



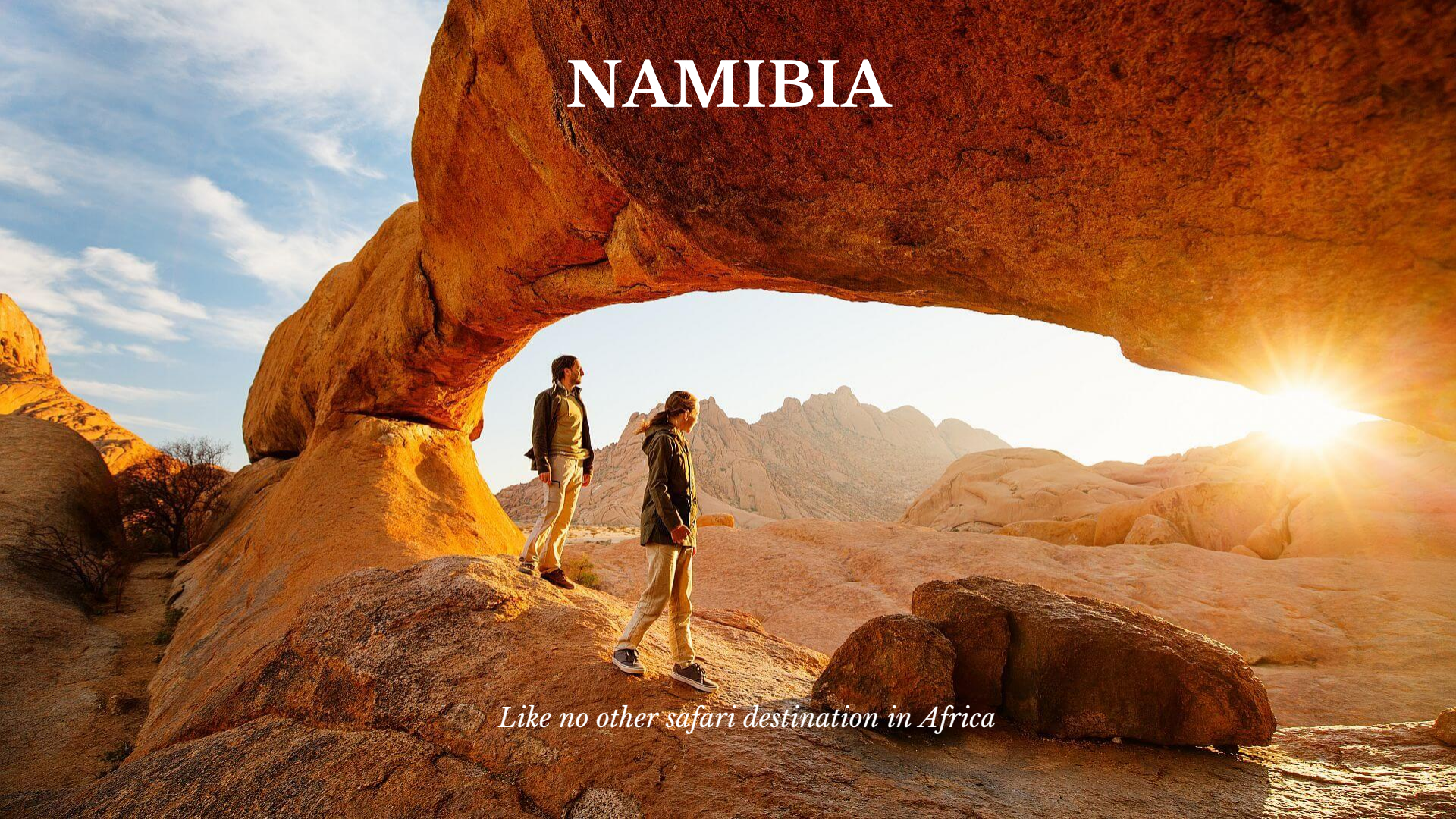
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# Namibia Country Guide

The adventure starts  
here...



# NAMIBIA

A man and a woman are walking through a large, natural rock arch in a desert landscape. The sun is setting on the right side of the frame, creating a warm, golden glow. The man is wearing a dark jacket and light-colored pants, and the woman is wearing a dark jacket and light-colored pants. They are walking towards the right, away from the camera. The rock arch is made of reddish-brown sandstone. In the background, there are more rock formations and mountains under a blue sky with some clouds.

*Like no other safari destination in Africa*

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# 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



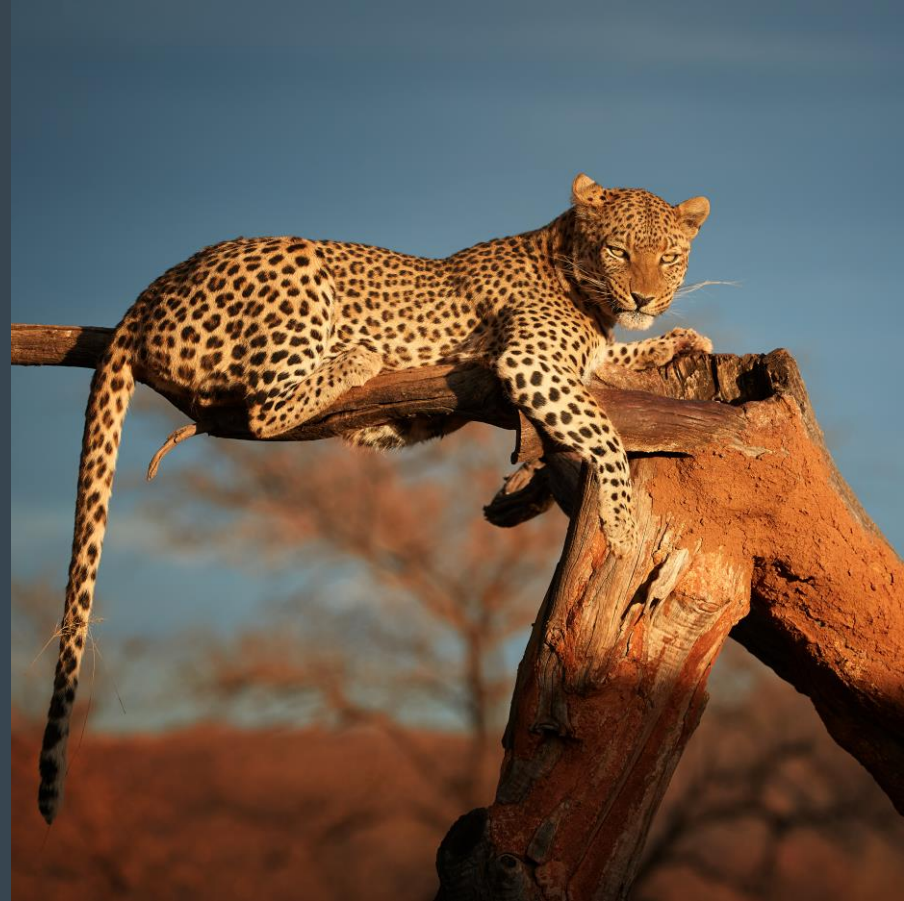
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## 2- Namibia's USPs

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



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# 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

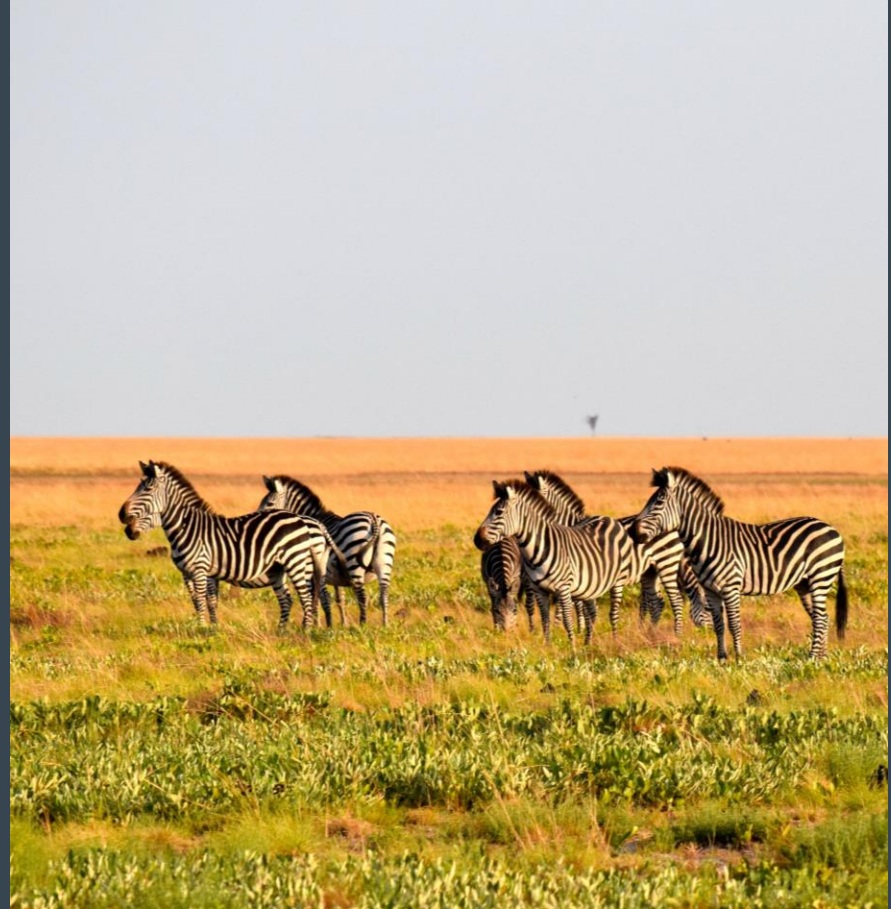


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# Varied Activities



# 3- Best Time To Visit



# Best Time to Visit - 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:

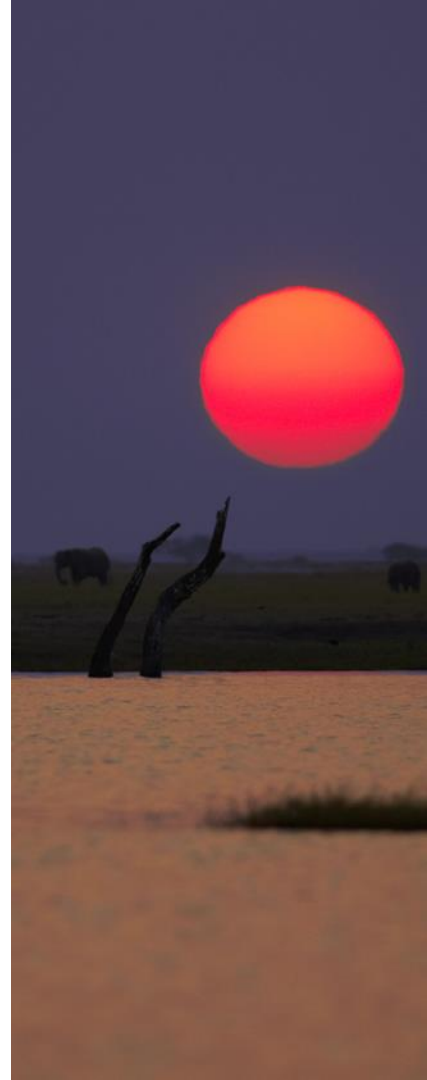
Best wildlife viewing

Less vegetation & so rivers are critical water sources

Pleasant daytime climate

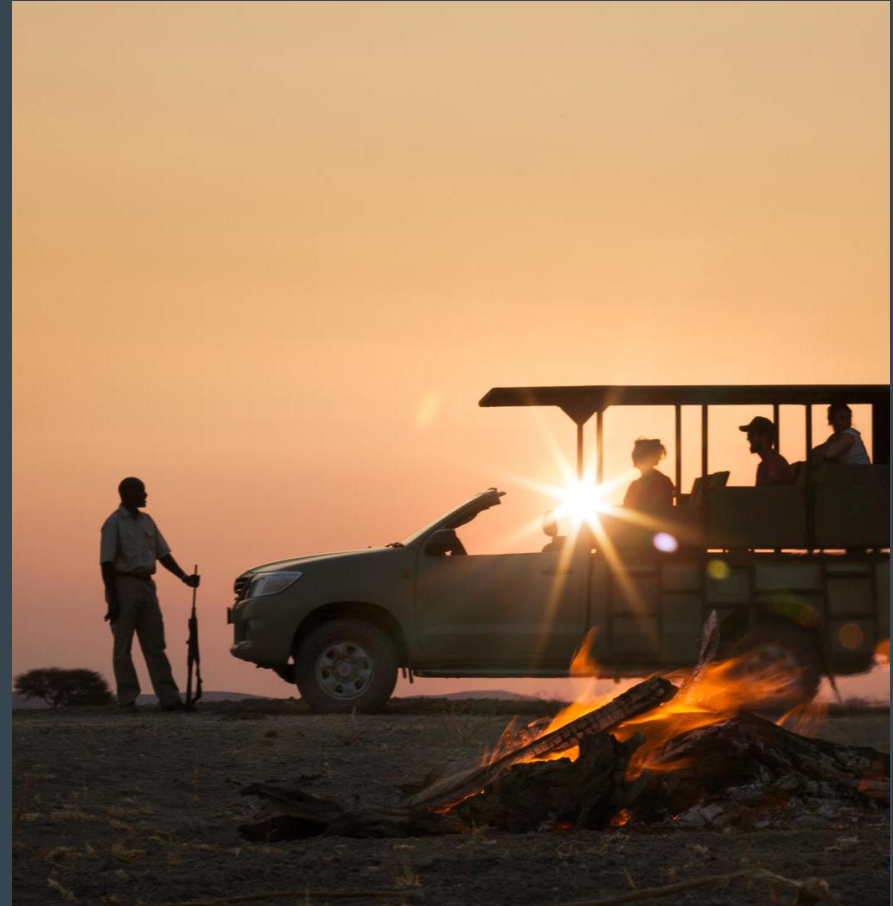
Higher prices from July – Oct

June & July nights cold



# 4 – Destinations

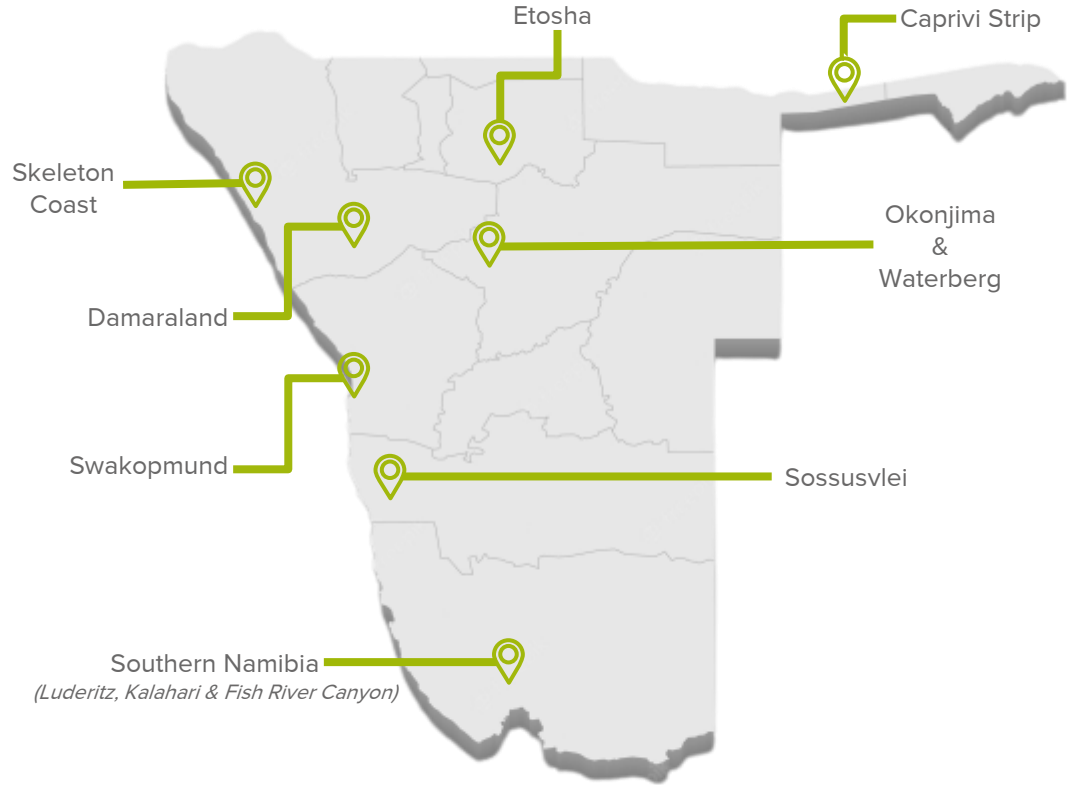
Etosha • Skeleton Coast • Damaraland  
Kalahari • Sossusvlei & Namib



# Key Parks of Namibia

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

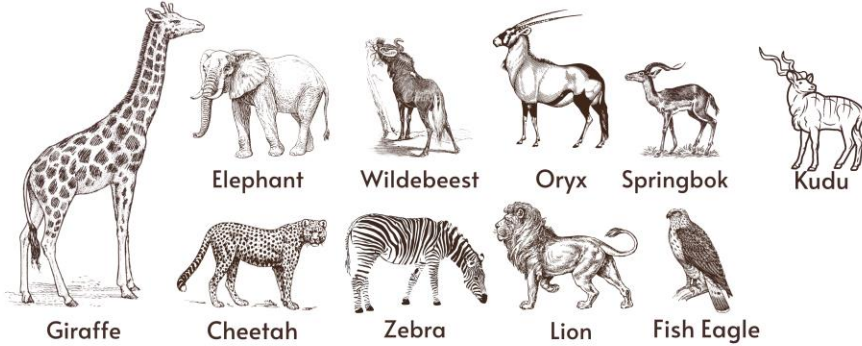
- Etosha
- Damaraland
- Okonjima & Waterberg
- Swakopmund
- Sossusvlei
- Southern – Luderitz, Kalahari & Fish River Canyon
- Skeleton Coast
- Caprivi Strip



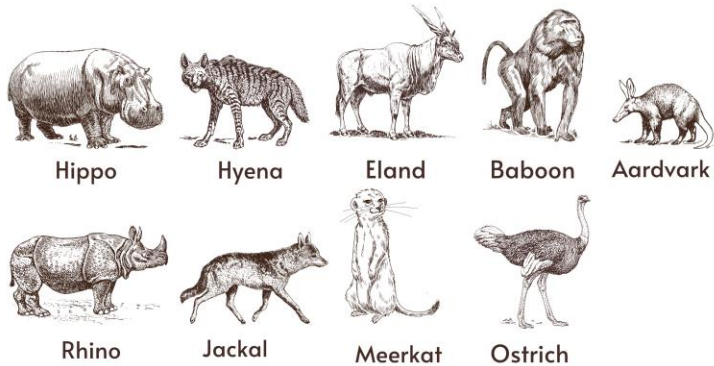
# NAMIBIA WILDLIFE

## WILDLIFE YOU CAN POSSIBLY SEE

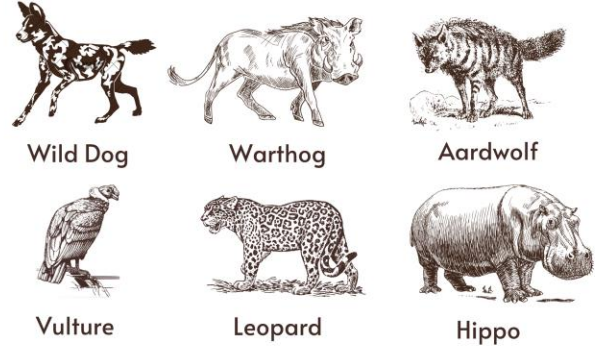
Common



Occasional



Rare



Very Rare



Note that  
wildlife sightings  
are not  
guaranteed.



# Etosha National Park

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- 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 Sample Camps



## 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

- *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**



## Kulala Desert 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**



## Desert Homestead

- *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

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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

- *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**



## Camp Kipwe

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

**Premier Camp**



## Grootberg Lodge

- *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

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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

## Ocean Yacht Cruise

Whale-watching in season (June to Nov)

## Moon Valley

Spectacular rocky landscape

## Kayaking

Kayaking on Walvis Lagoon amongst the seals

## Sandwich Lagoon

4x4 desert dune excursion to Sandwich Lagoon with its flamingos

## Quad Biking

1-2 hours quad biking in the dunes



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# Southern Namibia

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*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 Options



## Canyon Lodge

- 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

**Fish River Canyon**



## Bagatelle Ranch

- 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

**Kalahari**



## Klein Aus Vista

- 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.

**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 – How to Travel & Sample Safaris

*Privately Guided (or scheduled)*

*Self-drive*

*Fly-in safaris*



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# 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

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**



## Namibia Discovery

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**



## Cape to Namibia

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**



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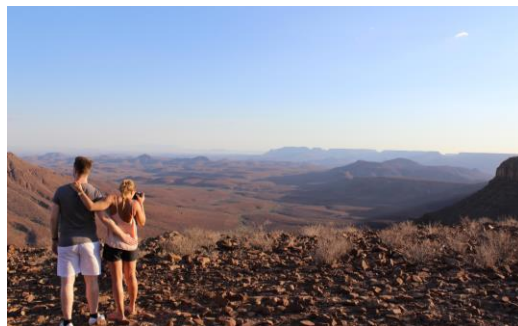
# Sample Itineraries – Road Journeys



## Namibia in Focus

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**



## Ultimate Namibia

2 Nights in Sesriem  
2 Nights in Swakopmund  
2 Nights in Twyfelfontein  
3 Nights in Ongava Private Game Reserve

**9 nights**



## Namibia Under Canvas

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.

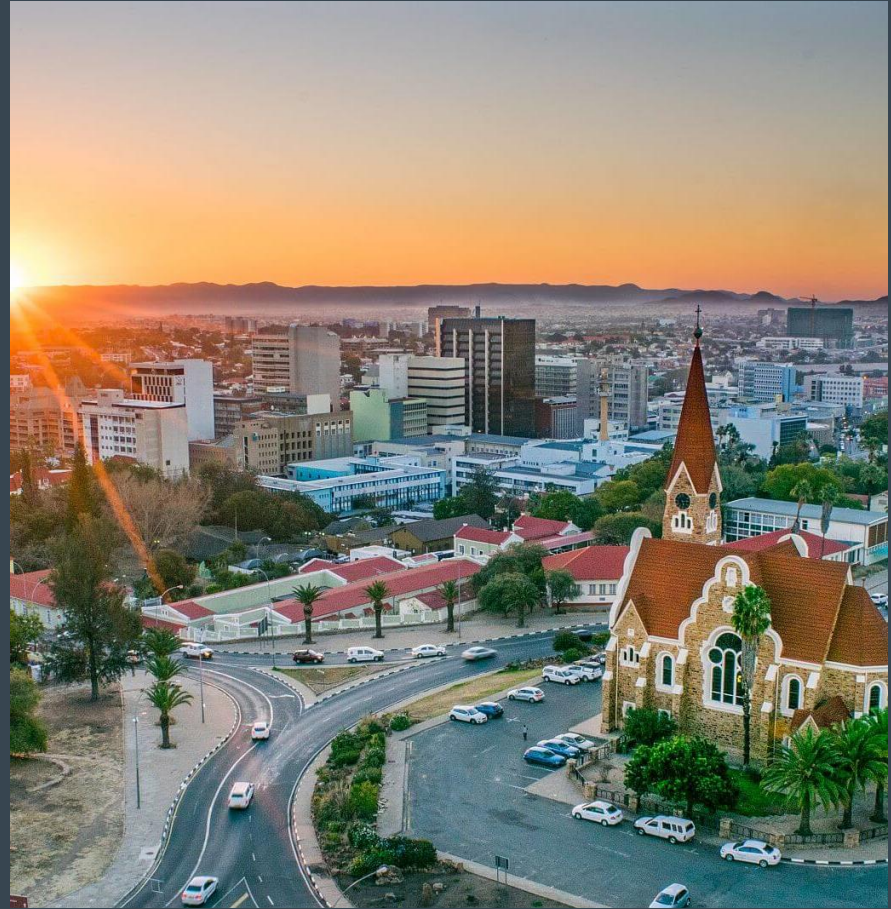
**9 nights**

# 6 – The ‘Needs to Know’

- *Types of Accommodation*
- *Safari Costs*



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

|                                      | <b>Green Season</b><br>(Nov to Mar) | <b>Shoulder Season</b><br>(April to May) | <b>Peak Season</b><br>(June/ July-Sept) |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>Self-drive Itineraries</b>        | \$175-300                           | \$200-\$400                              | \$200-\$500                             |
| <b>Premier Guided</b>                | \$375-\$600                         | \$400-\$650                              | \$400-\$700                             |
| <b>Deluxe &amp;/or Fly-in Safari</b> | \$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!



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# 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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