

*Full Itinerary*

## NAMIBIA'S NATURAL WONDERS



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Monday - Thursday 9:00am -  
8:00pm, Friday 9:00am - 5:30pm  
(London time)



### JOURNEY SNAPSHOT

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**

Level 2

**DESTINATION:**

Namibia's Natural Wonders

**DURATION:**

10 days / 9 nights

**FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Please arrange your flights to arrive into  
Windhoek Airport [WDH] on Day 1 and depart  
from there on Day 12

**PICKUP LOCATION:**

Windhoek Airport [WDH]

## OVERVIEW

10 - 19 May, 2025

Stunning sand dunes, ancient rock paintings, superb safari & stunning seaside towns - Namibia the ideal destination for travellers seeking an unforgettable African experience in this uniquely beautiful, untamed wilderness.

Namibia is a vast land of untamed wildness, unique beauty and array of landscapes and climates.

Internationally acclaimed for its approach to conservation, protection of the environment is written into the constitution, appreciate this extraordinary beauty of the country as you explore the remarkable natural landscapes Namibia has to offer.

From the vast Etosha National Park abundant with wildlife to the hauntingly beautiful Namib Desert, stretching some 2,000km along the magnificent Atlantic Coast, to the silence and solitude of the Sossosvlei sand dunes and the teeming birdlife of Walvis Bay Lagoon. You'll also visit Namibia's capital city, Windhoek and discover the charming art-deco and Germanic influenced coastal town of Swakopmund and be treated to vistas unique in the world.

What's more, you can extend your African adventure to see one of the World's Seven Natural Wonders - Victoria Falls!

## ITINERARY SUMMARY

**DAY 1** - Welcome to Namibia

**DAY 2** - Exploring Etosha National Park

**DAY 3** - On Safari in Etosha National Park

**DAY 4** - The Mystical Erongo Mountains

**DAY 5** - San People & Swakopmund

**DAY 6** - At Sea in Walvis Bay

**DAY 7** - To the Sesriem Canyon

**DAY 8** - Sossusvlei's Sand Dunes

**DAY 9** - Return to Windhoek

**DAY 10** - Farewell to Namibia

## FULL ITINERARY

### DAY 1 - WELCOME TO NAMIBIA

On arrival in Windhoek, you will be met and transferred your hotel for the evening.

Enjoy a Welcome Dinner together this evening with your fellow group members and tour director.

**Included meals:** Welcome Dinner

**Accommodation:** Windhoek

### DAY 2 - EXPLORING ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

This morning, we leave Windhoek behind as we head towards central Namibia and the sprawling bushveld of the Etosha National Park.

With vast open plains scattered with semi-arid savannah grasslands, watering holes and secluded bush camps, Etosha National Park is a habitat for 114 animal species and 340 bird species, earning its reputation as one of the best game reserves in Africa. The impressive 5,000-square-kilometre Etosha salt pan makes up a large area of the eastern side of the park - it is even visible from space! This remote area teems with abundant wildlife such as lions, elephants, black rhinos and giraffes, as well as a variety of birdlife featuring flamingos, ostriches, eagles, hornbills, and owls.

We will arrive at Etosha Safari Camp located just outside the National Park and a short drive to Andersson Gate (Okaukuejo), our base for the next two nights.

**Included meals:** Breakfast & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Etosha Safari Camp

### DAY 3 - ON SAFARI IN ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Today's journey takes us into Etosha National Park, as we enjoy morning and afternoon game drives.

Passing your way via waterholes, through grassland, woodland and savannah, wildlife that we will be on the lookout for includes elephant, lion, giraffe, blue wildebeest, eland, kudu, gemsbok (oryx), zebra, rhino, cheetah, leopard, hyena, honey badger and warthog, as well as the endemic black faced impala.

We'll return to the camp in the evening for dinner.

**Included meals:** Breakfast & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Etosha Safari Camp

### DAY 4 - THE MYSTICAL ERONGO MOUNTAINS

We depart Etosha after breakfast as we make our way south from to the Erongo Mountains via Outjo and Omaruru.

Our base for the night will be the Rock Painting Lodge, set against imposing granite boulders in the foothills of the 130- million-year-old Erongo Mountain range.

Famous for its rock painting sites, Ai-Aiba offers a mystical exploration of nature. Enjoy a guided walking trail in the late afternoon, surrounded by the magic of the breathtaking landscape, gently touched by the colors of the setting sun.

**Included meals:** Breakfast & Dinner

**Accommodation:** AiAiba Rock Lodge

### DAY 5 - SAN PEOPLE & SWAKOPMUND

Today we continue our journey through Namibia to the coastal town of Swakopmund.

En route, we will stop at the Living Museum of the San people at Omandumba Guestfarm before heading to the Spitzkoppe Mountain, the third-highest in Namibia, also known as the "Namibian Matterhorn." A walking trail here allows exploration of the stunning landscape,

including the "Bushmen Paradise" and captivating rock formations.

A charming town on the Atlantic, known for its shops and restaurants, Swakopmund where you can enjoy the pleasant seaside location and cooler coastal air. We will explore the Lighthouse and Old Jetty in the afternoon, and savor the sunset at the beachfront.

**Included meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hansa Hotel, Swakopmund

## DAY 6 - AT SEA IN WALVIS BAY

This morning we head south down the coast to the nearby town of Walvis Bay for a catamaran boat cruise the waters of the Walvis Bay Harbour.

The beautiful and sheltered bay area holds more splendour than can at first be seen – a shipwreck, lighthouse, oyster platforms, different bird species, seals and an abundance of marine life. During the cruise you will learn of Walvis Bay's own cultivated oysters, the resident seal colony, the three different types of dolphins, including the endemic Heaviside/Benguela Dolphins, the Mola Mola (Sunfish) and the Leatherback Turtles also keep you on the lookout.

We return to Swakopmund in the late afternoon in time to freshen up for dinner in town with your guide.

**Included meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hansa Hotel, Swakopmund

## DAY 7 - TO THE SESRIEM CANYON

It is time to leave the coast this morning as we head through the Kuiseb Pass to the Namib Naukluft Park.

En route, we will pass many stunning viewpoints as we make our way to the edge of the Sesriem Canyon, the entrance to the Namib Naukluft Park and Sossusvlei.

We enjoy dinner together this evening ready for an early departure in the morning.

**Included meals:** Breakfast & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Desert Quiver Camp, Sesriem

## DAY 8 - SOSSUSVLEI'S SAND DUNES

We rise early this morning for a magical excursion to Sossusvlei, exploring some of the world's highest sand dunes, standing some 300m high.

Dead Vlei is an ancient clay pan that was once an oasis, studded with acacias and fed by a river. When the river suddenly changed course, the land and vegetation there dried up. So dry were the climatic conditions that the trees never decomposed – instead they were entirely leached of moisture. Today, 900 years later, they remain as desiccated, blackened sentinels dotting the pan's cracked surface. Surrounded by the red-pink dunes of the Namibia Desert, they create a surreal spectacle that is a wildlife spotter's dream. We return to camp in the late morning as the desert temperature soars.

In the late afternoon, visit the 18-million-year-old Sesriem Canyon, a deep chasm carved through the rocks by water and best explored on foot. Rock walls rise up sharply, while birds roost in the crags and lizards dart along the ledges. The canyon's name was coined when early settlers used it as a water source, using six lengths of leather ('ses riem' – six thongs) tied together to lower buckets into the water at the base of canyon.

We'll travel via Solitaire to the Spreetshoogte Pass, reaching Barkhan Dune Retreat, an intimate lodge nestled in an idyllic valley, for the last night and enjoy dinner together.

**Included meals:** Breakfast & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Barkhan Dune Retreat

## DAY 9 - RETURN TO WINDHOEK

After breakfast, it is time to leave the Namib Desert behind as we travel via the scenic Spreetshoogte Pass back to the capital, Windhoek.

We'll enjoy a short city tour before transferring to our hotel for our final night in Namibia and a final dinner together.

**Included meals:** Breakfast & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Windhoek

## DAY 10 - FAREWELL TO NAMIBIA

This morning it is time to say goodbye to Namibia as you check out and transfer to Windhoek Airport in time for your flight home.

Alternatively, if you wished to continue your African adventure, why not extend your stay on our great short extension to explore the stunning Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Find out more below.

**Included meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** none

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Meet & Greet at Windhoek Airport on arrival
- Accommodation as detailed in the itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers/touring and excursions in air-conditioned deluxe motor vehicles
- All entrances, English-speaking guides and visits as indicated in the programme
- Tour Director from The Big Journey Company as well as the local driver guide (subject to minimum group size being reached)

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- ATOL Protection
- Flights to/from Windhoek Airport [WDH] - flight quotes available on request
- Visas, airport taxes, travel or medical insurance
- Any personal items and anything not mentioned under included in price above
- Any food not detailed in the itinerary
- Drinks
- Entrance fees to non-stipulated attractions
- Any optional activities offered
- Gratuities
- Any COVID tests or related entry & exit requirements

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Please note, flights to/from Namibia are not included in this package. The Big Journey Company would be happy to provide a quotation for your flights - please contact us for further details
- Vaccinations are recommended for Namibia. Please consult your doctor for advice.
- Please let The Big Journey Company know prior to travelling if you have any medical needs or take any medication that we need to be made aware of to ensure that you have a safe and pleasant tour.
- Check in is after 2-3pm and check out is before 10:00am unless otherwise specified in the itinerary.
- Cancellation 90 – 0 days prior to departure cancellation fee is 100%. It is your responsibility to ensure the correct travel insurance in place to protect you against the need to cancel your holiday. Deposits are non-refundable.
- Further terms and conditions apply and will be provided upon request or at the time of booking. The Big Journey Company reserves the right to withdraw any offer prior to accepting a reservation request. This does not affect your statutory rights. This offer is subject to availability and space is limited.

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