

ACCOMMODATION IN NAMIBIA

BEST OF NAMIBIA WINGS SAFARI

To observe Namibia from the air is an awe-inspiring experience: the vast expanses of moving, rippling sands, the great blue skies and grey of the ocean extending to the horizon. This safari explores four distinct regions: the sands and red dunes of Sossusvlei; the icy, life-filled coasts at Swakopmund and Walvis Bay; the stark plains of Damaraland, with their desert-adapted elephants; and the amazing wildlife abundance on the savannah of Etosha.



This circuit-style safari offers daily departures, several camp choices in the northern region (where enormous concessions and private camps mix well with the advantages of nearby National Parks), and can be combined with add-ons to other

regions, such as the iconic Skeleton Coast. Diverse activities enhance this in-depth encounter of the landscape, including an optional dolphin cruise, seafood lunch and quad biking.



Brief Itinerary - Departures daily, all year-round. No minimum number of guests required.

Days 1 & 2: Fly to Sossusvlei Wilderness Camp, Namib Desert

Days 3 & 4: Travel by air to Swakopmund for dolphin boat cruise and Swakopmund touring, then on to Damaraland Camp

Days 5 & 6: Fly to Ongava Game Reserve and Etosha National Park

Day 7: Transfer back to Windhoek

This Exploration has the following unique features:

- Seat-in-Plane air transfers between camps minimise travel time and provide a bird's-eye view of the immense landscape
- Diverse activities enhance in-depth experience of the landscape, including dolphin cruise, seafood lunch and quad biking
- Seamless experience with expert pilot-guides leading throughout
- Small group size ensures that special interests are satisfied
- Enormous concessions and private camps combine with advantages of nearby National Parks



The safari departs from Eros Airport (Windhoek) by light aircraft for Sossusvlei Wilderness Camp approximately an hour's flight away. Activities are conducted in 4X4 vehicles and include a safari

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down to every end of the Tsauchab River and to the heart of Sossusvlei for wonderful dune scenes. You fly over the dunes of Namib and Sossusvlei to gain a different perspective of the area from air. You continue westwards to Meob Bay on the Atlantic Ocean and then fly up the Skeleton Coast.

The flight offers spectacular desert and Skeleton Coast scenery, where the dunes and the desert meet the Atlantic Ocean. The flight takes us over the site of the Eduard Bolen shipwreck, past Conception Bay and the wreck site of the Shaunee, around Sandwich Harbour and its famous lagoon, the flamingos at Walvis Bay and on to Swakopmund.

You will fly to Damaraland to stay at the Damaraland or Desert Rhino Camp. After 2 nights there you fly to Ongava Tented Camp or Ongava Lodge. Etosha, covering an area of 22,000 square kilometres, offers excellent game viewing opportunities. All meals, park fees and activities are included.



The aircraft used will usually be a Cessna 210, accommodating 5 guests plus pilot, but may on occasion be replaced by other aircraft to fit the group size, e.g. a 7-guest plus pilot Cessna 402 for larger groups. The Cessna 210 is a single engine aircraft and the 402 is a twin engine. The advantage of the 210 is that it has a high wing for great visibility.

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DAYS 1 & 2: Little Kulala Camp

The safari departs by light aircraft from Eros International Airport, close to the centre of town in Windhoek. We depart in the morning no later than 10h00 and it is a one-hour flight down to Sossusvlei Little Kulala Camp, where we spend two nights.



Little Kulala the flagship of Namibia's extraordinary Sossusvlei area, has for several years been attracting informed travellers, who enjoy the first-rate facilities, charming hospitality and nearby proximity to the towering sand dunes. This acclaimed desert retreat, in the only reserve with direct access to Sossusvlei, has climate-controlled villas and an elegant entertainment area that includes al fresco fine dining as a highlight. The 11 stylish thatched villas merge impeccably into the timeless desert landscape, with exquisite fittings and fixtures, innovative bleached decks each with a private plunge pool. The extensive use of neutral colours, gorgeous textures and natural light reproduce the soothing pastel tones of the desert. Each villa has a rooftop 'skybed' for romantic stargazing, with both indoor and outdoor showers.

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Early morning guided game drives to the spectacular towering dunes are through a private gate into the reserve. Guided drives and walks are also offered on the private reserve with incredible views, desert animals and smaller desert fauna and flora. Another option, at extra cost, is a 60-minute balloon safari at first light, offering a truly unique experience to soar silently above the magnificent sand dunes and desert, ending with a champagne breakfast.



DAYS 3 & 4: Damaraland Camp, Damaraland

The early morning flight takes guests over the Namib and over Sossusvlei itself for an alternative view of the dunes from the air and then due west to Meob Bay on the Skeleton Coast. The desert and Skeleton Coast scenery is spectacular, where the dunes and the desert meet the Atlantic Ocean. The flight up the coast takes you over the site of the Eduard Bolen shipwreck, past Conception Bay and the wreck of the Shaunee, over Sandwich Harbour and its famous lagoon and will land at Swakopmund Airport. You are then transferred to Walvis Bay Harbour for a boat trip (weather permitting) which will allow you the opportunity to view seals and usually schools of dolphins swimming alongside the boat. You may also see turtles, sunfish, penguins, as well as a wonderful quantity and diversity of birdlife. The group will return to Walvis Bay Harbour and following a delicious seafood lunch, be transferred by road to Swakopmund to enjoy a tour of this charming town.



In the afternoon you depart from Swakopmund for a scenic flight further up the Skeleton Coast, past the Cape Cross Seal Colony, before turning east to fly up the Huab River Valley to Damaraland Camp (Desert Rhino Camp is occasionally substituted) for two nights.



Situated on the northern face of the Huab River valley and looking south toward the imposing Brandberg Mountains, Damaraland Camp offers its guests endless vistas. Early morning mists, generated by the clash between the icy Atlantic Ocean and the warm desert air of the Skeleton Coast, drift inland along the river sand canyon, providing sustenance to the flora and fauna of the region.

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This comfortable and friendly camp offers walks and drives in one of the best wilderness areas in Namibia. Although wildlife is not concentrated, the camp is situated where the rare desert-adapted elephant roams, alongside gemsbok (oryx), springbok, ostrich and other hardy desert animals. Rare succulent plants somehow manage to eke out an existence in this harsh countryside. 10 large Meru-style walk-in tents with en-suite facilities provide accommodation. The stone living area combines dining room and pub and an open fire is enjoyed on calm evenings. There is a swimming pool next to the bar. An open campfire and outdoor 'boma' are enjoyed during calm evenings and stargazing is superb thanks to the crystal-clear night skies.



DAYS 5 & 6: Ongava Tented Camp, Ongava Game Reserve

We fly by light aircraft today from Damaraland to Ongava Tented Camp (Ongava Lodge is occasionally substituted), for a further two-night stay. Highlights are the game drives into Etosha National Park as well as night drives, nature walks and hides on the private reserve.

Ongava Tented Camp, built of stone, canvas and thatch, accommodates 16 guests in eight large comfortable Meru-style tents all with en-suite facilities, open air showers and private verandas. The family unit sleeps four. Activities at this comfortable camp typically take place around the main area with its relaxing bar and swimming pool fronting onto a much-frequented waterhole. Activities include game drives into the Okaukuejo area of Etosha where lion, elephant, cheetah, gemsbok, springbok, and hartebeest can be seen at many of the waterholes in the park. In addition, night drives and walks are offered on the private reserve. A special encounter is white rhino tracking - Ongava holds one of the largest rhino custodianships for the Namibian government in the country and is one of the few private game reserves in southern Africa that give one the chance to see both black and white rhino.



DAY 7: Windhoek

We depart Ongava by light air charter back to Windhoek where the safari ends at either Windhoek Eros or Windhoek International Airport. The safari generally ends at about 13h00.

COST: 7 Jan 11 to 14 June 11 = US\$4670 pp sharing. (US\$1190 single supplement)
15 June to 31 Oct 11 = US\$5770 pp sharing (US\$1190 single supplement)
1 Nov – 19 Dec 11 = US\$4670 pp sharing (US\$1190 single supplement)
20 Dec 11 to 6 Jan 2012 = US\$5030 pp sharing (US\$1190 single supplement)

Additional notes:

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1. Departures DAILY at 10am, year round.
2. A flight along the Skeleton Coast and a boat trip to sea for dolphins and seals, plus a seafood lunch in Swakopmund is included.
3. **Our safari departs from Windhoek International or Eros Airport no later than 10h00. Guests arriving the day before and overnighing in Windhoek must please ensure that a transfer has been scheduled for them from the hotel to Eros Airport (this transfer is at an additional cost). At the end of the safari, guests will arrive back in Windhoek (International or Eros Airport) at about 13h00.**
4. This safari is usually accommodated at Ongava Tented Camp, however, may stay at Ongava Lodge for certain departures. And likewise Desert Rhino Camp or Doro Nawas Camp is sometimes used on certain departures instead of Damaraland Camp.
6. Includes air transfers to and from Windhoek, all accommodation, all meals, lodge game drives and activities (excludes ballooning in Sossusvlei), all park fees, all local drinks.
7. Should guests wish to take more than 20kg (44 lbs) luggage (including hand luggage & camera equipment), an extra charge will be charged for the excess luggage. An extra seat allows for a maximum of 70 kg's (154 lbs) excess weight.