



Namibia

Fascination Africa

Discover the magic of Namibia – from the awe-inspiring Namib Desert with its seas of sand to the impressive landscapes of Damaraland with its sheer variety of wildlife. This safari tour, which showcases the most significant highlights of this fascinating country, is ideal as an introduction to Africa or as a once-only visit.

- Dunes of Sossusvlei
- Atlantic breeze in Swakopmund
- Damaraland
- Wildlife at Etosha National Park

10 days 4 Nov. - 13 Nov. 2023







Namibia: Fascination Africa

Day 1, Sat, 04.11.2023: Welcome to Namibia Arrival at Hosea Kutako International Airport in Windhoek (flights not included) and transfer to your hotel. In the late afternoon, you will meet your guide and later have dinner together at the famous restaurant Joe's Beerhouse. D

Day 2, Sun, 05.11.2023: Namib Desert

Our day starts with a city tour of Windhoek, showcasing its historical landmarks and monuments as well as the suburbs of Khomasdal, Katutura, and Ludwigsdorf. Departing Windhoek, we will travel to our lodge in the Namib Desert. The afternoon can be spent relaxing by the pool. B/D

Day 3, Mon, 06.11.2023: Sossusvlei

Our plans today require an early start. Arriving at the Namib Naukluft National Park shortly after sunrise, we will watch as the mountains of sand are painted hues of apricot, red and orange by the first rays of sunlight - contrasted against a crisp blue sky. You will be captivated by the surreal landscapes of Deadvlei, a clay pan surrounded by some of the highest dunes on the planet, and Sossusvlei, a salt and clay pan where the dry Tsauchab River ends abruptly among the dunes. Take the opportunity to walk up one of these majestic dunes and admire the desert landscape below. After this thrilling experience and before returning to our lodge, we will visit Sesriem Canyon, a lifesustaining natural phenomenon in the heart of the Namib Desert, B/D

Day 4, Tue, 07.11.2023: Swakopmund

After breakfast, we will travel to Solitaire, a small settlement seemingly in the middle of nowhere on the edge of the Namib Naukluft National Park. We will then continue our journey via the desolate, rolling hills of the Kuiseb Valley and make our way towards the Atlantic Ocean. Travelling along the scenic route between the dune belt and the Atlantic Ocean, we will reach Swakopmund, where the rest of the day is spent at your leisure. Dinner in Swakopmund. B/D

Day 5, Wed, 08.11.2023: Cape Cross

Embrace the relaxed pace of life in the idyllic coastal town of Swakopmund, while enjoying coffee and freshly baked pastries in one of the many local cafés. Alternatively, explore the Walvis Bay Lagoon on a catamaran cruise (additional fee): the Catamaran Charters team invites you to enjoy an adventure packed tour to Pelican Point and beautiful Walvis Bay. The chances of encountering dolphins, whales, turtles, seals, and mola mola (ocean sunfish) make the search for the Marine Big 5 all the more exciting. Enjoy sparkling wine, fresh oysters, and other mouth-watering snacks on board. In the afternoon, we will head north to Cape Cross and visit a seal colony. B/D

Day 6, Thu, 09.11.2023: Damaraland

Today, we will continue our journey into Damaraland, one of the most sparsely populated and most geologically diverse areas in Africa. This harsh, rocky environment is home to the elusive desert elephant, the black rhino, and freeroaming antelope. We will visit Twyfelfontein, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where you will see over 2,500 examples of rock engravings and paintings created by the Bushmen over 6,000 years ago! We will proceed to the Petrified Forest and observe a geological phenomenon in which wood has been transformed into stone among some of the oldest landmasses on the planet. We will also see Welwitschia mirabi-

lis, the oldest living desert plant on Earth. Our journey will then take us to our lodge with a wonderful view over the Ugab Valley. B/D

Day 7, Fri, 10.11.2023: Etosha South

In the morning, we will visit the Vingerklip. Our onward journey will lead us to Namibia's wildlife haven – Etosha National Park. The afternoon is devoted purely to observing the abundant wildlife found in in the national park, which surrounds a parched salt desert known as the Etosha Pan. The park is home to four of the Big Five – elephants, lions, leopards, and rhinos. Popular game species are all found here such as giraffes, blue wildebeest, plains and mountain zebras, hyenas, lions, leopards, antelopes such as kudu, oryx, eland, as well as some endangered species such as black rhinos, cheetahs, and black-faced impalas. B/D

Day 8, Sat, 11.11.2023: Etosha National Park

Today, your guide will take you on another game drive through Etosha National Park. Alternatively, you can book an open game drive with the lodge (additional fee). We might encounter animal species we have not seen the previous day at the waterholes visited. The Etosha Pan dominates the park. This salt pan desert, which is nearly completely enclosed by the park and is lined by numerous watering holes, is roughly 130 km long and as wide as 50 km in some places. In the afternoon, we will travel back to our lodge, where you can enjoy the rest of the evening at your leisure. B/D

Day 9, Sun, 12.11.2023: Auas Safari Lodge

With a heavy heart, we will say goodbye to this wildlife paradise after breakfast. Via the villages of Tsumeb and Otjiwarongo, we will reach our final lodge. In the afternoon, we will go for our last sundowner drive in the Namibian bush, followed by a farewell dinner. You should stay awake as long as you can tonight – that way you can make a wish on a shooting star that you will come back to Namibia soon! B/D

Day 10, Mon, 13.11.2023: Departure

Spend the morning at your leisure. Transfer to the international airport (flights not included). B

EXTENSION

Day 10-11, Mon-Tue, 13.-14.11.2023: Lodge Spend the day at your leisure. B/D

Day 12, Wed, 15.11.2023: Departure

Spend the morning at your leisure. Transfer to the international airport (flights not included). B

B = Breakfast, D = Dinner

Flights

International flights not included.

Hotels		Subject to change	
Place	Nights	Hotel (Category
Windhoek	1	Avani Hotel	* * * *
Sesriem	2	Elegant Desert Lodg	e ***
Swakopmund	1	Swakomund Plaza	* * * *
Cape Cross	1	Cape Cross Lodge	* * *
Damaraland	1	Ugab Terrace Lodge	* * *
Etosha Park	2	Toshari Lodge	* * *
Windhoek area	a 1	Auas Safari Lodge	* * *
Windhoek area	a 2	Auas Safari Lodge	* * *

Entry requirements and vaccinations

All foreign nationals entering Namibia must be in possession of a valid international travel document in the form of a national passport valid for at least six months after the date of entry and have sufficient pages for entry and exit stamps (at least three blank pages). All visitors must also have a valid return ticket. In addition, all visitors must have a visa, except for nationals of those countries with which Namibia has a visa exemption agreement. Please check with the appropriate consulate. Vaccinations are not required; however, participants must show proof of full vaccination or recovery from COVID-19.

Included in the tour price

- Transfers, excursions, and round trip in a standard air-conditioned bus and in 4x4 vehicles in Sossusvlei
- 9 nights in a single room
- 9x breakfast, 9x dinner
- Entrance fees according to itinerary
- English-speaking Marco Polo tour guide in Namibia (driver/guide)

Included in the tour price/extension

- 2 nights in a single room
- Half board
- Transfer to lodge airport

Extras (booked separately)

- Catamaran cruise
 65 €
- Half-day open game drive at Etosha NP 80 €
- Full-day open game drive at Etosha NP 100 €

Price per person from €

	Main tour		Extension	
10 days	SGL	DBL-	SGL	DBL-
	discount		discount	
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Minimum number of participants: Minimum 6, maximum 16 participants. Extension: minimum 1 participant. If the minimum number of participants is not reached, the Tour Operator may cancel the travel contract no later than 21 days before the start of the tour. Tour Operator: Marco Polo Reisen GmbH, Riesstrasse 25, 80992 Munich, Germany, General travel conditions and suitability of the tour for people with reduced mobility: www.agbmp.com. Payment/secured payment certificate: Payment is due upon presentation of the secured payment certificate (Sicherungsschein) (sent with tour confirmation) within the meaning of Section 651r (3) of the German Civil Code (BGB). Upon conclusion of the contract, a deposit of 10% of the tour price, up to a maximum of €500 per person, is due. The outstanding amount is due 20 days before departure or at the latest upon receipt of the travel documents. Travel insurances: No travel insurances are included in the tour price. Data protection: Marco Polo Reisen processes customer data for the purpose of travel implementation and contract execution (Art. 6 para. 1 lit. b of the European Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)) as well as to advertise its own offers (Art. 6 para. 1 lit. f GDPR). Detailed information and contact details of our Data Protection Officer: www.agb-mp.com/datenschutz. You may object to the use of your data for advertising purposes at any time: Marco Polo Reisen GmbH, Riesstrasse 25, 80992 Munich, Germany, Tel.: +49 (0)89/50060-411, E-mail: sondergruppen@marcopolo-reisen.com

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