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16 Day Best of Namibia Safari

Departs from: Windhoek (Namibia)
Ends in: Windhoek (Namibia)
Tour length 16 Days
Destinations: Namibia
Price: USD 6350 per person
Next Departure: Contact us for 2020 dates



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Tour summary

This guided, self-drive Namibia safari starts and ends in [Windhoek](#). You'll discover the unforgettable beauty of Namibia's iconic [Etosha National Park](#) and search the spectacular riverbeds and canyons of [Kaokoland](#) and [Damaraland](#) for desert-adapted elephants, rhinos and lions.

As you journey south, you'll pass through the Namib-Naukluft National Park, skirt the majestic red dunes of the Namib Desert and gaze up at the towering, sand-dusted peaks of the breathtaking Naukluft Mountain range. Beyond the magnificent Naukluft, you'll find the isolated coastal community of [Lüderitz](#) and, just next door, the abandoned, sand-swallowed ghost town of [Kolmanskop](#). Heading back east, you'll make a penultimate stop along the wonderful [Fish River Canyon](#), then turn north for Windhoek to wind down your adventure with a final night in the Kalahari bushveld.

Our fully-equipped [Avis 4×4 Safari Vehicles](#) are best in their class and you'll stay in a mix of superb wild safari camps and 3- to 5-star hotels and lodges.

Highlights

- Carefully selected luxury lodges and stunning wild camping sites
- 2 nights in Etosha National Park
- Puros Oasis Desolation Valley and Brandberg Mountain
- Rare desert elephant, rhino and wild desert horses
- The Skeleton Coast
- Swakopmund
- Kolmanskop ghost town
- The Fish River Canyon

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Day 1 – Arrive in Windhoek



Overnight at a luxury hotel and a welcome dinner.

Day 2 – Collect Safari Vehicle



Shop for personal supplies in Windhoek, familiarise yourself with your vehicle and pack.

Days 3-4 – Etosha National Park



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We set off to the Eastern side of the world famous Etosha National Park and overnight at a comfortable safari lodge. Day 4 is spent on a leisurely game drive, heading west into the park. We'll explore vast pans full with seasonal bird life and overnight in our luxury vehicles in a camp under the stars. We can hope to see lion, elephant, black rhino and giraffe as they gather at waterholes along the route and will follow the network of 4×4 trails that fringe this huge white-green salt pan, a breeding ground for thousands of migrating flamingos.

Day 5 – Kaokoland



From Etosha we head west to the spectacular scenery of Kaokoland where we overnight at community lodge perched on a rocky cliff overlooking a magnificent canyon.

Day 6 – Puros Canyon



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Travel through Namibia's most dramatic landscapes *en route* to a magnificent luxury lodge perched on the banks of the Hoarusib River.

Days 7 – Damaraland



Working our way south along the Hoarusib and Hoanib riverbeds, we'll immerse ourselves in this vast, spectacular wilderness, hope to Namibia's rare and magnificent desert elephants. Reaching your camp early afternoon, you may want to join a local guide in search of the region's even more elusive desert rhino.

Day 8 – Desolation Valley



The following day you'll continue south, into the Huab River, to an exclusive campsite in the breathtaking Desolation Valley. Desert elephants are fairly common in this stunning region, as well as large herds of springbok and oryx.

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Day 9 – Messum Crater



Day 9 takes you past the Brandberg, the highest point in Namibia, world famous for its many thousands of rock paintings. As the sun sets over this startling dome of rock, the mountain itself seems to catch on fire – giving it its name, Brandberg, or ‘burning mountain’. As the light fades, the stars spread over head – a spectacular canopy for an wonderful night of wild camping.

Day 10 – Swakopmund



The charming beach resort town of Swakopmund is a fascinating example of German colonial architecture. It was founded in 1892 as the main harbour for German South West Africa, and a small part of its population is still German-speaking today. Tonight we’ll lay over at a luxury seaside hotel, with plenty of time for some personal R&R and exploration around town.

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Day 11 – Namib-Naukluft National Park



Leaving Swakopmund, we'll travel south to the Namib-Naukluft National Park, skirt the majestic red dunes of the Namib Desert and gaze up at the towering, sand-dusted peaks of the breathtaking Naukluft Mountain range. With an overall area of 49,768 km², the Namib-Naukluft is the largest game park in Africa and the fourth largest in the world. Overnight at a Luxury Desert Lodge.

Days 12-13 – Lüderitz and Kolmanskop



Head south on the most scenic and spiritual road you'll find anywhere in the world, en route towards the Gondwana Sperrgebiet Rand Park where you'll experience the most bio-diverse desert on earth and your home for two days. Excursion to the harbour town of Lüderitz which Portuguese seafarers visited more than 500 years ago. When diamonds were found in 1908, a little town with grand mansions rose from the Namib Desert. Long

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abandoned, the deserted diamond settlement of Kolmanskop now offers endless opportunities to take extraordinary pictures.

Day 14 – Fish River Canyon



The Fish River Canyon is the largest canyon of its kind in Africa, a jaw-dropping sight and the second most visited tourist attraction in Namibia. It features a gigantic ravine, in total about 100 miles (160km) long, up to 27 km wide and in places over 500 meters deep. Tonight you'll stay in a fantastic lodge with easy access to the canyon viewpoints.

Day 15 – The Western Kalahari



Winding down your adventure you'll head north back towards Windhoek, overnighting at a lodge in the Kalahari bush veld.

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Day 16 – Return to Windhoek



Drop off your vehicle in Windhoek and overnight at luxury hotel. Farewell dinner and an opportunity to say a fond farewell, before your transfer to the airport the following day where we wish you a safe journey home.

Route



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Included

- All lodge, park and safari camp fees
- A personal and private fully-equipped, self-drive luxury Avis Safari 4×4 vehicle – which includes: full bedding, crockery and cutlery, fridge and freezer, hot and cold water (shower optional), table and chairs, solar power
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Selected beverages at some lodges
- All activities and personal guide as per the itinerary
- Directions, maps and GPS routes
- Airport transfers on day of vehicle collection and drop off

Excluded

- Beverages in some camps and lodges
- Fuel
- International flights and visas
- Personal insurance including medical and evacuation, personal belongings, baggage, cancellation and curtailment
- Tips, curios, and any optional (non-scheduled) excursions and activities
- Local increases in park fees and taxes between time of booking and arrival

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