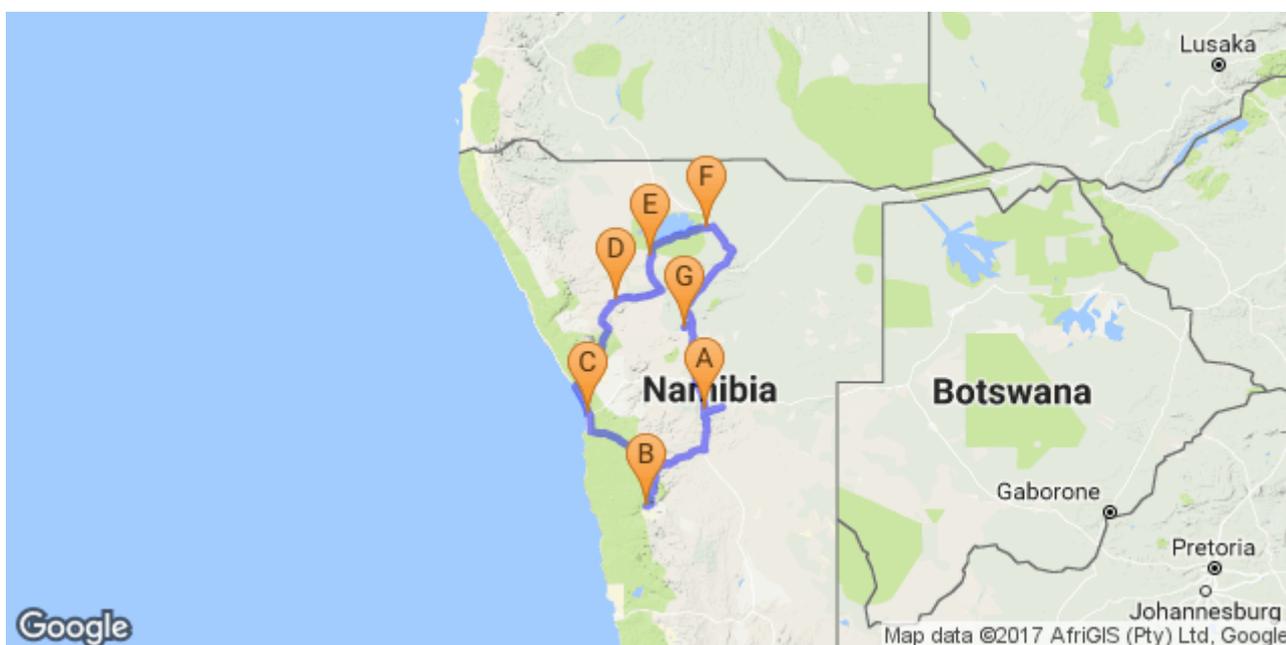




Family friendly Namibia Self-Drive

Windhoek - Sossusvlei - Swakopmund - Damaraland - Etosha National Park - Etosha National Park - Okonjima Nature Reserve
15 Days / 14 Nights



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Overview

Namibia is a fantastic family friendly destination, with so many different experiences on offer.

The easily negotiable road network, means you can enjoy the flexibility of a self-drive itinerary, stopping off when and where you want and enjoying the trip at your own pace.

This itinerary highlights the range of activities that appeal to the whole family, from tackling the giant sand dunes to spotting dolphins on a boat trip, enjoying an eye opening safari experience in the famous Etosha National Park and getting closer to the majestic Cheetah at the AfriCat Foundation at Okonjima.

Accommodation	Destination	Nights	Basis
Olive Grove Guesthouse	Windhoek	1	B&B
Sossusvlei Lodge	Sossusvlei	2	D, B&B
Atlantic Villa	Swakopmund	3	B&B
Damara Mopane Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia	Damaraland	2	B&B
Etosha Safari Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia	Etosha National Park	2	D, B&B
Mushara Lodge	Etosha National Park	2	D, B&B
Okonjima Plains Camp	Okonjima Nature Reserve	2	D, B&B

Key

B&B: Bed and breakfast

D, B&B: Dinner, bed and breakfast

Day 1: Olive Grove Guesthouse, Windhoek



With its well-developed infrastructure, some of the best tourist facilities in Africa and an impressive list of breathtaking natural wonders, touring Namibia is truly a pleasure. Visit the capital of Windhoek and the lovely coastal town of Swakopmund to discover 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 Park; the vast Etosha National Park teeming with local subspecies, such as desert lions, desert elephants and the Hartmann's Mountain Zebra; the hauntingly beautiful Kalahari Desert; and of course the Namib Desert stretching for nearly 1000 km along the magnificent Atlantic coastline. Namibia is an ideal destination for travellers seeking an unforgettable African experience in a uniquely beautiful untamed wilderness.



Windhoek is Namibia's capital, home to an international airport and a plethora of restaurants, shops, entertainment venues and accommodation options. The city is clean, safe and well-organised, with a colonial legacy that is reflected in its many German eateries and shops, and the widespread use of the German language. Windhoek has an interesting mix of historical architecture and modern buildings, many of which are worth a look, including the Alte Feste (Old Fort), the 1896 Christuskirche (Christ Church), and the more contemporary Supreme Court.

Overnight: Olive Grove Guesthouse

Olive Grove is a small upmarket accommodation establishment situated close to the city centre in a quiet, peaceful area. The Olive Exclusive, the guesthouse takes homely atmosphere to a different level. Recently completely refurbished, each room has been decorated and painted with new colour schemes allowing a different feel, but with the same elegant and simplistic emphasis on décor.

The newly renovated, open-plan kitchen allows guests to see how meals are prepared, while they enjoy a drink in the lounge. The menu was also reinvented and is now fully a la carte, quite unique for a guesthouse. Home-style food is rounded off with great presentation, pushing up the level of the guesthouse dining experience. The upper deck has been revamped into a private dining corner, with two Moroccan-style sections, for guests to get comfy on the large pillows and enjoy the ambience and view from the top.

The on-site Wellness Room offers a selection of professional services, to assist guests on their journey towards inner and outer well-being.

Whilst each of the ten rooms and one suite cater for every need of the most discerning traveller, the emphasis remains one of simplicity and elegance.



Included

Bed & Breakfast

Day 2: Sossusvlei Lodge, Sossusvlei



Sossusvlei is where you will find the iconic red sand dunes of the Namib. The clear blue skies contrast with the giant red sand dunes to make this one of the natural wonders of Africa and a photographer's heaven.

Aside from the attractions at Sossusvlei - Dune 45, Hiddenvlei, Big Daddy and Deadvlei - other attractions in the area include the Sesriem Canyon and Namib-Naukluft National Park, where the mountains of the Namib meet its plains.

Overnight: Sossusvlei Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

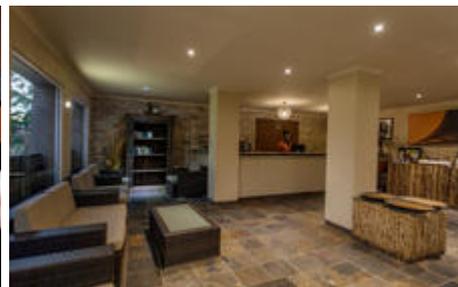
Luxury right at the entrance gate to Sesriem Canyon and the famous Sossusvlei

Situated at the Entrance Gate to the Namib Naukluft Park, Sossusvlei Lodge offers direct access to the towering red sand dunes, the famous pan of Sossusvlei, the scorched black trees of Dead Vlei and the remarkable depths of the Sesriem Canyon.

The Superior Accommodation units at Sossusvlei Lodge feature a patio to enjoy views over the Desert landscapes, a spacious air-conditioned twin-bedded room and a full en-suite bathroom. The Standard Family Units feature two rooms back to back connected by a lockable inter-leading door between the two private bathrooms. An elegant Junior Suite boasts a spacious bedroom, living area, patio with a splash pool, large bathroom and inspiring views.

Experience the true art of Hospitality with the thoughtful touch of attentive staff to contribute to a truly memorable experience. Facilities include a sparkling pool, bar, sundowner deck, beer garden and an al fresco terrace where one can enjoy exquisite food, award-winning wines and magnificent views of the floodlit waterhole.

The Sossusvlei Lodge Adventure Centre provides a range of activities including Guided Excursions to Deadvlei and Sossusvlei, Elim dune walks, Sundowner Trips, Quad Buggy Nature Drives, Hot Air Ballooning, Scenic Flights and much more to explore the area's natural beauty.



Included

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 3: Sossusvlei Lodge, Sossusvlei

Day Itinerary

Day Excursion - Sossusvlei and Deadvlei Dunes

Included

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 4: Atlantic Villa, Swakopmund



Founded in 1892 as the main harbour for German South West Africa, Swakopmund is often described as being more German than Germany. Now a seaside resort, 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, colonial-era buildings and the cool sea breeze make it very popular.

Overnight: Atlantic Villa

Situated within sight and sound of the mesmerizing Atlantic Ocean, the Atlantic Villa offers accommodation within walking distance from the beach, a few minutes' drive from Swakopmund town centre and a quiet relaxed atmosphere complimented by its location. The elegantly and luxurious decorated rooms offers spacious and comfortable accommodation.

Friendly staff will make you feel pampered from the minute you enter the Atlantic Villa Boutique Guesthouse. Relax with a cup of freshly ground coffee in your room or unwind in any of the comfy lounges where you are welcome to play on the grand piano, or just settle down with a cold drink on the terrace.

Accommodation at Atlantic Villa consists of 5 main facets, namely the luxury suites, standard rooms, deluxe rooms, luxury rooms and self-catering Units. Atlantic Villa has the facilities to accommodate a variety of travellers.

The main house consists of 5 rooms of which 2 are luxury rooms. In addition, 4 family apartments are available and suitable for self-catering. Rooms are equipped with DSTV and internet while some rooms have a private balcony with views of the surrounding desert and ocean.



IncludedBed & Breakfast

Day 5: Atlantic Villa, Swakopmund

Day Itinerary

Day tour of Skeleton Coast and Cape Seal Colony

IncludedBed & Breakfast

Day 6: Atlantic Villa, Swakopmund

Day Itinerary

Dolphin Boat Cruise

IncludedBed & Breakfast

Day 7: Damara Mopane Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Damaraland



Huge, untamed and ruggedly beautiful Damaraland is an exceptionally scenic landscape of open plains and spectacular rock formations. The major attractions are Spitzkoppe, the Brandberg, Twyfelfontein, Vingerklip and the Petrified Forest.

Overnight: Damara Mopane Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia [View iBrochure](#)

Built in the wattle and daub style under Mopane trees and connected by a labyrinth of paths, the main building and chalets of the lodge look like an African village. The walls are adorned by copies of the rock engravings at Twyfelfontein. Each of the 60 double-room chalets (with air conditioning) sits in a vegetable and herb garden surrounded by a low wall. The gardens supply fresh ingredients for supper, which consists of a starter followed by a delicious buffet. There is a swimming pool for chilling out and a viewing point for relishing sunsets. The lodge at the gates of Damaraland is ideally suited for excursions to Twyfelfontein (130 km), the Petrified Forest (70 km) and the Vingerklip rock pillar (50 km).



Included

Bed & Breakfast

Day 8: Damara Mopane Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Damaraland

Included

Bed & Breakfast

Day 9: Etosha Safari Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Etosha National Park



The Etosha National Park is Namibia's premiere game viewing experience, situated in the northwest of Namibia and is an area well known for its wildlife. Vegetation ranges from dense bush to open plains attracting a diversity of wildlife. In the heart of the Park is The Etosha Pan - a shallow depression that covers an area of 5000sq kilometres. Dry and shimmering for most of the year, the pans fill up with water after good rains to a depth which is seldom deeper than 1m. In the dry season wildlife is attracted to perennial springs and waterholes that make for excellent game viewing.

Within the park are three large public rest camps catering for the more budget orientated traveller. There are several smaller establishments on the outskirts of the park on private land offering a more intimate and comprehensive experience. All of these establishments offer excellent value for money.

Day Itinerary

Afternoon Scheduled Game Drive

Overnight: Etosha Safari Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia [View iBrochure](#)

Guests rave about the view: the restaurant and chalets, situated on a hillock, offer magnificent views of the African bush savannah. All of the 65 double room chalets have air conditioners and mosquito nets, and a choice of three swimming pools between them. Apart from the restaurant and bar there is a wooden platform for sundowners high above the Mopani bush. The Andersson Gate into Etosha National Park is a mere 9 km away. Those who do not want to drive themselves can join one of the lodge's daily safari trips into the park.

A shuttle service operates between Windhoek and Etosha Safari Lodge and Camp (on request).



Included

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 10: Etosha Safari Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Etosha National Park

Day Itinerary

Scheduled Morning Game Drive

Included

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 11: Mushara Lodge, Etosha National Park



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Day Itinerary

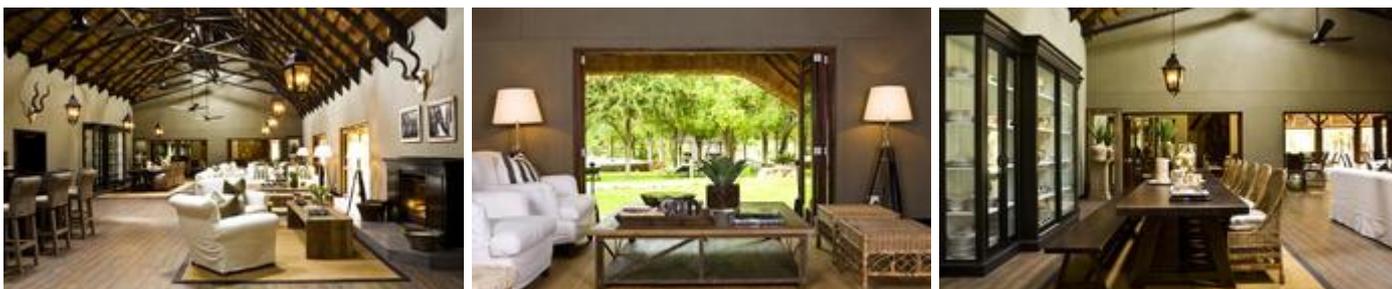
Scheduled Afternoon Game Drive

Overnight: Mushara Lodge

Located only 8kms from the Von Lindquist Gate on the eastern outskirts of the Etosha National Park, Mushara Lodge is ideally situated for travellers visiting the park.

Our Lodge consists of ten spacious chalets, one family unit and two single rooms.

The name Mushara derives from the Purple Pod Terminalia tree, which grows in abundance in the lodge grounds and the surrounding area. The thatched public area consists of a small library with a selection of good books, a bar with an extensive wine cellar, airy lounge with welcoming fireplace for winter evenings, a dining area and well stocked curio shop.



Included

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 12: Mushara Lodge, Etosha National Park

Day Itinerary

Scheduled Game Drive

Included

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 13: Okonjima Plains Camp, Okonjima Nature Reserve



Halfway between Windhoek and Etosha lies the well-known Okonjima Nature Reserve. The 22 000 ha Nature Reserve is surrounded by 96 km of fence and was finally completed in 2010. Okonjima is home to AFRICAT, a Carnivore Conservation, which gives the captive carnivores a second chance to be released back into the wild and to take the time it needs, to become a completely independent hunter - in a protected area right in the middle of

commercial farmland! Also in the Reserve is a 2000 ha 'safe' zone around Plains Camp, Bush Camp, Bush Suite, the Omboroko Campsite as well as the PAWS Environmental Education Centre.

Overnight: Okonjima Plains Camp [View iBrochure](#)

Not only is Okonjima a luxury lodge, but it is also home to The AfriCat Foundation, a non-profit organisation, committed to long-term conservation of Namibia's large carnivores, especially cheetahs and leopards. A visit to Okonjima will give you an opportunity to witness some of AfriCat's work.

The NEW, Plains Camp design honours the Okonjima cattle-farming history. In the early 1920's, Okonjima became a cattle farm and was bought by Val (VJ) & Rose Hanssen in 1970. They were well-established Brahman breeders and continued to farm cattle until the need for solutions to increasing livestock losses became pertinent and post-independence interest in Namibia as a tourist destination, escalated. In 1993, the herds of Brahman and Jersey cattle were sold, changing the face of Okonjima as well as that of Carnivore Conservation!

STANDARD ROOMS:

Each of the 14 Standard Rooms enjoy a view across the Okonjima grass plains!

VIEW ROOMS:

The 10 exclusive and spacious View Rooms, all have a view across the Okonjima grass plains!

The OKONJIMA activities include tracking rehabilitated carnivores on foot; visiting the AfriCat Carnivore Care & Information Centre; tracking leopards from a game-viewing vehicle. OKONJIMA also offers a guided Bushman Trail. Birding and Game drives are offered on request and if guests stay longer than 2 days.



Included

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 14: Okonjima Plains Camp, Okonjima Nature Reserve

Day Itinerary

Trip to AfriCat Foundation

Included

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 15: Departure

Transport

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No responsibility for delays, additional costs caused by unforeseen circumstances, deviations or delays due to weather conditions, safety precautions, mechanical breakdowns or any other cause will be liable against the Operator. Operator has the right to change the confirmed vehicle/aircraft to a vehicle/aircraft of similar size or a combination of vehicle/aircraft should there be a technical problem to said vehicle/aircraft.

It is compulsory for all guests to have comprehensive travel and medical insurance for the duration of their safari.

Passport/Visa Note: All guests require a passport valid for at least six months beyond the period of intended stay in the country. Passports should have minimum three blank pages upon entry into the country. All visitors to Namibia must also have a valid return air-ticket to country of origin. All visa requirements must be fulfilled and these are the responsibility of the guests only.

BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS:

Confirmations and Payments

All bookings must be in writing, a booking reference will be allocated to you which we kindly ask that you use in all your correspondence.

Provisional bookings can be held for 7 days; thereafter a written confirmation is required.

A 25% non-refundable deposit is also required to secure the quotation and only upon receipt of such, will the provisional bookings be confirmed.

The final balance payment will be due 8 weeks prior to date of travel.

The full payment due will be required to secure the quotation and provisional bookings, when booking is confirmed within 8 weeks to date of travel.

Cancellation

In the event of any cancellations made within 8 weeks of date of travel, a percentage of the quote as well as the 25% non-refundable deposit will be charged. An invoice amount for this cancellation will follow as described below:

Within 8 weeks – 50%

Less than 45 days before departure – 100%

Please note that some of the lodges/establishments require full payment when making a booking. Refunds on full pre-payment of lodges/establishments varies and will have to be dealt with individually.