

A 10 Day Private Journey Through Namibia



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Day 1: andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge, Sossusvlei, Namibia



Today you will arrive into Hosea Kutako International Airport where your 9-night Namibian adventure begins (please note the cost of this international arrival flight is not included). Upon arrival you will be met by your local assistant and transferred the short distance to the nearby Eros Airport.

On arrival at Windhoek Eros Airport you will be assisted to your scheduled charter flight to and Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge. This flight will take a little over an hour and see you soar above the Namib Desert, a world of vast spaces, endless horizons, dramatic deserts-scapes and jagged mountain heights.

Having landed at the small local airstrip you will be met by your guide and together make your way to you home for the next three nights, the awe inspiring andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge. Here you have the next few days to explore the spectacular dunes of the Namib desert, soak in the utter tranquility and marvel at the extraordinary clarity of the night skies that make this area one of Africa's most compelling landscapes.

Day 2:

andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge, Sossusvlei, Namibia



Today you will enjoy one of the most special experiences available anywhere in Africa. At sunrise, in the world's oldest desert, you will witness a spectacular hot air balloon inflation. You will then board this lighter-than-air craft and together set out on the flight of a lifetime. From your floating vantage point you will soar with the winds for an hour, over the oceans of sand and mountains, passing over endless vistas of shadows and lights.

Touching down at your destination, the splendid red dunes of the desert, you will be welcomed back to earth with an Out Of Africa style Champagne breakfast. Your pilot will then present you with a flight certificate before you take a leisurely nature drive back to your lodge.

Day 3:

andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge, Sossusvlei, Namibia



Today you have at leisure to explore this incredible destination through any number of exciting activities. Scenic nature drives, dune ecology activities, fat tyre desert biking, quad bike excursions, rock painting excursions and outings to the renowned Sossusvlei and Deadvlei areas are all on offer.

Be sure to stay up late one night with the resident astronomer. Together you can sit in the observatory, drink in hand and gaze through the telescope at the dazzling stars and planets above. As Namibia has such an incredibly low population density and there are no cities for hundreds of miles, the skies are some of the clearest anywhere in the world.

Day 4: Strand Hotel, Swakopmund, South Africa



This morning you will enjoy a leisurely breakfast before joining your guide for a short transfer back to the local airstrip. Here you will board your flight that will take you to Swakopmund Airport. Upon arrival at Swakopmund Airport you will be met by your local driver and be driven with fellow guests to Strand Hotel Swakopmund, your new home for the next two nights.

This charming little seaside town on Namibia's western coast retains a strong German flavour - from the cobbled streets and picturesque buildings down to the typical German restaurants and pubs. Today you have at leisure to wander these quaint streets and breath in the invigorating sea air blowing in from the Atlantic.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 5: Strand Hotel, Swakopmund, South Africa



Today you have at leisure to enjoy this wonderful town however you wish. Chat to the concierge desk at your hotel for some suggestions for activities that can be booked and paid for locally.

Fishing trips, quad bike adventures, sunset cruises and even skydiving experiences are all available locally. However, don't you feel you have to pack your day with adventure as this truly is a wonderful town to simply relax into and soak in your peaceful surroundings.

Located around 1.5 hours away from Swakopmund you will find the enormous (and very smelly) Cape Cross Seal Reserve. Here you will find tens of thousands of Cape Fur Seals all scrambling and jostling with one another. This activity would take up most of your day but chat to your hotel's concierge desk if it is something you may be interested in.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 6: Damaraland Camp, Twyfelfontein, Namibia



This morning you will bid farewell to Swakopmund and make your way to the nearby airport. Here you will board a short 20-minute flight that will take you to Twyfelfontein Airstrip. Here you will be met by your local guide and together you will set off for Damaraland Camp!

On route to the camp you will pass through some incredibly beautiful scenery. The rocky outcrops of Twyfelfontein feature exceptional Bushmen engravings, which are considered to be some of the best-preserved etchings on the continent. The breath-taking mountainous region of Damaraland is also home to an assortment of desert-adapted wildlife such as elephant, rhino, zebra and lion, which eke out an existence in this near-barren landscape.

Having arrived at your home for the next two nights you will have a chance to unpack and enjoy a leisurely welcome lunch. You then have the remainder of the day to either enjoy any number of amazing activities offered by the Camp, or simply relax with a drink in hand and soak in your incredible surroundings.

Day 7: Damaraland Camp, Twyfelfontein, Namibia



Damaraland stands as one of the most beautiful areas found anywhere in Namibia, featuring a massive, untamed, and ruggedly beautiful region that offers travelers an adventurous challenge. Today you will explore this rugged region alongside your experienced and knowledgeable guide as together you search for the specially adapted wildlife that calls this area home.

Morning and afternoon game drives perfectly exhibit the intense scenery, sporting prehistoric water courses with open plains and grasslands, massive granite koppies, deep gorges, and captivating wildlife littered across the region. The breath-taking mountainous region of Damaraland is home to an assortment of this desert-adapted wildlife, such as the mighty desert-dwelling elephant, rare black rhino, banded zebra, and famed predators, like the wild-maned lion, spotted brown hyena, and swift cheetah.

The desert landscape further encompasses boulder-strewn valleys dotted with grazing herds and predators, adapted megafauna, volcanic rock shards cloaking scorpions and snakes, and wide open air filled with the fierce wings of snake eagles and 240 additional avian residents.

A key attraction in the region is the picturesque Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain, which is home to thousands of ancient rock paintings, most notably The White Lady, discovered in 1918.

The rock painting is gorgeously outlined on a small rock overhang and is shrouded in mystery and folklore. Namibia's first World Heritage Site, Twyfelfontein, illustrates exceptional Bushmen engravings that depict the rich wildlife population on its rocky outcrops, universally considered to be some of the best-preserved etchings on the African continent. It is an unspoiled setting of an old world, where untamed wildlife and local herdsman live side by side without the restrictions of modern living.

Day 8: Little Ongava, Ongava Private Game Reserve, Namibia



This morning you will check out and enjoy a short transfer back to the nearby airstrip. Here you will meet your next flight that will take you Ongava Private Game Reserve, one of Namibia's hidden gem's!

Sharing a common boundary with the world famous Etosha National Park, Ongava is considered one of the finest private game reserves in the region, enjoying global recognition for exceptional conservation, groundbreaking research and exciting safari adventures.

Situated in the Ongava Game Reserve, Little Ongava is built along the crest of a hill, with sweeping views of the plains below. Lion, elephant, cheetah, gemsbok, springbok, hartebeest and the resident white and black rhino can be spotted at many of the waterholes in Etosha National Park, promising an exhilarating nature experience at this superb wildlife location. Adventures in this area include game drives into the Okaukuejo area of Etosha, game viewing from hides at the waterholes and guided nature walks in the private reserve.

Having checked in and got settled you then have the remainder of your day to enjoy as you wish. This afternoon would be a great opportunity for an introductory safari drive!

Day 9:

Little Ongava, Ongava Private Game Reserve, Namibia



Ongava is one of the largest private game reserves in Namibia, with over 125 square miles to explore and today you will explore a great deal of it! Early this morning you will meet your guide and climb into your specially designed safari vehicle and together embark on a memorable game drive across Ongava and into neighboring Etosha National Park.

Other exciting options include rhino tracking on foot in the company of your trained guide, nature walks, photographic hide visits, lounging by the pool, or relaxing on your private deck and allowing nature to come to you! Additionally, Little Ongava offers incredible night drive experiences which are always highly recommended. At night an entirely new world of animals both big and small emerge from their daytime retreats and observing them with the help of a powerful spotlight is a very special experience.

Regardless of how you choose to spend your day you will end today with a magnificent feast prepared by the lodges talented team of chef's.

Day 10: Depart Africa



This morning you will bid farewell to Ongava and join a short flight from the local airstrip to Hosea Kutako International Airport. Here you will meet your onward international flight, the cost of which is not included.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Accommodation

andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge, NamibRand Nature Reserve, Namibia

• 1 X Suite on a Full Board Basis (Including Local Beers, Wine, Spirits & Soft Drinks)

Cradled against the ancient mountains, &Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge overlooks the starkly beautiful Namib Desert. 10 exquisite suites offer the sophistication of simplicity, reflecting chic desertinspired minimalism, and the two-bedroomed Star Dune Suite is ideal for families or groups of friends, who prefer more privacy. The guest area features floor to ceiling, frameless glass panels that fold away to reveal unobstructed desert vistas. An inviting central-island bar and comfortable sitting room allow for convivial conversation, while a number of smaller spaces offer a more intimate option. A fine selection of wines from an impressive walk-in wine cellar complement sublime meals. Other signature features include a one-of-a-kind gym, elevated and ideally positioned to catch the desert sunrise while doing an early-morning yoga session, or quick session on the treadmill before breakfast. A two-part wellness centre offers a treatment room and a private spa-bath, as well as a wet treatment room with a shower and bath, complete with its own skylight for early-evening stargazing.



Strand Hotel, Swakopmund, Namibia

• 1 X Luxury Room on a Bed & Breakfast Basis

Surrounded on three sides by the Atlantic Ocean, the magnificent Strand Hotel is situated on the iconic and historic Swakopmund Mole. With a distinct nod to Namibian and German heritage, the architecture of the hotel envelops its guests with contemporary design features that exude a homely atmosphere. Here, 125 rooms feature spectacular ocean, beach or flourishing garden views as well as a lovely ensuite bathroom, free internet connectivity, a personal bar, television and air conditioning. The main guest area features a dramatic ocean-view atrium that travels right through the hotel, providing exceptional views on either end. Three exciting restaurants serve a delicious array of menus, while a combination of convivial bar areas, sea-facing terraces, a tranquil beer garden and a private beach pavilion ensure that The Strand Hotel is one of the finest retreats in Swakopmund. After a fun-filled day of adventures guests can also take advantage of the hotel's elegant Atlantic Spa – expect crystal steam rooms, rain showers, an exclusive relaxation lounge and a selection of soul-soothing treatments.



Damaraland Camp, Twyfelfontein, Namibia

• 1 X Tent on a Full Board Basis (Including Local Beers, Wine, Spirits & Soft Drinks)

Set in the Huab River valley, Damaraland Camp boasts sensational views of the surrounding desert plains, ancient valleys, and the soaring peaks of the Brandberg Mountains. Ten adobe-style thatch units are raised on individual wooden decks, park of which extends out to form a large viewing platform with magnificent vistas. Each tent features an en suite shower, a walk-in dressing area and built-in fan. The spacious thatch living area houses a restaurant and bar, complete with roaring fireplace. A sparkling swimming pool lies invitingly next to the bar. Adventures from the camp include guided nature drives, walks and mountain biking expeditions.



Little Ongava, Ongava Private Game Reserve, Namibia

• 1 X Suite on a Full Board Basis (Including Local Beers, Wine, Spirits & Soft Drinks)

Situated in the Ongava Game Reserve, Little Ongava is built along the crest of a hill, with sweeping views of the plains below. Accommodation consists of spacious suites, each with their own plunge pool, an en-suite bathroom boasting a bath overlooking the beautiful surrounds and a sala that is ideal for afternoon naps or birdwatching. The lounge and dining areas offer wonderful views of the busy waterhole, and are relaxed spaces for guests to linger over their delicious meals. Lion, elephant, cheetah, gemsbok, springbok, hartebeest and the resident white and black rhino can be spotted at many of the waterholes in Etosha National Park, promising an exhilarating nature experience at this superb wildlife location. Adventures in this area include game drives into the Okaukuejo area of Etosha, game viewing from hides at the waterholes and guided nature walks in the private reserve.



Included Flights

Please note your itinerary does include light aircraft flights on to which normal hard sided suitcases are not allowed. Please pack your clothing and other items into a soft sided duffel style travel bag (no larger than 24 inches long and 15 inches wide) that can be easily stored along with other travellers' bags in the small luggage compartments on board.

All Exeter Safari Company clients receive a complimentary specially designed travel duffel bag that matches these specifications exactly.

Please also note there is a strict 15KG (33lbs) weight limit for your luggage. You may bring a small backpack (or similar) into the main cabin. It is also worth noting these flight schedules are quite flexible and you should not expect to arrive or depart exactly as outlined in your itinerary. Often your flight will stop on route to your destination to pick up or drop off guests from other lodges.



Day 1	Windhoek Eros Airport to Sossusvlei Airstrip
Day 4	Sossusvlei Airstrip to Swakopmund Airport
Day 6	Swakopmund Airport to Twyfelfontein Airstrip
Day 8	Twyfelfontein Airstrip to Ongava Airstrip
Day 10	Ongava Airstrip to Hosea Kutako International Airstrip

Included In Your Journey

- Accommodation as specified in the itinerary
- Meals, drinks and laundry as specified
- Scheduled flights as specified in the itinerary
- Private/Scheduled transfers as specified in the itinerary
- Scheduled sightseeing and excursions as specified in the itinerary
- Scheduled game viewing activities as specified in the itinerary
- National parks, concession and landing fees where applicable
- Domestic departure tax, fuel and safety levies from airports and airstrips

Not Included in Your Journey

- Meals, drinks and laundry not specified in the itinerary
- Premium brand drinks, champagne, cognacs, cellar wines and cigars.
- Gratuities and any items of a personal nature
- Sightseeing and excursions not specified in the itinerary
- Flights and transfers not specified in the itinerary
- National parks and concession fees not specified in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance

Estimated Cost of the Program

Estimated cost of the Program based on two clients traveling together sharing one double occupancy room throughout:

Classic Program: Includes more basic accommodation than that mentioned in the Program above: **\$7,680 per person**.

Luxury Program: Includes the accommodation mentioned in the Program above (or equivalent): **\$8,235 per person.**

Premium Program: Includes more luxurious accommodation than that mentioned in the Program above: **\$10,225 per person.**

Please note due to the bespoke nature of our itineraries, combined with profound seasonal variations in accommodation costs and availability, the above pricing estimates should be used only as a guide. An exact cost can be provided once exact dates and logistics have been discussed.

Booking Conditions

Payments

A non-refundable deposit of 30% of the total program cost is required to secure the arrangements. The balance of payment is then due 90 days prior to departure. The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. Rates are quoted in US Dollars.

Insurance

Travel insurance is always recommended to protect your investment.

Cancellations

Written cancellations received more than 90 days prior to departure will incur a 30% forfeit of the total trip cost. Written cancellations received less than 90 days prior to departure are subject to a 100% forfeit of the tour cost.

Safari Vehicle Etiquette

Please note that while on safari, unless specifically stated, your safari vehicle may host other travellers from your lodge.

Rerouted, Cancelled or Delayed Flights that Affect your Itinerary

Should any commercial or regional flights, private charters or air shuttles be cancelled, delayed or rerouted for any reason and this affects your itinerary, the Exeter Safari Company cannot be held responsible for the loss of connecting services or for new services that need to be booked because of this rerouting, cancellation or delay. This is valid for both flights that have or have not been issued by the Exeter Safari Company.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Accommodation: Lost or any additional accommodation required.
- Transport: Unused or new transfers.
- Flights: Unused connecting flights or new flights.
- Guides: Not utilized or new services to hire guides.



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