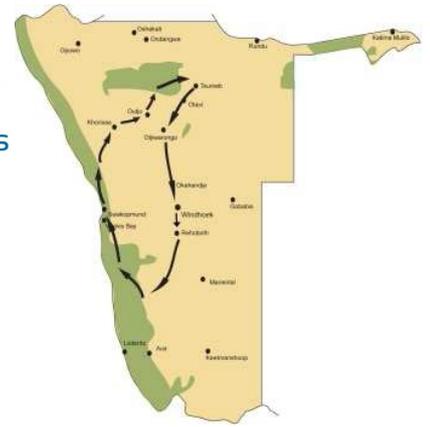




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Itinerary
Namibia Highlights-2021 NH
16th-26th June '21
Windhoek / Sossusvlei /
Swakopmund / Damaraland,
Etosha National Park / Windhoek

Wednesday 16th June

DAY 1

Cape Town - Windhoek

Air Namibia



We are booked on the Air Namibia flight to Windhoek (to be confirmed), where a vehicle awaits to transfer us to our overnight accommodation, **The Avani Windhoek Hotel & Casino**. You drive through mountainous terrain to Windhoek, the capital city of Namibia. With inhabitants totaling nearly 350,000, Windhoek constitutes the largest city in the country and is situated in a lush and scenically appealing valley of **Auas Mountains**, Namibia's second highest mountain range.

Tonight we will enjoy a welcome drink before dinner.

The Avani Hotel (D,B) The hotel is nestled in a lush garden conveniently located only 4 km from the centre of Windhoek. Dinner could be in house or at a local restaurant. (Will be pre-arranged).

Thursday 17th June

DAY 2

Namib Desert



Departing Windhoek, we travel to our lodge in the Namib Desert. This is the gateway to **Sesriem Canyon and Sossusvlei**, where some of the highest sand dunes on Earth stand towering over the white desert plains.

The afternoon can be spent relaxing at the pool, or taking part in optional activities offered at the lodge.

Meals will be served at Sossusvlei Lodge restaurant.



Sossusvlei Desert Camp (D,B) Situated just 5km from the entrance to the beautiful Sossusvlei region.

Friday 18th June

DAY 3

Namib Desert

260km



This morning demands an early start. Entering the Namib Naukluft National Park with sunrise, the first rays of sunlight paint the mountains of sand into a variety of apricot, red and orange, contrasted against a crisp blue skyline, enchanting our senses, and providing an opportunity to capture this awesome landscape on film. You will be captivated by the surreal **Deadvlei** surrounded by some of the highest dunes on earth and **Sossusvlei**, where the dry Tsauchab River ends abruptly amongst dunes. Take the opportunity to walk up one of these majestic dunes to admire the desert landscape beneath. After that, we visit the **Sesriem Canyon**, a life-sustaining natural phenomenon in the heart of the Namib Desert.

Sossusvlei Desert Camp (D,B)



Saturday 19th June

DAY 4

Swakopmund



After breakfast we continue our journey approaching the little settlement of **Solitaire** on the edge of the Namib Naukluft National Park, feeling like you have arrived in the middle of nowhere. Here it is worthwhile to enjoy a cup of coffee with the delightful apple-pie written about in so many travel books before travelling via the desolate, rolling hills of the Kuiseb Valley towards the Atlantic Ocean. Reaching the coastal harbour town of **Walvis Bay**, we visit the shallow lagoon, one of the most important wetland areas on the African continent and a RAMSAR World Heritage Site. Over 80% of Africa's lesser flamingos breed in this lagoon and present a breath-taking picture when they appear in groups. Continuing along the scenic route between the dune belt and the Atlantic Ocean we reach **Swakopmund**, where the rest of the day is spent at leisure. With palm-lined streets and seaside promenades,

Swakopmund is a popular holiday destination in Namibia. Dinner is for your own account tonight.

[Swakopmund Plaza Hotel- Breakfast](#)

Sunday 20th June

DAY 5

Swakopmund



This morning we embark on a **Dolphin & seal cruise** from Walvis Bay. 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 while 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 excellent, environment from the air on a scenic flight. or quad biking 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 personality by the vibrant use of colour and the bohemian lifestyle. Dinner is for your own account tonight.

[Swakopmund Plaza Hotel- Breakfast](#)

Monday 21st June

DAY 6

Damaraland



On long yet exciting and scenic roads we head further north, travelling past the **Brandberg**, Namibia's highest mountain (2.579m), into Damaraland, one of the least populated and most 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.

[Damara Mopane Lodge: \(D,B\)](#)

Tuesday 22nd June

DAY 7

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**.

[Etosha Safari Lodge: - \(D,B\)](#)



Wednesday 23rd June

DAY 8

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 primarily 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, more than 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 a comprehensive game viewing safari throughout the park as each different area will provide various encounters.

[Mokuti Etosha Lodge - \(D,B\)](#)

Thursday 24th June

DAY 9

Etosha National Park

300km



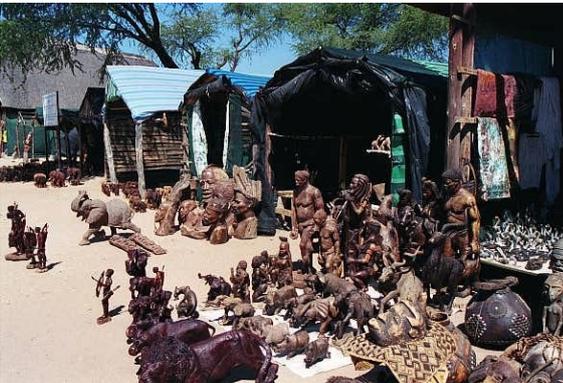
Today your guide again takes you on a game drive in the Etosha National Park, or optionally you can book an open game drive park drive with the lodge. We may encounter animal species we have not seen the previous day and look forward to any new surprises at the different waterholes visited. The Etosha 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 periods 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.

[Mokuti Etosha Lodge - \(D,B\)](#)

Friday 25th June

DAY 10

Travel back to Windhoek



After breakfast, we travel back through the centre of the country exposing bushland savannah to the capital in the centre of the country. Time permitting, en-route we may stop at the famous wood carvers market in Okahandja or the craft market in the main street in Windhoek to pick up the last few souvenirs. Windhoek is a cosmopolitan melting pot of European architecture with African culture, with a variety of excellent restaurants to choose from

[The Safari Hotel \(D,B\)](#) a 3-star hotel nestled in a lush garden conveniently located only 4 km from the centre of Windhoek. Dinner could be in house or at a local restaurant

Saturday 26th June

DAY 11

Hosea Kutako International Airport



After breakfast and depending on our flight time, we will spend the day in Windhoek before travelling the short distance to the Windhoek (Hosea Kutako) International Airport for our outbound flight.

On arrival in Cape Town, vehicles will be waiting to take us home.

TOUR SUMMARY

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEAL BASIS	ACTIVITIES	KM
Wednesday	Avani Hotel-Windhoek (or similar)	Dinner / Breakfast	Arrive in Windhoek. Transfer to Hotel	44
Thursday	Sossusvlei Desert Camp	Dinner / Breakfast	Travel into the Namib Desert	330
Friday	Sossusvlei Desert Camp	Dinner / Breakfast	Excursion to Sossusvlei, visit the surreal Dead Vlei on foot, Sesriem Canyon excursion.	200
Saturday	Swakopmund Plaza / Beach Hotel	Breakfast incl. / Dinner not included. Own choice of Restaurant	Scenic drive via Ghaub and Kuiseb Canyons, visit Walvis Bay lagoon and bird island	342
Sunday	Swakopmund Plaza / Beach Hotel	Breakfast / Dinner as for Friday	Morning Dolphin & seal cruise .	326
Monday	Damara Mopane Lodge or similar	Dinner / Breakfast	Excursion to Twyfelfontein, Burnt Mountain, Organ Pipes and Petrified Forest. Visit a traditional Damara village	232
Tuesday	Etosha Safari Lodge	Dinner / Breakfast	Afternoon Etosha game drive in tour vehicle with Sense of Africa Guide	172
Wednesday	Mokuti Etosha Lodge (Standard Room)	Dinner / Breakfast	Full day Etosha game Drive in tour vehicle	300
Thursday	Mokuti Etosha Lodge (Standard Room)	Dinner / Breakfast	Full day Etosha game Drive in tour vehicle	200
Friday	Avani Hotel –Windhoek Windhoek	Dinner	Travel back to Windhoek	530
Saturday	Windhoek Int Airport	Breakfast	Travel back to Cape Town by air	44

Alternative accommodation may be used

Above details subject to change

PRICE for this fully inclusive 11 day tour including coach transport, transfers, accommodation, meals and excursions, as specified, is:
R29,796 per person sharing. (Land arrangements). Single Supplement: R3,940.
Airfare (which is subject to change until paid in full), is quoted separately @ R4,950
Total price including airfare is R34,746 sharing / R38,686 Single.
To secure your place on this tour, a 30% deposit (R10,424) is payable on booking.
The balance is payable as follows:
30% (R10,424) by 28th February 2021 and 40% (R13,898) by 30th April 2021
(Single: R11,606 / R11,606 / R15,474)

Included	Excluded
All transfers and transport as per itinerary	All lunches (driver will stop at suitable place if required)
Accommodation and meals as indicated in the itinerary	All expenses of a personal nature
Porterages during the whole trip	All optional excursions and activities
Entrance Fees at all parks which are visited in Namibia	Tips
Bottled water on the Air conditioned vehicle	International and local Flights and Taxes, other than quoted
English Speaking Guide/ Driver	Travel Insurance
Medrescue	

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