



13 DAY EXCLUSIVE

FULLY SERVICED NAMIBIA



THE START OF A LEGACY

Falcon Safaris is run by people who know the African continent intimately, who have lived there, and who know the people and Places. It is run by people who were born and raised in Africa and who continue to return year after year – not only to refresh their knowledge but predominantly because of the love and passion that they have for its areas.

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13 DAY Exclusive Fully Serviced Namibia

Take in many of the Top Namibian Attractions in this vast and fascinating country – the burnt-red dunes of Sossusvlei, the desolate Skeleton Coast, the quaint quasi-Bavarian seaside town of Swakopmund and the startling geographical features of Damaraland. Search for the desert-adapted elephants and lions and explore Etosha National Park with its ancient salt pan – all in the company of your own highly experienced personal guide



HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ *Your Sossusvlei adventure is marked by towering dunes, surreal landscapes and dazzling colors*
- ✓ *Travel through a dunes corridor to Deadvlei, a "dead" marsh that sits eerily in a forest frozen in time*
- ✓ *Explore the Sesriem Canyon, carved into the rock by the mighty Tsauchab River*
- ✓ *Ride in a 4x4 through desert dunes in a barren landscape populated by geckos and chameleons*
- ✓ *Zoom through the "singing" dunes traveling from the eastern side through to the Atlantic on the west*
- ✓ *A scenic drive takes you to Damaraland, one of the most dramatic and picturesque areas in Namibia*
- ✓ *Discover the world-famous rock engravings at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Twyfelfontein*
- ✓ *Visit a Himba tribe dwelling and learn first-hand about their history, culture and unique traditions*
- ✓ *Spend three days exploring Etosha National Park, one of the most important wildlife sanctuaries in Africa*
- ✓ *Meet with staff at the AfriCat Foundation dedicated to conservation of Namibia's large carnivores*



ROUTE & ITINERARY

DAY 1: WATERBERG PLATEAU

Your Exclusive Fully Serviced Safari starts at 8am this morning, when you meet your guide in the foyer of the Windhoek Country Club. Within minutes of leaving Windhoek the compelling beauty of Namibia's wide-open spaces embraces you. Your drive to the Waterberg Plateau takes you along the quiet country roads through an area rich in cattle and game farms. You stop en route at the Olive Farm for a guided tour through the Olive plantation and factory, followed by lunch in these tranquil surroundings.

After lunch you continue on the Exclusive Fully Serviced Safari towards Waterberg. Rising some 200 metres (656 feet) above a surrounding sea of bush and savannah, the Waterberg Plateau Park is recognisable from some distance away. It's imposing; flamboyant red sandstone formations and lush green vegetation present an island of vibrant colour, which seems to glow at sunrise and sunset. This vast pristine wilderness is home to a huge variety of plant species, 240 bird species, and rare and endangered species of game.

It is also an area steeped in history as it was in the foothills of the Waterberg Plateau where the Herero people lost their greatest battle to the German colonial forces at the beginning of the century. Your exclusive campsite provides a shady refuge beautifully situated under a dense canopy of Leadwood, Camelthorn and Umbrella thorn trees.

Kudu and the diminutive Damara Dik Dik frequent the area of the campsite, and Leopard tracks have been seen on a number of occasions. A late afternoon walk for sundowners enjoyed at a vantage point on top of the Waterberg will afford you a truly magical view of the sandstone cliffs that are emblazoned with colourful splashes of lichen. Like a backdrop in the distance, the plains of the Northern Kalahari lie completely flat

DAY 2: WATERBERG PLATEAU

Today, the Exclusive Fully Serviced Safari will be spent exploring the Waterberg Plateau on foot. In addition to bringing one closer to nature this is a wonderful way to observe and learn about the diverse bird and plant life that makes the Waterberg Plateau such a unique Namibia destination. An added bonus is the possibility that you may experience the thrill of seeing black or white Rhino

DAY 3: OMBOROKO MOUNTAINS

It's a short trip today to Okonjima, which lies nestled in the unspoiled beauty of the Omboroko Mountains, part of the Waterberg Plateau. In the Herero language, Okonjima means 'place of the baboons'. This is a family-run lodge, which is known for its peaceful, caring and friendly atmosphere. There are only 10 rooms, which are set around an attractive garden. Each room is individually furnished and has an en-suite shower and toilet.

Okonjima is home to the Africat Foundation which is a non-profit making organisation dedicated to the conservation and protection of Namibia's threatened cats, primarily Cheetah and Leopard. You will be able to see this programme at work and learn more about these beautiful creatures, in addition to having some wonderful photographic opportunities. There is a bird hide, which is within walking distance from the lodge; over 300 species have been identified at Okonjima including most of the Namibian endemics

For clients wanting to get in touch with nature, there are a number of walking trails including a guided San (Bushman) trail where you will learn about the traditional lifestyle and philosophy of these unique and ancient people. Excellent home cooked meals with plenty of fresh herbs and accompanied by homemade breads, are served indoors or outside around a fire. After dinner you may opt for a swim in the spot lit pool or visit the hide where Honey Badger, Porcupine and other nocturnal creatures are sure to entertain you.





DAY 4: ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

You make your way to your exclusive campsite at the private Fischer's Pan Game Reserve, which borders the eastern perimeter of the world renowned Etosha National Park, only a couple of kilometres away from the Von Lindequist Gate.

In addition to its prime and secluded location, your campsite is beautifully situated on the edge of a small vlei, which is surrounded by shady Terminalia and Tamboti trees. A variety of game, including Leopard, roam at will in this area. Enjoy an afternoon game drive in the Namutoni area, which is characterised by the historic Beau Gesteau fort

DAY 5: ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Etosha National Park covers 22 270km of countryside ranging from dense bush to barren plains. The heart of the park is the Etosha Pan, meaning 'Place of Dry Water', a vast, dry, silvery-white shallow depression of shimmering mirages. Along the southern edge of the Pan, perennial springs feed waterholes, which attract an abundance of mammal and bird species, thus providing rewarding and often spectacular game viewing. The day is spent game viewing in Etosha National Park

DAY 6: ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Today you make your way to the western side of Etosha National Park stopping en route at the numerous waterholes to view game at close quarters. Late afternoon you arrive at Okaukuejo where your overnight accommodation is in bungalows. The highlight at Okaukuejo is a floodlit waterhole, which is frequented by Elephant, Giraffe, black Rhino and Lion

DAY 7: SOUTHERN DAMARALAND

After a final early, morning game drive you head for your private campsite in southern Damaraland. Here lies a vast unspoilt wilderness with a magnificent rugged scenery of rolling plains and distant mountains, a variety of desert flora and fauna, fascinating geological formations and a wealth of rock paintings and engravings, which combine to form the unique attractions of Damaraland. Enjoy a late afternoon stroll amongst the boulders and kopjes that are the heart of this amazing land. Enjoy a sundowner as you reflect on the true meaning of peace and tranquillity

DAY 8: SOUTHERN DAMARALAND

Early this morning you visit the San (Bushman) rock paintings and engravings at nearby Twyfelfontein. These spectacular engravings are thought to be the work of hunter-gatherers who lived in the area thousands of years ago. South of Twyfelfontein, in a desolate landscape of volcanic rock, lies the Burnt Mountain.

Nearby, a further geological curiosity is the formation of perpendicular basalt called the Organ Pipes. Other activities include nature walks and off-road drives, in search of the rare desert-adapted Elephant and the elusive desert black Rhino, which have adapted to the harsh elements of this region

DAY 9: SWAKOPMUND

You head on the Exclusive Fully Serviced Safari towards the coast and Cape Cross where the Portuguese seafarer Diego Cao became the first European to set foot on Namibian soil in 1486. Cape Cross is also home to more than 80 000 Cape Fur Seals. A special feature along the coast is the extensive lichen fields. Swakopmund is Namibia's premier seaside resort and resembles a Bavarian village with its many 19th century buildings harking back to its colonial past.





Hedged by the desert and the wild Atlantic, Swakopmund offers old world charm, a relaxed atmosphere and a host of activities. Your accommodation tonight is at the four star Swakopmund Hotel and Entertainment Centre, which has been built in and around the impeccably restored historical station building. Dinner will be at a local seafood restaurant

DAY 10: SWAKOPMUND

This morning at 8:30am you depart on a seal and dolphin cruise. This takes you through Walvis Bay harbour, the fishing factories and Russian trawlers. From here on to bird island, Pelican Point and back via the lagoon where a variety of birds such as Pelican, Flamingo, and Cormorant can be seen. A highlight is wild Seals boarding the boat to be fed by hand.

Fresh oysters, champagne and snacks are enjoyed at the Seal colony, where Dolphins join the fun around the boat. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy a variety of optional activities such as quad biking, a scenic flight over the dunes and coast, and golf on one of the 5 registered desert golf courses in the world. Enjoy dinner at the Platform One Restaurant at the Swakopmund Hotel

DAY 11: NAMIB NAUKLUFT PARK

After a leisurely breakfast, you make your way to the Namib Naukluft Park, where landscapes range from an impressive mountain massif to desert plains and high dunes. The afternoon's highlight is a visit to the awe inspiring dunes of Sossusvlei, many of which are in excess of 300 metre (984 feet) high, arguably making them the highest in the world. As the late afternoon sun plays on these fascinating dunes their colour can change from apricot to orange to a dark maroon, thus creating wonderful photographic opportunities.

Your exclusive campsite is surrounded by the huge Naukluft Mountains, a rugged range characterised by sheer cliffs deeply incised river valleys and rolling hills which are a sanctuary for Hartmann's Mountain Zebra, Oryx, Springbok and Kudu. A feature of your attractive campsite is the ruins of an old police station which still huddles in the shade of ancient trees and takes one back to the time of the Schutztruppe

DAY 12: NAMIB NAUKLUFT PARK

Today you explore one of the most pristine gorges in the Naukluft. You set off by 4x4 as far as the plateau. From then on the rest of the journey is by foot as you hike through the gorge with its many quiver trees and rock pools, which are large enough to cool off in. An optional late afternoon activity is horse riding at a nearby guest farm

DAY 13: WINDHOEK

After breakfast you return to Windhoek, in time for lunch at a restaurant in Windhoek. End of Safari

INCLUDED

- ✓ Same day transfers to and from the airport
- ✓ Accommodation on a sharing basis
- ✓ Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- ✓ Meals as stipulated
- ✓ Entrance fees to national parks
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ English - German speaking driver / guide
- ✓ Soft and non-alcoholic beverages whilst on board the vehicle

EXCLUDED

- × All extra meals & drinks
- × Visas
- × Full travel insurance
- × Excursions not related to the safari
- × International flights
- × Airport departure taxes
- × Gratuities



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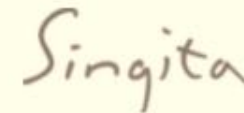


Great service - great activities

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