

**NAMIBIA HIGHLIGHTS (NH)**

10 Days

Windhoek to Windhoek

<b>Classification</b>	Classic & Superior
<b>Pax – Classic</b>	2 – 16 guests
<b>– Superior</b>	2 – 6 guests
<b>Vehicle</b>	Minibus or Coach
<b>Languages</b>	Bilingual English / German
<b>Driver / Tour Guide</b>	Services of registered driver guide throughout the tour
<b>Included</b>	<p><b>Meals:</b> All meals as specified in the itinerary          Classic: 9 x Breakfasts, 1 x Picnic lunch          Superior: 9 x Breakfasts; 9 x Lunches; 7 x Dinners</p> <p><b>Drinks:</b>          Superior: Including selected local beverages during lunch and dinner</p> <p><b>Entrance Fees:</b> Namib Naukluft National Park; Twyfelfontein; Petrified Forest; Living Museum of the Damara; Etosha National Park</p> <p><b>Classic Option:</b> Information Pack and Plastic Water Bottle  <b>Superior Option:</b> Deluxe Travel Planner and Aluminum Water Bottle</p> <p>Portages          Still Mineral Water on Bus          Activities as specified          Accommodation as specified          Tourism levy &amp; Government Taxes where applicable          24hrs Medical Evacuation Insurance</p>
<b>Social Support</b>	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)
<b>Pick Up</b>	Collection by your guide at the International airport if arrival is before 09h00, or directly at your pre-booked hotel / guesthouse in Windhoek
<b>Excluded</b>	All International / Domestic Flights & taxes Visas Travel & Personal accident insurance Personal Expenses Excursions / Activities not specified Gratuities
<b>Optional Extras</b>	Activity package (Classic version): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Namib Desert nature drive</li> <li>– Catamaran/marine cruise</li> <li>– Etosha open safari vehicle game drive</li> </ul>
<b>Meal Options</b>	– 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:	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	Special Rate / No SGL Supplement
2023	November	8, 22, 29	15	
	December	6		6
2024	January	10, 24		10, 24
	February	7, 21		7, 21
	March	20	6	
	April	17	3	
	May	1, 15	29	
	June	12	26	12
	July	10, 24, 31		
	August	14, 21, 28	7	
	September	11, 18, 25	4	
	October	9, 23	2, 16	

- **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**

### TRAVEL WITH A PURPOSE!

Discover the main highlights in Namibia, from the awe-inspiring seas of sand of the Namib desert, the cultures and impressive landscapes of Damaraland and the variety and amounts of wildlife. This tour showcases the significant highlights of the country. This safari is ideal as an introduction or as a once only visit.

#### Day 1 | WEDNESDAY

##### 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 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 our lodge.

**Classic:**           **The Elegant Desert Lodge**

**Superior:**       **Sossusvlei Lodge – Lunch, Dinner (incl. selection of local Beverages)**

#### Day 2 | THURSDAY

##### SOSSUSVLEI / NAMIB DESERT

The morning demands an early start. Entering the Namib Naukluft National Park shortly after 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, enrapturing our senses, and providing an opportunity to capture this impressive 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 this thrilling experience we visit the **Sesriem Canyon**, a life-sustaining natural phenomenon in the heart of the Namib Desert before returning back to our lodge and cooling off along the swimming pool or with a refreshing drink at one of the quiet retreats located all around the lodge.

**Classic:**           **The Elegant Desert Lodge –Breakfast**

**Superior:**       **Sossusvlei Lodge – Desert Breakfast, light lunch, Dinner (incl. selection of local Beverages)**

### Day 3 | FRIDAY

#### 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. 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 – Breakfast

**Superior:** Strand Hotel – Breakfast, Light Lunch (incl. selection of local Beverages)

### Day 4 | 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 excellent, 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 5 | 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 6 | 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 7 | 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 8 | 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 9 | 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 10 | 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:

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEAL BASIS	ACTIVITIES	KM
1	The Elegant Desert Lodge		Transfer to the heart of the Namib Desert to meet up with rest of group.	280
2	The Elegant Desert Lodge	Breakfast	Excursion to Sossusvlei, visit the surreal Dead Vlei on foot followed by a stop at the Sesriem Canyon	210
3	Hansa Hotel	Breakfast	Scenic drive through Gaub and Kuiseb Canyons, visit RAMSAR Walvis Bay lagoon	370
4	Hansa Hotel	Breakfast	Day at leisure, book any activities through your guide	
5	Ondjamba Hills	Breakfast	Depart the Atlantic coastline and head land inwards traveling past the Brandberg towards the scenic Damaraland	250
6	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
7	Eldorado Lodge	Breakfast	Excursion to Twyfelfontein, Visit a Living Museum of the Damara tribe and Petrified	450

			Forest, Travel on to the border of the Etosha National Park,	
8	Eldorado Lodge	Breakfast	Full day Etosha game drive in tour vehicle with Sense of Africa Guide	300
9	La Rochelle Lodge	Breakfast	Half-day Etosha game Drive in tour vehicle with Sense of Africa Guide	400
10	Windhoek	Breakfast	Travel back to Windhoek where your guide will drop you of at the airport or individually booked hotel	480

Alternative accommodation may be used

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DAY	ACCOMMO-DATION	MEAL BASIS	ACTIVITIES	KM
1	Sossusvlei Lodge	Lunch, Dinner <i>(incl. selection of local Beverages)</i>	Transfer to the heart of the Namib Desert, Optional afternoon activities	320
2	Sossusvlei Lodge	Breakfast, light lunch, Dinner <i>(incl. selection of local Beverages)</i>	Excursion to Sossusvlei, visit the surreal Dead Vlei on foot followed by a desert breakfast, Sesriem Canyon excursion	120
3	Strand Hotel	Breakfast, Light Lunch <i>(incl. selection of local Beverages)</i>	Scenic drive through Gaub and Kuiseb Canyons, visit RAMSAR Walvis Bay lagoon	350
4	Strand Hotel	Breakfast	Catamaran marine cruise with fresh oysters and sparkling wine is served	80
5	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
6	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
7	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





8	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
9	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
10	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

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