

NAMIBIA

12-DAY CAMPING SAFARI

Windhoek to Windhoek

2 NIGHTS; INN 9 NIGHTS; CAMPING

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS:

- Kaokoveld
- Epupa Falls
- Open-vehicle Game Drive
- Spitskop
- Game Walks
- Damaraland
- Swakopmund
- Private Desert Camp
- Desert Night Drive
- Sossusvlei Dunes
- Etosha National Park
- 4 x 4 trip to Sossusvlei

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- * Quad biking
- * Dune Boarding
- * Sky Diving
- * Marine Wildlife Boat Trip

The land of unrelenting sun, where the ground seems to beg the heavens for rain, and the landscapes stretch uninterrupted for hundreds of kilometers on end. Deserts where one gazes in wonder and amazement at the animals and plants that survives in this harsh environment. This tour covers all of the highlights of central and northern Namibia, but also concentrates on "off the beaten track" routes and attractions. Flexibility, a willingness to participate and an awareness of the elements are essential in order to get the most out of this tour.

DAY 1: WINDHOEK – NAMIB

Setting off from the capital, Windhoek at 09h00, we travel south to Rehoboth, and then into the true Namib to the DRIFTERS DESERT CAMP adjoining the Namibrand Nature Reserve. Here we camp alone in the wilderness with only the desert landscapes, rocky mountains and towering dunes to keep us company. The sunset over the desert is a sight to behold. We enjoy a

traditional meal under the clear night skies before falling asleep to the sounds of the wild. **D**

DAY 2: NAMIB DESERT

Awake to desert vistas that extend further than the eye can see. The DRIFTERS DESERT CAMP is nestled against a towering rock outcrop within a protected wilderness that DRIFTERS has conserved and restored and on to which game has been re-introduced with the proceeds of tourism. During our stay here, we will conduct extensive guided walks and game drives both during the day and at night in order to better understand the desert fauna and flora. **B L D**

DAY 3: SOUSSUSVLEI

After a short morning walk we pack up and continue through the endless plains to the Sesriem Canyon and the awesome Soussusvlei dunes. We will transfer into the dunes by 4 x 4 and will spend time climbing these spectacular mountains of sand before moving on to camp wild in the desert. **B L D**

DAY 4 - 5: SWAKOPMUND

Crossing through the Namib Naukluft Park, we visit the dramatic Lunar Landscape, and the ancient Welwitschia plants, before making for the coastal town of Swakopmund where we spend two nights in the centrally located, comfortable DRIFTERS SWAKOPMUND INN. We explore this holiday town and its surrounds thoroughly and enjoy one evening meal at a local nightspot (*own expense*). Clients will have the opportunity to partake in Quad Biking, Sand Boarding and Sky diving whilst here (*own expense*). **B L D**

DAY 6: SKELETON COAST – SPITSKOP

Today we head up the barren Skeleton Coast, scene of many a shipwreck, to the Seal Colony at Cape Cross where thousands of Cape Fur Seals can be

seen ashore. Venturing inland, our next stop is at the impressive Spitskop where we will camp wild amongst the boulders at the base of this unusual granitic outcrop. We hope to see the endemic colorful Lovebirds during our stay here. **B L D**

DAY 7: TWYFELFONTEIN – PALMWAG

A long day, we move on to visit the Organ Pipes and the bushman Rock Engravings at Twyfelfontein before entering Damaraland and crossing the Grootberg to camp the night near the oasis of Palmwag. This is one of a few sanctuaries used by the rare Desert Elephants, and we hope to see these magnificent animals up close today. **B L D**

DAY 8- 9: EPUPA FALLS

Traveling through the heart of the Kaokoveld today, we make our way north to the Angolan border where we will camp for two nights at a community project on the banks of the Cunene river at the awesome Epupa Falls. During our time here we hope to interact with the nomadic Himba people, a tribe that live in this inhospitable region and wander with their livestock in search of grazing. We will also explore the area surrounding the Falls. **B L D**

DAY 10 - 11: ETOSHA NAT. PARK

Entering Etosha National Park today, we will spend two nights here in search of the big game that this park is so well known for. One evening will be spent at a floodlit waterhole, watching the many animals that come down to drink. During these days we will conduct extensive game drives within the park. One night we will dine at a camp restaurant (*own expense*). **B L D**

DAY 12: ETOSHA– WINDHOEK

This morning we leave the Park to make the journey back to Windhoek.

We expect to arrive back in the capital in the late afternoon. **B L**

DEPARTURES

This tour departs from Windhoek every second Tuesday, pre- and post- tour nights can be arranged through the Drifters office.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This tour involves a certain amount of walking, so a small daypack is advisable. A sleeping bag, towel and pillow are required for this tour. Seasonable Malaria precautions are advisable and are locally obtainable. During winter the night-time temperatures can fall below zero and during summer the daytime temperatures can reach the forties, so be prepared for this. Most major currencies can be exchanged on arrival in Windhoek and other centers, but banking hours do apply. Credit cards are generally accepted.

Our price includes transport, food, coffee, teas and fruit juice at breakfast, a professional guide, group equipment, accommodation, permits and park entry fees. The price does not include alcohol and soft drinks, tips, curios and optional extras. Before departure clients will be required to enter into an agreement agreeing to our booking conditions and general information