

# Namibia Private Safari

SOSSUSVLEI DUNES, DAMARALAND, AND ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK



Wilderness Travel



# Overview



## TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

**Length:** 12 days  
**Arrive:** Windhoek, Namibia  
**Depart:** Windhoek, Namibia  
**Lodging:** 8 nights deluxe wildlife camps or lodges, 3 nights hotel  
**Meals:** All meals as indicated  
**Activity:** Cultural, Walking, Wildlife & Natural History, Safaris  
**Trip Level:** 1 ② 3 4 5 6  
4WD gameviewing, easy to moderate day hikes

## QUESTIONS?

Our Area Specialists are your single point of contact and would be happy to answer any questions about your trip!

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Climb one of the world's highest free standing dunes in Sossusvlei
- Scenic flight along the Skeleton Coast viewing shipwrecks, seal colonies, and giant sand dunes
- Track desert-adapted elephants
- Walk among pre-historic rock art at the World Heritage Site at Twyfelfontein
- Gameviewing at renowned Etosha National Park



# Introduction



## ABOUT PRIVATE JOURNEYS

Wilderness Travel Private Journeys are designed for people who want to travel with their own small private group, but who still want to experience the same superb itinerary design, great accommodations, and signature quality of Wilderness Travel's escorted group trips. These Private Journeys allow you to choose your own dates and your traveling companions—and enjoy the WT touch on all aspects of the journey.

## CHOOSE YOUR OWN DATES

January and February, April to October

Namibia is an ageless land, a world of desert-adapted animals and infinite blue skies, where space and silence contribute to a feeling of antiquity, solitude, and wilderness. Our Private Safari offers you the chance to experience this magnificent and memorable country in a very personal way. You'll explore the amazing dunes of Sossusvlei and the mountains of Damaraland, see a heritage of rock art created by stone-age artists, and witness an amazing parade of wildlife at Etosha National Park, the greatest wildlife sanctuary in all Namibia. Throughout the trip, you'll have your own private experienced safari guide/driver who will enhance your enjoyment of this unique country and ensure you have an experience of a lifetime!



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## DAY 1 WINDHOEK

Arrive at the Windhoek International Airport, where you are met for the transfer to Galton House, a boutique hotel set in a quiet neighborhood. We gather for our trip orientation and Welcome Dinner this evening.

### Overnight: Galton House

This welcoming nine-room hotel, just a 10-minute shuttle drive from the center of town, offers a personal and informal atmosphere. Guest rooms are decorated in an inviting modern style, with wildlife photography adorning the walls. Communal areas include a large lounge, indoor and outdoor dining areas, and a small swimming pool. The hotel is named after the explorer and polymath Francis Galton, who produced the first maps of Namibia's interior.

**Meals: D**



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## **Overnight: Okonjima Bush Camp**

Home to the AfriCat Foundation, this luxury bush camp features eight thatched, African-style chalets decorated in earthy tones. The chalets are very spacious, have en suite bathrooms, and can be opened wide during the day for enjoying the views and watching birds in the garden right from your room. A secluded swimming pool awaits at the end of a busy day of game viewing. The food is of a very high standard and the staff and guides are terrific.

**Meals: B, L, D**

**Driving Details:** 2.5-3 hours

## **DAY 2 TO THE BIG CATS: OKONJIMA BUSH CAMP / AFRICAT FOUNDATION**

Journeying north from Windhoek, we arrive at lovely Okonjima Bush Camp in time for lunch. Okonjima is home to the renowned AfriCat Foundation, dedicated to the long-term conservation of Namibia's large carnivores through research, education, and community engagement. AfriCat researchers and veterinarians contribute greatly to our understanding of the ecology of large carnivores in enclosed and protected reserves. Since its founding in 1991, over a thousand injured or captured predators have been rescued at AfriCat. This afternoon we head out into the bush to track leopard, which we may find resting in the trees after a night of hunting.



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**Overnight: Ongava Lodge**  
**(or upgrade to Andersson's at Ongava)**

An intimate lodge with 12 spacious en suite cabins built of rock and thatch, Ongava offers comfort in the wilderness, a relaxed atmosphere, and a friendly staff. The cabins have air conditioning, ceiling fans, and private verandas great for gameviewing. At the main lodge, meals are served buffet style on an open deck overlooking a waterhole, floodlit at night so guests can see wildlife, including rhinos and sometimes lions, as they gather at the waterhole. The lodge is located on private land on the southern boundary of Etosha National Park.

**Meals: B, L, D**

**Driving Details:** 3-3.5 hours (Day 3)

## **DAYS 3-4 LEOPARD TRACKING AT AFRICAT / GREAT WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS: ONGAVA PRIVATE RESERVE / ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

Rhino are resident at Okonjima, and we'll rise early to see if we can find them (later we'll have the thrill of tracking them on foot in Damaraland!). After breakfast at the camp's open-air rondaval, we depart for Etosha National Park, game viewing along the way. Our lodge is set in Ongava Private Reserve, tucked in a hidden valley within the 74,000-acre reserve, right on the southern boundary of renowned Etosha National Park. This gives us great access to the wildlife, yet is far from the crowded safari circuit. The lodge is built near an active waterhole so we should have great wildlife sightings right from our camp! This afternoon we head into Etosha, seeking out the salt pans and waterholes that attract an immense variety of wildlife, making for fantastic photos. Set on Namibia's central plateau, Etosha is a haven for 93 mammal species and 340 bird species. The park's central attraction is the Etosha Pan, a flat saline area about 60 miles long and 25 miles wide. The pan only holds water for a brief period each year. Its salt and mineral residues, together with springs, attract an immense variety of wildlife in a concentrated area, making for fantastic gameviewing. The park's habitats include grassland, woodland, and savanna, with gameviewing centered around numerous springs and waterholes where multiple species can often be seen at one time. Wildlife in the park includes elephant, lion, giraffe, blue wildebeest, eland, kudu, gemsbok (oryx), zebra, rhino, cheetah, hyena, honey badger, and warthog, as well as the endemic black-faced impala. After exploring the game-filled pans of Etosha we'll head back to our camp, and since we are in a private reserve, a great range of activities are available to us, including guided walks (optional—at additional cost). On Day 4 we'll follow the call of the wildlife in Etosha, lunch at camp, then explore the reserve with the chance of seeing both black and white rhino—an extraordinary opportunity—since Ongava is one of the largest “custodianships” for rhino in all of Namibia, protecting the population for breeding and reintroduction throughout the country.



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## **Overnight: Onduli Ridge**

Nestled among boulders on a private concession in the heart of Damaraland, the camp's six open-air suites feature incredible views of Namibia's highest mountain, the Brandberg, and out across the plains to the cathedral-like granite inselbergs (isolated small rock mountains). Each suite has a partially open-air bathroom with a flush toilet and hot water rain shower, and a king-sized bed that you can roll out onto your private deck for a night under the stars. Communal areas include a lounge, library, dining room with fireplace, bar, campfire ring, spacious deck, and a pool for a refreshing afternoon dip.

## **Meals: B, L, D**

**Walking Details:** Approximately 2-4 hours, 1.5-3 miles (Day 7)

**Driving Details:** Approximately 4 hours (Day 5)

## **DAYS 5-7 DAMARALAND / TWYFELFONTEIN / TRACKING DESERT-ADAPTED RHINO ON FOOT**

**Day 5:** We get an early start for a drive into the heart of Damaraland, a remote region typified by displays of color, magnificent table-topped mountains, rock formations, and bizarre-looking vegetation. For eons, wind, water and geological upheaval have conspired to create a masterwork of nature. The variety and loneliness of the area and its scenic splendor will reward and astound you, giving you an authentic understanding of the word "wilderness." Our accommodation is Onduli Ridge, a stylish camp was built at the base of two south-facing granite outcrops connected by a ridge. The lodge is 100% solar powered, is within close proximity to a waterhole frequented by wildlife, and blends beautifully with the natural surroundings.

**Day 6:** Damaraland is home to a variety of desert-adapted wildlife as well as hidden desert treasures. An exciting 4WD excursion brings us along the ephemeral Aba Huab River valley as we search for game, especially the elusive desert-adapted elephants, if they are in the area. Depending on where game is found this morning, lunch will be a picnic out in the field or we'll return to camp for lunch. In the afternoon, we'll visit nearby Twyfelfontein, a UNESCO-listed treasury of rock engravings. Twyfelfontein's boulders and slabs of red sandstone hold some 2,500 prehistoric engravings that depict wildlife and abstract motifs. It is perhaps the largest and finest collection of petroglyphs in Africa. The engravings show animals such as elephant, giraffe, kudu, lion, rhinoceros, springbok, zebra, and ostrich that once used to drink from a spring at the bottom of the hill. In some cases, human footprints were engraved in the sandstone instead of hooves or paws. Stone tools and other artifacts found at Twyfelfontein suggest that hunter-gatherers occupied the site over a period of perhaps 7,000 years.

**Desert-Adapted Elephant:** In habitats with sufficient water, an adult elephant consumes as much as 60 gallons of water every day of its life. Consider what a herd of them would drink in a week or a month or a year. An African elephant in a desert? Well, yes, and not only elephant, but other large mammals as well, such

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as black rhinoceros and giraffe. Seven rivers course northwards from the Ugab, providing possible routes across the desert right to the Skeleton Coast. Desert-adapted elephant in Kaokoland and the Namib walk farther for water and fodder than any other elephant in Africa—the distances between waterholes and feeding grounds can be as great as 42 miles. The typical home range of a family herd is larger than 770 square miles, or eight times as big as ranges in central Africa where rainfall is much higher. They walk and feed at night and rest during the day. Not a separate species or even a subspecies, they are an ecotype unique to Namibia, behaviorally adapted to hyper-arid conditions.

**Day 7:** We have the thrilling experience of tracking rhino in Damaraland today. The rhino cover great distances, walking and feeding in the cool of the night and resting during the day. We'll meet with rangers and trackers of Save the Rhino Trust, an innovative NGO doing crucial work to protect the rare desert-adapted black rhino, to learn about their critical work, then head out to do our own rhino tracking. We hear about the fascinating adaptations of these remarkable creatures as we search for them in the vast desert landscape. If we find them, tracking rhino alongside the rangers is absolutely thrilling.

For those who wish to stay close to camp, options include a solar-powered e-bike excursion, a great way to experience the landscape and see the small details of the bush while searching for the game of the area. You can also just take the afternoon to rest and enjoy the awe-inspiring rocky desert of the Damaraland from the comforts of camp.

**Desert Black Rhinoceros:** Namibia is home to the larger of two subspecies of the black rhinoceros found in southern Africa. It is the only population that remains in the wild, unfenced, and outside reserves. Their preferred habitat is the mountainous escarpment, but they follow ephemeral rivers into the northern Namib as well, especially when conditions are favorable after rains. They are the only black rhinoceros in Africa that are internationally recognized as a “desert group.” To meet their nutritional and bulk requirements they browse on no fewer than 74 of the 103 plant species that grow in their range. They are one of the few animals to eat fibrous *Welwitschia* leaves and even feed heavily on the milk bush (*Euphorbia virosa*), with its sharp spines and toxic latex, presumably because of the high water and fat content. The black rhino population barely survived the slaughter in many parts of Africa during the '80s and '90s, but their population in Namibia has increased substantially since the formation of the Save the Rhino Trust (although they are still an endangered species and sightings are rare as these black rhino roam vast tracts of unfenced wilderness). Wilderness Travel is a proud supporter of SRT's work and the incredible dedication of the rhino guardians, who keep track of these solitary animals' movement and protect them from poachers. The guardians of a WT-funded mobile camp recently stopped a major international poaching ring.



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## **Overnight: Strand Hotel**

Set right on the seafront of Swakopmund, this modern hotel is close to everything. The luxury suites offer three floor-to-ceiling double-sized panoramic and sliding doors with three larger balconies and guaranteed sea and beach views across Swakopmund main beach, the Atlantic Ocean, and the historic town center. The hotel features a spa, private beach area, three restaurants, bars, and even a small brewery (try one of their four home-brewed beers on tap!).

**Meals: B, L, D**

**Driving Details:** 4-5 hours

## **DAY 8 FROM DAMARALAND TO SWAKOPMUND**

Our route across the desert brings us past Namibia's highest mountain, the Brandberg. This imposing massif rises straight out of the surrounding desert plain, its sheer walls a challenge to rock climbers, especially Koningstein (8,442'), its precipitous peak. We'll see the endemic Brandberg acacia tree, and the surreal desert plant welwitschia, a favorite of rhinos. We arrive in historic Swakopmund in the late afternoon. This most unexpected gathering of colorful buildings is Namibia's "beach town," a wonderful place to relax after a long day of travel, savoring the unlikely setting. Beyond the last row of houses stretches the vast and uninhabited desert. We'll have dinner in a local restaurant renowned for its seafood.

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## **Overnight: Kwessi Dunes**

### **(or upgrade to Sossusvlei Desert Lodge)**

Set in Namibia's vast Namib Rand Nature Reserve, Kwessi Dunes is a wonderful spot to soak up the beauty of your surroundings, watch antelope race across the sands, and take in the incredible array of stars in the night sky. The camp features 12 air-conditioned chalets with canvas walls and thatched roofs—and each has a separate “star-gazer” room completely open to the sky. The chalets also have en suite facilities, both indoor and outdoor showers, and a shaded veranda. And in the heat of the day, the swimming pool is the place to be!

**Meals: B, L, D**

## **DAYS 9-10 FLY ALONG THE DIAMOND COAST / SESRIEM CANYON / CLIMB SOSSUSVLEI DUNES / NAMIBRAND PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE**

**Day 9:** Weather permitting, a spectacular charter flight—at a great low altitude for photography—brings us along the “Diamond Coast,” the southern end of the famed “Skeleton Coast,” over shipwrecks marooned in the sand sea, huge colonies of seals, abandoned diamond camps, and finally to the massive dunes of Sossusvlei. In the event of coastal fog, we fly a spectacular inland route over desert and dunes, possibly spotting some desert-adapted wildlife along the way. After arriving at our lodge, we head out to explore Sesriem Canyon, which has evolved through centuries of erosion by the Tsauchab River. A narrow gorge nearly a mile long and 100 feet deep has been incised into the surrounding conglomerates, exposing the varying layers of sedimentation deposited over millions of years. The shaded cool depths of the canyon allow pools of water to gather during the rainy season and remain for much of the year round. These pools were a vital source of water for early settlers who drew water for their livestock by knotting six (ses) lengths of rawhide thongs (riems) together, hence the canyon and surrounding area became known as Sesriem. Overnight at Kwessi Dunes Lodge, which offers magnificent views of the famous dunes, craggy mountains, and vast open desert plains, or upgrade to Sossusvlei Desert Lodge.

**Day 10:** Sunrise amid the dunes is magic—the colors are fantastic as the light becomes sharper and shadows accentuate their huge shapes and curves. The over 900-foot-high dunes are the highest in the world, dwarfing everything in comparison, and mark the endpoint of the Tsauchab River, which penetrates deep into the Great Sand Sea. Some 60,000 years ago, the encroaching sand blocked its course, and the dunes now fill this otherworldly landscape. The cool morning hours are the best time to climb one of the dunes, following the spine of sand for fantastic views over the desert. We'll also hike through Deadvlei—on a stark white clay pan, gnarled and ghostly camel thorn trees still stand, slowly fossilizing in the dry desert air. The trees perished more than 900 years ago when the sand sea finally blocked the river from flooding the pan. Return to the lodge for a late lunch, with the remainder of



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the afternoon at your leisure (from experience, this is usually welcomed after an exhilarating morning in the dunes) or can be spent on another guided activity activity provided by the lodge, which may include a scenic drive, quad bike excursion, or walk.

**Sossusvlei:** The most famous section of Namib Naukluft National Park is Sossusvlei, renowned for its towering apricot-colored sand dunes along the Tsauchab River valley. Sossusvlei itself is actually a brilliant white clay pan set amid these star-shaped, 900-foot-high orange dunes. The dunes form the endpoint of the Tsauchab River, which penetrates the sand sea for some 30 miles before it finally peters out at Sossusvlei. Until the encroaching dunes blocked its course around 60,000 years ago, the Tsauchab River once reached the sea, as ephemeral rivers still do in the northern half of the Namib. Sossusvlei is the biggest of four pans in the vicinity. Another, famous for its gnarled and ghostly camel thorn trees, is Deadvlei, which can be reached on foot over a half-mile of sand. Deadvlei's striking camel-thorn trees, dead for want of water, still stand erect as they once grew. They survived until about 900 years ago when the sand sea finally blocked the river from occasionally flooding the pan.

**The Namib Desert:** The Namib spans the 1,200-mile-long coast of Namibia with some of the most spectacular scenery in Africa, including sweeping expanses of savanna. Mist and fog blown in from the Atlantic carry precious moisture to the Namib in the form of dew, which makes it possible for the growth of an intriguing collection of flora and fauna in this arid habitat. Endemic Namib flora includes welwitchias (*Welwitschia mirabilis*), rare botanic oddities that hug the ground and have surface roots adapted to absorb moisture from the desert fog (some of the larger specimens are thought to be over 1,000 years old).

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**Meals: B, L, D**

## **DAYS 11-12 WINDHOEK / DEPART**

**Day 11:** After breakfast, head back to Windhoek, arriving in the late afternoon at the Galton House. If time allows today, you can do some last-minute shopping. Tonight we gather for our festive Farewell Dinner.

**Day 12:** After a leisurely breakfast, transfer to the Windhoek International Airport in time for your international flights home.



# Pricing

## TRIP COST

**Prices are per person, based on double occupancy  
2025**

\$10,595 (9-12 members)

\$10,895 (4-8 members)

Single supplement: \$2,145

Internal airfare: \$1,500

*Please contact us for future years' pricing*

## Make it Your Trip!

The prices above are for the ready-to-book adventure in this Detailed Itinerary, a popular option crafted by our Area Specialists to showcase the best of each destination. While many travelers book this tour as is, our specialists can help customize it to fit your interests and travel style. We can adjust the duration, add extensions, include special activities, and customize excursions. Contact us to explore your options!

## PAYMENT TERMS

At time of reservation: 25% of trip cost

90 days prior to departure: Balance

*Please note that this differs from our standard policy.*

## CANCELLATION & TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Minimum fee: 25% of trip cost

90 days or less: 100% of trip cost

*Please note that this differs from our standard policy.*

## MANDATORY TRAVEL INSURANCE

Please note: Namibia requires travelers to have travel insurance (which includes medical coverage). Wilderness Travel offers a comprehensive Travel Protection Plan through Travelex insurance that meets this requirement.

For more details, visit our website:  
[www.wildernesstravel.com/insurance](http://www.wildernesstravel.com/insurance)

Alternatively, you can purchase a different policy on your own. You can compare various options at  
[www.insuremytrip.com](http://www.insuremytrip.com)

## TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Private English-speaking naturalist safari guide and vehicle
- Accommodations in wildlife camps or lodges and hotel
- All meals
- Park fees
- Local beverages at the game lodges
- All ground transportation and baggage handling from arrival until departure
- All activities as indicated in Detailed Itinerary

## TRIP DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Travel to and from the arrival and departure location as indicated in Detailed Itinerary
- Additional hotel nights outside the trip's scheduled dates
- Optional gratuities to guides or staff
- Travel insurance (required)
- Any activities and services described as an upgrade or optional
- Other expenses of a personal nature (some alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.)

## SIGNING UP FOR A TRIP

Early reservations are recommended as accommodations can sell out quickly. To reserve your Private Journey, we will need to know your preferred travel dates and how many people will be in your group so we can check availability and send you a proposal itinerary with pricing. We can hold a provisional booking for one week, after which a deposit is required to secure your spot. Once we receive your deposit, we'll send a Welcome Packet with your confirmation letter, Detailed Itinerary, Trip Application, Medical Form, and Pre-Departure Information Booklet. See our Cancellations and Transfer Fee Schedule for payment details. If you have any questions, or wish to start the booking process, please call 1-800-368-2794 or email [africa@wildernesstravel.com](mailto:africa@wildernesstravel.com).

# Extensions

To help you make the most of your adventure, please see below for our selection of curated trip extensions. Please view our website for detailed information, including full itineraries, accommodations, and complete pricing.



## OKAVANGO DELTA SAFARI EXTENSION

The 800-mile-long Okavango—the river that never finds the sea—is rightfully considered one of the most incredible wilderness sanctuaries in Africa. Its inland delta system is the largest in the world, 8,000 square miles filled with water channels, lagoons, swamps, and islands. Apart from the outstanding beauty of the wetland habitat, this unique area supports and sustains a huge diversity of fauna and flora so that game viewing is excellent throughout the year, with elephants congregating along the lagoons and waterways and impala, wildebeest, red lechwe, zebra, giraffe, sable, and buffalo found on the game-rich floodplains, along with their predators—lion, leopard, cheetah, and hyena. *4 days. From \$4795.*



## CAPE TOWN EXTENSION

The town where modern South Africa was born has a glorious location on the mountainous Cape Peninsula along the blue waters of Table Bay. There is much to see, from Table Mountain to the Cape Point Nature Reserve, where the African continent ends. *4 days. From \$1995.*



## VICTORIA FALLS EXTENSION

Victoria Falls, or Mosi-oa-Tunya, “the smoke that thunders,” is one of Africa’s most famous sights. Here the mile-wide Zambezi River drops 300 feet into a sheer chasm to create a spectacular thundering cascade. Above the falls, the river is placid, with palm-fringed islands and rainforested banks. In 1860, Scottish missionary and explorer David Livingstone was the first Westerner to report the existence of this mile-wide cascade, and he named this magnificent wonder for his queen. Since then, it has attracted visitors from around the world. The Zambezi River marks the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe, and visitors can walk across a bridge to view the falls from both countries. *3 days. From \$1545.*



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## SHIPWRECK LODGE EXTENSION

Along the northern Atlantic Coast of Namibia, hot desert sand dunes meet the cold Benguela Current creating thick banks of fog that have caused countless shipwrecks over the years. The hulls of wrecked vessels give this coast its unforgettable name—the Skeleton Coast. Explore this haunting realm from an extraordinary lodge, the Shipwreck Lodge, designed to immerse you in this utterly remote location. Witness Cape fur seals that line the rocky shorelines, walk along beaches and dunes strewn with whale bones and the remnants of shipwrecks, and venture into the richly colored desert terrain by 4WD—a thrilling adventure in one of the most secluded and surreal landscapes on the planet! *5 days. From \$5895.*



## HOANIB VALLEY MID-TRIP EXTENSION

Discover Kaokoland's remote Hoanib River Valley, which teems with resident desert-adapted wildlife that includes elephant, giraffe, zebra, lion, and rhino, which roam freely through this vast, mountainous, and wild landscape characterized by rolling dunes, rocky peaks, and desert plains, all crisscrossed by ancient, dry riverbeds. The wildlife of the Hoanib Valley is perfectly at home in this arid environment, and you'll learn their fascinating survival techniques. A highlight is a visit to a Himba settlement, where you'll gain insights into their nomadic culture. *3 days. From \$2495.*



## TOK TOKKIE TRAIL EXTENSION

Hiking the Tok Tokkie Trail in Namibia's exclusive NamibRand Nature Reserve is a WT special and a superb way to cap your Private Safari in this hauntingly beautiful land. A walk across this vast, open wilderness on foot, as our ancestors did, is profound. Your expert naturalist guide unlocks the secrets of the desert, and you'll find fascinating flora that survives by tapping underground water, insect life that drinks in the fog captured from ocean breezes, and you may also see oryx, springbok, ostrich, and herds of mountain zebra galloping across the desert. But the real star of the show is the night sky. This is Africa's first Dark Sky Reserve, and each night you'll thrill to some of the most fantastic stargazing on Earth. *3 days. From \$1095.*

# Arrival & Departure

## ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

**Suggested Airport:** Windhoek, Namibia (WDH)

**Suggested Date & Time:** Day 1, anytime

A complimentary transfer is provided from the Windhoek airport to Galton House for all trip members.

## DEPARTURE

**Suggested Airport:** Windhoek, Namibia (WDH)

**Suggested Date & Time:** Day 12, Anytime

A complimentary airport transfer to the Windhoek Airport will be provided for all trip members.

## INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to and from Namibia.

Depending on your routing, it is necessary to depart from the U.S. one or possibly two days prior to Day 1 of the trip itinerary. The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly, and your passport must be valid for at least six months after your date of return to the U.S.

There are many online consolidator websites for booking travel, but for more personal help arranging air transport, you can contact Exito Travel at 970-818-8459 in the US or Canada. They are very adept at putting flight itineraries together, to even the most farflung places. More information can be found on Exito's website at [www.exitotravel.com](http://www.exitotravel.com).

**Please do not purchase your tickets until you are confirmed on the trip.** Once your tickets have been purchased, please send us a copy of your airline schedule so we can reserve your airport transfers. It is your responsibility to ensure your flight times coordinate with the arrival and departure logistics for this trip.

## EXTRA HOTEL NIGHTS

We are happy to arrange additional hotel nights for you in Windhoek. Please see the Extra Services Request Form to book these reservations.



# What to Expect

## WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

The trip is **Level 2, Easy to Moderate**, according to our trip grading system. This is a camping and lodge safari with game viewing by 4WD vehicle, nature walks, and long driving days. There will be some sections of walking through sand dunes. Due to Namibia's vast distances, an integral part of any Namibia safari is driving, and this is part of the adventure. The Trip Leader will make the road journeys very interesting and point out many highlights en route. While the driving times may appear long, there is a lot to see and the scenery is dramatic and beautiful. The road journeys are essentially game drives since Namibia's wildlife isn't restricted to parks. Our vehicles are very comfortable and have supplies for tea, picnic lunches, etc. Any African safari is an adventure, and you should bring along flexibility, a sense of humor, curiosity about new peoples and places, and an openness to the unexpected.

## GETTING IN SHAPE

Although this is not a particularly rigorous trip, we still recommend you undertake a preparatory program of physical conditioning (especially if you want to climb the sand dunes in Sossusvlei, which can be quite challenging; it's also recommended for the Tok Tokkie Trail Extension). Daily walking or regular hiking, jogging, and stair-climbing are excellent preparatory exercises.

## WEATHER

The climate is typical of a semi-desert country. Days are warm to hot and nights are generally cool. Temperatures are modified by the high plateau in the interior and by the cold Benguela Current that runs along the Atlantic coastline. Except for the first few months of the year, the country is generally dry with very little rain. The best gameviewing is generally during the dry season, between April and October, which also corresponds to the most comfortable season for travel. Days are clear and sunny, with temperatures in the 80sF. Nighttime temperatures may drop near freezing. Only during the hot summer months from November to February does rain occur. During this season, the wildlife tends to scatter significantly, which decreases gameviewing potential, but the birdwatching is excellent.

## CUISINE

While on safari, most breakfasts and evening meals will be taken at the lodge or camp you are staying at. Lunches while traveling between destinations will be served picnic-style en route or at a café or restaurant if there is not a suitable picnic site. Bottled water, soft drinks, juice, house wine, and beer are included throughout the trip. All vehicles are equipped with a fridge or cool box stocked with bottled water. Tea and coffee are offered by most accommodations free of charge with meals and at afternoon teatime.

# Additional Information

## CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP

Adventure travel often involves exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, or activities you may not have participated in previously. We work hard to help you choose the right trip for you, paying attention to your individual interests, abilities, and needs. If you have questions about the level of comfort or any of the activities described in this itinerary, please call Wilderness Travel at 1-800-368-2794 or email us at [info@wildernesstravel.com](mailto:info@wildernesstravel.com).

## REFERENCES

We'd be happy to put you in touch with a past client that has traveled with us.

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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# Toucan Club Rewards & Discounts



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PATAGONIA SYNCHILLA FLEECE VEST  
+ KLEEN KANTEEN 27OZ WATER BOTTLE



PATAGONIA R1 PULLOVER

We are very proud to have one of the highest rates of repeat travelers in the business, and have established the Wilderness Travel Toucan Club to reward you for your loyalty. For more information, please visit the Toucan Club page of our website at [www.wildernesstravel.com/toucan](http://www.wildernesstravel.com/toucan).

Here's how it works:

## YOUR FIRST TRIP

As a first-time traveler, you receive a lightweight Wilderness Travel T-shirt and set of durable WT Luggage Tags. On subsequent trips, we're happy to send you a new WT T-shirt and set of Luggage Tags by request.

## YOUR SECOND TRIP

A top quality Wilderness Travel stainless steel water bottle by Klean Kanteen and a cozy Wilderness Travel fleece vest by Patagonia (\$100 value).

## YOUR THIRD TRIP

A versatile Wilderness Travel R-1 pullover by Patagonia (\$130 value).

## YOUR FOURTH TRIP

Discounts on the cost of your trip begin! You receive a 4% discount on the tour cost.

## FIVE AND MORE TRIPS

You receive a 5% discount on the base trip cost. On your sixth trip, you receive a 6% discount, and so on up to your 10th trip. The maximum discount is 10%, with a ceiling of \$500.

*Note: Due to special pricing considerations, Toucan Club discounts do not apply to our Private Journeys or Special Events. However, your participation on these trips does count toward your Toucan discount on future departures of Wilderness Travel's regular adventures.*

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

Toucan Club travel discounts cannot be used in conjunction with any other discount, unless otherwise specified. Discounts are deducted from the base trip cost and shown on the final invoice. The base trip cost is the main land/tier cost and does not include single supplement fees, extensions, internal airfare, or other additional charges. Bonus gifts (T-shirts, luggage tags, vests, water bottles, and pullovers) will be mailed approximately three weeks prior to trip departure. Terms and conditions of Toucan Club bonuses are subject to change or cancellation at the discretion of Wilderness Travel, Inc.



### WILDERNESS TRAVEL HAS BEEN AWARDED:

**Best Travel Specialists in the World:** *Conde Nast Traveler*, 2024, 4-time winner

**World's Best Tour Operators:** *Travel + Leisure*, 11-time winner

**Best Wildlife, Hiking & Walking Trips:** *AFAR Magazine*, 3 years in a row

**Best Adventure Travel Companies:** *USA Today*

**Trip of the Year:** *Outside Magazine*, 9-time winner

**50 Tours of a Lifetime:** *National Geographic Traveler*, 9 years in a row

**Best Adventure Travel Companies:** *National Geographic Adventure*, 3-time winner

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