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## Guided Namibia Photography Tour (North)

*Windhoek - Sesriem - Sossusvlei - Swakopmund - Spitzkoppe - Twyfelfontein - Etosha South - Damaraland - Otjiwarongo*

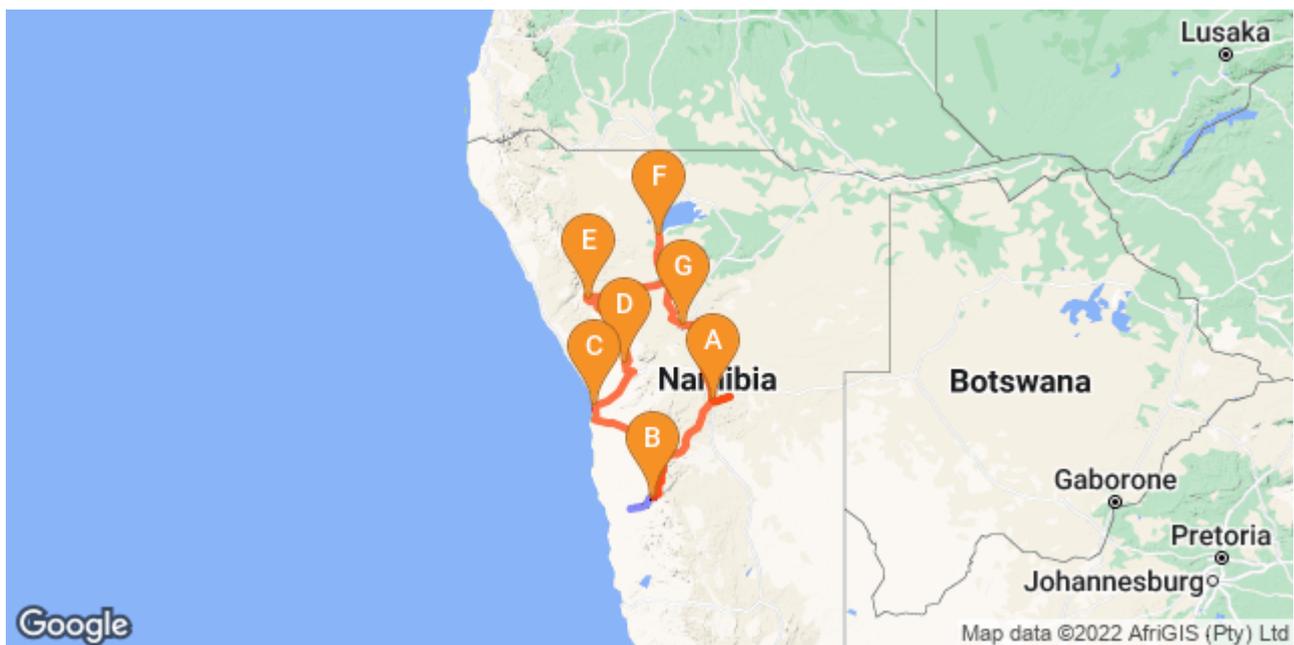
*15 Days / 14 Nights*

*Group Size: min 4 pax / max 6 pax in a "stretched Landcruiser" with window seats, pop-up roof and air conditioning*

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## Introduction

### Welcome to Namibia Photographic Tour North.

The newly developed photographic tour takes you to many of Namibia's highlights, from the red dune sea of the Namib, to the cold and species-rich Atlantic coast, to Namibia's Matterhorn and to the ancient rock carvings and petrified trees of Twyfelfontein.

Of course, animal-rich safaris should not be missing. Ranging from elephant drives in Damaraland, animal sightings in the famous Etosha National Park and on a private nature reserve will make the hearts of photographers beat faster.

Our photographic guide will show you Namibia's highlights and help you to take the "perfect shots".

Come on safari with us in our specially converted safari 4x4 vehicle with a pop-top roof.

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	Overnight Travel			<b>1 Night</b>
Day 2	Capbon Guesthouse	Windhoek	D,B&B	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 3	Sossus Dune Lodge	Sesriem	FB	<b>2 Nights</b>
Day 5	The Delight Swakopmund Gondwana Collection Namibia	Swakopmund	D,B&B	<b>2 Nights</b>
Day 7	Spitzkoppen Lodge	Spitzkoppe	FB	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 8	Twyfelfontein Adventure Camp	Twyfelfontein	FB	<b>2 Nights</b>
Day 10	Okaukuejo Resort	Etosha South	FB	<b>3 Nights</b>
Day 13	Mount Etjo Safari Lodge	Otjiwarongo	FB+	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 14	Overnight Travel			<b>1 Night</b>

### Key

D,B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

## Scheduled Departures

Departure Date	End Date	Price ( From )
17/06/2023	01/07/2023	€ 5099 Per Person Sharing

## Price

- Person in a double room: € 5099
- Person in a single room: € 5399

## Included

- A diverse journey to important photographic highlights of Namibia
- Small group with max. 6 people
- Guaranteed departure from 4 people
- Window seat
- Drinking water on board the safari vehicle
- Air-conditioned safari vehicle with a pop-up roof
- German and English speaking photography guide
- Driver included so that your photography guide can take care of you completely
- Accommodation as stated
- Numerous activities: including a boat tour or living desert tour, desert elephant safari, visit to the Petrified Forest and various other safaris, a hot air balloon flight over the Namib is optional, but is not included in the tour price
- Meals as stated
- Entrance fees into national parks as stated
- Extensive travel info pack

## Excluded

- Photographic Gear
- Entry visa fees
- Activities not stated
- Gratuities
- Expenses of a personal nature
- All beverages with the exception of drinking water on board the safari vehicle
- International flights

**Day 1: Overnight Travel**

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## Day 2: Capbon Guesthouse, Windhoek

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### Windhoek

**Windhoek** is the capital of Namibia, where the incredible ethnic mix of the country comes together, and reflects the diverse influences of Ovambo, Caprivian, Kavango, Damara, Nama, San, Herero and European peoples in its wide range of architecture, restaurants and cultural attractions. It is nice and safe to stroll in the city center. The most recognized landmark of the capital is the 'Christuskirche', but a visit to the Old Brewery and its arts and crafts center is also recommended.

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### Day Itinerary

#### Welcome to Namibia.

Your photography guide and driver will be waiting for you at the international airport near Windhoek on arrival, from here you will be taken to your to the guest house in Windhoek. This is also where the Meet and Greet will take place and the entire trip is discussed in detail as well as all the documents for your trip are handed over to you.

The rest of the day is at your leisure, for example to explore the city or to do some shopping for the tour. Alternatively, you can relax at the pool after the exertion of the flight and to also prepare your photography gear for the exciting safari ahead.

Windhoek is the capital of Namibia and offers a variety of restaurants, shops and accommodation. The city is clean and well organized. Worth seeing in Windhoek includes the Christ Church (or Christuskirche), as well as the Tintenpalast and the Alte Feste.

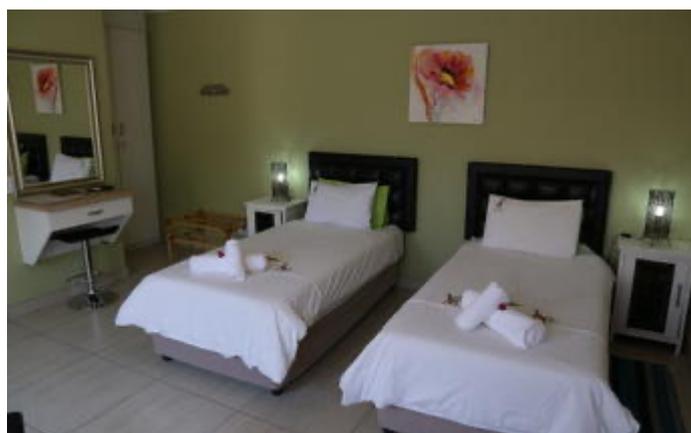
In the evening, the group drives to a good restaurant for dinner.

**(Please note that the guide only goes to the airport according to the Euro Wings flight times. If you have chosen another flight, you will have to organize and pay for an alternative airport transfer. Please let us know in advance and we will help you gladly with the regulations of the transfer.)**

#### Overnight: Capbon Guesthouse

Capbon Guesthouse & Self catering is ideally situated in a quiet area in Klein Windhoek, in Namibia. It is located a few minutes drive away from the city center of Windhoek. The guest house offers ten comfortable, double en suite, self catering rooms with fully equipped kitchenettes.

Service and Facilities include: Air-conditioned rooms, Flat TV, Internet access, Safe, Swimming pool, Secure parking, Cleaning, Laundry service, BBQ area



**Basis**

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 3: Sossus Dune Lodge, Sesriem

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### Sesriem

As there is no accommodation at Sossusvlei, visitors to this desert wilderness are likely to end up staying at Sesriem, 65 kilometres away, where camps and lodges serve as a base from which to explore the dunes. Sesriem Canyon, a deep chasm carved through the rocks by water, is a striking natural feature of the area that is best explored on foot. Stony walls rise up sharply on both sides of the canyon, while birds roost in its 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 ('sesriem – six thongs) tied together to lower buckets into the water at the base of canyon.)

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### Day Itinerary

**After an early breakfast, drive to the oldest desert in the world, the Namib.**

The journey goes via Rehoboth and on to the Spreetshoogte Pass, which promises great views over the endless desert landscapes of the Namib.

There will be a few photo stops along the way and lunch packs will be available for everyone around noon.

In the afternoon you will reach the beautiful lodge.

At sunset we will go to a nearby dune landscape, where the first great dune shots will be taken. In the evening we will enjoy a group dinner together with a great view at the Lodge Restaurant.

### Overnight: Sossus Dune Lodge

Namibia Wildlife Resorts launched the first lodge in the Namib-Naukluft Park, the Sossus Dune Lodge, in June 2007. Built in an environmentally sensitive manner, primarily from wood, canvas and thatch, in an attractive 'afro-village' style, Sossus Dune Lodge offers guests an evocative and life changing experience. Situated within the park, guests benefit from being able to reach Sossusvlei before sunrise, and stay until after sunset, and on their return after an exhilarating day, relax in the tranquillity and splendor of the Namib Desert, under the spectacular African sky. Sossus Dune Lodge offers professional guided tours, fully unleashing the beauty and biological diversity of the desert environment to visitors, and offers the best beds in the desert.



### Activities

Spreetshoogte Pass

**Spreetshoogte Pass**

One of Namibia's most spectacular views is that from the top of the Spreetshoogte Pass, where the land drops off by roughly 2000 metres, creating a natural vantage point overlooking the vast, semi-desert plains and the arid mountains beyond.

**Basis**

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

**Day 4: Sossus Dune Lodge, Sesriem****Day Itinerary****Day trip to the world famous red dunes of Sossusvlei.**

The day starts early in the morning so that you can still experience the beautiful light of the morning hours. Early entry to the park is possible as our lodge is located within the park.

A narrow tar road takes you past beautiful landscapes and high dunes to Deadvlei and Sossusvlei. A 1.5 km hike leads you over clay flats and a small dune to the ancient, dried up acacia trees of the Dead Vlei, which are now world famous.

**Information on Sossusvlei:**

Sossusvlei is located in the Namib-Naukluft National Park, the largest nature reserve in Africa. The most famous photographs of Namibia undoubtedly come from Sossusvlei. The images are stunning with the intense red dunes and sharp lines. The dunes in this area are the highest in the world, reaching immense heights of almost 400 meters. Climb Dune 45 and enjoy the fantastic view over the dune sea. Another stop is Deadvlei, a dry lake with tree stumps that has become an almost surreal landscape.

Sossusvlei means "dead end swamp" because it is where the dunes that prevent the Tsauchab River from reaching the Atlantic Ocean converge. However, due to the drought in the Namib Desert, this river rarely flows that far at all, hence the pan is dry most years. Nonetheless, during a good rainy season, the Tsauchab River fills the salt pan and visitors from all over the world flock to the area to experience this spectacular site.

Around noon you can then enjoy your packed lunch under the camel thorn trees by the Sossusvlei Dry Pan. Afterwards the drive goes back to the entrance gate at Sesriem, where the Sesriem Canyon can also be explored. Returning to our beautiful lodge in the afternoon.

Activities Included: Entry fees into the Namib-Naukluft Park, visits to Sossusvlei, Deadvlei and Sesriem Canyon.

**Activities**

Dead Vlei
Sossusvlei
Sesriem Canyon

### ***Dead Vlei***

This ancient clay pan was once an oasis, studded with acacias and fed by a river that suddenly changed course, leaving the earth to dry up along with the trees it previously supported. So dry were the climatic conditions that the trees never decomposed – instead they were entirely leached of moisture so that 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 photographer's dream.

### ***Sossusvlei***

Located in the scenic **Namib-Naukluft National Park**, **Sossusvlei** is where you will find the iconic red sand dunes of the Namib. The clear blue skies contrast with the giant red dunes to make this one of the most scenic natural wonders of Africa and a photographer's heaven.

This awe-inspiring destination is possibly Namibia's premier attraction, with its unique dunes rising to almost 400 meters - some of the highest in the world. These iconic dunes come alive in morning and evening light and draw photography enthusiasts from around the globe.

Sossusvlei is home to a variety desert wildlife including oryx, springbok, ostrich and a variety of reptiles. Visitors can climb 'Big Daddy', one of Sossusvlei's tallest dunes; explore Deadvlei, a white, salt, claypan dotted with ancient trees; or for the more extravagant, scenic flights and hot air ballooning are on offer, followed by a once-in-a-lifetime champagne breakfast amidst these majestic dunes.

### ***Sesriem Canyon***

Sesriem Canyon, a deep chasm carved through the rocks by water, is a striking natural feature of the area that is best explored on foot. Stony walls rise up sharply on both sides of the canyon, while birds roost in its 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.

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## **Basis**

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

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## Day 5: The Delight Swakopmund Gondwana Collection Namibia, Swakopmund

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### Swakopmund

Set along Namibia's spectacularly scenic coast, the seaside town of **Swakopmund** is known for its wide-open avenues, colonial architecture, and is surrounded by otherworldly desert terrain.

Now a seaside resort town, Swakopmund is the capital of the Skeleton Coast tourism area and has plenty to keep visitors happy. The quirky mix of German and Namibian influences, laidback atmosphere and cool sea breeze make it very popular Namibian destination. Visitors can look forward to a number of exciting activities including: quad biking, horse riding, paragliding, fishing, sightseeing and fascinating desert tours.

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### Day Itinerary

#### Balloon flight over the desert (optional)

A total highlight awaits you today.

You will be picked up at the lodge before sunrise and taken to the launch site of the hot air balloon. Experience the sunrise high above the desert landscape, with an indescribable view. (This activity is not included in the tour price and will have to be booked separately)

#### Drive to the wild Atlantic

On this route, the Namib shows itself from many different sides. You drive past mountains, red dunes, Gaub and Kuiseb Canyons and later the barren areas of the Namib. On particularly hot days, you can see a so-called Fata Morgana here. On the way you can always see typical desert animals such as oryx, springbok, ostrich and with a bit of luck even a giraffe.

#### Stop for a piece of apple pie.

The small gas station and rest stop at Solitaire, is a great place to stop. It is very conveniently located on your tour of south western Namibia and on the way to Swakopmund. In the small Solitaire Bakery there are many delicacies, including the best apple pie in Namibia. There is an old car graveyard here that invites you to take great pictures.

As soon as you reach the Atlantic, you will drive the last 40 km on a beautiful tar road along the sea, to Swakopmund - probably the most German town in the southern hemisphere. Swakopmund will intrigue you with its many beautiful buildings from the colonial period and a beautiful beach promenade.

In the evening the group will enjoy dinner together in a good Swakopmund restaurant.

#### Overnight: The Delight Swakopmund Gondwana Collection Namibia

The Delight Swakopmund is located at the corner of Theo-Ben Guriab Avenue and Nathaniel Maxuillili Street in Swakopmund.

Amongst the town's captivating contrasts and old traditions, Gondwana's Delight is a fresh breeze in the desert. A refreshing, relaxing, modern, light and airy establishment to uplift and inspire. Effortless and comfortable, with the distinctively warm and welcoming Gondwana service and charm, your stay is always a memorable experience.



## Activities

Ballooning over Sossusvlei

### *Ballooning over Sossusvlei*

*"..The sunrise in a balloon, above the desert is an unforgettable experience..!"*

- From Sesriem
- Duration of the total activity is 3-4 hours
- Minimum length is 1m 20 (children below this limit can join for free in a back-up car)
- Including champagne breakfast
- Including entrance fee of the Namib Naukluft National Park
- Including a game drive in an open safari vehicle on the way back

## Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

## Day 6: The Delight Swakopmund Gondwana Collection Namibia, Swakopmund

### Day Itinerary

**Discover the "Little 5" today and visit the flamingo and seal colony in Walvis Bay**

Today the group will take part in an exciting and educational activity which is included in the tour price.

#### Living Desert Tour

You will be picked up from your hotel by an activity operator at 8:00 am sharp today. Then it goes by off-road vehicle in the dune strip south of Swakopmund, in search of the "Little 5". This is a very exciting ride where you learn a lot about the dune ecosystem with its many interesting inhabitants. Around noon you will be taken back to your hotel.

Around noon you will be taken back to the hotel in Swakopmund. Everyone has to take care of their own lunch today, but this is not a problem as there are many opportunities in Swakopmund's city centre,

In the afternoon drive to the Walvis Bay Lagoon. Hundreds of flamingos often cavort here in the shallow water of the salty lagoon, and the seal colony at Pelican Point can also be visited.

In the evening the group will enjoy a delicious dinner at a restaurant in Walvis Bay.

Activities Included: Living Desert Tour and an afternoon excursion to Walvis Bay

### Activities

Morning	Living Desert Tours
	Walvis Bay Lagoon

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#### *Living Desert Tours*

**".. Where the desert comes alive.."**

- Passionate desert tour accompanied by an experienced guide
- Adventurous drive through the dunes
- A discovery to the living tracks in the desert (flora & fauna)
- Much to see, experience & photograph
- Including fruit juices / soft drinks / water
- Duration of the total activity is from 08:00 to 01:00

#### *Walvis Bay Lagoon*

Walvis Bay's calm natural lagoon is a twitcher's paradise, teeming with roughly 50 species of seabirds, including vivid flocks of flamingos, bulky-billed pelicans and glossy black cormorants. It's also a popular spot for windsurfing, kitesurfing and kayaking, while the promenade stretching for three kilometres along the water's edge is a great place for a scenic stroll.

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### Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 7: Spitzkoppen Lodge, Spitzkoppe

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### Spitzkoppe

Situated in Namibia's desolate, awe-inspiring Namib Desert, between Usakos and Swakopmund and about two hours' drive from Swakopmund, the Spitzkoppe are a group of bald granite peaks forming one of Namibia's most recognizable and dramatic landmarks. These enormous towering domes are a mecca for hikers and mountaineers, from beginners interested in guided historic walks to professional climbers seeking an adrenaline boost. Numerous ancient rock paintings can be visited as part of a guided walking tour. The extreme, barren landscapes and striking rock formations create an excellent setting for photography.

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### Day Itinerary

#### The Matterhorn of Namibia

Today we head inland to the Spitzkoppe. The journey today leads north, along the cold Atlantic. A salt road takes you to the small resort town of Henties Bay, shortly before this town you can see a shipwreck called Zeila, which washed up on the beach in August 2008.

From Henties Bay you leave the coast and turn east heading inland. A partly sandy gravel road now leads you to the Spitzkoppe (approx. 175 km), the Spitzkoppe is the Matterhorn of Africa. It is a typical volcanic inselberg that towers over its surroundings at about 1,728 metres above sea level. The mighty granite bubbles form a spectacular landscape that is very popular with photographers and climbers. While here it is worth leaving the car behind and taking a short hike to explore the surrounding area. There is also a "Klein Spitzkoppe" of 1,572 meters and the "Pondok Mountains". The Spitzkoppe has beautiful rock carvings as well, such as those that can be found in the Bushman's Paradise Cave.

While here you can discover rock carvings of the San, the well-known "Rock Pool", which is filled with water in the rainy season, and the "Rock Arch" which offers great photo opportunities.

Your guide will take you to the best photographic hotspots here.

Activity Included: Shootings at Photographic hotspots within the Spitzkoppe area

#### Overnight: Spitzkoppen Lodge

"A sense of place in an archaeological landscape"

The Barnard Family is honored to welcome you to Spitzkoppen Lodge. The same owners and developers of Kalahari Bush Breaks Lodge, have the privilege to share their dream come true of an exclusive destination on the edge of the Namib Desert, which started some 14 years ago. You are invited to indulge in the pleasure and passion for friendly service in a relaxed ambiance.

The lodge is situated on the northern periphery of the Spitzkoppe inselberg, between huge granite boulders, which were created more than 150 million years ago, with breath-taking views onto the Brandberg and Erongo Mountains. The stylish, private accommodation consists of 15 spacious, tastefully furnished chalets, each with a private bathroom and outside viewing deck, which connects the guest with the vast stretches of untouched sand and boulders beyond.

Situated on the inland edge of the Namib Desert, the climate of the Spitzkoppe Conservation Area is arid, with a mean annual rainfall of 50mm and a high evaporation rate of 3200mm per annum. Most rainfall occurs between

January and April, and with the granite outcrops being impermeable, rainfall-runoff collects at the foot of the outcrops creating unique micro-habitats for woody plants to grow in an otherwise arid area.



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**Basis**

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

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## Day 8: Twyfelfontein Adventure Camp, Twyfelfontein

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### Twyfelfontein

Set in the Kunene Region of northwestern Namibia, **Twyfelfontein** is a spectacularly scenic area, featuring one of the largest and most important concentrations of rock art in Africa. The name 'Twyfelfontein' translates to 'Fountain of Doubt', which refers to the perennial spring situated in the impressive Huab valley flanked by the slopes of a sandstone table mountain.

It was this spring that attracted Stone Age hunters over six thousand years ago, and it was during this time that the extensive group of rock engravings and paintings were produced. Visitors can look forward to basing themselves at some wonderfully shady campsites along the Aba-Huab riverbed, while exploring over thirty different sites of these sacred records of ritual practices relating to traditional hunter-gatherer communities.

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### Day Itinerary

#### The World Heritage Site of Twyfelfontein

Today's route takes you north-west on gravel roads, which can be alternately good or bad. Since the journey is the goal on a trip like this, you shouldn't rush down the gravel roads. Especially because you will be rewarded with breathtaking scenery.

You leave behind the beautiful Erongo Mountains and the Spitzkoppe, as it is worth stopping and admiring the Spitzkoppe from its northern side. We then continue past the highest mountain in Namibia, the Brandberg, which is 2573 m high.

We will reach the Twyfelfontein area in the afternoon. There is the possibility this afternoon to visit the famous stone engravings and the stone organ pipes of Twyfelfontein. You can arrange this with your guide directly. Alternatively, you can opt for a visit to the "Living Damara Museum".

(Entrance fees to the sites is not included in the tour price and must be paid for directly at the different sites.)

### Expert Tips

#### Information about the Skeleton Coast

The combination of fog, violent waves and the unpredictable currents of the Benguela in the Atlantic has always made Namibia's coast dangerous for whaling, shipping and trade. Thousands of ships have fallen victim to the sea and are now wrecked on the coast. Sailors who could reach shore alive had no chance of surviving in the desert. Although, the original name of this stretch of coast is based on the bones left on the beaches after the hunting of whales and seals, a significant proportion of these bones are actually human. Shipping along these waters is therefore rightly feared by many sailors.

#### Information on Twyfelfontein

This area owes its international fame to the countless petroglyphs and carvings that have been found in, under and on the rocks. The drawings and engravings were drawn by the San and some of them are thousands of years old. Undoubtedly, 2500 inscriptions and several thousand drawings can be found on a number of boulders, some aged from 300 BC until the 19th century. With most of the engravings depicting animals such as gemsbok, lions, elephants and goats. Some show traces and geometric figures that refer to drinking water points. Twyfelfontein has been on

the UNESCO World Heritage List since 2007. Visit the drawings with an experienced local community guide and pay a small entrance fee. This not only ensures the protection of the petroglyphs, but also supports the local population.

### **Damara Living Museum**

The Damara Living Museum near Twyfelfontein is the first traditional Damara project in Namibia and the only one of its kind. Nowhere else in Namibia and in the world is it possible to experience traditional Damara culture in this form. Along with the Bushmen, the Damara are among the oldest peoples in Namibia. Their original culture was a mixture of an archaic hunter-gatherer culture and herders of cattle, goats and sheep. Due to their loose social structures, the Damara could not defend themselves against attackers during the colonization of Namibia. This is one of the reasons why their culture has largely been forgotten.

### **Take Note:**

In this area you can encounter elephants. These are the so-called “Desert-adapted Elephants”. They live in Damaraland and travel through the various dry riverbeds in search of water and food. Natural water resources exist in various places in these riverbeds. There are whole theories as to how these desert elephants would differ from the elephants that live in Etosha National Park. In any case, these elephants are also gigantic and a spectacular sight to behold.

### **Overnight: Twyfelfontein Adventure Camp**

Nestled in rolling boulders of a granite outcrop, Twyfelfontein Adventure Camp is conveniently situated a ten-minute drive from Twyfelfontein Rock Engravings, within walking distance of the Damara Living Museum and the Huab River Valley.

Accommodation at the property consists of 12 furnished en-suite tents with two beds, an open bathroom with a solar heated hot shower, basin and toilet and a shaded terrace with chairs. The 'Main tent', an open Lapa, gives space for restaurant area, a bar and pool deck.

Guests can also enjoy a scenic nature drive in the ephemeral Huab River and surrounding valley. It is an excursion exposing visitors to unique geological formations and the possibility of sighting the elusive desert-adapted elephants and rhinos.

A visit in the neighbouring Damara Living Museum can be done in own arrangement, it offers a fascinating look into the people, heritage, pulse and soul of Damaraland.



### **Optional**

Twyfelfontein Rock Art

Organ Pipes
Damara Living Museum

***Twyfelfontein Rock Art***

Twyfelfontein is a World Heritage Site boasting one of the richest rock art concentrations in Africa. Thousands of tourists come to this site each year to view some 2, 500 Stone Age rock engravings. The area is home to 17 rock art sites, which collectively encompass 212 engraved stone slabs. There are an additional 13 sites displaying rock paintings.

***Organ Pipes***

The Organ Pipes are located near Twyfelfontein and a few kilometres to the Burnt Mountain in Damaraland, Namibia. It is a 100m long feature of unusual dolomite columns these rocks were formed by volcanic activity and after erosion, the rocks have remained in the form of organ pipes.

***Damara Living Museum***

Observe and experience the traditional Damara way of life right in the heart of their traditional homelands. A unique opportunity to see a way of life that is slowly dying out.

Open daily.

**Basis**

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

**Day 9: Twyfelfontein Adventure Camp, Twyfelfontein****Day Itinerary****In search of the elusive desert-adapted elephants**

After breakfast we head into the region's dry rivers in search of the region's famous desert-adapted elephants.

Our 4x4 vehicle is perfect for exploring the dry rivers of the region and your guide will go to great lengths to track down the gray giants of the desert. These animals roam the region almost all year round, but there are times when the animals are simply elusive.

While it might not work out with the elephants, you will definitely be treated to beautiful rugged desert landscapes.

Activity Included: Drive in search of the desert-adapted elephants

**Basis**

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

## Day 10: Okaukuejo Resort, Etosha South

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### Etosha South

The **Etosha National Park** is a nature reserve in northern Namibia and one of the most important game reserves in Africa. It is by far the best-known national park in Namibia. Today the park covers an area of almost 22,300 km<sup>2</sup> and is completely fenced off, to protect the game!

In the park lies an approximately 5,000 km<sup>2</sup> large salt pan, which was formed by the drying out of the inland delta of the Kunene River and its shifting of the river bed about 2 million years ago.

By fencing the Etosha National Park, the animals living there are dependent on the available water and food supply. That is why the water supply takes place through water holes, some of which are of natural origin but are also supplied artificially.

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### Day Itinerary

#### The Petrified Forest of Namibia

On the way to the Etosha National Park, we pass the area of the petrified trees today. We stop here and marvel at the mighty petrified tree trunks.

We continue north towards the southern entrance to Etosha National Park, which we reach in the afternoon.

Our accommodation is located within the park and the adjacent waterhole offers 24-hour wildlife viewing opportunities. In the evening, with a bit of luck, you can often experience great rhino sightings at the waterhole.

Activities Included: Visit to the Petrified Forest and Etosha National Park entrance fees

#### Overnight: Okaukuejo Resort

Okaukuejo is located 17 km from the southern entrance of the park, Anderson Gate. Okaukuejo is the oldest tourist camp in Etosha and it also functions as the administrative centre of the park. Okaukuejo is also home to the Etosha Ecological Institute. It is situated at the western end of the Etosha Pan. Facilities include a restaurant, bar, shop, swimming pool, kiosk and camp sites. The main attraction of this camp is that it overlooks a permanent waterhole which is floodlit at night. Here a wide diversity of wildlife congregate and interact from lion to rhino to elephant and antelope. The spectacle starts at dawn, with animals coming in large numbers to quench their thirst. The activity continues throughout the day until late at night. In the early evenings, it is not uncommon to have black rhino, elephant and lion all drinking at the same time.



## Activities

Petrified Forest

### *Petrified Forest*

Situated approximately 50 kilometers west of the town of Khorixas, in an area of open veld, lies a large deposit of massive tree trunks that have "turned to stone" through a process of diagenesis. These petrified tree trunks are up to 34 metres long, 6 metres in circumference and are approximately 260 million years old. Due to the lack of root or branch remains, it's believed that the trees were washed down an ancient river to the site in a massive flood.

### **Basis**

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

## **Day 11: Okaukuejo Resort, Etosha South**

### **Day Itinerary**

#### **Hello Safari!**

Today you spend the whole day gaming driving in Etosha National Park on safari.

After an early breakfast we start, as the pace is slow today. There are thousands of animals of all kinds to discover in Etosha National Park and most of them can be found at the waterholes, depending on the season it can be quite busy and you will find yourself surrounded by hundreds of springbok, zebra and elephant.

Game viewing should be done with patience, you drive comfortably from one waterhole to another, spending as much time as needed at each waterhole.

Our safari vehicle is particularly suitable here, as it has a pop-top roof and is great for taking photos as well as for game viewing.

We enjoy our packed lunches at one of the rest areas in the park. and in the afternoon we return to our accommodation, the Okaukuejo Rest Camp. More wildlife viewing takes place here at the well-visited floodlit waterhole.

Activities Included: Game drive inside the Etosha National Park and the entry fees

### **Basis**

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

## **Day 12: Okaukuejo Resort, Etosha South**

### **Day Itinerary**

#### **The Etosha safari continues....**

Our safari starts right after breakfast.

From Okaukuejo we drive along the southern edge of the salt pan. This area is very popular with the animals and due to the sparse vegetation you have the opportunity to see the animals from afar. This is a beautiful piece of earth! We take a lunch break at the Halali Rest Camp.

Activities Included: Game drive inside the Etosha National Park and the entry fees

**Basis**

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

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## Day 13: Mount Etjo Safari Lodge, Otjiwarongo

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### Otjiwarongo

Set on the TransNamib railway in central-north Namibia, near Etosha National Park, Otjiwarongo, meaning 'the place of fat cattle', is an affluent town with a suburban feel and numerous attractions. The town is known for its excellent conservation projects, which include several parks protecting large wild cats, such as the famous Cheetah Conservation Fund, and the Crocodile Ranch, where visitors can view and learn about these fascinating creatures. Hiking, guided nature walks, and safaris are popular activities. The lively, traditional craft market adds appeal. History enthusiasts should make sure to visit the Locomotive No 41 monument, and the culturally significant site of the Battle of Waterberg on the Waterberg Mountain.

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### Day Itinerary

#### Mount Etjo - the wildlife paradise

A relatively short drive today brings us to the vast Okonjati Nature Park, where we arrive in time for lunch.

The lodge is situated on a small lake, which is home to hippos and also serves as a water source for other wildlife. A game drive in the afternoon and the lion feeding activity after dinner are included in the tour price - there is no better way to round off the photographic safari perfectly!

Activities Included: A guided afternoon game drive and a nocturnal lion feeding activity

### Expert Tips

#### Lion Feeding

Several prides of lions reside in the Okonjati Game Reserve, sharing an area of approximately 3000 hectares. Most of the lions were already born in the Okonjati reserve, the first lions were introduced from South Africa in the 1980s.

Their prey mostly consists of giraffe or zebra - the populations of both species must be controlled in the reserve. A game warden will drive you to the boundary of the enclosure. Here the majestic and dangerous predators can be observed from the safety of a bunker. Experience one of the most breathtaking scenes of African nature! Photography and accompanied children are permitted on this activity.

The lions can also be observed during the day if their current whereabouts are known and they have been sighted recently.

The lion feeding takes place after dinner.

21h15 - 22h00 (Please reconfirm the exact time upon check-in)

We humbly request that you behave quietly during the feeding.

### Overnight: Mount Etjo Safari Lodge

'Etjo' means a place of refuge. Since 1975 Mount Etjo Safari Lodge has been the heart of the Okonjati wildlife sanctuary, offering African wildlife and guests from around the world more than just a place to stay, but a safe haven, tranquil surroundings and the opportunity to engage in the pristine beauty of African wilderness. At Mount Etjo Safari Lodge, the African traveller will leave with his heart and mind enriched and his soul set at ease by having found peace and harmony in the African natural world.

The vibrant bird life at the Lodge is testimony to the beautiful gardens at the Lodge. Enormous palm trees, endless grass fields and a flamingo pond invite you to take a walk and a look around. The Lodge is built to face a large lake where animals regularly quench their thirst and hippos come to visit. Further in the distance lingers the magnificent Mount Etjo mountain, completing the picturesque scenery.

The unique architecture of our rooms, furnished and beautifully decorated in a splendid combination of luxury and African style will contribute to the exceptional experience of staying at Mount Etjo Safari Lodge. The Lodge is furnished with 22 luxury rooms, each with en-suite bathroom. Most of the rooms are situated next to the swimming pool which overlooks the watering hole where numerous animals come to drink during the day and night, while others overlook the spacious garden where the flamingos frolic. Various types of accommodation is available to suit the personal needs of young and old. The Lodge is fully wheelchair-friendly.



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## Basis

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

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## Day 14: Overnight Travel

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### Day Itinerary

#### Day of Departure

After breakfast we leave for Windhoek, arriving around noon. On arrival your guide will take you to a good restaurant where you are welcome to stay for a while.

In the afternoon you drive to the international airport near Windhoek, where the farewell ceremony takes place.

**(Please note that the guide only goes to the airport according to the Euro Wings flight times. If you have chosen another flight, you will have to organize and pay for an alternative airport transfer. Please let us know in advance and we will help you gladly with the regulations of the transfer.)**

You are also welcome to book a connecting tour or additional days. Our team is always available for advice.

We hope you had a wonderful photographic tour of the highlights of Namibia.

Best Regards,

Your MEINE NAMIBIA SAFARIS Team

**Day 15: End of Itinerary**

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## Transport

### Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
	Scheduled		Frankfurt International Airport [FRA]		Hosea Kutako International Airport [WDH]			
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### Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
		Hosea Kutako International Airport [WDH]	Capbon Guesthouse		Transfer
		Capbon Guesthouse	Sossus Dune Lodge		Transfer
		Sossus Dune Lodge	The Delight Swakopmund Gondwana Collection Namibia		Transfer
		The Delight Swakopmund Gondwana Collection Namibia	Spitzkoppen Lodge		Transfer
		Spitzkoppen Lodge	Twyfelfontein Adventure Camp		Transfer
		Twyfelfontein Adventure Camp	Okaukuejo Resort		Transfer
		Okaukuejo Resort	Mount Etjo Safari Lodge		Transfer
		Mount Etjo Safari Lodge	Hosea Kutako International Airport [WDH]		Transfer

### Urgent Contact Numbers

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Explore Namibia cc	+264 (0) 61 304 713	silvia@explore-namibia.com	Silvia Rose
Explore Namibia cc - Emergency Contact	+264 (0)81 473 1416		

**Service Provider Directory**

<b>Service Provider</b>	<b>Ref. Number</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Address</b>
Capbon Guesthouse		+264 81 127 1013	Barella Street Klein Windhoek 11001
Mount Etjo Safari Lodge		+264 67 290 173/4/5/6	Mount Etjo Safari Lodge POBox 81 Kalkfeld No postal code for Location ID: 2183
Okaukuejo Resort		+264 (0)67 229800	Okaukuejo, Namibia
Spitzkoppen Lodge		+264 64 46 4144	Spitzkoppen Lodge, Spitzkoppe Road D1918 Spitzkoppe 9000
The Delight Swakopmund Gondwana Collection Namibia		+264 61 42 7200	Theo Ben Gurirab Avenue Swakopmund 9000
Twyfelfontein Adventure Camp		+264 81 288 4528	200m south of T-junction D 2612 / 3254 (90km west of Khorixas) Twyfelfontein 9000

## Travel Information



Located in southwestern Africa, Namibia boasts a well-developed infrastructure, some of the best tourist facilities in Africa, and an impressive list of breathtaking natural wonders. Visitors can explore the capital of Windhoek and discover the lovely coastal town of Swakopmund boasting remnants of the country's German influence, reflected in the architecture, culture, cuisine and the annual Oktoberfest celebrations. To properly appreciate this extraordinary country, you will have to venture out of the cities to explore the remarkable natural landscapes Namibia has to offer. These include: the impressive Fish River Canyon; the vast Etosha National Park teeming with abundant wildlife, such as lions, desert-adapted elephants and the Hartmann's Mountain Zebra; the hauntingly beautiful Kalahari Desert; and of course the Namib Desert stretching for over 2000 km along the magnificent Atlantic Coast. Namibia is an ideal destination for travellers seeking an unforgettable African experience in a uniquely beautiful untamed wilderness.

### *Entry Requirements*

#### **Passport and driving licence**

A journey can only start with a valid passport. Do check if the passports of all participants are valid for 6 more month from the date that you again depart from Namibia or Botswana.

Attention: When flying over and staying in South Africa and/or Botswana with children under 18 years it is required to have a unabridged birth certificate with you for these children. When a child travels with only one parent mentioned on the birth certificate it is required to have a written letter of consent with you of the parent not joining.

When one wants to rent a car the renter has to show a valid driving licence. Valid driving licences are: international drivers license, European Union driving licence, any national driving licence in English. National driving licences without mentioning in English "driving licence" must be accompanied by an officially certified translation in English. A driver needs to be at least 25 years old to be allowed to hire and drive a car.

### *Banking and Currency*

#### **Currency**

Namibia uses the Namibian Dollar (N\$) this is linked on a one to one exchange with the South African Rand. The Rand is legal tender in Namibia, but the N\$ cannot be used in South Africa.

If you are wishing to purchase currency before arriving in Namibia, it is easiest to buy Rand as the Namibian Dollar is seldom available in banks outside of Namibia.

#### **Banking**

Banks are found in most towns, and are generally open from 09h00 to 15h30 on weekdays and 08h30 to 11h00 on Saturdays. Closed on Sundays and public holidays. Most of them offer foreign exchange services - with cash, bank and credit cards as well as travellers cheques.

You can also obtain cash from many of the ATMs. Several international banks have branches in main city centres. Always advise your bank that you are travelling outside of the country as they might block your purchases if they have not been informed.

### **Money matters**

Master and Visa credit cards are in generally accepted in Namibia. For money withdrawals at ATM's at the different banks (except Bank Windhoek) you can use the normal debit cards (Maestro).

In Botswana the Visa credit card is mostly accepted. Money withdrawals with normal debit cards are usually not possible. For Botswana it is recommended to take USD and/or EUR cash. For crossing the border of Zimbabwe and a visit to the Victoria Falls you will need USD.

### ***Travel, Transport and Getting Around***

Public transport in Namibia is geared towards the needs of the local populace, and is confined to main roads between major population centres. Although cheap and reliable, it is of little use to the traveller as most of Namibia's tourist attractions lie off the beaten track.

It is easy to travel around Namibia by car, and a 4WD vehicle is perfectly adequate both tarred and gravel roads. However, long distances, poor mobile phone coverage outside of main towns and infrequent petrol stations that only accept cash mean that planning ahead is vital.

There are major airlines that fly into Windhoek and Swakopmund. Other destinations are reachable by car or charter flight.

Namibians drive on the left and all signposts are in English. Seat belts must be worn at all times and talking in a mobile phone while driving is prohibited. The general speed limit is 100km/h on tarred roads outside of towns and 80km/h on gravel roads. In built up areas, the speed limit is 60km/h.

### ***Health and Medical Information***

#### **Travel healthy**

Beside taking the normal 'travel pharmacy' it is important to get informed about the necessary vaccinations. The DTP vaccination (Diphtheria, Tetanus en Polio) and Hepatitis A vaccination are recommended. The Hepatitis B en typhoid vaccination are only necessary depending on the nature, duration and length of the stay. A Yellow fever vaccination is only mandatory when travellers come from a yellow fever area.

During summer (December – April) the risk of getting malaria is higher than during wintertime (May – October). When you visit the far north of Namibia, the Caprivistrip, the Okavango Delta and/or the Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, it is certainly recommended to take malaria prophylaxis. Also take necessary preventions, such as wearing protective clothes, and using anti-mosquito remedy, preferably with the ingredient DEET.

For professional advise contact your doctor or travel clinic.

### ***Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice***

Traditional Namibian cuisine is rarely served and so the food at restaurants tends to be European in style and is, generally, of a very high standard.

Namibia is very meat-orientated, and many menu options will feature steaks from various animals. However, there is usually a vegetarian and seafood section offered by most camps and restaurants.

In the supermarkets you'll find pre-wrapped fresh fruit and vegetables (though the more remote the areas you visit,

the smaller your choice), and plenty of canned foods, pasta, rice, bread, etc. Most of this is imported from South Africa.

The water in Namibia's main towns is generally safe to drink, though it may taste a little metallic if it has been piped for miles. Natural sources should usually be purified, though water from underground springs and dry riverbeds seldom causes any problems. However, filtered and bottled water are readily available in most towns and all camps, lodges and hotels.

### *Climate and Weather*

Partially covered by the Namib Desert, one of the world's driest deserts, Namibia's climate is generally very dry and pleasant – it's fine to visit all year round. Namibia only receives a fraction of the rain experienced by countries further east. Between about **December to March** some days will be humid and rain may follow, often in localised, afternoon thunderstorms. These are more common in the centre and east of the country, and more unusual in the desert.

**April** and especially **May** are often lovely months in Namibia. Increasingly dry, with a real freshness in the air, and much greenery in the landscape; at this time the air is clear and largely free from dust.

From **June to August** Namibia cools down and dries out more; nights can become cold, dropping below freezing in some desert areas. As the landscape dries so the game in the north of the country gravitates more to waterholes, and is more easily seen by visitors. By **September and October** it warms up again; game-viewing in most areas is at its best, although there's often a lot of dust around and the vegetation has lost its vibrancy.

**November** is a highly variable month. Sometimes the hot, dry weather will continue, at other times the sky will fill with clouds and threaten to rain – but if you're lucky enough to witness the first rains of the season, you'll never forget the drama.

### *Clothing and Dress Recommendations*

Namibians have a somewhat relaxed attitude to dress codes. A jacket and tie is very unusual. In fact, long trousers and a shirt with buttons are often quite adequate for a formal occasion or work wear. A pair of sensible shoes, jeans and a t-shirt is recommended.

During the day it is generally hot, so pack light weight loose fitting clothes in natural fabrics, such as linen or cotton, that will keep you cool and are easy to wash and dry.

Keep in mind that the 'winter'-month will require you to take a warm set of cloth for the cold evenings.

### *Internet Availability*

Telecom Namibia offers a service called wi-space. You purchase a wi-space voucher that allows you to connect to WiFi wherever you see the wi-space logo (about 40 locations in Namibia).

Alternatively good WiFi access is available at most holiday accommodation venues across the country (free / paid).

### *Electricity and Plug Standards*

Electrical sockets in Namibia are Type M (SABS-1661). If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in. Travel plug adapters simply change the shape of your appliance's plug to match whatever type of socket you need to plug into. If it's crucial to be able to plug in no matter what, bring an adapter for all types.

Electrical sockets in Namibia usually supply electricity at 230 volts AC / 50 Hz frequency. If you're plugging in an appliance that was built for 230 volt electrical input, or an appliance that is compatible with multiple voltages, then an adapter is all you need. If your appliance isn't compatible with 230 volts, a voltage converter will be necessary.

### *General Guidance*

#### **Securities**

Explore Namibia is an official member of the NTB (Namibian Tourism Board). This is a government institution that oversees the quality of the tourism industry in Namibia. Furthermore, Explore Namibia is a member of the TASA (Tourism Association Southern Africa). This organization monitors the observance of all kinds of rules in tourism in southern Africa.

At the moment of booking a 25% deposit is required. The outstanding amount is due 6 weeks prior to arrival in Windhoek. An official invoice will be send to you. This can also be used for arranging a travel and cancellation insurance.

Payment can be done directly on to our European bank account.

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## Terms and Conditions

### Itinerary Terms and Conditions

- Guaranteed departure from 4 people
- The operator reserves the right to make changes

### Meine Namibia Safaris Terms and Conditions

#### 1. Introduction

1.1. The Terms and Conditions below apply to all bookings made with Meine Namibia Safaris cc, hereinafter referred to as "MNS".

Please read them carefully as they set out our and your respective rights and obligations. These terms and conditions apply for all travel agreements between MNS and a client.

Meine Namibia Safaris cc is a booking agency, which offers organized self-drive trips, guided trips, car rental and accommodation for clients.

1.2. The agreement will become effective on the date on which the client's booking is confirmed in writing, by fax or by e-mail, and the deposit referred to in clause 2.1 is received by MNS.

1.3. The agreement is subject to Namibian Law and any possible legal proceedings shall take place in Windhoek, Namibia.

1.4. Any person making a reservation with MNS warrants that he or she has the necessary authority to enter into this agreement on behalf of the person or persons included in such a booking. The person making the booking shall be liable for the total amount due to MNS.

1.5. By making a reservation with MNS and paying the deposit, the client accepts these terms and conditions as part of the agreement and acknowledges to be bound thereby.

#### 2. Booking Procedure

2.1. A 20% non-refundable deposit of the full amount due is required to confirm any reservation.

2.2. The client must pay the balance of the contract price to MNS not later than 6 (six) weeks prior to departure.

2.3. If the full contract price is not paid to MNS 6 (six) weeks before the departure date, MNS has the right to cancel the reservation and retain any deposit or other funds it has already received from the client.

2.4. Accommodation will be provided as per itinerary. Accommodation is subject to availability at the date of booking. MNS reserves the right to make use of alternative accommodation of similar or higher standard.

2.5. In the event of any reservation being made less than 6 (six) weeks prior to the date of departure payment of the full contract price will be due immediately on confirmation and is non-refundable on all late bookings. Certain late bookings will require full payment at the time of reservation, meaning prior to confirmation of booking

2.6. If a booking is changed by the client to an earlier date than originally reserved, MNS will endeavor to change the booking, however no guarantee on availability can be given. If the booking is changed to a later date, charges as per clause 5.2 hereof could apply.

#### 3. Payment procedure

All payments are to be made by direct deposit or bank transfer into the banking account of MNS. Banking details will be furnished at written confirmation of booking.

#### **4. Cancellation policy**

4.1. Any cancellation of a confirmed booking must be done in writing, by e-mail or fax to MNS.

4.2. Cancellations submitted outside official office hours are considered to be submitted on the first next working day.

4.3. In case of a cancellation, the following cancellation fees will apply:

After a confirmed booking: 20 %

45 – 28 days before arrival: 35 %

27 – 15 days before arrival: 50 %

14 – 0 days before arrival: 100 %

4.4. The above cancellation fees exclude all lodges from Wilderness Safaris and Beyond Group and other accommodation establishments that require larger deposits or full payment further in advance to the arrival of the client. Cancellation fees in these cases will be determined by the terms and conditions of the relevant accommodation establishment.

4.5. Should any client who is part of a group booking cancel his or her individual booking, the whole group booking considered as canceled.

4.6. If the remaining parties of the group are willing to continue with the agreement, the remaining parties of the group will become liable for the resulting increased contract price payable, per person.

4.7. No refunds will be paid for no-shows or any unused services. This also applies to clients who have booked a tour but fail to undertake the tour for any reason.

4.8. MNS may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate a client's booking and in particular, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it shall be entitled to do so in the event of illness or illegal or incompatible behavior of any client undertaking the tour, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund.

#### **5. Itinerary**

5.1. Namibia has a quality, but limited, tourism infrastructure and demand for car rental, accommodation, transfer, venues and activities often exceed capacity. It is therefore essential to provide us with confirmed dates and number of travelers as soon as possible.

5.2. While every effort is made to keep to all confirmed itineraries, MNS reserves the right to make changes for the client's convenience. Because MNS plans arrangements in advance, does not own or control airlines, accommodation establishments and/or other supplier companies, changes and even cancellations can occasionally become necessary. In the event that the accommodation, activity, service, flight etc. has been properly confirmed by MNS, and notwithstanding this, and is unavailable for any reason whatsoever, MNS does not accept any liability.

5.3. MNS shall have the right at any time, at its sole discretion, to cancel any tour or the remainder thereof or to make an alteration in the route, accommodation or other details. This includes any event rendering a tour

impossible, illegal or inadvisable due to weather, strike, unrest, government or other interference or due to any other cause whatsoever. Any extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the client.

5.4. While it is possible for the client to break away from the planned tour itinerary after departure, it is understood that all extra expenses incurred as a result of such a breakaway will be for the client's account and any unused services will not be refunded. Amendments and cancellations en route must be made directly with MNS.

## **6. Responsibility and Liability**

6.1. Neither MNS nor any person acting for, through or on behalf of MNS shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever, and without restricting the generality of the foregoing, shall particularly not be responsible for any loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochures or any other documentation.

Late or non-confirmation or acceptance of bookings, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, or death, whether occasioned by negligence or not is not the responsibility of MNS. The client agrees to indemnify MNS, its agents and employees, and keep it indemnified against all loss, damage, costs and expenses which the client may sustain or incur as a result of booking and undertaking a tour with MNS.

6.2. MNS acts as tour operator and agent for local and international accommodation establishments and activity operators and accordingly accepts no liability whatsoever for any loss, damage, injury, accident, delay or any other incident or irregularity howsoever arising. MNS makes every effort to ensure that all arrangements and services connected with a client itinerary will be carried out as specified and in the most efficient and effective way possible. However, MNS does not have direct control over the provision of services by suppliers (hotels, lodges, guest houses, bed and breakfasts, car rental companies, activity operators etc.), and whilst they are in all cases selected with the utmost care, MNS does not accept liability for error or omission of such suppliers.

6.3. MNS cannot be held responsible for damage or loss of any personal items, including bags, contents of bags or photographic and related equipment.

6.4. MNS cannot be held liable for any (Personal) damage or death of participating travelers, nor for any other damage resulting from these tragic events, unless it has been caused on purpose by MNS.

## **7. Situations beyond control**

In the unlikely event of there being an unscheduled extension to the tour caused by flight delays, bad weather, strikes or any other cause which is beyond the control of MNS, it is understood that the expenses relating to unscheduled extensions (accommodation etc.), will be for the account of the client. MNS accepts no liability for changes, omissions or delays before or during the course of any tour occasioned by technical difficulties, weather conditions, strikes or communication breakdowns.

## **8. Insurance**

Travel insurance against cancellation, loss, injury, illness and loss of baggage is highly recommended for all clients traveling with MNS. Clients undertake all activities associated with the itinerary at their own risk and are responsible for their own insurance. MNS will not be held liable if a client should fail to obtain adequate insurance cover.

## **9. Visa**

It is the responsibility of the client to ensure that the passports and visas are valid for the duration of the tour. MNS cannot be held liable for any necessary visas or other travel documents not held by clients. In the event of a client

not having the necessary documentation to enter any area or country, MNS will not be responsible for the client's further travel arrangements.

## **10. Health and personal safety**

10.1. The client shall be reasonably fit and healthy to undertake this tour.

10.2. If a malaria area is visited during the tour, anti-malaria precautions should be commenced prior to tour departure. Clients should consult their doctors for advice.

10.3. Tours offered by MNS cover a wide spectrum of the African wilds and either MNS, its employees nor agents can be held responsible for any injury or other related incidents whilst on the tour.

## **11. Accommodation**

11.1. The client enters into a direct agreement with the accommodation provider concerning the stay at such accommodation. MNS has no party in this and cannot be held liable for any difficulties, problems or damage whatsoever.

11.2. The terms and conditions of the accommodation apply at all times. If there are any deviations between the conditions of MNS and the conditions of the accommodation, then the conditions of the accommodation supersede those of MNS concerning stay at this accommodation.

## **12. Car Rental**

12.1. The client enters into a direct agreement with the car rental company concerning the car rental. MNS in no party in this and cannot be held liable for any difficulties, problems or damage whatsoever.

12.2. The conditions of the car rental company apply at all times for the car rental. If there are any deviations between the conditions of MNS and the conditions of the car rental company, then the conditions of the car rental company supersede those of MNS concerning the car rental.

12.3. MNS and the car rental company reserve the right to substitute the booked vehicle with a similar one.

12.4. The contract between the car rental company and the client is to be signed at the office of the car rental company.

12.5. The standard insurance excludes damage from sandblast, damage to tyres, personal property and personal injuries.

12.6. All vehicles carry a full Third Party Insurance and a comprehensive insurance for 90% of their value. In the event of an insurance claim arising, the renter will be held liable for the excess amount of 10%, security for which must be provided by the renter to the lessor (car rental company) by means of credit card only (Visa, MasterCard).

12.7. The excess amount of 10% of the value of the vehicle can be reduced (reduced excess) against payment of a daily fee.

12.8. A valid driver's license must be provided by the renter.

12.9. Minimum required age of the driver's is 25 years.

12.10. No vehicle may be taken outside Namibia without prior approval and a cross-border permit issued by the car rental company.

### **13. Airlines and Charters**

MNS cannot issue flight tickets, but is more than willing to act as agent on behalf of the client when booking the client with an airline or charter service. The client therefore contracts with the airline or charter service and not with MNS.