

NAMIBIA ADVENTURE 13 Days 1 Country 2 Cities

PEER INTO THE DEPTHS OF AFRICA'S LARGEST CANYON, ADMIRE THE STARK BEAUTY OF SOSSUSVLEI'S ANCIENT BACKDROPS AND SEE THE SHIMMERING EXPANSE OF THE ETOSHA PAN ON THIS EXPEDITION THROUGH NAMIBIA'S SURREAL LANDSCAPES.



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Arrive Windhoek

Your epic encounter with Namibia kicks off in its capital, Windhoek. On arrival, transfer to your hotel and enjoy time at leisure - play a round of golf on the 18-hole golf course or relax in the swimming pool before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception and dinner.

- ★ Hotel - Windhoek Country Club Resort
- ★ Included Meals - Welcome Reception

Day 2 Windhoek – Rehoboth – Kalahari Desert

Embrace the freedom of the open road as we venture into the Kalahari Desert - Namibia's boundless, sandy beauty. We make our way through the historic town of Rehoboth, a former mission station just north of the Tropic of Capricorn, then take our front-row seats on a scenic nature drive through this 'thirst land', where trees loom and rocky shadows stretch out on the horizon against the setting sun.

- ★ Hotel - Zebra Kalahari LodgeKalahari Anib Lodge
- ★ Included Meals - Breakfast, Dinner

Day 3 Kalahari Desert – Keetmanshoop – Fish River Canyon

See the iconic forest of Quiver Trees - the towering aloes from which the San people fashion their quivers to this day. After a short stop in Keetmanshoop with free time for lunch, travel to Naute Dam before arriving at your motor-themed lodge to savour a spectacular Namibian sunset.

- ★ Hotel - Canyon Roadhouse
- ★ Included Meals – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4 Fish River Canyon – Aus

Peer over the ancient chasm carved by the Fish River to form Africa's largest canyon. Carved over millennia, the Fish River Canyon's gigantic ravine provides sanctuary to klipspringer, zebra and even wild horses. We continue our journey to the spectacular Aus Mountains where you'll spend the afternoon getting close to nature.

- ★ Hotel - Desert Horse Inn
- ★ Included Meals - Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5 Aus – Solitaire (2 Nights)

Immerse yourself in the Southern Namib region admiring desert vistas and expansive skies as we conquer the open road. We pay a visit to Baron von Wolf's Duwisib Castle to learn about its history as a gift of love for his American wife. Settle in to the comfort of your lodge and spend the afternoon relaxing, before embarking on a nature drive into the desert.

- ★ Hotel - Namib Desert Lodge
- ★ Included Meals – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6 Sossusvlei and Deadvlei Excursion

In a country renowned for its epic landscapes, competition for the top spot is tough. But it is Sossusvlei and Deadvlei that rightly deserve this crown and it is where we begin our adventure today. Gaze up at the towering Dune 45, then meander into the eerie but beautiful photographers' paradise of Deadvlei, to snap iconic photos of dead camel thorn trees on a bed of white clay pans, perfectly framed by towering sand dunes and clear blue skies. Your early morning adventure in Sossusvlei complete, travel on to explore the ravine walls of the Sesriem Canyon, carved out by the Tsauchab River.

- ★ Included Meals – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 7 Solitaire – Swakopmund (2 Nights)

After breakfast, we drive to the German-inspired seaside town of Swakopmund with its colonial buildings and encroaching desert.

- ★ Hotel - The Delight
- ★ Included Meals – Breakfast

Day 8 Swakopmund At Leisure

During your free time perhaps consider joining an Optional Experience catamaran wildlife cruise in Walvis Bay in search of the marine 'Big 5'. Or make the most of your free time by sampling Black Forest cake and Florentiners at one of the town's quaint German Bäckerei or indulge in some locally brewed Windhoek Lager. Then it's time to 'Connect With Locals' and savour some hearty vetkoek with a Damara family in Swakopmund's Mondesa Township during our 'Be My Guest' experience, where you'll learn about life in the township.

- ★ Included Meals – Breakfast, Be My Guest

Day 9 Swakopmund – Damaraland

Follow Namibia's salt route en route to Damaraland, a place where mysterious flat-topped lava mountains and petrified trees cast shadows across the terracotta-coloured terrain. We make an important stop at Twyfelfontein to admire its ancient rock engravings, then explore the rocky-red Organ Pipes carved into the face of the mountain before arriving at our lodge - one of Trafalgar's 'Stays With Stories'. After settling in to our accommodation, we'll embark on a nature drive on the property.

- ★ Hotel - Twyfelfontein Country Lodge
- ★ Included Meals – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 10 Damaraland – Etosha National Park Area (2 Nights)

As we journey north, we make a brief stop to visit the Petrified Forest and its unique fossilised tree trunks. Meet the OvaHimba tribe with whom we'll 'Dive Into Culture' to gain insights into their hunter-gatherer traditions that have spanned thousands of years. Your visit will 'Make A Difference' by contributing to funds used for food and other necessities. Despite vast desolate landscapes, Namibia is renowned for its wildlife and there's no better place to encounter the array of animal and birdlife that live within its borders than Etosha National Park.

- ★ Included Meals – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 11 Etosha National Park Full Day Safari

Explore one of the world's great wildlife sanctuaries on a full-day safari to gain an understanding of its diverse ecosystem. Enjoy a deep connection with your natural surrounds, joining a guide who will uncover the secrets of the bush and maximise your game viewing chances.

- ★ Included Meals – Breakfast, Dinner

Day 12 Etosha National Park Area – Windhoek

We bid farewell to Etosha and travel south back to Windhoek. This evening enjoy a Farewell Dinner at one of the city's most famous and lively beer houses to celebrate the end of a magical journey through Namibia.

- ★ Hotel - Windhoek Country Club Resort
- ★ Included Meals – Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

Day 13 Depart Windhoek

With our journey at its close, we say goodbye to our new-found friends and transfer to Windhoek airport.

- ★ Included Meals – Breakfast

ABOUT THIS TRIP

What's included

- **12 NIGHTS** Accommodation
- **23 MEALS** 12 breakfast, 11 dinners (including Be My Guest)
- **ON-TRIP TRANSPORT** Land transportation included. Where applicable, Intra-air between cities are not included.

The Trafalgar difference

- **CONNECT WITH LOCALS** In Swakopmund, where you'll meet a Damara family in Mondesa Township and enjoy traditional vetkoek made in three-legged potjie pots and learn about township life (Day 8)
- **DIVE INTO CULTURE** Meet members of the OvaHimba tribe, considered the last semi-nomadic people of Namibia (Day 11)
- **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** With your visit to the Otjikandero Himba Orphan Village Project in Namibia's Kaokaland, which uses the funding received from tours for food and other necessities. (Day 11)
- **STAYS WITH STORIES** Twyfelfontein Country Lodge is framed by the surrounding towering red rocks of Damaraland and sensitively designed to integrate and blend within its surrounding area, with its own on-site ancient petroglyphs. (Day 9)
- **LOCAL SPECIALIST** Join experienced guides for safari game drives

Sightseeing highlights

- VISIT Rehoboth, Kalahari Desert, Keetmanshoop, Quivertree Forest, Fish River Canyon, Duwisib Castle, Sossusvlei, Dune 45 & Deadvlei, Namib Naukluft National Park, Twyfelfontein ancient Rock Art, National Park Paintings and the Organ pipes, the Petrified Forest, Etosha National Park
- VIEW Naute Dam, Sesriem Canyon, the Moon Landscape valley near Swakopmund
- SEE the Namib Naukluft Mountains

Travel highlights

- ✓ Daily breakfast and an average of 50% of evening meals
- ✓ Hand-picked Trip Highlights
- ✓ All portorage and restaurant gratuities
- ✓ An expert Travel Director and professional Driver
- ✓ Hand-picked hotels, lodges and luxury safari camps
- ✓ Optional Experiences and free time
- ✓ Must-see sightseeing and surprise extras
- ✓ All hotel tips, charges and local taxes