

Routing:

Fish River Canyon
Sossusvlei
Swakopmund
Damaraland
Etosha Park
Windhoek

Namibia, a country in southwest Africa, is distinguished by the Namib desert along the Atlantic Ocean coast. The country is home to diverse wildlife, including a significant cheetah population. The capital, Windhoek, and coastal town Swakopmund contain German colonial-era buildings such as Windhoek's Christuskirche, built in 1907. In the north, Etosha National Park's sprawling salt pan draws game including rhinos and giraffes.



Namibia
Highlights



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Day 2: Fish River - Sossusvlei

We fly over the Fish River Canyon. Enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Tsaris Mountains and the picturesque landscape of the pre Namib. After a short fuel stop we continue to Sesriem. We arrive at the lodge at midday. During the afternoon you may relax by the pool or participate on an optional excursion. In the solitude of the vast desert lies the Sossusvlei Lodge. Savour the panoramic view over the Namiba.

Day 3: Sossusvlei - Swakopmund

In the early morning hours you take part on an excursion to the Sossusvlei, a shallow depression amongst possibly the highest dunes in the world. Learn about the fauna and flora of this seemingly lifeless desert. Visit the sandstone formations at the Sesriem Canyon, which were formed by the Tsauchab River over millions of years. A low level flight takes you over the dune belt towards the coast to the Swakopmund Airport.

Day 4: Swakopmund - Damaraland

A transfer takes us to Walvis Bay in the morning where you participate on an interesting boat cruise. Visit the harbour and see the various marine birds and seals, maybe even dolphins. A snack is served on board, consisting of Namibian oysters and cold champagne, as well as soft drinks. In the afternoon our Flying Safari takes us along the Skeleton Coast. Sight the seal colony at Cape Cross, some ship wrecks, the Messum crater and the dry river beds which wound their way through the Namib. We arrive at the lodge during the afternoon.

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Day 1: Windhoek - Fish River Canyon

Departing from Windhoek, the flight to the Fish River takes approximately two hours. Enjoy the view of the Hardap Dam, the Kalahari Desert, the extinct Brukkaros Volcano and the fascinating wide open spaces of the South from a bird's perspective. The famous Fish River Canyon, the second largest canyon in the world, is today's destination. A road transfer takes you from the landing strip to the lodge. You have the opportunity to relax during lunch time. In the afternoon you may participate on the optional excursion to the northern fringe of the Fish River Canyon.



Accommodation:

Fully serviced private permanent lodges or
Fully serviced private permanent camps.
Spacious ensuite rooms.

Day 5: Damaraland - Etosha National Park

The rock art here is one of the largest collections of its kind on the African continent. After you have inspected the area we depart for the world famous Etosha National Park. The Park covers an area of 22 270 square kilometres of saline desert, savannah and woodland. Etosha is one of the largest game reserves in Africa. The main feature of the park is the salt pan, which is a vast shallow depression of white saline sand that shimmers with mirages during the heat of most days. To observe the large herds of game against this eerie background makes the Etosha game-viewing experience unique.

Day 6: Etosha Park

Today you participate on the morning and afternoon guided game drives into the Etosha National Park. Quite a few of the animals found in the park are rare and endangered, such as the black rhino and the black-faced impala. Approximately 340 bird species occur in the Etosha National Park, of which only one third is migratory. Etosha is one of the most important breeding grounds of the greater and lesser flamingo in the Southern African region. This park is a bird-watchers and photographer's paradise!

Day 7: Etosha Park - Windhoek

After a leisurely breakfast it is time to say good bye to this adventurous area. A two and a half hour flight takes us back to Windhoek. This is your last chance to view the magnificent spaces of Namibia.

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