

Ultimate Namibia Safari



The Ultimate Namibia Safari is a ten day itinerary staying in luxury lodges and camps, and explores some of Namibia's scenic and wildlife highlights including the magnificent Sossusvlei Dunes, Etosha National Park and the picturesque Damaraland region.



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Explore Namibia's highlights on a ten day safari staying in luxury lodges and camps. You will see wildlife beside the vast pans in Etosha National Park, spend time among the world famous red dunes at Sossusvlei, enjoy the dramatic beauty of the picturesque Damaraland region and meet the Damara people who call it home. At the quirky Bavarian-style town of Swakopmund you can take to the sea in search of dolphins, seals and turtles.

- Travel with a naturalist guide throughout your trip
- Climb some of the world's highest free-standing sand dunes at Sossusvlei and visit the Sesriem Canyon
- Sea kayak/boat with seals and dolphins on the Skeleton Coast
- Explore the seaside town of Swakopmund
- Search for desert adapted elephants on a nature drive in Damaraland
- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site at Twyfelfontein with its ancient rock carvings, as well as Burnt Mountain and the Organ Pipes
- Wildlife viewing in Etosha, the world's fourth largest national park, exploring two very different habitats in the area
- Visit the famous big cat research centre run by the AfriCat Foundation
- Stay at some of Namibia's best safari lodges and camps
- 10 day safari with a maximum group size of seven guests ensuring personal attention and high levels of service



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Please note this is a sample itinerary only and locations / camps may change depending on weather and wildlife movements.

Days 1 and 2 – Dead Valley Lodge

On arrival into Windhoek early this morning you will clear immigration and collect your luggage. You will be met in the arrivals hall by your private guide, who will remain with you throughout your time in Namibia.

You drive southwest through the Khomas Hochland highlands and down the Great Escarpment into the Namib Desert.

You will stop for a picnic lunch along the way and arrive at Dead Valley Lodge this afternoon.

Thanks to its location close to the park gate, Dead Valley Lodge is perfectly placed to reach Sossusvlei before most other visitors arrive. Setting off at sunrise you will capture the dunes while the light is soft, and the shadows accentuate the towering shapes and curves. You will be able to explore all the remarkable sights here in the company of your guide.



Days 3 and 4 – The Delight

After breakfast you set off to Swakopmund. The scenic drive will take you northwest through Gaub and Kuiseb canyons of the Namib Naukluft National Park to the coast. You will arrive in time to spend a leisurely afternoon exploring the town.

While not exactly a traditional seaside town, thanks to the cold waters and the regular sea mist, Swakopmund is an ideal place for a night or two in between visiting the Namib Desert to the south, and the wilderness of Damaraland and Kaokoland to the north. There are numerous activities on offer in the area, including guided tours, quad biking and sand boarding in the dunes, kayak and boat trips on Walvis Bay Lagoon, and some excellent beach fishing.



Days 5 and 6 – Camp Kipwe

You leave Swakopmund today and travel north along the Skeleton Coast and then inland to Damaraland, through the constantly changing scenery of rolling hills, sand dunes, gravel plains and ancient river terraces. Along the way you will pass Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain.



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Camp Kipwe lies in the heart of Damaraland and is ideally located a short drive from all the local attractions in the area. Your guide will take you on nature drives that give you the chance of seeing the desert-adapted elephants, and excursions to the rock engravings at Twyfelfontein.

Days 7 to 9 – Ongava Tented Camp

After an early breakfast, you will set off for the Ongava Game Reserve on the edge of Etosha National Park.

The Ongava Game Reserve is a private game reserve, spanning 30,000 hectares along the south-west border of Etosha National Park. The reserve is home to a wide variety of wildlife including lion, leopard, giraffe, rhino, Hartmann's mountain zebra, gemsbok (oryx), kudu, steenbok and much more. The scenery is attractive with large open plains blending into mopane tree woodlands and dolomite outcrops.

You will spend your time wildlife viewing in both Etosha National Park and the private reserve. The camp has a floodlit waterhole which is a great spot to relax with a cold drink at the end of the day.

Day 10 – Road transfer to Windhoek

This morning you will be driven to Okonjima's AfriCat Day Centre. You have lunch here before ending your safari with a wildlife drive and tour of the centre. You will be driven back to Windhoek this afternoon, arriving at Windhoek International Airport in time for a late afternoon flight, or staying in Windhoek for more adventures in Africa.



DEAD VALLEY LODGE

Dead Valley Lodge is strategically positioned inside the Namib Naukluft National Park close to the road to Sossusvlei. The lodge has uninterrupted views of Elim Dune and the surrounding desert.

Dead Valley Lodge has 20 tented chalets, with air-conditioned bedrooms, en-suite bathrooms, and private verandahs. The lodge has a large central building with sides that can be opened during the day. This houses a dining room, bar and lounge, and a pool is built into the deck outside.

THE DELIGHT

The Delight is a mid-sized family friendly hotel with a central location in the small seaside town of Swakopmund, on the Atlantic coast of Namibia.

The hotel has 44 rooms, 10 of which suit families. The air-conditioned rooms are spacious, well laid out, and have a colourful and appealing décor, and large en-suite bathrooms. The hotel has a large breakfast room, a big and vibrant bar, a sheltered garden, and secure off-street parking.

CAMP KIPWE

Camp Kipwe is nestled amongst dramatic granite rock kopjes and looks out onto superb scenery within the Twyfelfontein area of Damaraland.

Camp Kipwe has ten spacious stone-built rooms, including one suite, with outdoor en-suite bathrooms, air conditioning, and a large outdoor verandah from which to admire the views. The rooms have been designed to blend in with the surrounding boulders and red basalt rocks, and this combined with the mopane trees help to give the camp a natural organic feel.

The main lodge is raised and comprises four thatched domes containing a dining room, lounge and bar, and a curio shop. There is also a small swimming pool built into the rocks and a viewpoint offering 360 degree views of the mountains and plains.

ONGAVA TENTED CAMP

Ongava Tented Camp sits amongst tall mopane trees at the foot of a rocky hill in the western half of the 30,000 hectare Ongava Game Reserve, bordering the Etosha National Park, which, 10% bigger than Wales, is one of Africa's largest wildlife reserves.

The camp has eight huge en-suite Meru tents, each with its own verandah overlooking the waterhole. The tents, one of which is set up for a family, are huge, and have an en-suite bathroom and an outside shower. The camp has a big, thatched roof that covers the bar and lounge, and there's an adjoining dining room and a small shop, although meals are often served round the camp fire or by the pool.

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2022 TRAVEL DATES

Running Tuesday to Thursday throughout the year, selected departures on a Saturday.

Minimum one guest, maximum seven guests.

Minimum age 12 years.

2022 SCHEDULED DEPARTURE COSTS (GBP £)

(please note these are a guide only)

Per person sharing 25 February to 31 March £2,995
(Single Supplement £530)

Per person sharing 6th April to 31st May £3,370
(Single Supplement £610)

Per person sharing 1 June to 31 December £3,790
(Single Supplement £670)

THE ITINERARY INCLUDES

Airport and other transfers

Accommodation and meals as stated

Shared activities as stated

National Park and concession fees

THE ITINERARY EXCLUDES

All flights

Drinks and laundry

Visas - not needed for most nationalities

Travel insurance

Tips and gratuities

Other personal spending