

NAMIBIA WONDERLAND 9 days



Itinerary:

Day 1 : Arrival Windhoek - Namib Desert

After arrival depart Windhoek to travel to your lodge in the Namib Desert. This is the gateway to Sesriem Canyon and Sossusvlei where some of the highest sand dunes on earth stand towering over the white desert plains. Once at the lodge time to relax at the pool.

Lodging: Sossusvlei Lodge

Day 2 : Sossusvlei - Deadvlei (B)

Today off to an early start. The first rays of sunrise paint the mountains of sand into a variety of apricot, red and orange contrasted against a crisp blue skyline providing the perfect scene to capture this awesome landscape. Be mesmerized by the surreal Deadvlei surrounded by the highest dunes and Sossusvlei where the mostly dry Tsauchab River ends abruptly. Take the opportunity to walk up one of these dunes to admire the desert landscape beneath. Later visit the Sesriem Canyon, a life sustaining natural phenomenon in the heart of the Namib Desert.

Lodging: Sossusvlei Lodge

Day 3 : Namib Desert - Swakopmund (B)

After breakfast travel via the rolling hills of the Kuiseb Moon Valley towards the Atlantic Ocean. Reaching the coastal harbour town of Walvis Bay. Visit the shallow lagoon, one of the most important wetland areas on the African continent and a RAMSAR World Heritage Site. Over 80% of the African flamingos feed in this lagoon and present a breath-taking picture. Continue along scenic dune belts and the Atlantic Ocean to reach Swakopmund.

Lodging: Strand Hotel

Day 4 : Swakopmund (B)

Swakopmund is often fondly referred to as the "playground of Namibia". It has numerous activities ranging from adventure to exploring the fascinating features of the Namib Desert and the animals and plants living here. Embrace the relaxed pace of this idyllic coastal town whilst enjoying coffee and freshly baked pastries in one of the many cafés. This quaint town with its historic buildings, museums and shops has transformed into its own personality by the vibrant use of color and the bohemian lifestyle.

Lodging: Strand Hotel

Day 5 : Swakopmund - Damaraland (B)

After breakfast head further north past the Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain into the Damaraland, one of the most geologically diverse areas in Africa. This rocky environment is

home to the rare desert elephant, the black rhino and free-roaming antelope species. Visit Twyfelfontein, a UNESCO heritage site where Bushman communities engraved and painted more than 2,500 pictures over 6,000 years ago. After a visit to the nearby living museum of Damara continue to the Petrified Forest, a geological phenomenon depicting the creation and evolution of some of the oldest landmasses on earth. Here see the Welwitschia mirabilis plant, the oldest living desert plant on earth.

Lodging: Vingerklip Lodge

Day 6 : Damaraland - Etosha National Park (B / D)

Today after a tranquil breakfast travel towards the Etosha National Park famous for its vast amount of wildlife and unique landscape. Once the camp, located just outside the National Park is reached head onto your first safari into the National Park. Together with the guide explore the various waterholes located close to Okaukuejo and the Andersson gate.

Lodging: Etosha Village

Day 7 : Etosha National Park - Safari (B / D)

This day is devoted purely to the abundant wildlife found in the Etosha National Park, which surrounds a parched salt desert known as the Etosha Pan. The park is home to elephant, lion, leopard and rhino. Game viewing in the park is best around the waterholes the ideal places to sit and watch over 114 different game species and 340 bird species. Admire giraffes, blue wildebeest, plains, mountain zebras, hyenas, lions, leopards, antelopes and endangered species like the black rhino, cheetahs and the black-faced impala.

Lodging: Onguma Collection

Day 8 : Etosha National Park - Safari (B / D)

This morning your guide takes you again on a game drive in the Etosha National Park. You may encounter animal species not seen the previous day and look forward to any new surprises at the different waterholes visited. In the afternoon make your way back to the lodge to enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure.

Lodging: Onguma Collection

Day 9 : Windhoek departure (B)

After breakfast travel southwards to Windhoek. Visit the craft markets in the main street of the capital city before transfer to the international airport for your return flight.

