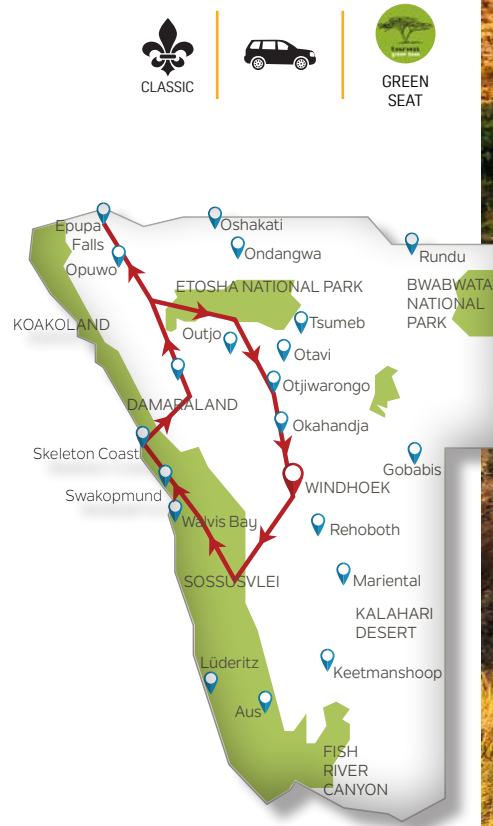


15 day

Magical Northwest

Highlights

- Namib Desert – highest dunes and visit to Deadvlei
- Seal colony of Cape Cross
- Damaraland – home to elusive desert elephant
- Epupa Falls - the highlight of Kaokoland
- Etosha National Park – 4 of ‘Big 5’



Day 1

SOSSUSVLEI

After arriving, travel past grass plains interspersed with huge mountain ranges into the area of Sossusvlei, where your lodge is situated. You have the rest of the day at leisure to take part in optional nature drives and walks.

Overnight at Namib Desert Lodge.

Day 2

SOSSUSVLEI

Today calls for an early rise, as you head to the mighty dunes in the Namib Desert. After taking a walk along or even up some of the majestic dunes, travel back to your lodge. Stop at the Sesriem Canyon.

Overnight at Namib Desert Lodge - Breakfast.

DAY 3

SWAKOPMUND

Your destination today is the Atlantic Ocean and the coastal town of Swakopmund. This idyllic town is wedged between the sweltering Namib Desert and the cold Atlantic Ocean. The remaining day is spent at leisure or take part in one of the many optional activities.

Overnight at Royal SeaStar Guesthouse.

Day 4

SKELETON COAST

Swakopmund is often fondly referred to as the “playground of Namibia”, with numerous activities to choose from. You continue north along the coastline towards Cape Cross, where you spend the night directly on the shore with the cape-fur seal colony close by.

Overnight at Cape Cross Lodge – Breakfast and dinner.

Day 5

DAMARALAND

Today your journey continues through Uis past the Brandberg, Namibia’s highest mountain (2 579m), into the Damaraland. This harsh, rocky environment is home to the elusive desert elephant, the black rhino and free-roaming antelope species. You arrive at our lodge in the afternoon, where we have the remaining day at leisure.

Overnight at Ondjamba Hills – Breakfast and dinner.

Day 6

DAMARALAND/BRANDBERG

On an optional early morning scenic nature drive through the Otjimboyo Concession, you head out towards the Brandberg. You continue down into the dry Ugab riverbed, which you follow back towards the camp.

On the drive, you might encounter the elusive desert elephant. Arriving back at the camp you have enough time left to enjoy the scenery or follow one of the walking trails. A highlight is the sundowner drive that offers you photo opportunities.

Overnight at Ondjamba Hills – Breakfast and dinner.

Day 7

DAMARALAND / PALMWAG CONCESSION

Today you visit Twyfelfontein, a UNESCO heritage site where Bushman communities engraved and painted over 2 500 pictures some 6 000 years ago! Optionally you can visit the Living Museum of the Damara.

Your journey continues further north to the Palmwag Concession. Between Kaokoland and the Skeleton Coast lies the Palmwag concession. Your lodge for the night overlooks the sweeping Damaraland landscape sprinkled with green euphorbias.

Overnight at Palmwag Lodge – Breakfast.

DAY 8-9

KAOKOLAND

Continue further north into rural outskirts of the Kaokoland. Staying at Sesfontein is a very rural experience with donkey carts a common sight. On the second night you have the option to experience true safari style traveling with accommodation in modern dome style tents in untouched landscape.

This adventure starts as a whole day excursion into the dry Hoanib riverbed. Explore parts of the Hoanib River in search of the elusive desert-adapted elephants and other Namibian game. In the late afternoon, we find a suitable spot to set up camp.

While you enjoy the surroundings and a sundowner drink, the staff will put up the tents and prepare the scrumptious camping style food.

You can enjoy their evening out in the wild with a drink around the campfire. Dinner will be prepared on the open fire.

Overnight at Sesfontein Guesthouse and optional 1 night sleep out - 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 1 dinner.

Day 10-11

KAOKOLAND / EPUPA FALLS

Today you reach one of the highlights of Kaokoland. Epupa is a magical belt of Makalani palm forest on the perennial Kunene River. The camp for the night is a cosy thatched lodge on the riverbank set under the palms.

In between rest and relaxation, visit the local Himba, one of the last semi-nomadic groups in Africa; join a guided walk in search of the Kunene crocs or push your adrenalin limit on a rafting trip on the Kunene River (seasonal). At sunset join a sundowner drive.

Overnight at Omurunga Epupa Falls Camp Breakfast.

Day 12

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Your onward journey takes you back south to the Etosha National Park. You enter the most western gate, Galton, into the national park and our first game drive takes us towards the camp for the night. Unwind after the adventure filled day alongside the pool.

Overnight at Dolomite Camp – Breakfast and dinner.

Day 13

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

The day is devoted purely to the abundant wildlife found in the Etosha National Park, home to 4 of the ‘Big 5’. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure or spend your evening relaxing next to the waterhole.

Overnight at Okaukuejo Camp - Breakfast.

Day 14

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

You again head out on a game drive into Etosha National Park, or optionally you can book an open game drive park drive with the lodge. You may encounter animal species we have not seen the previous day and look forward to any new surprises at the different waterholes visited.

The Etosha Pan dominates the park. In the afternoon we travel back to our camp, where you enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure at the well-lit Okaukuejo Waterhole.

Overnight at Okaukuejo Camp - Breakfast.

Day 15

WINDHOEK

Travelling south through bush land savannah reaching the capital in the centre of the country. Windhoek is a cosmopolitan melting pot of European architecture with African culture.

Breakfast.

Live this!

An Adventure filled Namibian Safari. This exciting adventure takes you into the heart of remote areas. You will experience contrasting landscapes including the majestic mountain ranges in Damaraland mixed with the vibrant cultures of Kaokoland and the amazing wildlife in the Etosha National Park and conservancies. This safari will leave you captivated with Namibia.

Classification:
Classic

Vehicle recommendation:
SUV or 4WD Double Cab

Inclusions:
Accommodation: As specified
Meals: As specified in the itinerary
Deluxe Travel Planner
General: Tourism levy and government taxes where applicable
Green Seat: Bishop Kameeta Kindergarden; Otjimboyo Conservancy

Exclusions:
All international / domestic flights and taxes, rental vehicle, visas, travel and personal accident insurance, personal expenses, excursions / activities not specified, gratuities

Optional extras:
Additional Excursions / Activities on request