

CLASSIC KALEIDOSCOPE (CK)

8 Days

Windhoek to Windhoek

Classification	Classic & Superior
Classic	2 – 16 guests
Superior	2 – 6 guests
Vehicle	Minibus or Coach
Languages	Bilingual English / German
Driver / Tour Guide	Services of registered driver guide throughout the tour
Included	<p>Meals: All meals as specified in the itinerary Classic: 7 x Breakfasts, 1x Picnic lunch Superior: 7 x Breakfasts; 7 x Lunches; 5 x Dinners</p> <p>Drinks: Superior: Including selected local beverages during lunch and dinner</p> <p>Entrance Fees: Twyfelfontein; Petrified Forest; Living Museum of the Damara; Etosha National Park</p> <p>Classic Option: Information Pack and Plastic Water Bottle Superior Option: Deluxe Travel Planner and Aluminum Water Bottle</p> <p>Portages Still Mineral Water on Bus Activities as specified Accommodation as specified Tourism levy & Government Taxes where applicable 24hrs Medical Evacuation Insurance</p>
Social Support	With this tour you donate to the Bishop Kameeta (Kindergarden) and guests on the Superior tour receive a reusable STEEL WATER BOTTLE (Supporting “TOSCO” – Tourism supporting Conservation)
Pick Up	Collection by your guide at the International airport if arrival is before 09h00, or directly at your pre-booked hotel / guesthouse in Windhoek
Excluded	All International / Domestic Flights & taxes Visas Travel & Personal accident insurance Personal Expenses Excursions / Activities not specified Gratuities
Optional Extras	Activity package (Classic version): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Catamaran/marine cruise – Etosha open safari vehicle game drive
Meal Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – This tour can be booked on either Breakfast only or on a Dinner, Bed & Breakfast option (Swakopmund is excluded from the dinner option)

DEPARTURE DATES				
	Tour Language:	Bilingual	English Only	Special Offers
	Departure Days:	FRIDAY	FRIDAY	Special Rate / No SGL Supplement
2023	November	10, 24	17	
	December	1, 8		8
2024	January	12, 26		12,26
	February	9, 23		9,23
	March	22	8	
	April	19	5	
	May	3, 17	31	
	June	14	28	14
	July	12, 26		
	August	2, 16, 23, 30	9	
	September	13, 20, 27	6	
	October	11, 18, 25	4	

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

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 wildlife and the contrast of the variety and amount of species in Etosha. This tour is a classic kaleidoscope of landscapes and wildlife, making Namibia the unforgettable African destination.

Day 1 | FRIDAY

SWAKOPMUND

After being picked up at your hotel or at the international airport a transfer takes you to the coastal town of Swakopmund, where you meet up with the rest of the group and your safari guide. Upon your arrival in the early afternoon and checking into your hotel, you have the rest of the day at your 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: **Hansa Hotel**

Superior: **Strand Hotel – Lunch (incl. selection of local drinks)**

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 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 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 personality by the vibrant use of colour and the bohemian lifestyle.

Classic: Hansa Hotel – Breakfast

Superior: Strand Hotel – Breakfast & Marine Cruise

Day 3 | SUNDAY

DAMARALAND

Today our journey continues through Uis past the **Brandberg**, Namibia's highest mountain (2.579m), into the 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. We arrive at our lodge in the afternoon, where we have the remaining day at leisure.

Classic: Ondjamba Hills – Breakfast

Superior: Twyfelfontein Adventure Camp – Breakfast, light lunch, Dinner (incl. selected local beverages)

Day 4 | MONDAY

DAMARALAND / BRANDBERG

On an early morning scenic nature drive through, at times untouched wilderness area of the Otjimboyo Concession, we head out towards the Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain. This is the best time to capture the perfect light of sunrise and catch the last mist engulfing the mountain. We continue down into the dry Ugab riverbed, which we follow back towards the camp. Stopping under one of the majestic camelthorn trees we enjoy a light picnic lunch. On our drive along the meandering river we might encounter the elusive desert elephant that roam the dry riverbeds of the Damaraland, feeding on the nutritious pods of the trees lining the riverbanks. Arriving back at the camp we have enough time left to enjoy the scenery or follow one of the walking trails (*Classic Version*). A highlight is the sundowner drive that offers you unforgettable photo opportunities of the Brandberg and surrounding landscape (*Classic Version*).

Classic: Ondjamba Hills – Breakfast & Picnic Lunch

Superior: Twyfelfontein Adventure Camp – Breakfast, light lunch, Dinner (incl. selected local beverages)

Day 5 | TUESDAY

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

During the cooler hours of the morning, we start our adventure filled day in the company of a local Damara guide, who takes us to **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. Our onward journey takes us to the wildlife heaven of Namibia – the Etosha National Park. We check into our lodge located on the border of the Etosha National Park and can unwind after the adventure filled day alongside the pool.

Classic: Eldorado Lodge – Breakfast

Superior: Epacha Game Lodge & Spa– Breakfast, light lunch, Dinner (incl. selected local beverages)

Day 6 | WEDNESDAY**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.

Classic: Eldorado Lodge – Breakfast

Superior: Epacha Game Lodge & Spa – Breakfast, light lunch, Dinner (incl. selected local beverages)

Day 7 | THURSDAY**ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

Today your guide again takes you on a game drive in the Etosha National Park. 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 onwards to our lodge, where we enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure.

Classic: La Rochelle Lodge – Breakfast

Superior: Mokuti Etosha Lodge – Breakfast, light lunch, Dinner (incl. selected local beverages)

Day 8 | FRIDAY**DEPARTURE**

After breakfast, we travel back through the centre of the country exposing bush land 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. You will be dropped off at your accommodation of choice, or transferred to the airport for your outward flight.

Classic: Breakfast

Superior: Breakfast, light lunch (incl. selected local beverages)

TOUR SUMMARY: CLASSIC TOUR

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEAL BASIS	ACTIVITIES	KM
1	Hansa Hotel		Pick up in Windhoek, transfer to Swakopmund	380
2	Hansa Hotel	Breakfast	Day at leisure, book any activities through your guide	
3	Ondjamba Hills	Breakfast	Depart the Atlantic coastline and head land inwards traveling past the Brandberg towards the scenic Damaraland	250
4	Ondjamba Hills	Breakfast, Picnic lunch	Scenic nature drive through a private concession to the Brandberg and along the ephemeral Ugab river in search of the elusive desert elephants, enjoying a picnic lunch en-route	150
5	Eldorado Lodge	Breakfast	Excursion to Twyfelfontein, Visit a Living Museum of the Damara tribe and Petrified Forest, Travel on to the border of the Etosha National Park,	450
6	Eldorado Lodge	Breakfast	Full day Etosha game drive in tour vehicle with Sense of Africa Guide	300
7	La Rochelle Lodge	Breakfast	Half-day Etosha game Drive in tour vehicle with Sense of Africa Guide	400
8	Windhoek	Breakfast	Travel back to Windhoek where your guide will drop you of at the airport or individually booked hotel	480

Alternative accommodations may be used

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEAL BASIS	ACTIVITIES	KM
1	Strand Hotel	Lunch (<i>incl. selection of local drinks</i>)	Pick up in Windhoek, transfer to Swakopmund	380
2	Strand Hotel	Breakfast	Catamaran marine cruise with fresh oysters and sparkling wine is served	80
3	Twyfelfontein Adventure Camp	Breakfast, light lunch, Dinner (<i>incl. selected local beverages</i>)	Depart the Atlantic coastline and head land inwards traveling past the Brandberg towards the scenic Damaraland	440
4	Twyfelfontein Adventure Camp	Breakfast, light lunch, Dinner (<i>incl. selected local beverages</i>)	Enjoy activities offered by the lodge such as nature drives in the ephemeral Huab river searching for the elusive desert elephant or late sundowner drive	100

5	Epacha Game Lodge & Spa	Breakfast, light lunch, Dinner (<i>incl. selected local beverages</i>)	Excursion to Twyfelfontein, Visit a Living Museum of the Damara tribe and Petrified Forest, Travel on to the border of the Etosha National Park.	350
6	Epacha Game Lodge & Spa	Breakfast, Light Lunch, Dinner (<i>incl. selected local beverages</i>)	Full day Etosha game Drive in tour vehicle with Sense of Africa Guide	300
7	Mokuti Etosha Lodge	Breakfast, Light Lunch, Dinner (<i>incl. selected local beverages</i>)	Full day Etosha game Drive in tour vehicle with Sense of Africa Guide	300
8	Windhoek	Breakfast, Light Lunch (<i>incl. selected local beverages</i>)	Travel back to Windhoek where your guide will drop you of at the airport or individually booked hotel	580

TOUR SUMMARY: SUPERIOR TOUR

Alternative accommodations may be used