



EXPLORE NAMIBIA

with

WILDTRACKS





TRAVEL ITINERARY

Two departure date options:

- * 7th to 20th November 2019; or
- * 20th November to 3rd December 2019

DAY 1 - WINDHOEK

- Arrival in Windhoek, Namibia
- One night at Galton House

Windhoek, Namibia's capital nestles among rolling hills, bounded by the Eros Mountains in the east, the Auas Mountains to the south and the Khomas Hochland in the west. It is a meeting place between Africa and Europe, the modern and the old. In the capital's main street, well-preserved German colonial buildings are in sharp contrast with modern architectural styles, while Herero women in their traditional Victorian dresses mingle with executives dressed in the latest fashions.

DAY 2 & 3 - SOSSUSVLEI

- Charter flight to Sossusvlei area
- Two nights at Kulala Desert Lodge, Kulala Wilderness Reserve

Kulala Wilderness Reserve lies at the gateway to Namibia's Sand Sea with its towering red dunes. Desert-adapted wildlife such as ostrich, springbok and gemsbok eke out an existence and are sparsely distributed here. Smaller creatures such as bat-eared fox and aardwolf can be seen at night in the cool desert air, and one bird, the aptly named dune lark, has its entire global distribution limited to the area, so dependent is it on the area's characteristic sands. All explored on guided game drives, sunset drives and outdoor picnics.

DAY 4 & 5 - SWAKOPMUND

- Charter flight to Swakopmund
- Two nights at Strand Hotel

Your charter flight route begins with an amazing bird's eye view of Sossusvlei and the great dune sea that stretches to the coast. You will fly north along the coastline (fog permitting) over abandoned mining camps, shipwrecks, Sandwich Harbour, salt pans and Walvis Bay lagoon before you land at Swakopmund Airport.

Swakopmund resembles a small, German coastal resort nestled between the desert and the sea. It boasts a charming combination of German colonial architecture blended with good hotels, shops, restaurants, museums, craft centers, galleries and cafés.

Ask about our
option to
include a sunrise
hot air balloon
ride over the
Namib desert.

DAY 6 & 7 - DAMARALAND

- Drive to Damaraland
- Two nights at Camp Kitwe

Continuing on your safari today, the road takes you northeast and inland into the wonderful and diverse region of Damaraland. This region is typified by displays of colour, magnificent table-topped mountains, rock formations and bizarre-looking vegetation. It is the variety and loneliness of the area as well as the scenic splendour which will reward and astound you, giving you an authentic understanding of the word 'wilderness'. You may also be able to visit the pre-historic Twyfelfontein rock engravings - UNESCO World Heritage Site - before enjoying refreshing sundowners from the top of a bolder boasting spectacular views of the endless horizon, before dinners back at camp.

DAY 8 - ONGAVA GAME RESERVE

- Drive to Etosha National Park
- Night at Andersson's: Ongava Private Game Reserve

Your journey heads towards Etosha National Park, via the scenic Grootberg Pass to reach Anderssons at Ongava. You will be whisked off on a memorable sundowner drive through the reserve. The Ongava Game Reserve is a private game reserve, spanning 30,000ha along the southern border of Etosha National Park. The reserve is home to a wide variety of game including lion, leopard, giraffe, rhino, Hartmann's mountain zebra, gemsbok (*Oryx*), kudu, steenbok and much more. The scenery is attractive with large open plains blending into Mopane tree woodlands and granite outcrops.

DAY 9 & 10 - ONGUMA GAME RESERVE

- Drive to Onguma Game Reserve
- Two nights at Onguma Tented Camp

Two full days of exciting game viewing within Etosha National Park from the comfort of your private safari vehicle, making your way through the breadth of the park. Game-viewing centres around the numerous springs and waterholes where several different species can often be seen at one time. The park boasts over 340 bird, and 14 mammal species, such as elephant, lion, giraffe, blue wildebeest, eland, kudu, gemsbok (*oryx*), zebra, rhino, cheetah, leopard, hyena, honey badger and warthog, as well as the endemic black faced impala. Onguma Tented Camp is exquisitely styled for a more exclusive safari experience with luxury en-suite tents, that overlook a waterhole. Zebra, giraffe, lion, a variety of antelope and superb birdlife will accompany you during your stay.

"Africa changes you forever, like nowhere on earth. Once you have been there, you will never be the same."

- Brian Jackman



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel with Namibia's most reputable and well-known naturalist guides.
- Climb some of the world's highest free-standing sand dunes at Sossusvlei.
- Fly along the Diamond Coast viewing shipwrecks, seal colonies, abandoned diamond camps and the giant sand dunes (weather permitting).
- Visit the renowned AfriCat Foundation and learn more about conservation initiatives involving Africa's large cats.
- Explore the Damaraland region and search for desert adapted elephant and other specially adapted game in the local ephemeral river systems.
- Walk amongst pre-historic rock art at the UNESCO World Heritage Site at Twyfelfontein.
- Enjoy game viewing inside the Etosha National Park from the comfort of your private, air-conditioned safari vehicle with pop top roof, providing a wonderful vantage point for wildlife sightings.
- Enjoy a fascinating Living Desert Tour along the coastal dunes.



DAY 11 & 12 - AFRICAT FOUNDATION

- Drive to Okonjima, AfriCat Foundation
- Two nights at Okonjima Bush Camp

Today you will travel south onto Okonjima Bush Camp in Okonjima, which is home to the AfriCat Foundation, a wildlife sanctuary which focuses on the research and rehabilitation of Africa's big cats, especially injured or captured leopard and cheetah. Close encounters with leopard and cheetah are an unforgettable highlight. Activities include leopard tracking by vehicle, a visit to the cheetah welfare project and a visit to the night hide where nocturnal animals such as porcupine, caracal, honey badger and even leopard may be seen. The next two days will be spent exploring and doing various activities with your lodge guides, learning about the function and vision of the AfriCat Foundation, and your nights spent 'camping' in luxury at Okonjima Bush Camp. This camp consists of private thatched, African-style chalets, set in tranquil bush surroundings. Each exclusive en-suite chalet is completely private and the green canvas 'walls' can be rolled up to give you an 180 degree view so you can lie in bed and watch life in the bush going on around you whilst you relax in total comfort.

DAY 13 & 14 - WINDHOEK

- Return to Windhoek
- Night at Galton House
- Departure on Day 14.

You will end your with a memorable early-morning guided activity before you return to Bush Camp for a sumptuous brunch, and embarking on your journey back to Windhoek. The road takes you south through Namibia's central highlands and commercial farmlands to reach Windhoek to spend the last night of your safari in the comfort of Galton House. Your final morning in Windhoek can be spent relaxing at your guesthouse, exploring Windhoek, visiting NamCrafts and the Craft Centre, or doing some last minute souvenir shopping.

PRICES

Special Group departure with Ultimate Naturalist Guide: **£5,995 pp / US\$ 7,795 pp**

Signature Group departure with Wild Tracks Guide: **£7,295 pp / US\$ 9,495 pp**

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