

CLASSIC KALEIDOSCOPE (CK)

7 Days

Windhoek to Windhoek

LIVE THIS!

Discover the haunting landscapes of the Skeleton coastline and some of the last, open, wilderness areas in Damaraland. Be amazed by the desert adapted elephants and the contrast of the variety and amount of wildlife in Etosha. This tour is a classic kaleidoscope of landscapes and wildlife, making Namibia the unforgettable African destination.

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| Classification | Classic & Superior | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pax - Classic | 2 – 20 guests | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Superior | 2 – 6 guests | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vehicle | Minibus or Coach | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Languages | Bilingual English / German | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Driver / Tour Guide | Services of registered driver guide throughout tour | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Included | Meals: All meals as specified in the itinerary Classic: 6 Breakfasts Superior: 6 Breakfasts; 6 Dinners Entrance Fees: Twyfelfontein; Petrified Forest; Living Museum of the Damara; Etosha National Park Portages Still Mineral Water on Bus Activities as specified Accommodation as specified Tourism levy & Government Taxes where applicable 24hrs Medical Evacuation Insurance | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Excluded | All International / Domestic Flights & taxes Visas Travel & Personal accident insurance Personal Expenses Excursions / Activities not specified Gratuities | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Optional Extras | - Dinner supplement for Classic Tour (Day 3-6), On the Classic Tour version dinner is not included in Swakopmund - Additional Excursions / Activities on request | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Departure Dates (Special Discount / No Single Supplement / English Departures=Bold) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov18 | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov19 | |
| 9, 16, 23, 30 | 7 | 11, 25 | 15 | 1, 15, 29 | 12, 26 | 10, 24 | 7, 21 | 5, 19 | 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 6, 13, 20, 27 | 4, 11, 18, 25 | 1 | |

- Arrival flights on day of tour departure to be no later than 09h00
- Same day flight departures out of Windhoek International are only possible after 19h00

More Than Just A Journey....

We have a sense of Africa rooted deep in our own lives and experiences and our purpose is to share this with our guests. Namibia has abundant wildlife in our National Parks as well as large tracts of land which lie unfenced for wildlife to traverse freely. With its diverse cultures Namibia is a melting pot of sights, sounds, aromas, tastes and emotions, just waiting to be experienced!

The vast size of Namibia is predominantly connected and accessible through gravel roads, which make traveling a fascinating yet time consuming aspect of your journey. Sense of Africa owns and operates a very comprehensive fleet of vehicles that are specially designed and custom built to mechanically suit these demanding road conditions, both in their configuration as well as their sturdy construction. This adds to the durability and reliability of our fleet, but also to the comfort while on safari. Our vehicles are fitted with airflow-cooling systems, sliding windows and/or pop-up roof and an audio/microphone system enhancing guests' safari enjoyment.

A safari often stands or falls with the guide and we appreciate that a good guide can make a great safari excellent. Our guides, mostly Namibian citizens, are hand-picked for their passion with a profound respect, interest and understanding for the country and its people. To offer you our guest the typical Namibian flair and experience we encourage flexibility and their personal involvement in showcasing Namibia's tradition during safaris.

Day 1 / Friday

SWAKOPMUND

A Transfer takes you to the coastal town of **Swakopmund**. Upon your arrival in the early afternoon you check into your hotel, after which we have the rest of the day to our own disposal. With palm-lined streets and seaside promenades, Swakopmund is a popular holiday destination in Namibia. Its pleasant summer climate and long stretched beaches attract anglers and surfers from all over Southern Africa. For the international guest, Swakopmund is a bohemian mix of German architecture and African rhythms, a laid back attitude with adrenalin activities, misty mornings and desert heat. It is colourful, it is vibrant, but most of all, it is pure fun.

Classic: Swakopmund Plaza / Beach Hotel

Superior: Strand Hotel – Dinner

Day 2 / Saturday

SWAKOPMUND

Swakopmund is often fondly referred to as the “playground of Namibia”, it has numerous activities ranging from, adventure to exploring the fascinating features of the Namib Desert and the animals and plants that occur and survive here. Embrace the relaxed pace of this idyllic coastal town whilst enjoying coffee and freshly baked pastries in one of the many café's. Alternatively explore the rugged, sweltering desert on a day tour, or view this awesome, environment from the air on a scenic flight. Find your inner child and push adrenaline to its limits with extreme adventures such as skydiving over the desert or quad biking and sand boarding on the dunes. Take time to get the feel of this quaint town with its historic buildings, museums, shopping arcades and beach bar that has transformed into its own personality by the vibrant use of colour and the bohemian lifestyle.

Classic: Swakopmund Plaza / Beach Hotel - Breakfast

Superior: Strand Hotel – Breakfast, Dinner & Marine Cruise

Day 3 / Sunday

DAMARALAND

On long yet interesting and scenic roads we head further north, traveling past the **Brandberg**, Namibia's highest mountain (2.579m), into the Damaraland, one of the least populated and geologically diverse areas in Africa. This harsh, rocky environment is home to the elusive desert elephant, the black rhino and free-roaming antelope species. Accompanied by a local Damara guide we visit **Twyfelfontein**, a UNESCO heritage site where Bushman communities engraved and painted over 2.500 pictures some 6.000 years ago! After a visit to the nearby **Living Museum of the Damara** we proceed to the **Petrified Forest** - a geological phenomenon depicting the creation and metamorphosis of wood into stone amongst some of the oldest landmasses on Earth. Here we also see the **Welwitschia mirabilis** plant – the oldest living desert plant on Earth.

Classic: Damara Mopane Lodge or similar Camp in the Damaraland - Breakfast

Superior: Vingerklip Lodge – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4 / Monday

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

After a relaxed breakfast, we travel towards the **Etosha National Park**, famous for its vast amount of wildlife. Once we have reached our camp located just outside of the National Park, we head onto our first safari into the National Park. Together with our guide we explore the various waterholes located close to Okaukuejo and the Anderson gate. Optional and time permitting open vehicle game drives can be booked with the lodge.

Classic: Etosha Safari Camp - Breakfast

Superior: Etosha Village – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5 / Tuesday

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

The day is devoted purely to the abundant wildlife found in the **Etosha National Park**, which surrounds a parched salt desert known as the Etosha Pan. The park is home to 4 of the Big Five - elephant, lion, leopard and rhino. The Park was proclaimed as Namibia's first conservation area in 1907 by the then Governor, von Lindequist. Despite the size of the Etosha National Park, only the southern edge of the pan is accessible to visitors. Game viewing in the park is largely focussed around the waterholes, some of which are spring fed and some supplied from a borehole, ideal places to sit and watch over 114 different game species, or for an avid birder, in excess of 340 bird species. Popular game species such as giraffe, blue wildebeest, plains and mountain zebra, hyena, lion, leopard, antelopes such as kudu, oryx, eland, as well as some of the endangered species such as Black rhino, cheetah and the black-faced impala are all found here. An extensive network of roads link the over 30 water holes allowing visitors the opportunity of an extensive game viewing safari over the stretch of the park as each different area will provide different encounters.

Classic: Mokuti Etosha Lodge - Breakfast

Superior: Onguma Collection – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6 / Wednesday

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Today your guide again takes you on a game drive in the Etosha National Park, or optionally you can book an open game drive park drive with the lodge. We may encounter animal species we have not seen the previous day and look forward to any new surprises at the different 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 places. During Etosha's notorious dry spells the pan is a deathly place, lying parched and cracked under the molten African sun. It is claimed that game viewing is best during the dry spells as animals will then congregate closer to water. But even in the rainy season the park remains an abundant wildlife haven. You then have the pleasure of experiencing the rebirth of life as the young foals, cubs and chicks are seen frolicking with their parents and the sprouting new green shrubs and grasses create a pleasing green oasis. In the afternoon we travel back to our lodge, where we enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure.

Classic: Mokuti Etosha Lodge - Breakfast

Superior: Onguma Collection – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 7 / Thursday

DEPARTURE

After breakfast we travel north-east towards Namibia's lush **Kavango region**. En route we stop at **Hoba Meteorite**, the world's largest known meteorite. We continue to Rundu, known for its rich selection of hand-made wooden crafts. With its magnificent woodlands and perennial rivers, the Kavango region contrasts sharply with the rest of Namibia. Large swathes of tall woodland, riverine forests, floodplains and reed-lined channels dominate the area. This is also the area where you will see many of the traditional huts and homesteads still in popular use today. At our lodge we can enjoy an optional sundowner boat cruise on the Okavango River.

Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Please Note:

For the Namibia Experience, the tour is extended with an unwinding 2-night package at either The Elegant Farmstead (Classic) or the GocheGanas Nature Reserve (Superior).

Classic Extension:

Day 7 / Thursday

OTJIHAVERA MOUNTAINS

Departing Etosha, we travel south towards Windhoek, where the following days are spent on a typical Namibian farm. Besides being a haven for birders, the farm boasts game species such as eland, giraffe and kudu, which we are able to view during an optional afternoon nature drive.

The Elegant Farmstead – Breakfast

Day 8 / Friday

OTJIHAVERA MOUNTAINS

We have the morning at leisure for a late sleep in followed by a scrumptious breakfast. During the day we can chose from a palette of optional activities, including a visit to the Ovitoto Village, a cheetah walk or a scenic drive. The farm offers a rich bird life and there are 11 different animal species to see, eland, kudu, oryx, springbok and giraffes to name just a few.

The Elegant Farmstead - Breakfast & Nature Drive

Day 9 / Saturday

DEPARTURE

Via mountainous terrain we travel to the international airport or you can also be dropped off in Windhoek at your accommodation of choice.

Breakfast

Superior Extension:

Day 7 / Thursday

GOCHEGANAS NATURE RESERVE

Departing Etosha, we travel south towards Windhoek, where the following days are spent on a nature and wellness reserve situated amidst the beautiful and scenic Auas Mountain range.

GocheGanas Nature reserve – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8 / Friday

GOCHEGANAS NATURE RESERVE

The entire day is spent at leisure on the game reserve. You can unwind with a wellness treatment in the modern and comprehensive wellness centre or explore the natural surrounding area on a scenic walk or by mountain bike. In the afternoon we embark on a guided open game drive safari. The reserve offers a wide variety of animal species to see, rhino, gnu, zebra, eland, kudu, oryx, springbok and giraffes to name just a few. Drinks and snacks will be served while we watch and enjoy the spectacular sunset.

GocheGanas Nature Reserve – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 9 / Saturday

DEPARTURE

We travel via mountainous terrain to the international airport or you can also be dropped off in Windhoek at your accommodation of choice.

Breakfast

SUMMARY: CLASSIC TOUR

| DAY | ACCOMMODATION | MEAL BASIS | ACTIVITIES | KM |
|--------------------------|---|------------|--|-----|
| 1 | Swakopmund Plaza / Beach Hotel | | Pick up in Windhoek, transfer to Swakopmund | 380 |
| 2 | Swakopmund Plaza / Beach Hotel | Breakfast | Day at leisure, book any activities with your consultant / guide | |
| 3 | Damara Mopane Lodge or similar Camp in the Damaraland | Breakfast | Excursion to Twyfelfontein and Petrified Forest. Visit a Living Museum of the Damara tribe | 480 |
| 4 | Etosha Safari Camp | Breakfast | Afternoon Etosha game drive in tour vehicle with Sense of Africa Guide | 200 |
| 5 | Mokuti Etosha Lodge | Breakfast | Full day Etosha game Drive in tour vehicle with Sense of Africa Guide | 300 |
| 6 | Mokuti Etosha Lodge | Breakfast | Full day Etosha game Drive in tour vehicle with Sense of Africa Guide (<i>optional open game drive vehicle can be booked with the lodge</i>) | 200 |
| 7 | Windhoek | Breakfast | Travel back to Windhoek or extend your stay in the Otjihavera Mountains near Okahandja | 540 |
| EXTENSION PACKAGE | | | | |
| 7 | The Elegant Farmstead | Breakfast | Drive to the foot of the Otjihavera Mountains near Okahandja, Optional Nature Drive | |
| 8 | The Elegant Farmstead | Breakfast | Afternoon game drive in open safari vehicle | |
| 9 | Departure | Breakfast | Transfer to Windhoek or Airport | |

Alternative accommodations may be used

SUMMARY: SUPERIOR TOUR

| DAY | ACCOMMODATION | MEAL BASIS | ACTIVITIES | KM |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|-----|
| 1 | Strand Hotel | Dinner | Pick up in Windhoek, transfer to Swakopmund | 380 |
| 2 | Strand Hotel | Breakfast, Dinner | Catamaran marine cruise with fresh oysters and sparkling wine being served | 80 |
| 3 | Vingerklip Lodge | Breakfast, Dinner | Excursion to Twyfelfontein and Petrified Forest. Visit a Living Museum of the Damara tribe | 520 |
| 4 | Etosha Village | Breakfast, Dinner | Afternoon Etosha game drive in tour vehicle with Sense of Africa Guide | 220 |
| 5 | Onguma Collection | Breakfast, Dinner | Full day Etosha game Drive in tour vehicle with Sense of Africa Guide | 200 |
| 6 | Onguma Collection | Breakfast, Dinner | Full day Etosha game Drive in tour vehicle with Sense of Africa Guide (<i>optional open game drive vehicle can be booked with the lodge</i>) | 300 |
| 7 | Windhoek | Breakfast | Travel back to Windhoek or extend your stay in the Auas Mountains near Windhoek | 540 |
| EXTENSION PACKAGE | | | | |
| 7 | GocheGanas Reserve | Breakfast, Dinner | Drive to the Auas Mountains near Windhoek Optional Nature Drive / Walk in the afternoon | 570 |
| 8 | GocheGanas Reserve | Breakfast, Dinner | Game Drive in open vehicle | |
| 9 | Departure | Breakfast | Transfer to Windhoek or Airport | 100 |

Alternative accommodations may be used