

NAMIBIAN EXPLORER PREMIUM ACCOMMODATED ADVENTURE 11NIGHTS / 12DAYS



Windhoek to Windhoek + Namibia

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Day 1: WINDHOEK

Explore Windhoek during the day and meet your group and your Tour Leader in the evening at 18:00 to get acquainted and review your trip details. Windhoek is a tiny capital town but with loads of interesting things to offer. One of the most famous is the display of 33 meteorites, the Gibeon Meteorites in the Post Street Mall. Here you can take pictures of and touch these extra-terrestrial bodies that are corrosive resistant due to the high amount of nickel in them. Shopping opportunities abound and for the historically inclined there are many museums and historical buildings within walking distance around the town centre. One of the most widely photographed and a historical landmark is the Christ Church, a Lutheran church, built in the Gothic revival style.



Meals: N/A

Accommodation: Comfort Hotel

Activities Included: Welcome Meeting at 18:00

Activities Optional: Explore the City, Craft Market

Entrance Fees Included: N/A

Day 2: WINDHOEK TO GOBABEB

Your journey will start after a wholesome breakfast, heading southwest towards the Namib Desert. Enjoy a scenic drive, beautiful in a unique and rugged way. You will drive through the oddly angled rock formations of the Kuiseb pass and continue west towards the towering red dunes of the Namib Desert where you will find the Gobabeb Training &



Research Centre. Gobabeb was founded in 1962 and the center conducts research on climate, ecology, geomorphology and test, demonstrate and promote Appropriate Technologies. Two days of interesting and educational activities lie ahead. After dinner, you will get the opportunity to go scorpion hunting or just relax next to the campfire and count the satellites passing over in the starlit Namibian sky.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Bungalow/Lodge

Activities Included: Desert Night Walk

Activities Optional: N/A

Entrance Fees Included: Namib Naukluft National Park

Day 3: GOBABEB

After breakfast, you will go on a Desert Research Station tour where the local guides will explain and demonstrate all the different tests and research that they are conducting on a daily basis. In the afternoon, you will go on a guided nature



walk to learn more about the creatures living in the seemingly barren desert. You will learn that there is much more in a desert than what meets the eye and that going about unseen is a survival trait of many of the desert's inhabitants. In the late afternoon, you can climb a nearby sand dune to enjoy a sundowner and stunning desert sunset from above.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Bungalow/Lodge

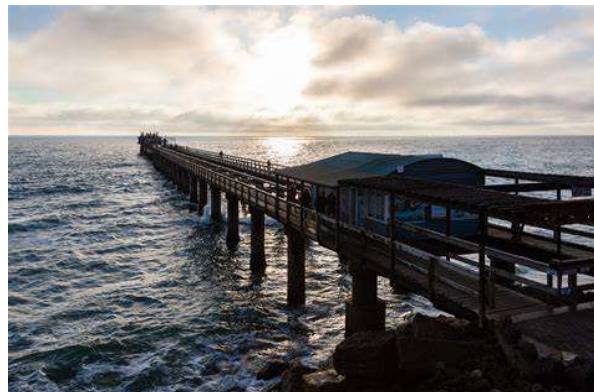
Activities Included: Desert Research Station Tour, Desert Nature Walk

Activities Optional: N/A

Entrance Fees Included: Namib Naukluft National Park

Day 4: GOBABEB TO SWAKOPMUND

Continue to Swakopmund with its cooler Atlantic sea air, cultural experiences and options for some extreme adventures



like quad biking, sand boarding, 4x4 safaris, skydiving (weather permitting) and more. The only meal provided today is breakfast as Swakopmund has plenty of great places to eat local cuisine. Swakopmund offers a variety of bakeries and cafes with a selection of reasonably priced meals (budget approximately \$5-12 USD per meal).

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Comfort Hotel

Activities Included: N/A

Activities Optional: Quad Biking, Sand Boarding, Skydiving

Entrance Fees Included: N/A

Day 5: SWAKOPMUND

Swakopmund's big variety of things to see and do caters for a wide scope of tastes and styles. You can take a walk along the beach and dip your toes in the icy Atlantic Ocean, or visit the Krystal Galerie which boasts with the largest Quartz Crystal Cluster on display in the World, weighing in at 14 100 kilograms. Browse the many excellent bookshops and curio shops and spoil yourself with a unique gift from the area. If adrenalin and outdoors is your thing then you can enjoy optional activities like quad biking, sand boarding, 4x4 safaris, skydiving (weather permitting) and more.



Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Comfort Hotel

Activities Included: N/A

Activities Optional: Quad Biking, Sand Boarding, Skydiving

Entrance Fees Included: N/A

Day 6: SWAKOPMUND TO BRANDBERG

Today you will be leaving the coast and travel north to Brandberg which is home to Königstein, at 2573m above sea level the highest peak in Namibia. In the afternoon you can either relax at your campsite or make use of the opportunity to visit the famous White Lady Bushmen painting in the Brandberg. Although the walk is not strenuous, it takes about 2 hours in a very hot environment so be sure to be armed with a hat, sunglasses, comfortable closed shoes and plenty water and sunscreen. Enjoy the breath-taking scenery along the riverbed on the way to the famous "lady", with multi-colored rocks that take on various shades of flaming orange in the late afternoon, giving the mountain its name. Around the lodge area there is a good chance to see the famous desert elephant, sometimes casually wandering into the lodge premises.



Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Bungalow/Lodge

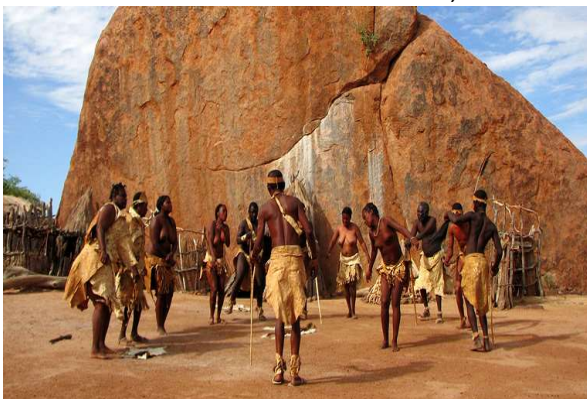
Activities Included: N/A

Activities Optional: Visit White Lady Bushmen Painting

Entrance Fees Included: N/A

Day 7: BRANDBERG TO TWYFELFONTEIN

Today is a short drive to another area famous for desert elephant. Twyfelfontein means "spring of doubt". Twyfelfontein is a site of ancient art and sacred rituals portrayed in the at least 2500 rock engravings found there. It was also proclaimed Namibia's first UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2007. At Twyfelfontein you will have the opportunity to discover one of Namibia's oldest tribes, the Damara. You might want to add a visit to the Damara Living Museum to your optional activities list. This project is a reconstruction of the traditional culture of the Damara, a contribution to preserving the culture of the tribe and an income provider to the community. You will also have the opportunity to do an optional guided walk to an engraving site.



Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Bungalow/Lodge

Activities Included: N/A

Activities Optional: Damara Living Museum, Twyfelfontein Engravings

Entrance Fees Included: N/A



Day 8: TWYFELFONTEIN TO OPUWO

The morning starts early for the drive to Opuwo. On arrival, we will visit a local school we have been supporting since 2010. In the afternoon, we will go on a guided walk to a traditional Himba village and learn more about the Himba culture and the Himba tribe with their trademark red ochre body paint.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Bungalow/Lodge

Activities Included: Himba Village Visit, Africa4us Kids Project

Activities Optional: N/A

Entrance Fees Included: N/A

Day 9: OPUWO TO ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Depart after breakfast for Etosha National Park, one of Southern Africa's best loved wildlife sanctuaries. Head out for an afternoon game drive to search for elephant, the unique black-faced impala, zebra, endangered black rhino or any of the more than 100 mammal species the park is home to. In the rainy season, the salt pans turn into shallow lakes, with pelicans, flamingos and other bird species flocking to this temporary water haven. Animals often cluster around the



watering holes close to the campsites and this offers you the unique opportunity to sit and wait for the animals to come to you. These fenced watering holes have seating areas and are perfectly safe. Floodlights give you the opportunity to sit at the waterhole right through the night and enjoy the interaction all the different species have with each other around the water.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Luxury Tented Lodge

Activities Included: Game Drives in Premium Overland Safari Vehicle and Watering Hole at Camp

Activities Optional: N/A

Entrance Fees Included: Etosha National Park

Day 10: ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy a full day's game drive in our Premium Overland Safari Vehicle. Gather memories of unique sights that you will not likely experience again. Watch how ghostly grey-white elephants bathe themselves in the white dust of the area or zoom in on the magnificent sight of giraffes etched against a wide and open horizon. Overnight at another beautiful camp inside Etosha National Park and maybe you are just lucky enough to fall asleep with the haunting call of hyena or a lion roaring in the distance.



Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Bungalow/Lodge

Activities Included: Game Drives in Premium Overland Safari Vehicle, Watering Hole at Camp

Activities Optional: Night Game Drive

Entrance Fees Included: Etosha National Park

Day 11: ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK TO WINDHOEK

Enjoy a final short morning game drive before travelling south to Windhoek, Namibia's capital. Spend the last few hours of the day exploring Windhoek and its strong German influence. You'll have the option to celebrate your last night and your new friendships at one of Windhoek's famous restaurants. You can also book a day or two extra, to properly explore this quaint little capital town.



Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Comfort Hotel

Activities Included: N/A

Activities Optional: Explore City, Craft Markets and Museums

Entrance Fees Included: N/A

Day 12: WINDHOEK

Our last goodbye, a healthy breakfast and the end of another incredible tour.

Meals: Breakfast