Boasting the world’s most ancient desert, Namibia is considered unmatched in its raw, natural beauty. Its appeal lies in the rolling, red sand dunes of the Namib, extending inland from the cold Atlantic Ocean, to the uninhabitable rubble of Ais-Ais, whose spiny mountains create the outline of the world’s second largest canyon, the Fish River. This land is also home to the endless, golden grass plains of the Kalahari and the jewel-toned wetland of the Caprivi Strip in the north, which leads us to wonder if there is indeed an iconic African landscape that Namibia does not possess. As if this isn’t enough, the rare desert elephants amble along Namibia’s dry riverbeds, and the critically endangered black rhinos dwell in the country’s northern Damaraland. Namibia is one of the continent’s most exciting destinations, and it is one not to be missed.

**NAMIBIA**

**Desert & Wildlife**

€3195 per person

**Duration**
15 nights / 15 days

**Safari Style**
Fully Accommodated

**Route Windhoek – Windhoek**

- Windhoek (pre-night)
- Windhoek – Fish River Canyon (1 night)
- Fish River Canyon – Kolmanskop (1 night)
- Kolmanskop – Namib Naukluft (2 nights)
- Namib Naukluft – Sossusvlei (1 night)
- Sossusvlei – Swakopmund (2 nights)
- Swakopmund – Spitzkoppe (1 night)
- Spitzkoppe – Palmwag (2 nights)

**Included**

- Pre-tour accommodation (Windhoek)
- Airport transfers
- Transport (in a fully equipped 13-seater overland truck)
- All accommodation (lodges and hotels)
- Meals: 15 x breakfast, 13 x lunch, 10 x dinner
- Professional & experienced tour guide
- All national park entrance fees
- Drinking water
- Footsteps welcome package

**Included Highlights**

- Fish River Canyon viewpoints
- Kolmanskop ghost town
- 2 Nights Namib Naukluft – private desert reserve with game drive
- Desert walking safari
- Sossusvlei & Deadvlei
- Sesriem Canyon
- Spitzkoppe Arch
- Palmwag Game Reserve with game drive
- 4 Nights Etosha with multiple game drives

**Additional Expenses**

- Personal drinks/snacks
- International flights
- Travel and medical insurance
- Personal spending money
- Visas
- Any optional activities
- Gratuities/tips for guides used along the way (tipping guideline will be provided)

Budget Namibia Camping Tour also available from €2095 per person. Please check website for more info.
Day 0: Windhoek (pre-night)
Today will be your chance to meet your fellow travellers and get ready for the adventure ahead! On the evening of your pre-night, you will be met by your guide for the tour and get a detailed briefing about the day-to-day operations of the trip. Meals today will be at your own expense.

Accommodation: Arrebusch Hotel

Day 1: Windhoek – Fish River Canyon
And the adventure begins! Today we start our journey south to one of Namibia’s greatest marvels, the Fish River Canyon. After a relatively long day on the road, we will arrive at the canyon in the late afternoon with plenty of time to relax and enjoy our first Namibian sunset. We will visit the canyon’s viewpoints in the morning.

B/L/D
Accommodation: Lodge - Hobas Lodge
Mileage: 514 km
Highlights of the day: Fish River Canyon viewpoints

Day 2: Fish River Canyon – Kolmanskop
After a mind-boggling morning gazing into the enormous ravine that is Africa’s largest canyon from various scenic viewpoints, we will start making our way towards the Namibian coastline, where we will spend the night in Lüderitz, a small German town neighbouring the ghost town of Kolmanskop. We will have a relaxed afternoon exploring this quaint little fishing village and visit the ghost town in the morning.

B/L/D
Accommodation: Guesthouse - Cormorant House (or similar)
Mileage: 260 km
Highlights of the day: Kolmanskop, Fish River Canyon viewpoints

Day 3 & 4: Kolmanskop – Namib Desert Private Reserve
After a morning spent exploring the historic deserted ghost town of Kolmanskop, we will start making our way into the heart of the Namib Desert where we will spend two nights in a magnificent private game reserve surrounded by towering red sand dunes, granite outcrops, and shimmering grass plains. During our time here, we will experience the desert both on foot and in an open 4 x 4, as our guides conduct walking safaris and game drives in the protected Namib Naukluft National Park. During leisure time between activities, enjoy the refreshing swimming pool, which is interestingly built into a large granite rock, or switch off completely and indulge in an afternoon siesta.

B/L/D
Accommodation: Lodge - Greenfire Desert Reserve
Mileage: 240 km
Highlights of the day: Bush walk, Game drive, Namib Naukluft National Park

Day 5: Desert Reserve – Sossusvlei
We’re up with an early start this morning, as we begin our short journey to Namibia’s most famous natural area: Sossusvlei. If you’ve ever seen a Namibian postcard, you will recognise this incredible feature of the ancient Namib Desert. The lava-like red sand dunes are unforgettable in their unique appearance, and breath-taking in their entirety. We will spend our morning taking a short walk over some of these dunes to admire and walk among the perfect dead tree valleys of Sossusvlei, also known as Deadvlei. And for those brave enough, attempt to summit the world’s highest sand dune – affectionately known as Big Daddy – standing at 308m high! After a well-deserved lunch, we will visit the winding valley of Sesriem Canyon.

B/L/D
Accommodation: Lodge - Sossusvlei Lodge (or similar)
Mileage: 260 km
Highlights of the day: Sossusvlei / Deadvlei, Sesriem Canyon
Day 6 & 7: Sossusvlei – Swakopmund & Swakopmund

Today we enjoy a relaxed start before embarking on our drive through the boundless desert to the quaint German town of Swakopmund. En route, we will stop off at Namibia’s smallest town, Solitaire, to visit its famous German bakery that put the town on the map. We will arrive in Swakopmund just after lunch where comfort awaits at a lodge in the town’s centre. Our time in Swakopmund is spent at leisure, and with a variety of exciting adrenaline activities on offer, plenty of seaside restaurants to enjoy, and old German architecture to admire. Some of the popular optional activities in Swakopmund include quad biking in the dunes, ocean safaris, and sky diving for a bird’s eye view of the desert meeting the sea.

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Accommodation: Guesthouse – Hotel A La Mer (Or similar)
Mileage: 310 km
Highlights of the day: Sossusvlei / Deadvlei / Sesriem Canyon
Optional:
Ocean Safari
Horse riding
Quad biking
Sky-diving
Desert safari
Township tour
and more...

Day 8: Swakopmund – via cape cross – Spitzkoppe

Leaving civilisation behind, we head north up the Skeleton Coast towards one of Namibia’s most recognisable landmarks, the 1728 metre-high Spitzkoppe, rising mirage-like above the bare plains of southern Damaraland. En route, we will stop off at the Cape Cross seal colony, one of the largest colonies of Cape fur seals in the world. Here, we will enjoy a quick lunch accompanied by the sounds of the wailing seals being drowned out by the crashing Indian Ocean against the Skeleton Coast. After lunch, we will head to our luxurious lodge for the night at Spitzkoppe where you will have a chance to climb to the famous Spitzkoppe Arch for sunset.

B/L/D
Accommodation: Lodge – Spitzkoppen Lodge
Mileage: 212 km
Highlights of the day: Spitzkoppe Cape Cross seal colony Skeleton Coast

Day 9 & 10: Spitzkoppe – Palmwag & Palmwag

Today we journey further north, deeper into the heart of Damaraland – also known as the ‘stone desert’ – and this is where our wildlife experience really begins. Here, we will check in at Palmwag Lodge, which is like an oasis in the seemingly harsh surroundings of the wild Torra Conservancy. Game drives, scenic sundowners, and guided walks among big game, including black rhino, lion, oryx, springbok, jackal, leopard, giraffe, and mountain zebra.

B/L/D
Accommodation: Lodge – Palmwag Lodge
Mileage: 330 km
Highlights of the day: Torro Conservancy Game drive Bush walk

Day 11: Palmwag – Etosha

Etosha National Park is one of the world’s great protected areas, famous for its enormous ‘white’ elephants, frenzied waterhole activity, black rhino feeding on euphorbia bushes, and great salt flats shimmering in a state of mirage.

B/L/D
Accommodation: Lodge – Okaukeujo Rest Camp (or similar)
Mileage: 118 km
Highlights of the day: Morning game drive Evening game drive Evening game drive

Day 12: Etosha National Park

Evening game drive

Day 13 & 14: Etosha (Okaukejo – Onkoshi)

It’s a full day of excitement ahead, as our full-day safari takes us across Etosha from Okaukejio to the far eastern corner at Onkoshi. En route, we will stop at the inimitable Etosha salt pan, which, at around 4500km squared, is a vision of pure white. It offers views and photographic opportunities not easily beaten or forgotten. Take it in – this is something extraordinary. By the early evening, we will have arrived at our campsite in time to enjoy the abundant wilderness of the iconic Namibia for the last time.

B/L/D
Accommodation: Lodge – Onkoshi Lodge (or similar)
Mileage: 18 km
Highlights of the day: Full-day game drive

Day 15: Etosha – Windhoek

Our final day dawns with a mixture of emotions as we prepare to bid farewell to what has been a journey of discovery and understanding in a place like nowhere else in the world. We get off to an early start as we begin a long drive to Windhoek where the tour comes to an end.

B/L
Mileage: 520 km
Tour End