
Day 4	Urban Camp	Windhoek	B,B&L	1x Glamping tents	1 Night
Day 5	Sesriem Oshana Campsite	Sesriem	FB	1x Campsite	1 Night
Day 6	Weltevrede Guest Farm	Naukluft Mountains	FB	1x Campsite	1 Night

# Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast B,B&L: Bed, Breakfast and Lunch L&D: Lunch and Dinner FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

# **Price**

Rates are valid: 01 January - 31 December 2025

NAD 26 500.00 (NAD 300.00 for single Tent Occupancy)

Pricing is per person sharing – as tours tend to run full, we have limited packing space on the vehicles, tents are bulky items and as such we do require people of same gender to share.

Single tents may be supplied for those with valid health reasons.

# Included

- Professional guide
- Camp assistant (depends on no of participants)
- All transport whilst on tour
- Meals as specified

- Camping equipment (does not include sleeping bag / pillow / stretcher)
- National Park entrance fees
- Campsite fees

# **Excluded**

- Sleeping bag can be rented for a daily fee of NAD50.00
- Stretcher can be rented for a daily fee of NAD60.00
- Pillow & towel
- Alcoholic beverages, soft drinks & bottled water
- Personal travel insurance compulsory

# Day 1 - Etosha Omusati Lodge, 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.

## **Day Itinerary**

Route: Windhoek to Etosha Omusati Lodge

Distance: 440 km

Collection time: 08h00 – 08h30 from any accommodation within the City of Windhoek

Journey: With a packed travel vehicle we leave the capital and head north. Small settlements, farms and towns will shape the itinerary for the morning. Just get to know the country and its people bit by bit. First we should set up our camp for the night before we get to the trip's highlight, the rich wildlife of the famous Etosha National Park. Already at the first water hole several species of antelopes could greet us. Keep the binoculars ready, because as we go further into the park there could be something lurking behind bushes. In order to give the animals their well-deserved rest, we go back to the camp at sundown. While your guide is preparing dinner, the crackling campfire invites you for a delicious sundowner drink. We wish you a pleasant night's sleep. Listen to the animals' night calls.

Etosha Omusati Lodge (o/s)

## **Overnight: Etosha Omusati Lodge**

Each campsite features an electrical point, lights, a private braai area, and private ablution with flushing toilets and hot water for showering. Guests have access to the refreshing outdoor pool and restaurant.



**Included** Meals: Light Lunch and dinner – camping style

# Day 2 - Onguma Tamboti Campsite, Onguma Game Reserve



Situated east of Etosha, bordering Fisher's Pan, Onguma Game Reserve is one of Namibia's best-kept secrets. The reserve offers visitors the opportunity to experience Africa in all her beauty and diversity. Onguma Game Reserve features over 34000 hectares of protected land scattered with a variety of wildlife including plains game, black rhino, kudu, giraffe, zebra, lion, cheetah, leopard and more than 300 bird species. The seasonal rains attract thousands of migrating birds to the Fisher's Pan wetland area. The neighbouring Etosha National Park is home to a rich array of wildlife, including four of the Big 5. Visitors can enjoy game drives, guided walks and rhino research drives within the private reserve as well as wildlife safaris into Etosha National Park to view abundant game in the largest national park in Namibia.

# **Day Itinerary**

Route:

Through Etosha Okaukuejo to Namutoni Area (Taleni to Onguma)

Journey: The vastness of Etosha National Park truly hits you when you travel from the southern part to the far eastern section. We navigate smaller roads, moving from one waterhole to another, aiming to spot as many animals as we can throughout the day. Patience and a bit of luck enhance this thrilling wildlife experience. By late afternoon, we arrive at our campsite, where we'll stay for two nights. After a day filled with photography, you'll have the chance to review and possibly share your pictures. During dinner, our guide/s generously share their extensive knowledge, revealing many insights that you won't find in any travel guide, drawn from their personal experiences.

Onguma Tamboti Campsite (o/s)

# **Overnight: Onguma Tamboti Campsite**

Adventure seekers are drawn to Nambia's wide open spaces. Onguma Nature Reserve offers the opportunity to camp in style at the fenced Onguma Tamboti Campsite, with 25 camping sites nestled in the trees.

There is a stunning main area with complimentary Wi-Fi and a restaurant where guests can enjoy a hearty meal while looking out across the waterhole, or relax by the pool with views of the bush. The supply store stocks essentials and the deep verandas ensure there is shade to relax in.

Each site feels private, complete with private ablution facility with spacious shower room, separate toilet and covered washing-up areas with lots of space to unpack and organize. There is also ample plugs to ensure cooler boxes remain cool and cameras get charged.

Guests can explore Etosha National Park on their own, or join a guided safari into the park with one of our experienced guides.



Activities	
Morning	Etosha West
Morning	Etosha Pan

## Etosha West

Situated in the western part of Etosha National park, a world-famous wildlife sanctuary in the northwestern part of Namibia, Etosha West is the wilder western region accessed through Galton Gate. Visitors to Etosha West can look forward to exploring the magnificent scenery of this remote north Namibian landscape characterised by lush undulating terrain and a reddish-brown soil, which is a stark contrast to the white dusty clay soil of Etosha East's flat expansive plains. This area is home to several species not found in the rest of the park: baboons, Mountain Zebra, and Brown Hyena, as well as several unique plants. The area also boasts numerous waterholes attracting elephant, rhino, leopard, lion, a variety of buck, and around 300 bird species.



## Etosha Pan

Aeons ago, Etosha Pan was the bed of a vast lake; today what remains is a glittering, silvery-green salt pan that stretches across roughly 5000 square kilometres. Etosha is protected by the Etosha Pan National Park surrounded by savannah plains and woodlands supporting large herds of elephants. When dry, the pan sustains little life except for the algae that gives it its distinctive colour, and migratory birds that use it as a pit stop, but with heavy rain it becomes a shallow lake where flamingos breed, pelicans wade and feed, and a variety of mammal species come to quench their thirst, including leopards, lions, white rhinos, hunting dogs and antelopes.



## Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner - camping style

# Day 3 - Onguma Tamboti Campsite, Onguma Game Reserve

## **Day Itinerary**

Route: Etosha National Park

After an early breakfast, we set off to Etosha National Park to explore the northern area. There are fascinating waterholes here, and the edge of the actual pan provides a fantastic backdrop for photography. The vast plains and clay depressions create a stunning contrast against the sky, the salt pan, and the wildlife that gathers there. As the sun sets, we bid farewell to the abundant wildlife and head to our campsite. We enjoy one last cozy evening by the campfire, taking the opportunity to gaze at the constellations, which remind us of the calming effect that the animals and surroundings have on us.

Onguma Tamboti Campsite (o/s)

# Activities Etosha East Full day game drive

# 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.



## Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

# Day 4 - Urban Camp, Windhoek



Situated in Central Namibia, the cosmopolitan city of Windhoek serves as the capital of the country. It is home to an international airport and a plethora of restaurants, shops, entertainment venues and accommodation options. The city is clean, safe and well-organised, with a colonial legacy that is reflected in its many German eateries and shops, and the widespread use of the German language. Windhoek has an interesting mix of historical architecture and modern buildings, many of which are worth a look, including the Alte Feste an old fort, the 1896 Christuskirche Christ Church, and the more contemporary Supreme Court.

## **Day Itinerary**

Route: Onguma Game Reserve to Windhoek

Distance: 545 km

Arrival in Windhoek: Between 15h00 – 17h00

Journey: Our trip back to Windhoek leads us through the mining town of Tsumeb and then across the picturesque farmlands toward Otjiwarongo. We are passionate about supporting local Wildlife Foundations. A brief one-hour stop at the Cheetah Conservation Fund will give you insight into their mission to protect endangered species. WE ARE COMMITTED. Continuing our journey toward Windhoek, we pass through Okahandja, where we can pause at a wood carving market to find some final souvenirs or mementoes. We will reach Windhoek in the early afternoon.

You can get involved by supporting this Fund by a Donation: https://cheetah.org/donate/

Urban Camo (o/s)

# **Overnight: Urban Camp**

Urban Camp is a centrally located, comfortable camping ground situated in the heart of Windhoek. The campsite features shared ablution blocks with hot water and accommodates motor homes, caravans, and overland trucks. Guests can enjoy breakfast, lunch, and dinner from the on-site restaurant. Other services and facilities include a beer garden, Wi-Fi, an on-site ATM, and a swimming pool.



#### Included

Meals: Breakfast and light lunch - camping style

# Excluded

Dinner

# Day 5 - Sesriem Oshana Campsite, Sesriem



As there is no accommodation at Sossusvlei, visitors to this desert wilderness are likely to end up staying at Sesriem, 65 kilometres away, where camps and lodges serve as a base from which to explore the dunes. Sesriem Canyon, a deep chasm carved through the rocks by water, is a striking natural feature of the area that is best explored on foot. Stony walls rise up sharply on both sides of the canyon, while birds roost in its crags and lizards dart along the ledges. The canyon's name was coined when early settlers used it as a water source, using six lengths of leather ('ses riem – six thongs) tied together to lower buckets into the water at the base of canyon.)

## **Day Itinerary**

Route: Windhoek to Namib Naukluft Park

Distance: 310 km

Collection time: 08h00 – 08h30 from any accommodation within the City of Windhoek

Journey: A short drive through the City as we head out towards the Gamsberg, a table-topped mountain which on clear days, has some stunning views of the distant Naukluft Mountains, the area we are headed to for the next few days. Our drive takes us through farmland and reserves crossing the Tropic of Capricorn and down the Remhoogte or Spreetshoogte Pass - the escarpment drops down to meet the desert floor as we arrive at our campsite in the Sesriem area.

Such a magical area for sundowners as your gaze takes in the Naukluft Mountains and a small section of the dunebelt. This evening as you sit around a crackling fire your gaze is drawn skywards to the blanket of stars, an area that is good for the soul! Rest well tonight as tomorrow is a very early start.

Sesriem Oshana Campsite (o/s)

## **Overnight: Sesriem Oshana Campsite**

Sesriem Oshana Campsite is situated close to the southern end of the quiet and lush Naukluft Mountains within the Namib-Naukluft National Park in Namibia. Visitors can pitch their tents or park their camper trailers or caravans on the designated self-catering campsites. Facilities include private bathrooms, kitchenettes and barbecue sites. Campers are not permitted to make use of Dead Valley Lodge facilities rather those of NWR at Sesriem campsite.



## **Included** Meals: Breakfast at guest house, light Lunch and dinner – camping style

# Day 6 - Weltevrede Guest Farm, Naukluft Mountains



Located in Central Namibia, the Naukluft Mountains cut a fine silhouette against the vast open skies of this incredibly beautiful country. Private farms occupy the northern reaches and to the south, the range falls within the spectacular Namib-Naukluft National Park. Rising steeply from the vast plains of Central Namibia, the rugged landscape holds a fascinating history, interesting geology and a boasts a variety of deep gorges, caves, small streams and beautiful waterfalls. These mountains support an array of wildlife including over 50 mammal species such as leopard, mountain zebra; various antelope species and almost 200 species of bird. Popular activities include: game viewing, hiking, bird watching, camping, off-roading in a four-wheel drive and swimming in the spectacular rock pools at the Kudusrus campsite.

# **Day Itinerary**

Distance: 170 km

Journey: The world famous Naukluft area is one of our most versatile conservation areas of which you will see a small portion being Sossusvlei and Dead Vlei. This is one of our most visited areas by international tourists. It is a magical area where you can experience the feeling of vastness and isolation with dunes that are some of the highest in the world. A photographers dream as the early morning light plays with colours from apricot to red and no better place that Dead Vlei to experience this as the dunes drop down to meet a white clay pan dotted with the skeletons of ancient camelthorn trees.

Mid morning as the temperatures rise we travel back to camp, pack up and drive the short journey to Weltevrede. Nestled near the spectacular rugged Naukluft mountains we'll set up camp. Put on your hiking boots as this afternoon we'll take a walk to nearby Bushman paintings. We're spoiled with another night of tranquility and star gazing.

Weltevrede Guest Farm (o/s)

## **Overnight: Weltevrede Guest Farm**

Situated in the heart of the Namib Desert, some 300 km south west of Windhoek and bordered on three sides by the Namib Naukluft Park, Weltevrede Guest Farm is the home of abundant wildlife and gateway to the famed Sossusvlei dunes and Sesriem Canyon. Nestled amidst a spectacular mix of rugged mountains, shifting dunes, harsh gravel plains, dusty prehistoric river beds and endless Camel-thorn trees (Acacia Erioloba), you'll find Weltevrede a welcome oasis of friendly hospitality at the end of your adventuresome day



Activities

Dune 45

#### Sossusvlei

Dead Vlei

## Dune 45

Named for its location 45 kilometres past the town of Sesriem, Dune 45 is renowned for its elegant shape, which – along with its position close to the road – have earned it the distinction of `most photographed dune in the world'. If you're not keen for the strenuous hike to the top of Big Daddy, Dune 45 is a more forgiving alternative, standing at only 80 metres and featuring a much gentler gradient.



# 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, making this one of Africa's most scenic natural wonders 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 various desert wildlife, including oryx, springbok, ostrich and a variety of reptiles. Visitors can climb 'Big Daddy', one of Sossusvlei's tallest dunes; and explore Deadvlei, a white, salt, claypan dotted with ancient trees.



# Dead Vlei

This ancient clay pan was once an oasis, studded with acacias and fed by a river that suddenly changed course, leaving the earth to dry up along with the trees it previously supported. So dry were the climatic conditions that the trees never decomposed – instead they were entirely leached of moisture so that today, 900 years later, they remain as desiccated, blackened sentinels dotting the pan's cracked surface. Surrounded by the red-pink dunes of the Namibia Desert, they create a surreal spectacle that is a photographer's dream.



## Included

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner - camping style

# Day 7 - End of Itinerary

# **Day Itinerary**

Route: Weltevrede to Windhoek

Distance: 260 km

Arrival in Windhoek: 15h00 – 17h00

Journey: Our route today takes us back towards Solitaire from here we travel to the town of Rehoboth, an area of natural hot water springs, before arriving back into the city of Windhoek, this will be mid afternoon.

Outbound flight today: Kindly be advised that C Africa Safaris & Tours assumes no responsibility for any missed outbound flights that may result in not arriving on time for the late afternoon/evening departure.

#### Activities

Afternoon	Rehoboth		

## Rehoboth

Located in Hardap, Namibia, about 90 kilometres south of Windhoek, Rehoboth is surrounded by camel thorn, sweetthorn and candle-pod acacia and dotted with several natural hot springs. The area is known not only for its striking natural beauty but also its rich heritage - the ancient Baster community, who came across the river to settle here in 1870, have a long and interesting history. Plant lovers will be interested to find that some of the Acacia Trees here date back around 2000 years. History enthusiasts will delight in the interesting town museum. Rehoboth makes for a convenient base for reaching popular destinations such as the Fish River Canyon, Sossussvlei, and Hardap Dam.

## Included

Meals: Breakfast and lunch - camping style