
7 Nights/8 Days Namibia Panorama Tour





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7 Nights/8 Days Namibia Panorama Tour
Sossusvlei - Swakopmund - Etosha South - Windhoek
8 Days / 7 Nights
0 Persons
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Introduction

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Duration
Day 1	Elegant Desert Lodge	Sossusvlei	2 Nights
Day 3	Swakopmund Sands Hotel	Swakopmund	2 Nights
Day 5	Toshari Lodge (Etosha Gateway)	Etosha South	2 Nights
Day 7	Windhoek Gardens Boutique Hotel	Windhoek	1 Night

Price

See separately attached rate sheet.

Included

7 night's accommodation as per tour summary

All services as listed above

English, German, Spanish or French speaking guide

Suitable vehicle as above or Similar including Fuel

Porterages

Water on board the vehicle

Passenger Liability insurance

Entrance fees and activities as listed above

15% VAT

Tourism Levy

Excluded

All other flights and flight related taxes and levies

All expenses of a personal nature

All other Activities, Entry Fees & Dinners

All other services not listed above

Travel Insurances.

Day 1: Elegant Desert Lodge, Sossusvlei

Day Itinerary

On arrival at Hosea Kutako International airport guests are met by our professional guide who will brief them on the itinerary before departing for the Namib Desert. On your way you will do a brief Windhoek orientation tour. A stop over is made at Solitaire for lunch (at own account)

Sossusvlei

Located in the scenic Namib-Naukluft National Park, Sossusvlei is where you will find the iconic red sand dunes of the Namib. The clear blue skies contrast with the giant red dunes to make this one of the most scenic natural wonders of Africa and a photographer's heaven. This awe-inspiring destination is possibly Namibia's premier attraction, with its unique dunes rising to almost 400 metres-some of the highest in the world. These iconic dunes come alive in morning and evening light and draw photography enthusiasts from around the globe. Sossusvlei is home to a variety desert wildlife including oryx, springbok, ostrich and a variety of reptiles. Visitors can climb 'Big Daddy', one of Sossusvlei's tallest dunes; explore Deadvlei, a white, salt, claypan dotted with ancient trees; or for the more extravagant, scenic flights and hot air ballooning are on offer, followed by a once-in-a-lifetime champagne breakfast amidst these majestic dunes.

Overnight: Elegant Desert Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

The Elegant Desert Lodge

Soulful, liberating and elegant

Situated on the border of the World Heritage site of the Namib Desert and only 37 kilometers from the gate to Sossusvlei, the Elegant Desert Lodge offers accommodation in 29 tastefully furnished, air conditioned rooms. All en-suite, the stylish and comfortable rooms invite you to recline in the soulful yet liberating atmosphere of the world's oldest desert.

A beautiful and tranquil garden offering various, innovative seating arrangements inspire an image of an oasis nestled in the Namib Desert. Alternatively, enjoy the vistas of the desert plains from the veranda of your room. We suggest you treat yourself to a casual lunch with a bottle of fine South African Wine, each handpicked by the owners. In the afternoon you can relax in one of our chic lounges in the gardens or at the sparkling pool, or you can participate in the Scenic drive with spectacular views overlooking the Namib Desert.



Activities

Morning	Windhoek City Tour
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Recommended

Lunch	Solitaire
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Windhoek City Tour

City Tour of Windhoek's historical buildings & monuments as well as the suburbs of Khomasdal, Katutura & Ludwigsdorf.



Solitaire

Situated in the Khomas region of Central Namibia, the desert town of Solitaire serves as an oasis in the Namib Desert. There is not much to do or see in the small village of Solitaire, but it nevertheless, it is an important stop on the way to the ancient dunes of Sossusvlei as it provides the only petrol station, general store and post office between Sossusvlei and Walvis Bay. Solitaire also has a small bar and is renowned for its famous apple pie- said to be the best in Namibia. Home to a luxury desert lodge, a motel and a campsite, visitors can easily find comfortable accommodation in Solitaire. Enjoy a scenic sundowner with views of the spectacular Namib desert, hike and bike through the unspoilt natural scenery and visit the local Cheetah Sanctuary.



Day 2: Elegant Desert Lodge, Sossusvlei

Day Itinerary

Today requires an early morning wake up for an excursion to the Sossusvlei Dunes and later in the afternoon visit Sesriem Canyon.

Activities

Morning	Dune 45
Morning	Dead Vlei
Afternoon	Sesriem Canyon

Dune 45

Named for its location 45 kilometres past the town of Sesriem, Dune 45 is renowned for its elegant shape, which – along with its position close to the road – have earned it the distinction of ‘most photographed dune in the world’. If you’re not keen for the strenuous hike to the top of Big Daddy, Dune 45 is a more forgiving alternative, standing at only 80 metres and featuring a much gentler gradient.



Dead Vlei

This ancient clay pan was once an oasis, studded with acacias and fed by a river that suddenly changed course, leaving the earth to dry up along with the trees it previously supported. So dry were the climatic conditions that the trees never decomposed – instead they were entirely leached of moisture so that today, 900 years later, they remain as desiccated, blackened sentinels dotting the pan’s cracked surface. Surrounded by the red-pink dunes of the Namibia Desert, they create a surreal spectacle that is a photographer's dream.



Sesriem Canyon

Sesriem Canyon, a deep chasm carved through the rocks by water, is a striking natural feature of the area that is best explored on foot. Stony walls rise up sharply on both sides of the canyon, while birds roost in its crags and lizards dart along the ledges. The canyon's name was coined when early settlers used it as a water source, using six lengths of leather ('ses riem – six thongs) tied together to lower buckets into the water at the base of canyon.



Day 3: Swakopmund Sands Hotel, Swakopmund

Day Itinerary

After breakfast we depart Sossusvlei and travel to Swakopmund. Our journey is through the scenic Namib Naukluft Park.

Swakopmund

Set along Namibia's spectacularly scenic coast, the seaside town of Swakopmund is known for its wide-open avenues, colonial architecture, and its surrounding otherworldly desert terrain. Founded in 1892 as the main harbour for German South West Africa, Swakopmund is often described as being more German than Germany. Now a seaside resort town, Swakopmund is the capital of the Skeleton Coast tourism area and has plenty to keep visitors happy. The quirky mix of German and Namibian influences, adventure options, laid-back atmosphere and cool sea breeze make it a very popular Namibian destination. Visitors can look forward to a number of exciting activities including: quad biking, horse riding, paragliding, fishing, sightseeing and fascinating desert tours.

Overnight: Swakopmund Sands Hotel [View iBrochure](#)

The Swakopmund Sands is a literary minutes' walk away from the very popular Jetty and TUG restaurants as well as other tourist attractions and yet you have total privacy once on the premises. Each room is equipped with a flat screen TV, safe, heating, fridge, as well as tea and coffee facilities for your convenience. A laundry service is available for same day delivery.

Each bathroom has a hairdryer and shaving facilities and all international power points can be used. In the morning you will be able to enjoy a sumptuous buffet breakfast in a very relaxing and tranquil dining area.



Activities

Morning	Kuiseb Pass
Morning	The Moon Landscape
Morning	Welwitschia

Optional

Afternoon	Sossusfly Scenic Flight
Afternoon	Desert Explorers Quad Biking 2 Hour Explorer Tour

Recommended

Dinner	The Tug - Pub & Restaurant
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Kuiseb Pass

Kuiseb Pass takes you through the Kuiseb Canyon, the watercourse of which only flows occasionally but often enough to halt the advance of the red sands of the Namib.



The Moon Landscape

This area is traversed by the Tropic of Capricorn and is mostly flat, although some scenic canyons and elevations are found in some areas, for example in the Moon Valley system. While most of the soil is rocky, sand dunes are still occasionally found in this region; for example, sand dunes occupy much of the coastline between Walvis Bay and Swakopmund.

The location can be accessed via a picturesque drive through the Namib-Naukluft Park. An eerie mysterious landscape has been constructed through years of erosion of soft layers of earth that were deposited in this area over 450 million years ago.



Sossusfly Scenic Flight

The Sossusfly Scenic Flight is a flight that gives visitors the opportunity to experience a birds-eye view of the most spectacular scenery of the Namib Desert. The flight covers the desert and the Southern Skeleton Coast from the air. The flight includes a low-level flight along the green Kuiseb to the Kuiseb Canyon, as well as the coastline. Highlights of the flight include Tsondablei, Sossusvlei area, diamond camps, shipwrecks, Sandwich Harbour, salt works, Walvis Bay, Longbeach, and Swakopmund.

Desert Explorers Quad Biking 2 Hour Explorer Tour

Located in Swakopmund, Namibia. Desert Explorers Quad Biking 2 Hour Explorer Tour takes visitors on a pleasant guided quad bike tour to explore the different plant and animal life of the Namib Desert. During a variety of stops along the way, visitors can learn a little about the creatures of the desert.



The Tug - Pub & Restaurant

The Tug Restaurant is popular amongst both tourists and locals in Namibia and has a reputation for providing delicious meals in a setting which creates an unforgettable ambience. Seating is available both indoors or outdoors on the terrace overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and the historic Swakopmund Jetty.



Day 4: Swakopmund Sands Hotel, Swakopmund

Day Itinerary

Today is reserved for optional activities available in Swakopmund and the nearby harbour town of Walvis Bay

Activities

Afternoon	Sandwich Harbour
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Optional

Morning	Catamaran Charters
Morning	Living Desert Tours

Recommended

Dinner	Jetty 1905
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Sandwich Harbour

Located roughly 50 kilometres from Walvis Bay, Sandwich Harbour is a natural lagoon framed by sand dunes on one side and the Atlantic Ocean on the other. It is a prime angling and bird-watching site, with countless sea birds coming to feed on the rich fish population, including rare white pelican and vivid flocks of pink flamingos.

***Catamaran Charters***

The Catamaran Charters Team invites you aboard the 45ft Royal Cape Sailing Catamaran Silverwind, or the 60ft Simon Sailing Catamaran Silversand, or the 40ft Admiral Motorised Catamaran Silvermoon, to enjoy an adventure packed tour to Pelican Point and Walvis Bay's beautiful bay area.

The chances of encountering dolphins, whales, turtles, seals and Mola Mola (sunfish) make the search for the marine big 5 and adventurous tour by enjoying sparkling wine, fresh oysters and other mouth-watering snacks aboard the spacious and comfortable catamarans.

***Living Desert Tours***

The Living Desert Tour is a unique 4x4 adventure which specializes in bringing the desert to life while sharing the awesome beauty of the Namib Desert with travellers from all over the world. The coastal dune belt may seem barren

and lifeless to many people, but in fact it is alive with a fascinating variety of little desert adapted animals, which are able to survive on the life-giving fog which consistently rolls in from the cold Atlantic Ocean.

Come see the Dancing White Lady Spider (*Carparachne aureoflava*) cartwheel 44 turns per second down a dune to escape the enemy. Admire the transparent Namib Dune Gecko (*Pachydactylus rangei*) with webbed feet that are equivalent to snow shoes. Learn about the different beetles and insects and how they survive in the dune desert. Follow in the tracks of a legless Lizard (Fitsimmon's Burrowing Skink), observe Sand Diving Lizards (*Meroles Anchieta*) dancing on the hot sand, Sidewinder Snakes (*Perinquey's Adder*), Desert Chameleons and many more fascinating creatures. Learn about the geology, structure and formation of the desert, and admire the vast and beautiful landscapes while enjoying a scenic dune drive combined with fun and adrenalin.



Jetty 1905

Jetty 1905 is much more than a restaurant, it's a landmark. Located at the end of Swakopmund's historical jetty, it offers unrivalled views of the Atlantic Ocean and of the picturesque little hamlet of Swakopmund with its historical architecture bordered by sand dunes.

Open since October 2010, Jetty 1905 has gone from strength to strength delighting tourists and locals alike with its breathtaking views, simple elegant décor, wonderful ambiance and delightful, sophisticated menu. A visit to Swakopmund simply isn't complete without a visit to Jetty 1905.



Day 5: Toshari Lodge (Etosha Gateway), Etosha South

Day Itinerary

Today we embark on a long drive from Swakopmund to Etosha National Park. Our drive is via a small town of Omaruru which is known for its excellent wines. We will stop over for wine tasting (at own cost) before proceeding to Etosha. On arrival you have a chance to embark on an afternoon game drive with your closed tour vehicle and guide.

Etosha South

Located just south of the boundary of Etosha National Park in northwestern Namibia, Etosha South makes up the southern region of this wild paradise. Ongava Private Game Reserve shares the southern boundary with Etosha

National Park and offers an array of luxury lodges overlooking picturesque landscapes dotted with abundant wildlife. The national park can be accessed via the southern entrance at Andersson's Gate. Visitors can catch a glimpse of a variety of wildlife including: lion, giraffe, elephant, white and black rhino, and a multitude of plains game. Popular activities include: game drives, tracking rhinos on foot, guided nature walks, or watch the sunset over this magnificent landscape.

Overnight: Toshari Lodge (Etosha Gateway)

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Nestled on an outcrop of dolomite rocks, under a forest of Mopane and white Seringa trees, Toshari Lodge offers affordable but enchanting accommodation close to Etosha National Park. A warm welcome awaits you complimented by a refreshing cold drink on arrival. Absorb the peace and tranquility of the natural African bush as you amble through a blend of manicured lawns and rustic bush gardens to your private room. Take a refreshing dip in the sparkling pools and enjoy wholesome Namibian cuisine, complimented with herbs and vegetables from the garden and fresh home baked bread, in the tranquility of the striking African Lapa with its stunning photographs of local Etosha wildlife. Campsites are also available; each pitch having a private shower room with hot and cold water, 220v power point, herb garden and braai place. Situated just off the C38 between Outjo and Okaukuejo, Toshari Lodge is ideally positioned for day visits into Etosha National Park; on your own or on the expertly guided tours.



Optional

Lunch

Kristall Kellerei Winery

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The oldest vineyard in Namibia, Kristall Kellerei was purchased by the Weder family in early 2008. Winemaking and distilling entered a new phase as plantings of the Colombard variety were extended and now there are about 2,8 hectares under production. Various activities takes place at Kristall Kellerei. Visitors will get taken on a 30-minute tour and tasting session through the vine garden, the prickly pear patch, the distillery and the wine cellar. The tasting takes place either in the garden or in the cosy tasting facilities. Omaruru in Namibia is well known for its many bird species and Kristall Kellerei is an ideal location for bird watching. The winery is also ideally suited to host special events such as birthdays, weddings, and anniversaries. The opening event of Omaruru's Artist Trail, which takes place annually the second last weekend of September, is traditionally held at Kristall Kellerei.



Day 6: Toshari Lodge (Etosha Gateway), Etosha South

Day Itinerary

Today is a full day game drive in open sided 4 x 4 vehicles. You will visit various water holes and the famous Etosha pan. Lunch would be at one of the Rest Camps in the park (at own account). We will exit the park just before sunset.

Optional

Morning	Etosha Game Drive
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Etosha Game Drive

Game drive through Etosha National Park searching for predators, plains game, reptiles & birds.

Game drives are conducted in custom built safari vehicles with a pop-up roof and large opening windows to maximize photographic opportunities.

Depending on the time of year, these game drives take many different routes, but most often focus around the waterholes where you are most likely to see a variety of wildlife taking the chance to get a drink and swim.



Day 7: Windhoek Gardens Boutique Hotel, Windhoek

Day Itinerary

Today we depart very early from Etosha and head back to Windhoek. Before leaving the environments of Etosha we will make a detour and visit a Traditional Himba Village. Also on our way we will stop over at Okahandja Wood Carver's market.

Windhoek

Situated in Central Namibia, the cosmopolitan city of Windhoek serves as the capital of the country. It is home to an international airport and a plethora of restaurants, shops, entertainment venues and accommodation options. The city is clean, safe and well-organised, with a colonial legacy that is reflected in its many German eateries and shops, and the widespread use of the German language. Windhoek has an interesting mix of historical architecture and modern buildings, many of which are worth a look, including the Alte Feste an old fort, the 1896 Christuskirche Christ Church, and the more contemporary Supreme Court.

Overnight: Windhoek Gardens Boutique Hotel [View iBrochure](#)

Windhoek Gardens Boutique Hotel is located 5 minutes away from the centre of Windhoek, making it a perfect mix of convenience and practicality. Windhoek Gardens Boutique Hotel boasts 28 uniquely Namibian themed rooms, each with high speed internet and an ample workstation.

All rooms are twin bedded and have en-suite bathrooms.

The gorgeously furnished modern fitted rooms combined with a restful and rustic setting offers you the perfect stop over in Windhoek. You can experience Etosha in the North to Solitaire in the South on premises.



Activities

Afternoon	Okahandja Craft Market - South
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Optional

Morning	Omapha Himba Village
Afternoon	Okonjima Nature Reserve
Afternoon	Ombu Village

Recommended

Dinner	Joe's Beerhouse
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Okahandja Craft Market - South

This craft market is Okahandja's best known tourist attraction. Woodcarvers from all over, and as far as the Kavango Region of north-eastern Namibia, who practice their ancient skills come here to sell their goods. Since wood is not resistant to the wear and tear of time, wood sculptures survive less well than other forms of art and are therefore an important hidden element in the art history of many cultures. The wood-and-thatch market is situated next to the main road at the town's entrance and exit. Choose from a wide variety of hand-carved wooden artifacts such as animals, bowls or jewelry boxes.



Omapha Himba Village

Omapha Himba Village in Etosha South, Namibia, is home to the indigenous Himba tribe, who are half-nomadic people. The people are famous for maintaining the traditional way of life of their ancestors up to recent times. External influences have not polluted them, and this reflects in the way they dress, cook, trade, interact and live. An array of wildlife can be seen roaming freely close to the village. Guided tours are offered, and guests can look forward to exploring the village in its natural environment.



Okonjima Nature Reserve

Midway between the spectacular Etosha National Park and the capital city of Windhoek, lies the well-known Okonjima Nature Reserve. The 22 000 ha nature reserve is home to AfriCAT, a carnivore sanctuary, which gives the captive cats a second chance to be released back into the wild and become completely independent hunters in a protected area right in the middle of commercial cattle farmland. Visitors can enjoy a stay at a variety of excellent accommodation options including everything from luxury villas to secluded camping. Enjoy thrilling cat tracking guided safaris, leopard-spotting, off-road night drives and learn about local San culture along the Bushmen trail.



Ombu Village

Ombu Village is placed on Farm Ombu on the way to Okonjima Nature Reserve in Namibia. The village seeks to document and preserve the heritage and culture of the Ovaherero in the form of a living museum, reflecting on the past whilst informing the present. Consisting of a traditional homestead, the village comprises 9 houses with distinctive original designs and building methods dating back to 1880, and other periodic designs over the last 150 years. An on-site curio shop offers a variety of Ovaherero traditional, handcrafted arts and crafts items which are bought from artisans in nearby villages.



Joe's Beerhouse

Joe's Beerhouse opened its doors to the public in October 1991. Joe's Beerhouse is divided into various areas: the inside bar and extension (68 + 50 pax), the extension Bismarck (56 pax), the lapa (169 pax), the boma (112 pax); the garden and main bar (60 pax) and the function room – for conferences, special or private events, with tables also accommodating couples (35 pax). This restaurant offers buffet and carvery, set menus or a varied selection from an a la carte menu.



Day 8: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

Depending on time of your flight you might have a chance to do last minute shopping before being transferred to the airport for your departure flight back home.