

# Namibia Self Drive

12 days | Starts/Ends: Windhoek



*With the adventure capital Swakopmund, the wildlife of Etosha National Park, the stunning Sossusvlei dunes and the Himba Village at Kamanjab - this self drive holiday takes in the best of Namibia. Combine tremendous wildlife, culture and natural wonders on this exciting self drive tour of Namibia which includes car hire and accommodation and allows you to enjoy your own private Namibian adventure.*

- 11 nights standard/superior accommodation (alternative hotels available upon request)
- 11 breakfasts and 1 dinner
- 12 days car hire - Avis Group B vehicle (VW Polo or similar) with Premium insurance cover. Vehicle upgrade available

### What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Drinks and items of a personal nature

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 : Windhoek

Upon arrival at Windhoek Hosea Kutako Airport collect your rental vehicle and drive to your hotel in Windhoek.

Windhoek is the bustling capital of Namibia, located in a picturesque valley bordered by the Eros Mountains and the Auas mountains. The influence of the German colonial rule is still evident in the city, which has a unique blend of colonial and modern architecture. The city centre can be easily navigated on foot and places of interest include the Namibia's National Museum, the Ink Palace and historic Christ Church. **Overnight - Windhoek**

#### Day 2 : Okonjima Game Reserve

Windhoek – Okonjima Game Reserve. After breakfast leave Windhoek and drive north to your first destination, Okonjima Game Reserve in the Otjozondjupa Region. Okonjima is nestled among the Omboroko Mountains and roughly translated means 'Place of the baboons'. In the afternoon you have the option to visit the Cheetah Project and learn more about these endangered animals. **Overnight - Okonjima (B, D)**

#### Days 3-5 : Etosha NP



Okonjima Game Reserve - Etosha National Park. On day 3 travel on to Etosha which was Namibia's first conservation area and is one of the world's finest game parks, home to many rare and endangered species. The Etosha Pan dominates the park which is usually dry, but fills with water briefly in the summer months, attracting pelicans and flamingos in particular. Periannual springs attract a variety of game and birds throughout the year, including the

### HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

#### Trip Highlights

- Windhoek - Namibia's vibrant capital
- Okonjima Game Reserve - option to visit the Cheetah Project
- Etosha National Park - home to 4 of the 'Big Five'
- Spitzkoppe - Beautiful group of granite mountains famous for Bushman rock art
- Swakopmund - quaint German colonial town on the coast of Namibia
- Sossusvlei - stunning sand dunes including Dune 45

#### What's Included

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endangered black rhino and the endemic black face impala.

Your accommodation is just outside Etosha National Park. You will be able to embark on optional game drives through the park hopefully spotting a variety of wildlife during your stay. The resorts also offer fabulous floodlit waterholes, which provide excellent game viewing at night. **Overnight - Etosha National Park (B:3)**

## Day 6 : Kamanjab



Etosha National Park - Omaruru. This morning bid farewell to the wild animals of Etosha and head to Kamanjab where you have the opportunity to visit a local Himba village to find out more about their traditions & lifestyle. Experience the milking ceremony and the smoke bath. Learn about their beliefs around the holy fire, ancestors, and herbal medicine. In the afternoon continue to Omaruru. A once famous mission station with great historical significance is now a hub for local arts and crafts. **Overnight - Omaruru (B)**

## Days 7-8 : Swakopmund



Omaruru - Spitzkoppe - Swakopmund. On the morning of day 7 you'll continue to Spitzkoppe, an impressive group of granite mountains, with bold and exciting colours. You might wish to take a walk among the boulders at this point where you'll be

able to view some of the ancient Bushmen paintings and engravings. Heading south west out of the dry interior of Namibia make your way down to the charming coastal town of Swakopmund, where you will have the opportunity to partake in a few of the many optional activities that are offered. Alternatively you can just soak up the atmosphere of this little German Town and enjoy its beauty and beaches. **Overnight - Swakopmund (B:2)**

## Days 9-10 : Sossusvlei



Swakopmund - Sossusvlei. An early morning start takes you from Swakopmund south through Walvis Bay on your way to the Namib Naukluft National Park, which is considered to be the oldest desert in the world. On the way there why not make a stop at the small settlement of Solitaire where you will have a chance to sample their world renowned Apple Crumble – only served without cream! That evening you have the opportunity to embark on a wild cat walk at the lodge.

The next morning it is advisable to wake up early in order to visit the world's highest sand dunes at Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. At sunrise and sunset these dunes, which can reach heights of over 300m, are absolutely spectacular and provide for a fantastic photo opportunity. With luck, there may even be water in the vlei (lake). We also recommend a stop to view the Sesriem Canyon, which was carved millions of years ago by the Tsauchab River. **Overnight - Sesriem (B:2)**

## Day 11 : Return to Windhoek



Sossusvlei - Windhoek. Today you leave the desert behind you and travel back to Windhoek, through the beautiful countryside. Once you arrive the rest of the afternoon can be spent at leisure and dinner can be enjoyed in one of the many fabulous restaurants in the city. **Overnight - Windhoek (B)**

## Day 12 : Windhoek

This morning after breakfast, drive to Windhoek International Airport to drop off your hire car in time for your departure flight. **(B)**

### HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

**Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.**

### Vondelhof Guest House

Vondelhof Guesthouse is a small and informal retreat offering highly-personalised service. The rooms are spacious, comfortable and decorated with an African touch.



### Okonjima Plains Camp

Set amidst plains and rolling hills, the Okonjima Plains Camp provides a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with tasteful

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accommodation and great photographic opportunities for the big cats in the area. The focal point of the Plains Camp is the large main area that houses a welcoming dining area and several sitting areas spread out over two levels. Known as 'the Barn' for its resemblance to a farm barn, it's the ideal place to meet fellow travellers and enjoy the views from the floor-to-ceiling windows. The spacious rooms are beautifully designed with splashes of colour and African artwork with woollen rugs and mats, large windows, ceiling fans and a private veranda.



## Okaukuejo Resort

With a popular waterhole for game viewing and a range of luxury chalets and standard rooms Okaukuejo Resort is the perfect place for relaxing and game viewing. Guest rooms range from Bush Chalets to Premium Waterhole chalets (which overlook the animals' drinking place). Evenings are a great time to relax at the waterhole and watch the amazing wild life come down for their evening drinks - you could even take your own beverage and join in with the drinking. Okaukuejo is accessed from the southern entrance of the park and is about 17km in.



## Omaruru Guest House

In the quaint town of Omaruru, the Omaruru Guest House offers comfortable accommodation and a friendly service. Guest rooms are stylish with hard wood flooring and excellent modern amenities. The guest house boast from a refreshing outdoor pool, on site restaurant and complimentary Wi-Fi. At the front of the property you can find the

Bambu Wellness Boutique Spa - a perfect stop for some pampering when in the desert!



## The Stiltz

Unique in so many aspects, the Stiltz is one of Swakopmund's best properties. Each private wooden bungalow sits on stilts looking out towards the Atlantic Ocean or towards the beautiful sand dunes. The bungalows are comfortable and eco friendly and the resort has recently been awarded two flowers for environmental awareness. Being so close to the town of Swakopmund means guests can easily take advantage of all the town has to offer including all the adrenaline-pumping activities as well as the superb selection of restaurants and bars.



## Sossus Dune Lodge

Built from wood, canvas and thatch in a rustic African village-style layout to blend with its environment, the Sossus Dune Lodge creates an evocative experience. Its location within the Namib-Naukluft National Park allows guests to reach the dunes before sunrise and again in the evening once the crowds have left. Each of the 25 chalets provides views either of the dunes or the surrounding mountains. Wooden walkways link each chalet with the main lodge. It's particularly pretty at night when illuminated with electric lights and lanterns. The lodge features an outdoor swimming pool with loungers and a large, light and airy restaurant and separate lounge and bar area.



## PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are 'per person', based on a travelling party of at least 2 adults. The single supplement price needs to be added to the twin/double price if single rooms are required. If travelling solo, an additional '1-person' supplement will apply.

## PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
12 Jul	CAD 5,595	CAD 6,975

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