

Namibia Country Guide

The adventure starts here...



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NAMIBIA

Like no other safari destination in Africa

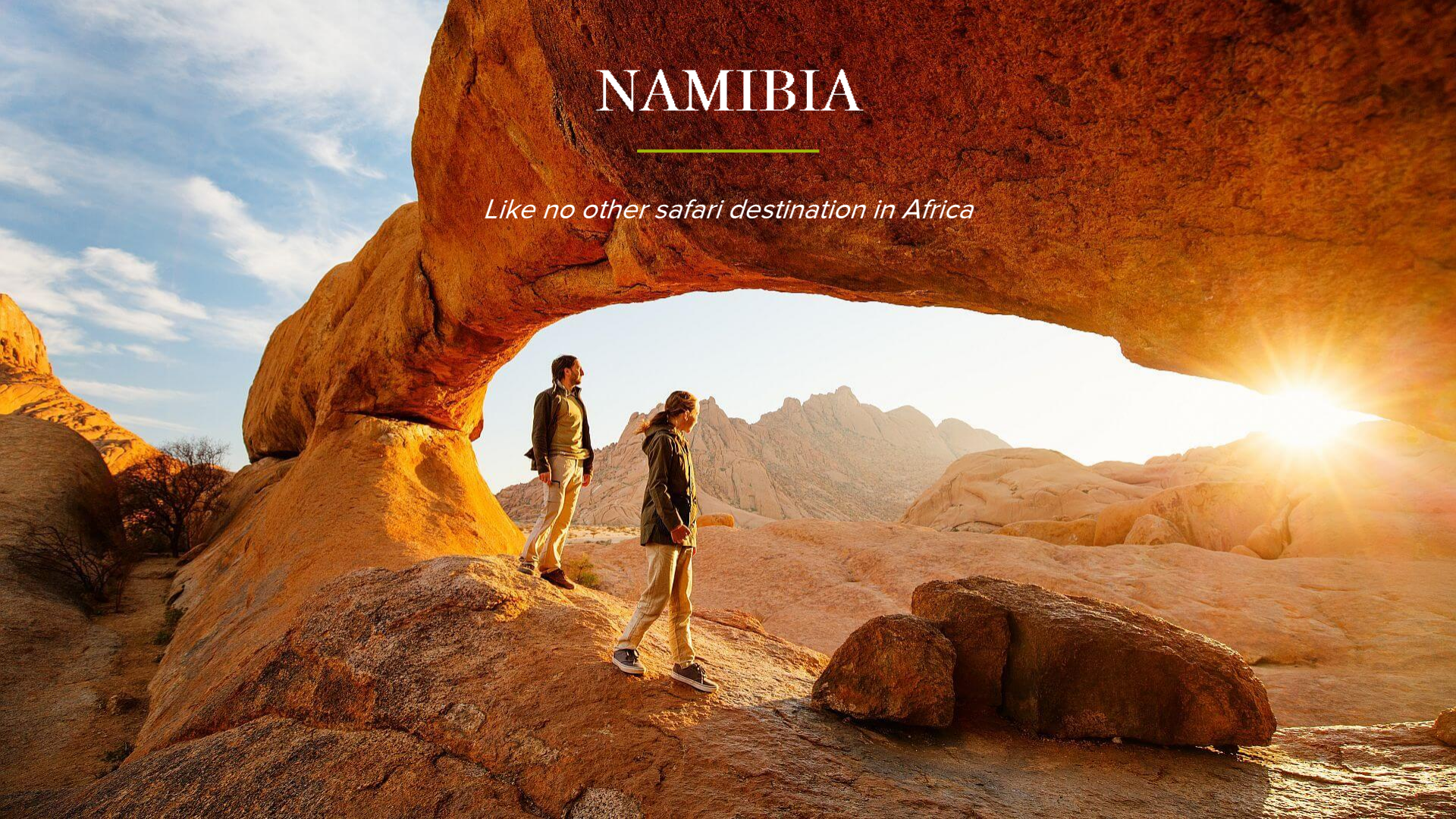


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The Need to Know

Safari Budget Ranges for Namibia

1 - Intro

Etosha • Skeleton Coast • Damaraland
Kalahari • Sossusvlei



Key Attributes

- *Desert Destination*
- *Fascinating cultural mix of Namibian & German influences*
- *Very low population density*
- *Amazing scenery*
- *One of two possible Self-drive Destinations (South Africa being the other)*

Useful Planning Tips

- *Peak Season: July to Oct so book far in advance!*
- *Allow enough time as long distances so need a minimum of 11-12 nights unless a fly-in safari*
- *Mostly modest to premier accommodation with only a couple of luxury lodges*
- *Range of ways of getting around – consider mixing self-drive with some fly-in to get the best of both worlds*

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“Travel makes one modest. You see what a tiny place you occupy in the world.”

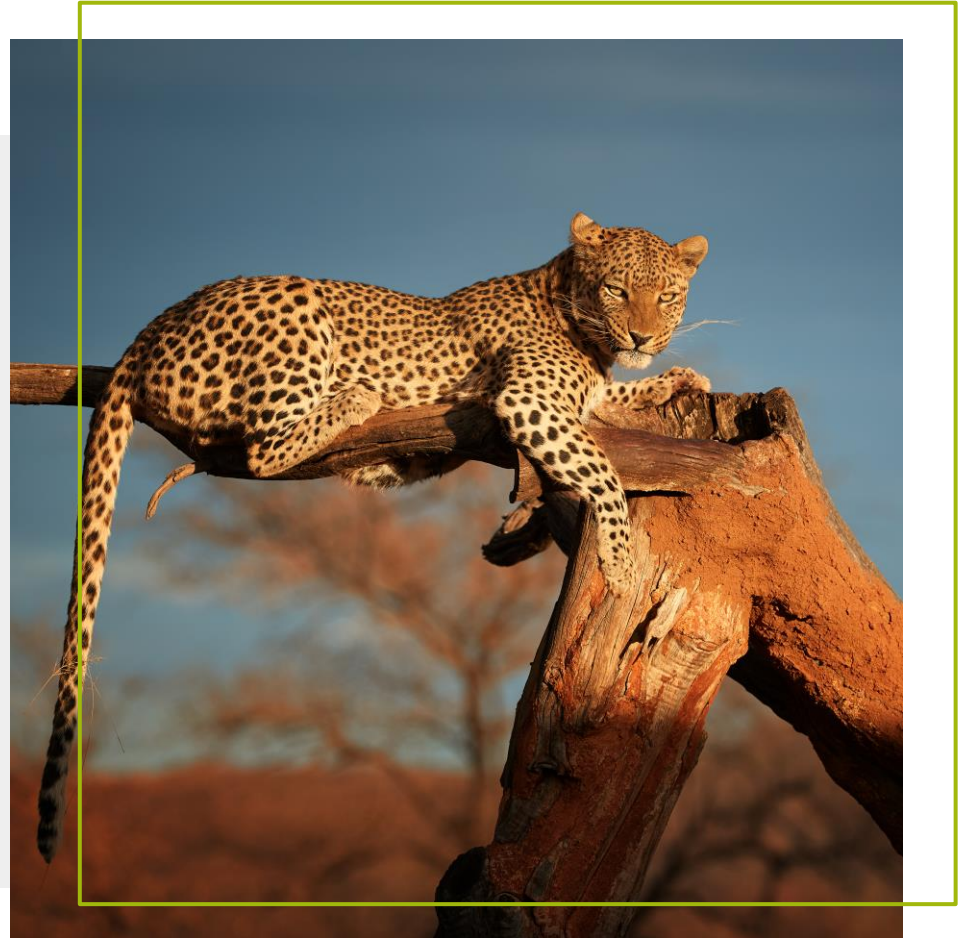
Gustav Flaubert



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2- Namibia's USPs

The vast Etosha salt pan, the shimmering dunes of Sossusvlei and the Namib Desert and the Caprivi wetlands make Namibia an exhilarating safari destination.



Top Reasons to Visit



Desert Destination

Like no other safari destination in Africa

Desert-adapted Game

Unique desert-adapted elephant, lion & rhino in Damaraland

Dunes of Sossusvlei

Some of the highest dunes in the world (can be climbed)

Curious Culture Mix

Herrero/Ovambo Culture & German colonial influences (architecture & food)

Safari in Etosha

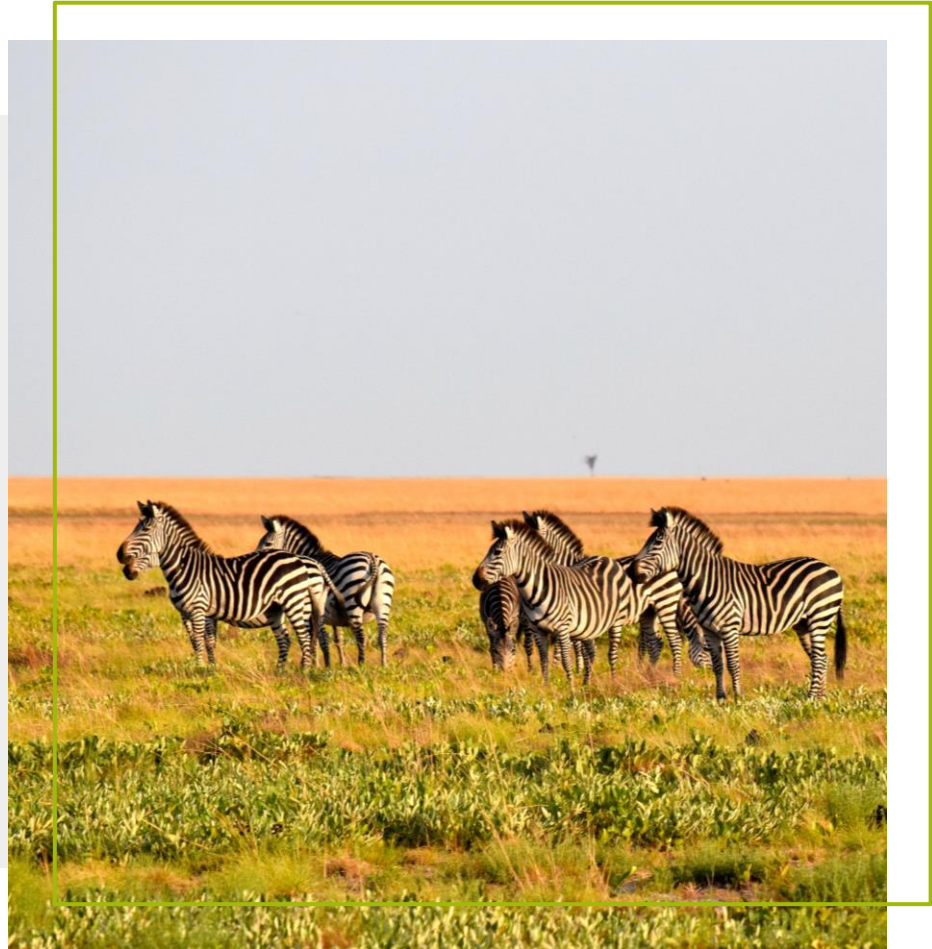
Superb game-viewing in Etosha, especially in season (May to Oct)

Skeleton Coast-fly-in

Fly-in safaris to desolate but fascinating Skeleton Coast & the Himba people



3 - Best Time to Visit





Best Time to Travel - Namibia

Dec-March

Off Season:

Etosha & east of Namibia have rain

Game-viewing noticeably poorer

Need a 4x4 for roads

Photographers dream

Very hot but lowest prices

Fewer people!

April-June, Nov

Shoulder Season:

Start & end of the Dry season so good time to visit

Wildlife-viewing improves as dry season continues

April to June is less busy, but June nights are cold

Early Nov is hot but good game-viewing prior to rain

July-Oct

Peak Season:

Best wildlife viewing

Less vegetation & so rivers are critical water sources

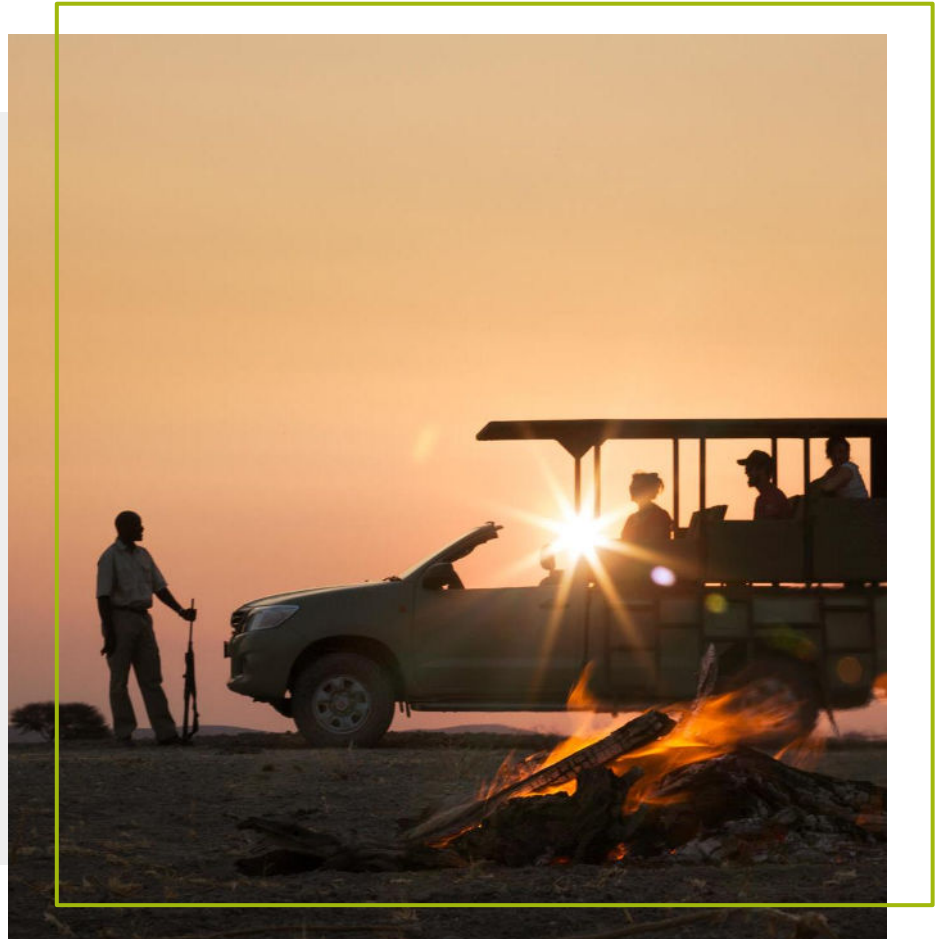
Pleasant daytime climate

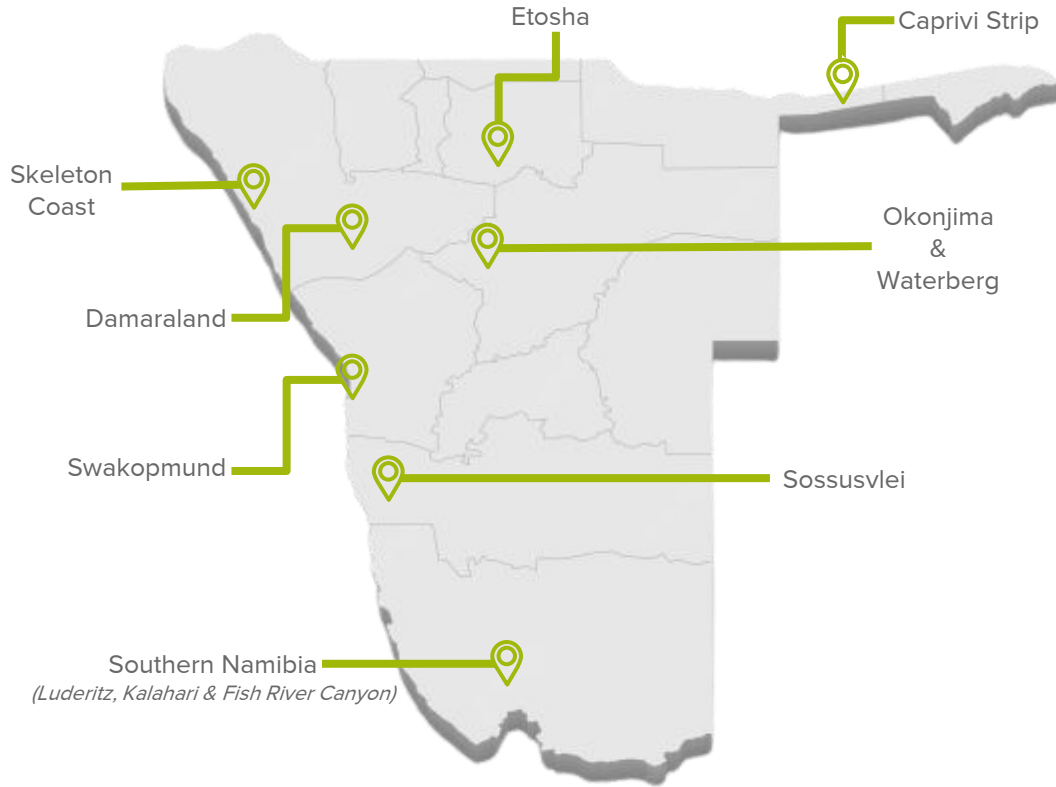
Higher prices from July – Oct

June & July nights cold

4 - Destinations

Etosha • Skeleton Coast • Damaraland
Kalahari • Sossusvlei





Key Parks of Namibia

Usually mode is either self-drive, privately guided or fly-in

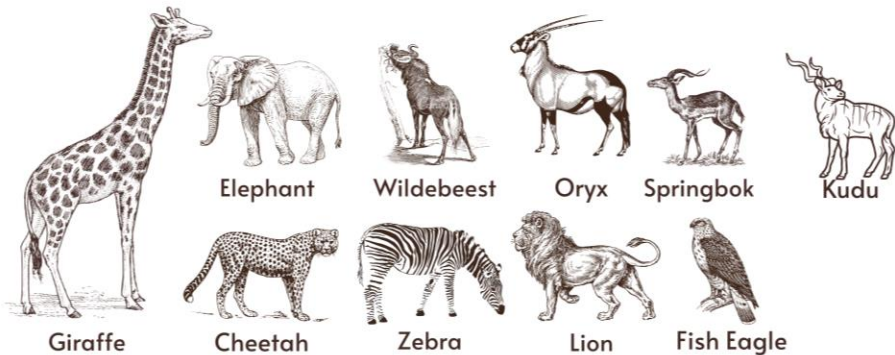
- *Etosha*
- *Damaraland*
- *Okonjima & Waterberg*
- *Swakopmund*
- *Sossusvlei*
- *Southern – Luderitz, Kalahari & Fish River Canyon*
- *Skeleton Coast*
- *Caprivi Strip*

NAMIBIA WILDLIFE

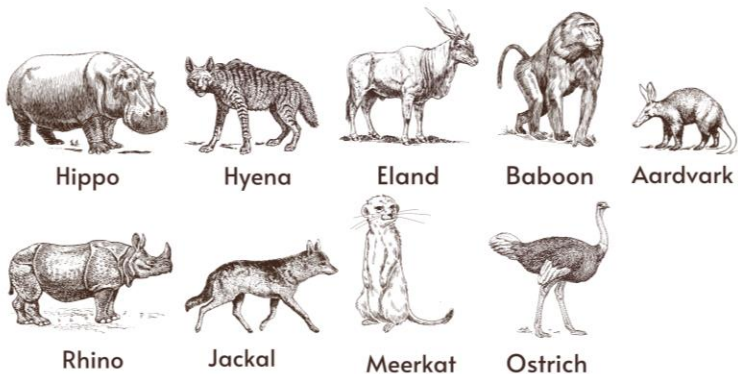
WILDLIFE YOU CAN POSSIBLY SEE



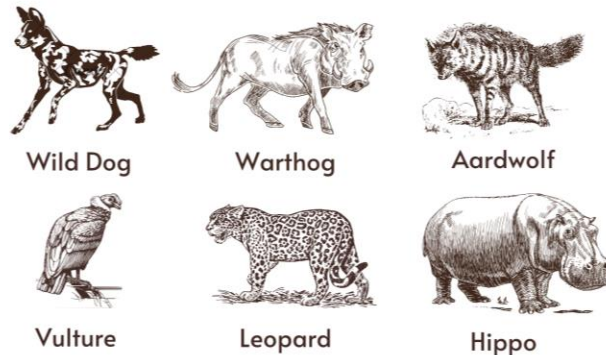
Common



Occasional



Rare



Very Rare



Note that
wildlife sightings
are not
guaranteed.



Etosha National Park

- *Premier wildlife reserve*
- *Scenic backdrop of salt-pans, pink with flamingos in the wet season*
- *Game lodges on Eastern & Southern sides, to suit wide range of budgets*
- *NOT ideal during the wet season (as elephant etc migrate north into the wetter areas (with no roads))*
- *Best time: May to October*

Etosha



Anderssons at Ongava

- 16 tents and 4 family units
- Game Drives & Walking Safaris
- Large herds of plains game concentrate around the waterholes in the dry season

Luxury Camp

Mushara Outpost

- 8 custom-made rooms made of canvas, wood and glass
- Main areas are styled on an old farmhouse with high ceilings and a corrugated iron roof.
- Game Drives

Luxury Lodge

Onguma Bush Camp

- 19 rooms
- Can opt for family rooms, 8 waterhole of pool view chalets & a honeymoon suite
- Perfect for children
- Game Drives & Night Drives

Affordable Lodge

Sossusvlei

To experience the high dunes of Sossusvlei at sunrise is one of the most mesmerising sights in Namibia, a must on anyone's list...

- *Dead Vlei & its Dunes*
- *Sesriem Canyon*
- *Mecca for photographers, especially at dawn*



Sossusvlei & Namib-Rand Camps



Wolwedans Dune



Kulala Desert Lodge



Desert Homestead

- *In the beautiful NamibRand Nature Reserve*
- *Romantic and luxurious accommodation*
- *Wood & canvas chalets offer comfort and style yet evoke a tented camp ambiance*
- *Superb views from your private deck*

Luxury Lodge

- *Comfortable lodge in Kulala private game reserve*
- *Sunrise visit to Sossusvlei dunes is a highlight*
- *Closest of the four camps to the private Sossusvlei entrance*
- *Choice of meal basis for greater flexibility*

Luxury Lodge

- *26 rustic rock chalets*
- *Idyllic setting overlooking the Nubib mountains*
- *Perfect for horse-riding enthusiasts*
- *Great base for exploring Sossusvlei and the towering dunes*
- *Game Drives & Horse Trails*

Affordable Lodge

Damaraland

Damaraland's innate rugged beauty and the chance of tracking its desert-adapted elephant and rhino offer a mesmerising combination

- *Desert-adapted wildlife*
- *Twyfelfontein rock engravings*
- *Brandberg rock art*
- *Himba people: possible cultural interaction (but nomadic)*



Damaraland Camps



Damaraland Camp



Camp Kipwe



Grootberg Lodge

- *Newly refurbished luxury bush camp in the Huab river valley*
- *Awe-inspiring vistas across the Damaraland plains to the Brandberg*
- *Game drives in search of desert elephant*
- *Mountain bike trails on offer*

Luxury Camp

- *Offers excursions to search for desert elephants*
- *Eco-friendly camp*
- *Endless views of Damaraland*
- *Twyfelfontein rock engravings is nearby*

Premier Camp

- *12 rooms*
- *Great surroundings*
- *Excellent cuisine and professional service*
- *Guided walks, Game Drives, Elephant and rhino tracking and horse rides*
- *Visit Himba tribes if available*

Premier Lodge

Swakopmund

Quirky coastal town offering excellent seafood, beach walks, excursions and adrenalin activities:

- *Ocean whale-watching trips*
- *Mesmerising Moon Valley*
- *Living Landscape Desert excursion*
- *Kayaking amongst the seals in Walvis Bay*
- *4x4 Trips to Sandwich Bay*
- *Quad biking, scenic flights*



Swakopmund Hotels



[The Delight](#)

- *The Delight boasts 54 rooms, of which 10 are loft-style family rooms.*
- *Conveniently located within short walking distance of the 'Mole', this modern and inviting hotel is the ideal base for your stay.*

Premier



[Swakopmund Hotel](#)

- *Built around the old High German railway station*
- *Well appointed rooms around two central courtyards*
- *Choice of restaurants*
- *Family-friendly*

Luxury Lodge



[Cornerstone Guesthouse](#)

- *Seven rooms including two family rooms.*
- *It also has a luxurious self-catering apartment on offer - only metres from the ocean.*

Affordable Lodge

Great Excursions to add in Swakopmund



Living Landscape

Fascinating desert excursion to uncover the living creatures of the desert

Kayaking

Kayaking on Walvis Lagoon amongst the seals

Ocean Yacht Cruise

Whale-watching in season (June to Nov)

Sandwich Lagoon

4x4 desert dune excursion to Sandwich Lagoon with its flamingos

Moon Valley

Spectacular rocky landscape

Quad Biking

1-2 hours quad biking in the dunes

Southern Namibia

*Several diverse attractions in Southern Namibia
(need at least 4-5 nights)*

- *Fish River canyon*
- *Ghost town of Kolmanskop*
- *Luderitz*
- *Kalahari desert*
- *Quivertree forest*

*Note that we often recommend 1-2 nights in the
Kalahari en route back to Windhoek*



Southern Namibia



Canyon Lodge



Bagatelle Ranch



Klein Aus Vista

- *30 comfortable chalets set amongst granite boulders*
- *Close to the Fish River Canyon viewpoints*
- *Private nature reserve*
- *Range of activities – walks, nature drives, horse-riding, sundowner drives*
- *Sundowners on the Kalahari sand dune is perfect way to watch the sun sink into the distant dunes*
- *Perfect introduction to a Kalahari ranch lifestyle*
- *Scenic nature excursions and game drives*
- *Forever landscapes, solitude, silence and sunsets.*
- *Klein Aus Vista's Eagle Nest is a self-catering getaway with eight individually-built rock chalets.*
- *Keep to yourself or drive to Desert Horse Inn's restaurant for delicious fare and congenial company.*

Fish River Canyon

Kalahari

Near Luderitz

Other Namibian Destinations



Skeleton Coast

- *One of the most remote places on earth*
- *Predominantly fly-in safaris*
- *Exclusive (& pricey camps)*
- *Desert-adapted wildlife & Himba people*

Kaokoland & Kunene River

- *Can self-drive*
- *Amazing desert & riverine landscapes*
- *Possible Himba cultural interaction (but nomadic)*

Other Namibian Destinations



Central Highlands

- *Breaks journey between Windhoek (or Swakopmund) & Etosha*
- *Great walking in Erindi area*
- *Cheetah conservation projects to visit*

Caprivi Strip

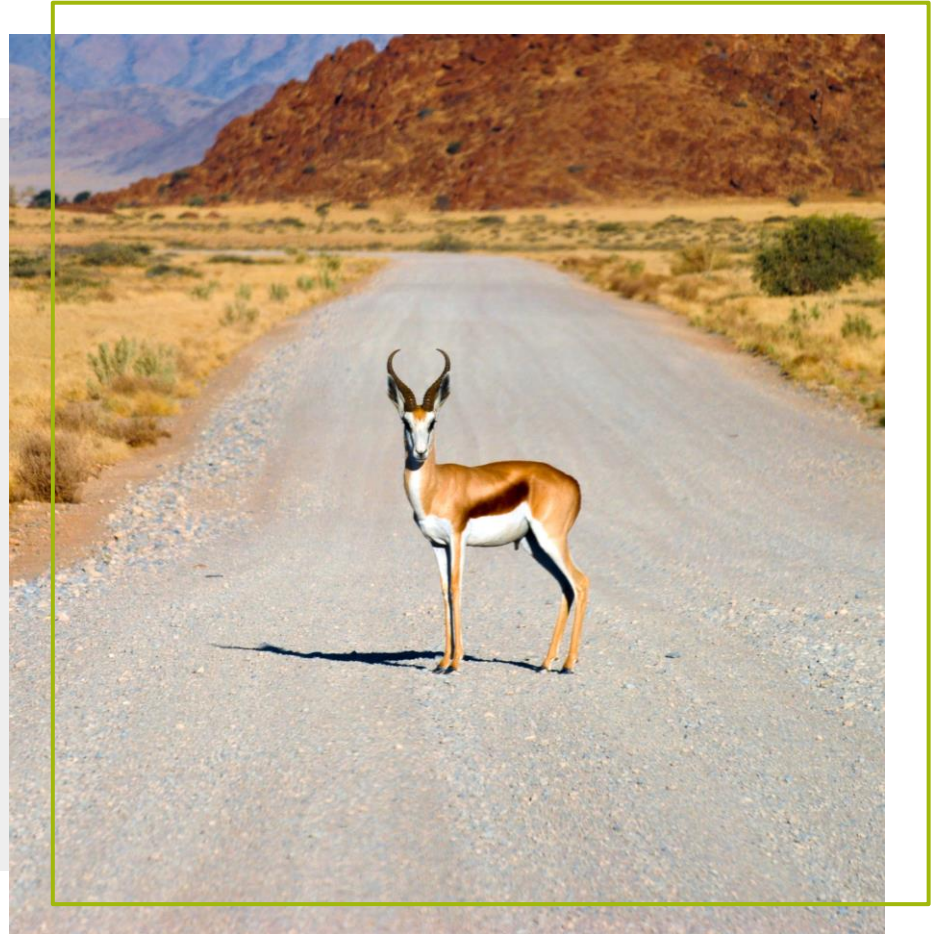
- *Only possibly for Self-drive*
- *Combine with Victoria Falls /Botswana*
- *Complete contrast to rest of Namibia*
- *Several game reserves to visit*
- *Recommend extra 4-5 nights*

5 - Sample Safaris

Privately Guided (or scheduled)

Self-drive

Fly-in safaris





How to Get Around Namibia

Self-drive

Freedom to choose your own route & what you want to see

Adventurous

But must love driving as long distances

Most affordable option

Recommend SUV and 4x4 in rainy season

Privately guided

Benefits of a guide for their knowledge and driving

Expensive for 2 people (close to fly-in) but more affordable for 4-5 people

Some interesting scheduled tours also on offer

Fly-in

Most expensive option

Great if short of time

Key destinations now combined by a Seat in plane schedule

But may not get true sense of the country?

Great to combine with Self-drive or Private touring

Specialist Itineraries Self Drive



Namibia Adventure



Namibia Discovery



Cape to Namibia

Overnight in Windhoek
Overnight in Okonjima Nature Reserve
2 Nights in Etosha East
2 Nights in Etosha South
2 Nights in Twyfelfontein
2 Nights in Swakopmund
2 Nights in Sossusvlei
2 Nights in Kalahari Nambia

14 nights

Overnight in Windhoek
2 Nights in Etosha East
Overnight in Etosha South
3 Nights in Damaraland (*Palmwag & Brandberg*)
2 Nights in Swakopmund
2 Nights in Sesriem
Overnight in Kalahari Nambia

12-17 nights

Overnight in Cape Town
3 Nights in Cederberg
Overnight in Springbok
2 Nights in Fish River Canyon
Overnight in Aus
2 Nights in Sesriem
2 Nights in Swakopmund
3 Nights in Damaraland (*Twyfelfontein & Palmwag*)
2 nights in Etosha South
Overnight in Okonjima Nature Reserve

19 nights

Sample Itineraries Road Journeys



Namibia in Focus



Ultimate Namibia



Namibia Under Canvas

Overnight in Windhoek

2 Nights in Sossusvlei

2 Nights in Swakopmund

3 Nights in Damaraland (*Twyfelfontein & Palmwag*)

Overnight in Etosha South

2 Nights in Etosha East

11 nights

2 Nights in Sesriem

2 Nights in Swakopmund

2 Nights in Twyfelfontein

3 Nights in Ongava Private Game Reserve

9 nights

3 Nights in Ongava Private Game Reserve

3 Nights in Damaraland

Overnight in Swakopmund

2 Nights in Namib Tsaris Conservancy

9 nights

Sample Itineraries Fly-in or Specialist



Best of Namibia

2 Nights in Sossuvlei
2 Nights in Twyfelfontein
2 Nights in Ongava Private Game Reserve

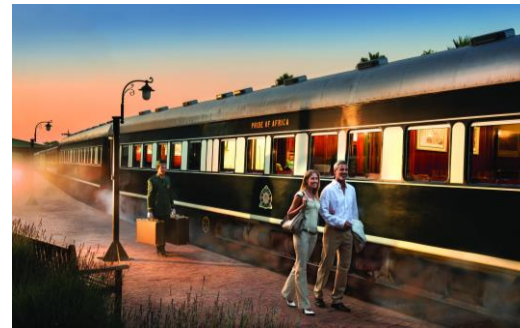
6 nights



Namibia in a Nutshell

2 Nights in Sossuvlei
2 Nights in Swakopmund
2 Nights in Twyfelfontein
3 Nights in Ongava Private Game Reserve
Overnight in Okojima Nature Reserve

10 nights



Rovos Namibian Train Safari

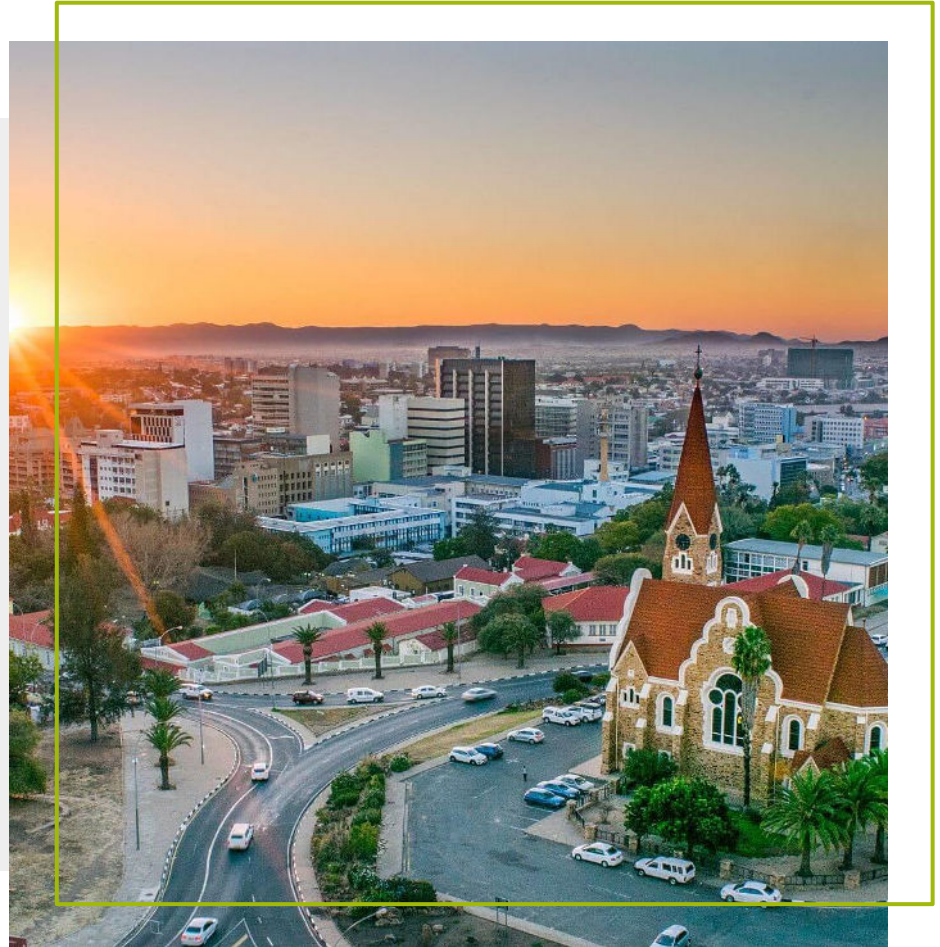
The Rovos Rail Namibia Safari from Pretoria to Swakopmund (or vice versa) invites you on a nine-day journey of discovery through some of the most historic and scenic areas of Africa. Each year this luxury train takes you in world-class style and comfort from the open karoo plains of South Africa to the Atlantic Ocean of Namibia.

9 nights



6 - The Needs to Know

- *Types of Accommodation*
- *Safari Costs*





Typical Per Night Safari Costs in Namibia (per person sharing)

	Green Season (Nov to Mar)	Shoulder Season (April to May)	Peak Season (June/July Sept)
Self-drive Itineraries	\$175-300	\$200-\$400	\$200-\$500
Premier Guided	\$375-\$600	\$400-\$650	\$400-\$700
Deluxe &/or Fly-in Safari	\$800-\$975	\$950-\$1300	\$1000-\$1375

Note: This typical per night price includes charter flights and transfers

General Info



Population

2.6 million

Capital

Windhoek

Safari Season

May to October

Population Density

*Only 3 people per sq km
(USA is 36, UK is 280!)*

Getting there

*Usually via Johannesburg
(or Frankfurt). Also
connecting flights from
Cape Town to Windhoek &
Walvis Bay*

Official Language

*English – though only 3%
speak it as their home
language!*

Thank you!

Spectacular by Nature, Personal by Design

This guide was created by Cedarberg Africa, safari operator for Southern & East Africa. We'll design an individual safari just for you so that you get the safari you've always dreamed of. But without wasting hours of precious time navigating the endless possibilities. If you're looking for an authentic and magical safari experience to share with loved ones, Cedarberg Africa can help you.

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