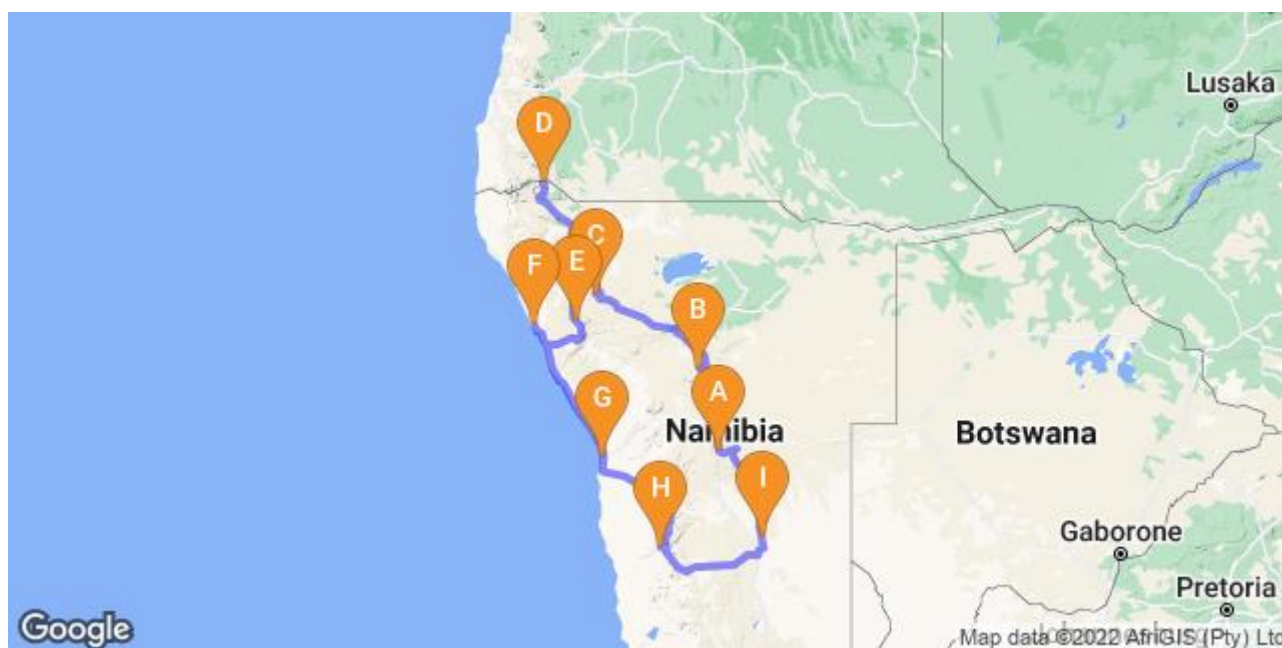




2023 Website - Something Different 2 pax

Windhoek - Okonjima Nature Reserve - Etosha West - Epupa Falls - Kunene - Palmwag - Sesfontein - Skeleton Coast - Swakopmund - Sesriem - Sossusvlei - Kalahari Namibia - Mariental
14 Days / 13 Nights

Reference: 2023 - SD WEB
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Introduction

This self-drive tour visits Okonjima, home of the AfriCat Foundation, a private concession bordering the western side of Etosha National Park and up to the Kunene River and Epupa Falls. Swinging south to Palmwag spend a morning rhino tracking then travel via the Skeleton Coast National Park to the coastal town of Swakopmund. No visit would be complete without experiencing the Namib Desert and the dunes of Sossusvlei, before heading home, a night in the Kalahari region of Namibia with an afternoon sundowner drive.

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Day 1	Olive Grove Guesthouse	Windhoek	B&B	1x Twin Room	1 Night
Day 2	Okonjima Plains Camp	Okonjima Nature Reserve	D,B&B	1x Plains Camp View Rooms	2 Nights
Day 4	Hobatere Lodge	Etosha West	D,B&B	1x Rondawel	1 Night
Day 5	Epupa Falls Lodge	Epupa Falls	D,B&B	1x Twin Chalet	2 Nights
Day 7	Palmwag Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia	Palmwag	D,B&B	1x Standard Twin Chalet	2 Nights
Day 9	Terrace Bay	Skeleton Coast	D,B&B	1x Twin Room	1 Night
Day 10	Strand Hotel Swakopmund	Swakopmund	B&B	1x Twin Room	1 Night
Day 11	Dead Valley Lodge	Sesriem	D,B&B	1x Twin Room	2 Nights
Day 13	Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch	Kalahari Namibia	D,B&B	1x Savannah Chalet	1 Night

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

D,B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Price

Accommodated program:

01 November 2022 - 30 June 2023: 2 adults sharing room: from NAD58 005.00 per person sharing

01 July 2023 - 31 October 2023: 2 adults sharing room: from NAD63 815.00 per person sharing

A valid driver's license is required for all drivers. If this license is not printed in English it must be accompanied by an International Driver's License or an EU drivers licence is also acceptable.

Included

- Accommodation as indicated in the itinerary.
- Vehicle – double cabin 4x4: Collision damage waiver, Second Driver Fee, Stamp Duty Fee, Second Spare Tyre, Tyre & windscreen cover, Standard Accessories - Radio/CD, Air conditioner, Tow rope, Jumper cables, Spare wheel, jack and wheel spanner, tyre gauge. Unlimited kilometres, roadside assistance and recovery charges

(only if damage not caused by negligent driving), VAT. Vehicle is not insured for night-time driving outside urban areas.

- Transfers from/to airport
- VAT + Tourism Levy
- Activities as specified in program

Excluded

- Fuel
- Vehicle exclusions: Blocked deposit of N\$4500 - N\$6500 depending on vehicle type, Late collection/delivery of vehicle outside of office hours N\$550, Fuel - actual re-fuelling cost + 10%, Sandblasting damage, Side windows, Contract fee N\$100 per rental, Tyre side-wall damage (N\$99 per day), Water and under carriage damage, Personal accident insurance, Traffic Fine handling fee of N\$250 / incident, Claim administration fees in the case of theft and/or damage N\$350, Tow in charges where damage was caused by negligent driving, Roof or Body damages not caused by accident/collision. Lost key call out fee N\$10 / km + actual key replacement cost. Cross border permit to Botswana, South Africa, Zambia & Zimbabwe N\$650. Cross border customs fees/insurance etc. (for e.g. Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana) for drivers own account. Young driver fee, 23 to 25yrs, N\$ 100 per day, Child Safety seat of N\$500 per rental, one way delivery, delivery fees outside Windhoek city border, cross Border Fees if applicable. Meals other than specified
- Additional activities not specified in program
- Park /Entrance Fees (NAD150.00 per person & NAD50.00 per vehicle per day) & sightseeing fees (average NAD100.00 per person per day) – prices subject to change.
- All beverages (bottled water, juices, soft drinks & alcoholic drinks, snacks etc)
- International & regional flights and Airport Taxes (if applicable)
- Travel Insurance
- All expenses of a personal nature
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Day 1: Olive Grove Guesthouse, 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: Windhoek Airport to City

Distance: 48 km

Journey: You will be met at Hosea Kutako International Airport and transfer you to the City, check in to your guest house.

Overnight: Olive Grove Guesthouse [View iBrochure](#)

Olive Grove is a small upmarket accommodation establishment situated close to the city centre in a quiet, peaceful area. The guesthouse takes homely atmosphere to a different level.

The newly renovated, open-plan kitchen allows guests to see how meals are prepared, while they enjoy a drink in the lounge. The menu was also reinvented and is now fully a la carte, quite unique for a guesthouse. Home-style food is rounded off with great presentation, pushing up the level of the guesthouse dining experience.

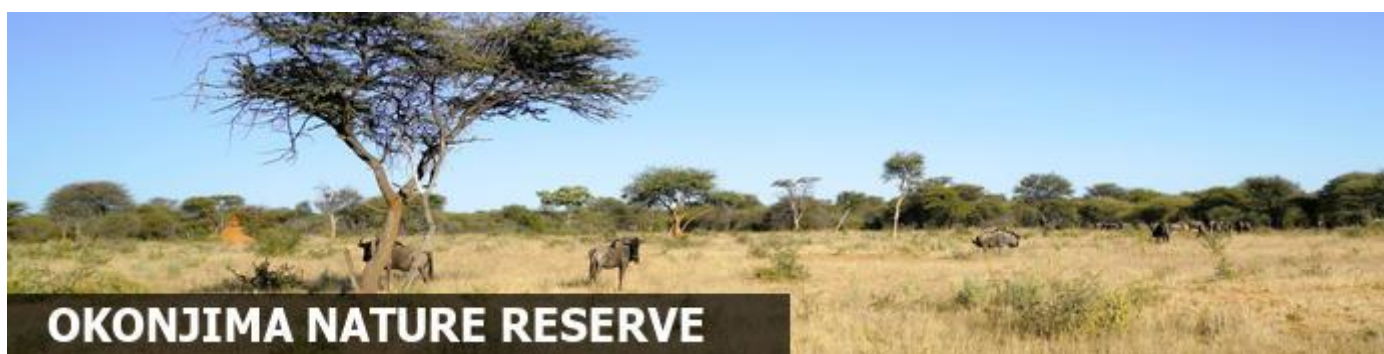
Whilst each of the ten rooms and one suite cater for every need of the most discerning traveller, the emphasis remains one of simplicity and elegance.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 2: Okonjima Plains Camp, Okonjima Nature Reserve



Midway between the spectacular Etosha National Park and the capital city of Windhoek, lies the well-known Okonjima Nature Reserve. The 22 000 hectare nature reserve is home to AfriCAT, a carnivore sanctuary, which gives the captive cats a second chance to be released back into the wild and become completely independent hunters in a protected area right in the middle of commercial cattle farmland. Visitors can enjoy a stay at a variety of excellent accommodation options including everything from luxury villas to secluded camping. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy thrilling cat-tracking guided safaris, leopard-spotting, off-road night drives and learn about local San culture along the Bushmen trail.

Day Itinerary

Route: Windhoek to Okonjima Game Reserve

Distance: 225 km

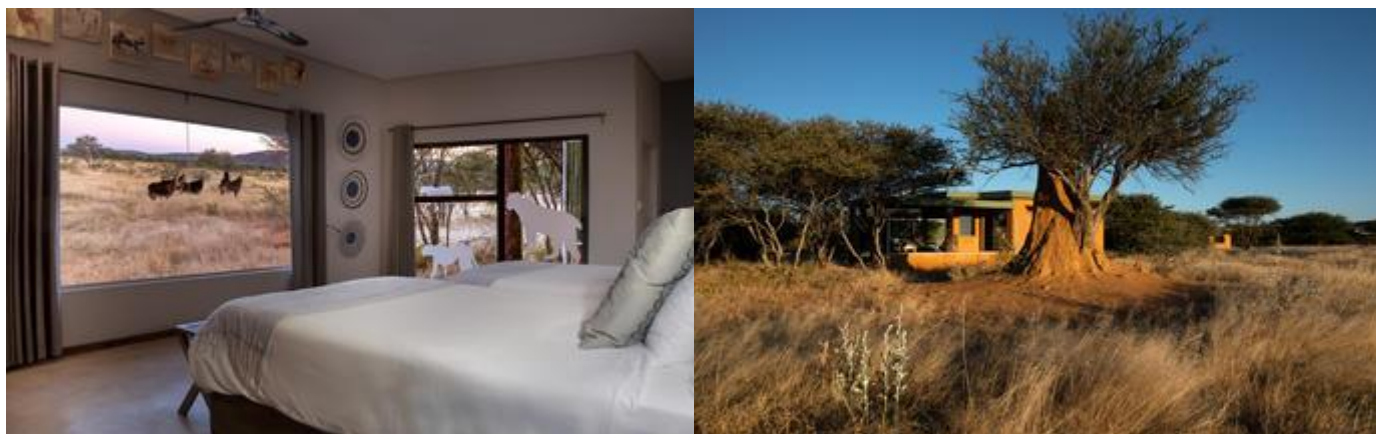
Journey: leaving Windhoek travel via the town of Okahandja, founded around 1800 by two local groups, the Herero and the Nama it is known as the Garden town of Namibia. South of Otjiwarongo lies Okonjima, home to the AfriCat Foundation, this first night on tour is a great place to become attuned to the sights and sounds of the bush. Optional afternoon drive - or visit the AfriCat Centre.

Overnight: Okonjima Plains Camp [View iBrochure](#)

Okonjima Plains Camp is within the secluded wilderness area of Okonjima Nature Reserve and has majestic sunset views. Its design honours the Hanssen's family cattle-farming history with its accommodation facility of 10 large View Rooms and 14 spacious Standard Rooms. The Plains Camp Barn includes a dining and lounge area, a curio shop and a terrasse with views over a waterhole and the Okonjima plains.

Game drives in search of elusive leopards and guided bush walks offer visitors an intimate, up-close perspective of Namibia's wildlife and, especially, its most protected species. Whether you hike or are an avid bird watcher, there are endless ways to spend your time at Okonjima.

Okonjima Nature Reserve is recognized as one of the premier places to stay to witness carnivores and other endangered species like the aardvark, pangolin and brown hyaena in the wild and to be educated about conservation. The AfriCat Foundation was born in the early 1990's, a Namibia registered non-profit organization which started out primarily as a welfare organization, and has since become focused on research projects which are essential in accomplishing its mission of the long term conservation of Namibia's wildlife.



Plains Camp View Rooms

10 View Rooms, upmarket, exclusive and spacious, with a view across the Okonjima plains.

Each room has a large verandah, a wheel-chair friendly ramp and the rooms are set 25m - 75m apart.

The rooms each have 2 double beds, a desk and comfortable reading chair, a large verandah, a mini-fridge for own use, a coffee/tea station, 2 roof-fans, twin basins and a large, twin shower, a safe for valuables and a telephone to contact reception.

The new, exclusive View Rooms are more spacious than the Standard Rooms and are set further apart, providing more privacy.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 3: Okonjima Plains Camp, Okonjima Nature Reserve

Day Itinerary

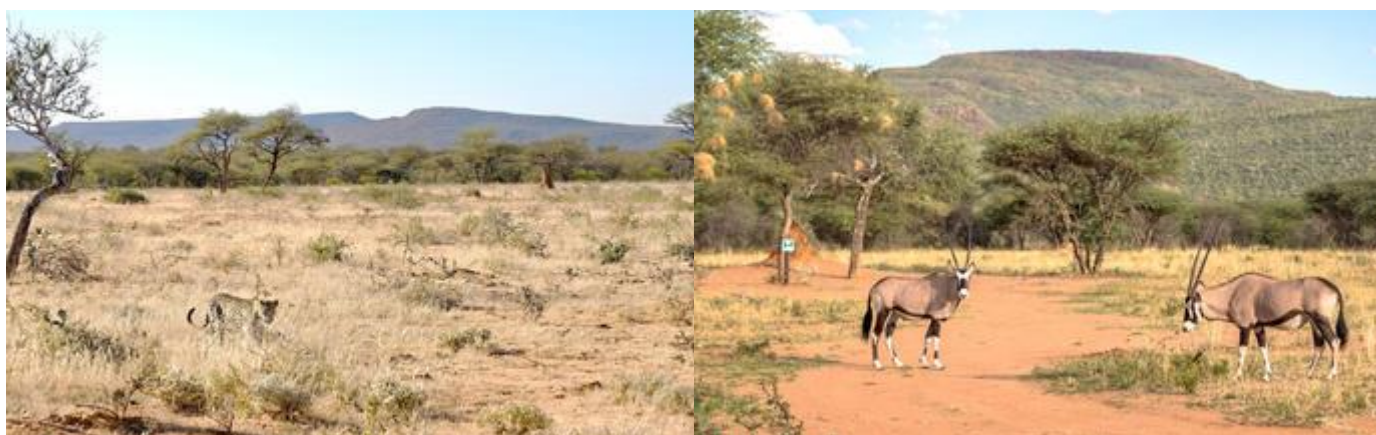
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Activities

Morning and afternoon activities at Okonjima - game drive & leopard activity.

Okonjima Nature Reserve

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Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 4: Hobatere Lodge, Etosha West

Situated in the western part of Etosha National park, a world-famous wildlife sanctuary in the north-western 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.

Day Itinerary

Route: Okonjima Game Reserve - Hobatere Lodge

Distance: 375 km

Journey: an early start from Okonjima travel north through the town of Otjwarongo and on to Kamanjab, heading due north to a private concession situated outside the Etosha National Park boundary.

Aim to arrive just after or for lunch so as to participate in the afternoon game drive OR night drive with the lodge.

Overnight: Hobatere Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Hobatere Lodge is strategically located 65 km north of Kamanjab on the western border of the Etosha National Park. The lodge has an airstrip and is situated in a concession area of 8,808 ha which is home to a wide selection of game, including elephant, giraffe, eland, and Hartmann's zebra.

The lodge offers the visitor the opportunity to experience game drives in open vehicles and nature walks with experienced and knowledgeable rangers. Early morning and night drives are part of the activities on offer. Many nocturnal animals, such as aardvark, cape fox, bat-eared fox, aardwolf, genet and many more can be encountered on a night drive. Before your exciting night drive, you will be able to enjoy the night sky at our Boma for dinner. Activities also include drives into the Etosha National Park.

The lodge belongs to the #Khoadi //Hoas Conservancy. One of the primary objectives of the lodge is to increase the benefits to the local community, reducing human wildlife conflict and also conservation of the area.

The name Hobatere means "Find me", and once you do, you will enjoy a warm welcome and personalized service.



Rondawel

2 single beds



Activities

Hobatere Lodge Game Drives

Hobatere Lodge Game Drives

Hobatere Lodge is located 80 km north of Kamanjab on the western border of the Etosha National park, situated in a concession area of 32 000 ha. The concession area is home to a wide selection of game including lion, leopard, oryx, eland, cheetah, aardvark, giraffe, Hartmann's mountain zebra and elephant. The lodge offers early morning and night game drives in open safari vehicles. The activity includes professionally trained rangers and refreshments.



BasisDinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 5: Epupa Falls Lodge, Epupa Falls



Situated in the Kaokoland area of Namibia, Epupa Falls lies near the border of Angola. Named by the Herero people after the spray it creates, Epupa means 'water falling'. The falls consist of a series of cascades created by the Kunene River as it drops 60 metres, forming hundreds of natural pools that provide the Himba people and visitors with a fantastic recreation spot. These jaw-dropping beautiful falls create a spectacular contrast to the arid desert and rugged surrounding mountains. Visitors can look forward to discovering the unspoilt environment, the majestic baobabs and wild fig trees dotting the surroundings. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy world-class birdwatching and spot an array of species including the bee-eaters, hornbills, kingfishers, fish eagles, flycatchers, and herons.

Day Itinerary

Route: Hobatere Lodge - Epupa Falls

Distance: 375 km

Journey: a short game drive as you exit the concession area and head north to Opuwo and on to the Kunene River and your lodge for the following two nights.

Overnight: Epupa Falls Lodge

Visitors descending on the Kunene River are welcomed by a lush oasis of Makalani palms and Baobab trees and the Epupa Falls appear quite unexpectedly as a spectacular surprise!. Watching the numerous waterfalls from the Sundowner Hill on a late afternoon, while sipping a glass of wine, one is encouraged to stay for more than only a night. In the evening the singing, clapping and dancing of local people adds to the murmur of the river. During the early morning hours, the fish eagle's call reminds visitors that they are indeed in Africa.



Twin Chalet

2 x Single beds, en-suite shower and toilet, on the river bank and facing the falls.

***Kunene***

Bordering Angola in northern Namibia, Kunene is a region as well as the name of a river, which is one of just five perennial rivers in Namibia. The Kunene River is an invaluable source of water for the local Himba people, and it has been the mainstay of their existence for hundreds of years. For travellers, the river's most striking feature is the magnificent Epupa Falls, which cascade over a distance of more than a kilometre downstream, with an impressive vertical drop of around 60 metres. Whitewater rafting and kayaking are both popular pursuits in these areas. Visitors can take sundowner cruises; explore sublime hiking routes; enjoy excellent bird watching opportunities; learn about local culture with a trip to a traditional Himba village; or go canoeing, kayaking, and game viewing.

**Basis**

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 6: Epupa Falls Lodge, Epupa Falls

Day Itinerary

This morning you'll take a drive to a nearby Himba settlement returning to the lodge for lunch. Mid to late afternoon learn about the Epupa Falls Valley, search for crocodiles, wildlife and the Fish eagle on the Angolan side of the River whilst watching the sun set over this wonderful area.

Activities

Morning	Himba Village Visit
Afternoon	Epupa falls sundowner.

Himba Village Visit

The Himba, one of the last tribes in Namibia still attempting to preserve and live their customs and traditions. The challenge of how to let a bronze age culture survive in our modern world without people living in museums is not a simple task. This proud nation, especially the regal women may just be up to this task. Their appearance is not accidental, each aspect either having practical reasons or represent age or status.

The daily life explained on your visit is fascinating, each facet reflected in their striking appearance. But beware, your visit may not be a one-sided affair, you too could be asked questions, your answers and their reactions will give you a greater understanding of who the Himba are.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 7: Palmwag Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, 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.

Day Itinerary

Route: Epupa Falls - Palmwag Lodge

Distance: 412 km

Journey: Return to the town of Opuwo before heading due south to the settlement of Sesfontein, your lodge is situated south of here.

Overnight: Palmwag Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia

[View iBrochure](#)

121km west of Kamanjab off the C43

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.



Standard Twin Chalet

Each room is equipped with a twin bed, mosquito net, en-suite bathroom, and air-conditioning for the warmer days. (Bed & breakfast included)

Sesfontein

Sesfontein, meaning 'six fountains', is home to six natural springs creating a lush oasis rising up from a barren landscape. Set in the Hoanib Valley and surrounded by mountains, Sesfontein is a harshly beautiful town dotted with acacia and mopane trees interspersed with spiky-leafed fan palms. The town serves as a good base from which to launch an exploration of the surrounding Kaokoveld. An old fort, constructed at the end of the 19th century, has been refurbished and converted into a comfortable lodge rich with atmosphere, and makes a great base to explore the southern reaches of the Kaokoveld. Don't miss a trip to a local Himba village to learn about local customs and traditions and observe how these communities live in peaceful coexistence with wildlife and the natural surrounds.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 8: Palmwag Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Palmwag

Day Itinerary

Rely on your experienced guide and follow the tracks of the black rhino. An open game drive vehicle brings you to the location, where the rhino tracking is done on foot. Return to the lodge for lunch and mid afternoon depart on an afternoon drive to see the amazing wildlife including rhino, desert elephants and the largest predator population outside the Etosha National Park. Refreshments and light snacks are included.

Activities

Morning	Palmwag Rhino Tracking
Afternoon	Palmwag lodge game drive

Palmwag Rhino Tracking

Palmwag Lodge, in a joint venture with the Torra Conservancy, Anabeb Conservancy, and Sesfontein Conservancy offers rhino tracking in the Palmwag Concession and in the Torra Conservancy. The communities and conservancies directly benefit from these excursions since part of the income generated through rhino tracking is paid to the conservancies.

Rhino tracking excursions are guided by a qualified guide from Palmwag Lodge and a qualified tracker from the Rhino Rangers or Save the Rhino Trust. Full-day and half-day tracking excursions are available and both options include breakfast. Lunch is included in the full-day tracking package.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 9: Terrace Bay, Skeleton Coast



Stretching from the Swakop River to southern Angola, Namibia's Skeleton Coast is known as the 'Land God Made in Anger'. Thousands of miles of sandy desert dotted with shipwrecks meet with the cold waters of the Atlantic, where ocean fog creeps over the shoreline. Somehow, an amazing array of wildlife and flora manages to survive in this harsh but beautiful environment. Animals living here include seabird colonies, Cape fur seals, zebras, gemsbok, desert-adapted elephants, lions, and many more. Surfing enthusiasts are drawn to the powerful crashing waves, and photographers flock from around the globe to snapshot the eerie shipwreck graveyards and breath-taking coastline.

Day Itinerary

Route: Palmwag Lodge - Terrace Bay

Distance: 195 km

Journey: a leisurely departure from Palmwag - enter the Skeleton National Park via the Springbokwasser gate and travel to Torra Bay and Terrace Bay where you overnight. Take some time to wander the beach area and great opportunities for sunset over the Atlantic (weather permitting).

Overnight: Terrace Bay

Surrounded by undulating sand dunes in the northern Namib Desert, Terrace Bay is a desolate stretch of desert that rests along the Atlantic coastline, in the world-famous Skeleton Coast. Renowned as a popular famous fishing hotspot, eager anglers can enjoy shore-based surf angling in a quiet retreat on the beautiful beach before journeying to the nearby Skeleton Coast National Park. The park is the eerie graveyard of a number of ships that perished in the area

due to the thick fog, unpredictable currents and stormy winds and tumultuous sea. Animals that thrive in this tumultuous landscape include elephants, rhinos, desert lions, brown hyenas, jackals, giraffes, seals, oryx, kudus and zebras. Other natural highlights include the ephemeral Omaruru River, the Ugab River, the Huab River, the Koigab River, and the Uniab River.

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Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 10: Strand Hotel 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.

Day Itinerary

Route: Terrace Bay - Swakopmund

Distance: 360 km

Journey: South of Terrace Bay we have the Uniab River Delta where a hide has been set up next to a waterhole, stop a while to observe the animal and birdlife. Tracks could include oryx, springbok, black-backed jackal and possibly brown hyena. North of the Ugab Gate one finds the rusty remains of an old oil rig which has become a nesting place for a breeding colony of Cape Cormorants. The colony attracts brown hyena and black-backed jackals. There are a number of shipwrecks in the area, yet most are rusted and no much remains, along the main road which passes close to the shore, you should be able to see the rusting remains of the 'South West Seal' (SW Seal) wrecked in 1976.

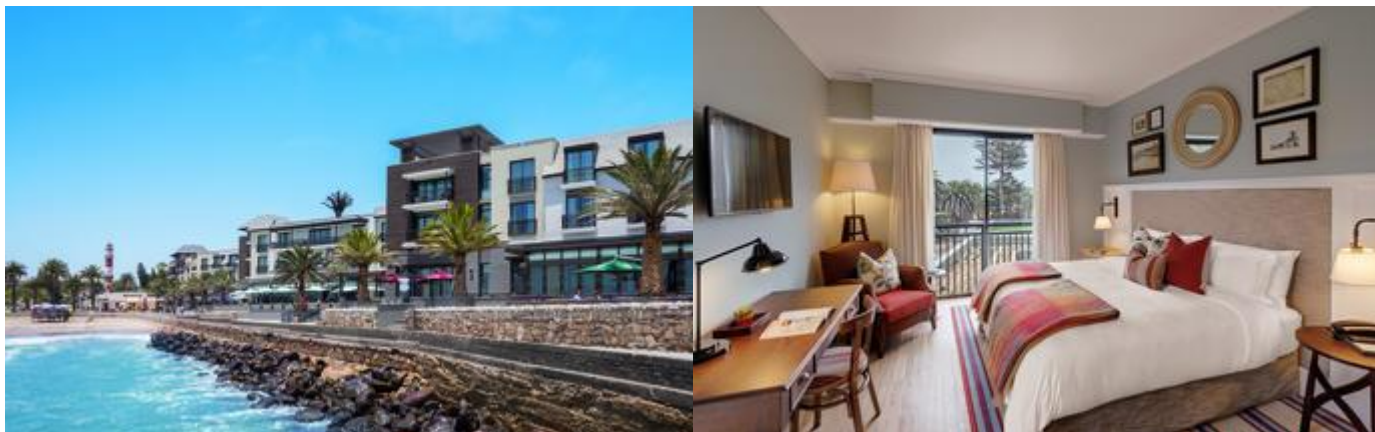
Exit the National Park passing through the Ugab River Gate with the two skeleton heads and whale bones on both sides which has become an attraction in its own right.

Overnight: Strand Hotel Swakopmund [View iBrochure](#)

With its extensive, unique and creatively entertaining Restaurants, Bars, Deli, Lobby-Lounge, Sea Facing Terraces, Beach Kiosk and state of the art Conference & Banqueting Center, all set on the Mole, a historic and iconic site surrounded by Ocean on three sides, the Strand Hotel Swakopmund is a social epicenter and destination in itself for all visitors to and residents of Swakopmund.

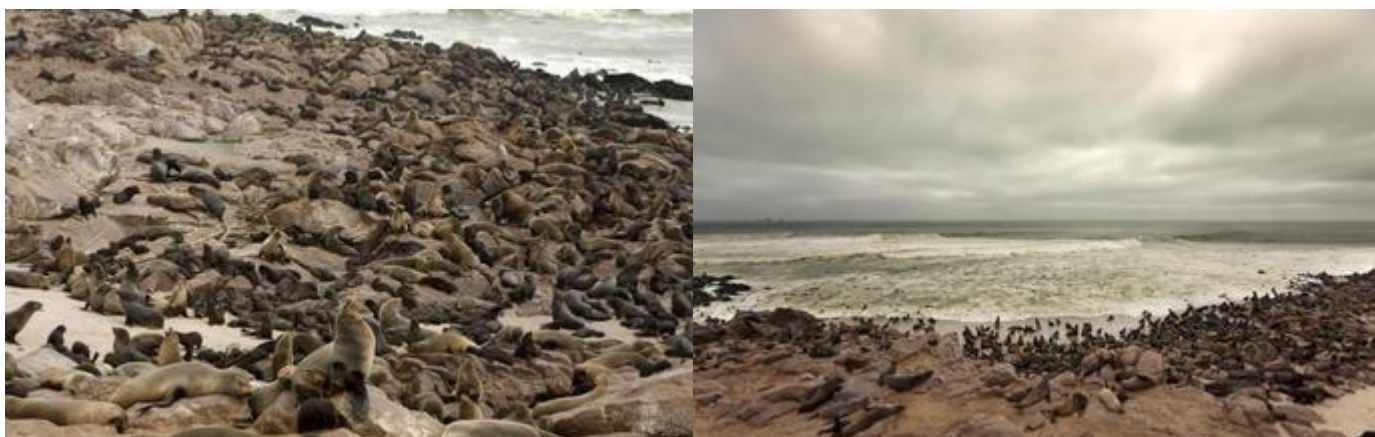
Its architectural inspiration finds its roots deep in Namibian-German history and reflects this in a tasteful contemporary manner. The interiors are residential in nature, and the brief to all designers involved was to create a non-hotel, hotel. One as charming and welcoming as the town it is located in. Simply very warm and comfortable, and as they say in German: "gemütlich" providing a genuine "sense-of-place" atmosphere adding to any Namibian visit.

Arriving at the Strand is a dramatic experience as one passes through its 13m high and 9m wide Ocean View Atrium which travels right through the Hotel offering sea views at either end. Off this Atrium Lobby is Reception, consisting of three individual desks and an inviting open fireplace which rounds off the residential feel and warm welcome.



Cape Cross Seal Colony

This colony of Cape Fur Seals is one of the largest in the world, home to approximately 80 000 to 100 000 of these so-called 'seals', which are in fact a species of sea lion. Day trips to the colony are offered and the seals can be viewed from a walkway at a distance of roughly 200 metres.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 11: Dead Valley Lodge, 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: Swakopmund to Namib Naukluft Park

Distance: 345 km

Journey: Leave Swakopmund to the harbour town of Walvis Bay before heading south travelling across the gravel plains of the Namib Desert, endless horizons. The surrounds of the Kuiseb and Gaub Canyon provide good geological phenomenon, in addition you may see the elusive Mountain Zebra. After crossing the Tropic of Capricorn head on to the settlement of Solitaire. Aim to arrive at your lodge mid to late afternoon. Check in and visit Elim dune – a great place for sundowners with the dunes behind and the Naukluft Mountains in the distance.

Overnight: Dead Valley Lodge

Dead Valley Lodge is situated next to the main entrance gate inside the Namib-Naukluft National Park, between the Sesriem campsite and Elim Dune on the way to the world famous Sossusvlei and the Dead Vlei. This oasis offers a panoramic view of the Namib Desert with towering red sand dunes, rugged mountain ranges, and arid desert savannahs.

Each of the 20 free-standing luxury tented chalets is climate controlled and equipped with double bed units, electric plugs, private patios, a kitchenette, and free-standing bathrooms stocked with toiletries. Guests can enjoy the top-class restaurant that serves delicious Namibian-style cuisine, relax in the picturesque bar with a cold drink after a day of activities, or cool off in the open-air swimming pool overlooking the Elim Dune.

The lodge's eco-friendly design and architecture have truly been inspired by Sossusvlei and with its own entrance into the Namib-Naukluft National Park, making the Dead Valley Lodge one of the closest lodges to Sossusvlei pan. The lodge offers game drives in the morning and afternoon to Sossusvlei and Sesriem Canyon.



Elim Dune

Elim Dune is located just outside Sesriem, Namibia. It is the nearest dune to Sesriem and the first one in a series of gigantic dunes. Atop Elim Dune, the colours at sunset are vivid and constantly changing, providing a strong contrast between the surrounding blue Naukluft Mountains on the east and the red dunes to the west. Elim Dune is a hundred meters in height, and from a parking spot beside it, visitors can climb it in more or less an hour.

Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 12: Dead Valley Lodge, Sesriem

Day Itinerary

Route: Sesriem – Sossusvlei - Sesriem

Journey: You will need to be on the move an hour before dawn as you make your way through a dry riverbed and across the gravel plains towards the Namib Dunes. Stop at Dune 45 before making your way to Sossusvlei with age old sands said to be around five million years old. Dead Vlei with its white pan and contrasting black scorched trees is also on our visit list. Whilst this region appears to be lifeless there are a variety of animal species that have adapted to these conditions and if we're lucky may see Oryx antelope, ostrich, springbok and don't forget about the birdlife and reptiles that inhabit the area. Return to your lodge for lunch, late afternoon visit to the Sesriem Canyon where the ephemeral Tsauchab River has shaped the area over millions of years. (These activities may also be done with your lodge - optional).

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.



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.



Sesriem Canyon

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.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 13: Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch, 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.

Day Itinerary

Route: Namib Naukluft Park - Bagatelle Game Reserve

Distance: 320 km

Journey: After breakfast your travels take you through the town of Maltahohe to Mariental and your final night stay - Bagatelle Game Ranch.

Overnight: Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch

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The lodge lies on the edge of the Southern Kalahari in the mixed tree and shrub Savannah.

The ranch is characterized by huge red sands dunes running parallel, and in a northern-westerly to south-easterly direction. This 'Spirit of Africa' atmosphere, coupled with service, delivered with graciousness and

charm, in an unashamedly luxurious setting, will be the hallmarks of this establishment, providing excellent value and unforgettable memories for the discerning traveller.



Savannah Chalet

Constructed with thick walls built from plastered straw bales, stand well apart from each other in the street between the dunes with scenic views. Each with en-suite shower facilities, air-conditioning, coffee/tea station, mini bar & sleeper couch



Activities

Afternoon	Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Afternoon Drive
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Mariental

Situated in south-central Namibia, fringing the Kalahari Desert, the city of Mariental lies along the TransNamib railway and serves as the Hardap Region's commercial and administrative capital. It provides an important petrol stop before heading west to Sesriem to view the red-orange dunes of Sossusvlei. Mariental is located close to the magnificent Hardap Dam, which is the largest reservoir in Namibia. The Hardap Irrigation Scheme has breathed life into this arid terrain, which is now fertile with farmlands covered in citrus, melons, lucerne, wine and maize, and dotted with ostrich farms. The dam is a popular holiday resort which draws city slickers from Windhoek and offers an array of watersports, scenic walks, and abundant wildlife in a 20000-hectare nature reserve set on its western bank; where visitors can spot rhino, ostrich, antelope, springbok and a variety of bird species.



Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Afternoon Drive

The Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch, situated in Mariental, Namibia, offers guests an afternoon game drive. The activity includes a game drive in the reserve, viewing a variety of game such as giraffe, kudu, zebra, oryx, blue wildebeest and eland. Guests are able to experience breathtaking views of the reserve that has some of the highest dunes in the region, with views over the pan.

The Kalahari has more than 150 bird species for guests who are bird enthusiasts. The well-known suricate, more commonly known as a meerkat can also to be seen. As the day draws to a close, guests are treated to a sundowner on the dune, complemented by refreshments and a Namibian snack, while enjoying a breathtaking sunset over the Kalahari.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 14: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

Route: Bagatelle Game Reserve - Windhoek Hosea Kutako International Airport

Distance: 260 km

Journey: Your outbound flight times will dictate as to whether a morning activity may be done.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Terms and Conditions

C Africa Safari & Tours Terms and Conditions

- The traveller/agent is responsible for obtaining any necessary visas, travel permits and Travel Insurance.
- The traveller/agent is responsible for determining what, if any, vaccinations, health or safety precautions are necessary or recommended.
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- All bank charges arising from the money transfer must be borne by the remitter.

Cancellation Policy:

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- 44 - 31 Days prior to arrival date: 15 % cancellation fee of the remaining balance
- 30 - 15 Days prior to arrival date: 35 % cancellation fee of the remaining balance
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Child Policy: All children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Note that some accommodations require that children below a certain age share a room with an adult and that not more than 2 Children to share a room.

All minors travelling through Namibia, Botswana and/or South Africa borders will be required to produce certified copies of unabridged birth certificates and valid passports. In the event that one parent is not travelling with the child, the

other parent's affidavit consenting to such travel should be availed. However, an affidavit will not be required if the father's name does not appear on the child's birth certificate.

Guests travelling with children who are not related are recommended to carry documentation which provides evidence they have permission to travel with the child. CAST cannot be held responsible should the guest, child or any member of the travelling party be denied entry to a country due to non-compliance with a country's requirements. If guest, child or any member is denied entry to Namibia/Botswana etc., the standard Cancellation Policy applies.

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In the event of a cancellation or material alteration to the journey as a result of the circumstances as described in this section, CAST may in its sole discretion:

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CAST cannot assume responsibility for any other travel related costs like insurance, visas and other travel arrangements, etc.

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- The accommodation is subject to availability at date of booking. We reserve the right to use alternative accommodation of similar or higher standard.
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