



**Desert, Bush and Beach (Namibia) – 2022**  
**11 days / 10 nights**  
**Tour Code DeBuBeSD (SD= Self-drive)**

The tour start and end in WINDHOEK. Highlights: Windhoek, Savannah Bush, Etosha Wildlife, Sossusvlei, Desert Moon Landscape, Kuiseb Canyon, Solitaire, Namib Desert, Naukluft Park and Swakopmund. Accommodation is provided in tourist class lodges. This is a self-drive safari with a rental 4x4.

**COST and TOUR SUMMARY – Low Season**

<b>Low season: 1 Jan 2022 – 30 Jun 2022, 1 Dec 2022 – 30 Dec 2022</b>		
<b>TOUR SUMMARY (Accommodation, Meals, Vehicle)</b>		
<b>Abbreviations: BB = Bed and Breakfast, DBB = Dinner bed and Breakfast, SC= Self-catering</b>		
1 x Day Windhoek (DBB) - Gohegnas Lodge		
2 x Days Sossusvlei (DBB) - Desert Camp or Quiver Camp		
2 x Days Swakopmund (DBB) - Hotel Zum Kaiser		
4 x Days Etosha (DBB) - Etosha Village		
1 x Day Windhoek (BB) - Arebbusch Travel Lodge		
<b>Guided Activities Included</b>		
Marine Cruise at Walvisbay 09h00 - 12h30		
Sandwich Harbour 4x4 Tour 12h30 to 16h00		
<b>Unguided Activities for Self-drive</b>		
Explore Etosha at leisure		
Desert Moon Landscape		
Sossusvlei/Dead Vlei/Dune45/Big Daddy Dune/Sesriem Canyon		
Wood Craft Market at Okahandja		
<b>SUBJECT TO EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS (ZAR rate must be honoured)</b>		
<b>VEHICLE COST for Self-drive</b>	<b>ZAR</b>	<b>Estimated-USD</b>
<b>4 x 4 Vehicle - Toyota DBL CAB</b>	14381	1027
<b>Accommodation and Activity COST</b>	<b>ZAR</b>	<b>Estimated-USD</b>
Cost for 2 Adults sharing	41330	2952
Total Tour Cost	55711	3979
<b>Fuel/ Park Fees/ Sight-Seeing fees (Approximate)</b>		
Park Fees/sight-seeing fees - Per Person	1,500	107
Tips/Gratitudes	500	36
<b>1 USD = ZAR 14,00</b>		<b>14</b>

**COST and TOUR SUMMARY – High Season**

<b>High season: 1 Jul 2022 – 30 Nov 2022, 24, 25 &amp; 31 Dec 2022</b>		
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<b>VEHICLE COST for Self-drive</b>	<b>ZAR</b>	<b>Estimated-USD</b>
<b>4 x 4 Vehicle - Toyota Fortuner 4x4</b>	14381	1027
<b>Accommodation and Activity COST</b>	<b>ZAR</b>	<b>Estimated-USD</b>
Cost for 2 Adults sharing	44930	3209
Total Tour Cost	59311	4236
<b>Fuel/ Park Fees/ Sight-Seeing fees (Approximate)</b>		
Park Fees/sight-seeing fees - Per Person	1,500	107
Tips/Gratitudes	500	36
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**Itinerary**

**Day 1: Windhoek**

**Airport to Goheganas - Distance: 81.2 km**

With 25 different wildlife species located on a 6000 hectare Nature Reserve, game drives and walking activities are welcomed as an enriching experience. Wellness facilities and treatments of a world class standard ensure a renewal of mind, body and spirit.

Wellness is a holistic approach to health that combines all aspects of physical, mental and spiritual well-being to realign mind, body and soul. It is a place where the noise of our busy lives is drowned out by the whispers of tranquility, a place where we can draw upon the strength of a healthy body and the sanctuary of our inner calm. The GocheGanas Wellness Village boasts a top of the range selection of wellness treatments, products and services. Other facilities include eleven treatment rooms with state of the art equipment such as a crystal bath, hydrotherapy bath, a Vichy shower, as well as a heated indoor pool, a cave sauna in a cathedral like masonry vault, a well-equipped fitness gym, fruit and juice bar, thus making a visit to GocheGanas Wellness Village a unique experience.

**Overnight at GocheGanas Private Game Reserve and Wellness Centre – Elegant Chalet (DBB)**

## **Meal Plan: Breakfast and Dinner**

### **Day 2/3: Namib Desert (Sossusvlei)**

Age-old camel thorn trees and unsurpassed 360 degree views dominate the desert landscape towards the mountain range in the distance. Fascinating Sossusvlei is one of the landscapes making the difference to the Namibian destination. Here, time stopped and you enter into the heart of the Namib Desert. Enormous pink and red dunes mixing with Granite Mountains embedded in yellow and pitch black plains where the Oryx antelope has made its kingdom. Dry white pans covered by dead trees. At Dune 45, the more energetic have the opportunity to climb to the upper ridge of the world's most photographed dune. Further along, a gradual 2.6 kilometer round-trip takes you to the well photographed "Dead Vlei". Sossusvlei is at the 'end of road' and the highlight of the day. We also visit the rugged Sesriem Canyon, where the Tsauchab River and erosion have incised a narrow gorge over the millennia. The permanent water pools at its bottom have ensured the survival of nomadic populations in pre-historic times as well as that of early European explorers and the so-called Thirstland Trekkers, in more recent centuries.

### **Overnight Desert Camp/Desert Quiver Camp. (DBB)**

#### **Meal Plan: Breakfast and Dinner**

#### **Unguided Activities for self-drive:**

**Day 3:** Sossusvlei/Dead Vlei/Dune45/Big Daddy Dune/Sesriem Canyon

**Day 4:** Kuiseb Canyon and Desert Moon Landscape, en-route to Swakopmund

### **Day 4/5: Swakopmund**

#### **Today's destination is the cool Atlantic Coast and the quaint town of Swakopmund.**

En route to Swakopmund you will explore the Namib Desert with the rugged Kuiseb Canyon. Stop at the eerie moon landscape and marvel at the Welwitschia Mirabilis, an ancient plant endemic to the Namib Desert. On your arrival in Swakopmund, take a walk through town and enjoy the mixture of colonial flair and historic architecture in Swakopmund (the historic town, the Woermannhouse, the Hohenzollernhouse, the old Magistrates Court, the historical Jail and the Jetty and the lighthouse.

### **Overnight Hotel Zum Kaiser. (BB)**

#### **Meal Plan: Breakfast and Dinner**

#### **Guided Activities included:**

**Day 5:** Marine Cruise at Walvisbay 09h00 - 12h30 (Light lunch, fresh Walvis Bay oysters, sherry, sparkling wine, water, juice & soft drinks) plus Sandwich Harbour 4x4 Tour

### **Day 6/7/8/9: Etosha**

A visit to the Etosha National Park is one of the highlights of travelling Namibia. Etosha, which was declared a game reserve by the German colonial administration back in 1907, covers an area of more than 22 000 square kilometres. In its centre lies a vast saltpan surrounded by grass and thorn savannah, Mopane bush land in the west and dry forest in the north-east. About two million years ago, this area was an enormous lake, fed by the Kunene River. However the lake slowly dried up because over time, the river changed its course. The Etosha National Park has a good infrastructure. Well-maintained gravel roads lead to the waterholes, where game viewing is at its best. In the three rest camps Okaukuejo, Halali and Namutoni, hotels, chalets and camping sites are available as well as restaurants, stores and swimming pools. The main entrance to the park is called the "Anderson Gate" at Okaukuejo in the south, where the park administration is also situated. The "Von Lindequist Gate" lies in the east near Namutoni. A new gate, the "Nehale Iya Mpingana Gate" (King Nehale Gate) was opened at the beginning of 2003 in the north-east. The pan is just about always dry. However, in the southern parts there are have water-holes scattered throughout this area and form the basis of life for countless game. Be it a lion or an elephant, a giraffe or a zebra; almost all African animal species are represented in the huge nature reserve, approx. 22 000 square kilometres in size. There is an estimated number of 250 lions in the park, 300 rhinos, 2 500 giraffes, 6 000 zebras and more than 2 000 elephants. The dainty springbok are especially numerous, at least 20 000 of them roam the reserve. Often, they can be observed in enormous herds of several hundred animals.

### **Overnight at Taleni Etosha Village (DBB)**

#### **Meal Plan: Breakfast and Dinner**

**Activities for self-drive: Explore Etosha's numerous waterholes and the vast Etosha pans**

### **Day 10: Windhoek**

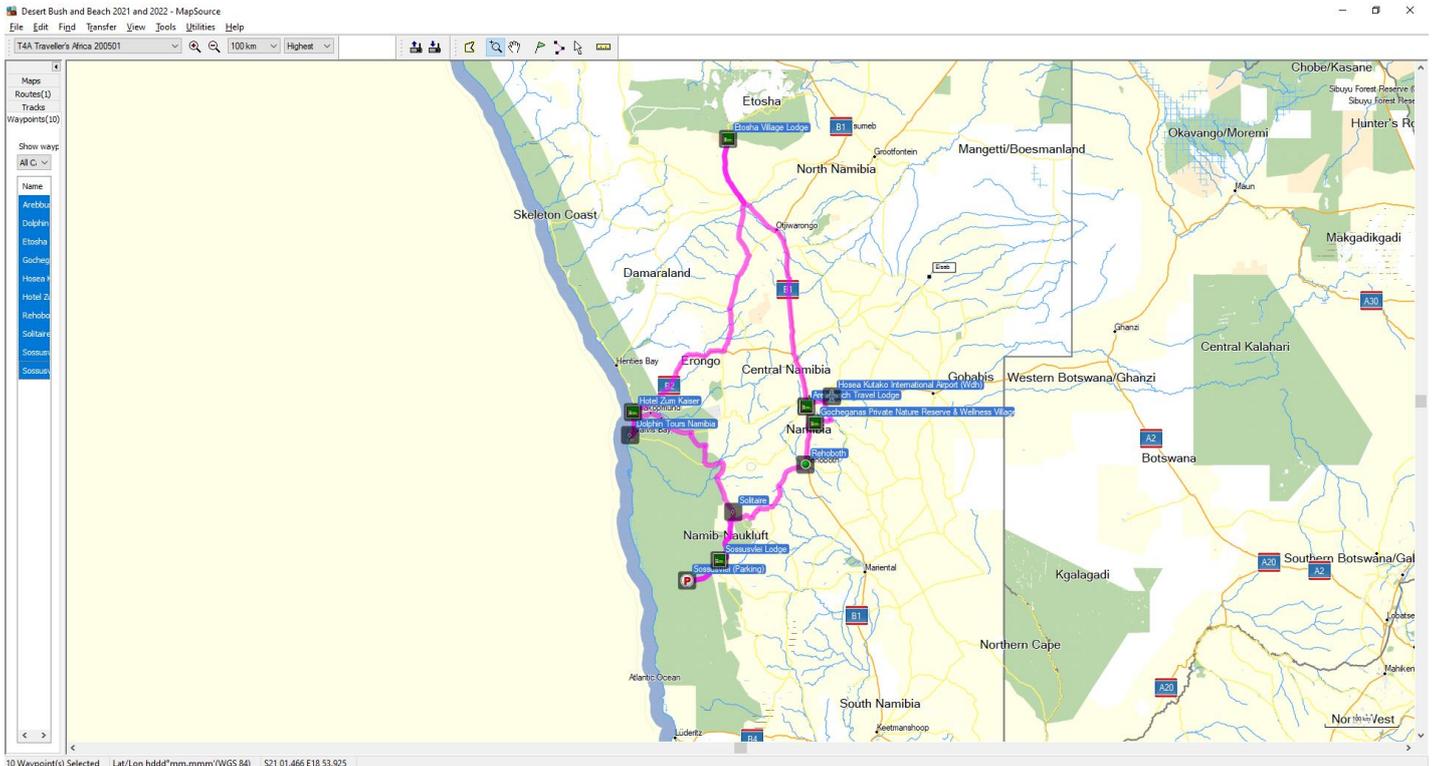
Arebbusch is the ideal place to experience Windhoek at the end of your trip. Arebbusch with wide open spaces, beautiful gardens, birdlife and wildlife. Arebbusch Travel Lodge nestles in natural surroundings on the banks of the dry Arebbusch River, offering a clean, safe and family friendly environment, far from the hustle and bustle of central city life, yet minutes away from the capital's shopping centres and attractions.

### **Overnight Arebbusch Lodge (BB)**

#### **Meal Plan: Breakfast**

**Day 11: Return to Hosea Kutako International Airport, return the vehicle and prepare for your flight home.**

**Tour Routing: 1945km excluding driving inside Etosha (cater for 100-150km per day)**



### Inclusions and Exclusions

#### **Included:**

- 4x4 Toyota Fortuner Auto with super cover insurance
- 10 nights' accommodation in comfortable guesthouses/guest farms/tourist class lodges.
- Free Wi-Fi at all lodges
- Meals as stated
- Activities as stated
- Detailed routing map on tour confirmation

#### **Excluded:**

- Fuel
- Fees for nature conservation areas/park fees
- Flights not specified/airport taxes/ Visa & Permits / Travel Insurances of any kind
- Tips & gratuities to hotel/restaurant personnel and guides
- Alcoholic and any other beverages in addition to those included above
- Any optional services/meals/activities/excursions not included/not mentioned in the itinerary
- Any expense of a personal nature such as for phone calls, laundry services, souvenirs, and similar

### **Terms and Conditions**

- 50% deposit required on acceptance.
- Full settlement of tour price 65 days prior to arrival.
- Tariffs quoted subject to change without prior notice.
- If the quotation is in ZAR (South African Rand) and it is subject to the USD/EURO/POUND/or any other currency **exchange rate**, the quoted ZAR rate must be honored.
- Cancellations made more than 30 days prior to arrival will not normally result in cancellation fees being charged. However, NAMIBIA BOTSWANA AND RSA SELF-DRIVE OR GUIDED TOURS AND SAFARIS reserves the right to cover any costs incurred or charges received from suppliers up to the date of cancellation.
- Cancellation Policy applicable as follows:
  1. 15 days – 50% of total fare
  2. 14 – 7 days – 75% of total fare
  3. 7 – 0 days – 100% of total fare
- Non arrivals - 100% cancellation fee applicable

## **How to pack and what to bring**

### **Clothing**

Sun hat/bush hat

Headscarf/bandana — particularly for dusty dry regions

Golf-shirts and/or T-shirts — preferably with a sleeve to protect your shoulders from the sun Long-sleeved cotton shirts

Shorts and/or skirts — really short skirts are not practical for getting in and out of game drive vehicles Long trousers/slacks, Track suit

Pajamas — lightweight for summer and warm/thermal for winter

Underwear — on game drives the roads can be bumpy and uneven so a suitable bra may be required

Socks — thermal options are recommended for the winter months

Good closed walking shoes (running/tennis shoes are fine) Sandals — preferably low heeled or flat if you are going on safari Swimming costume

Lightweight jersey or fleece in summer Light rain gear or jacket for summer months

Warm jersey or fleece plus anorak or parka in winter

Scarf, gloves and beanies/woollen hats for the cold winter months

More formal attire for your stay at prestigious city hotels or on one of the luxury trains.

### **Equipment/Other**

#### **Power plug requirements:**

<https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com/namibia/>

Good quality sunglasses, UV protected, preferably polarized. Tinted fashion glasses are not good in strong light.

If you wear contact lenses, we recommend that you bring along a pair of glasses in case you get irritation from the dust.

Personal toiletries (basic amenities are supplied by most establishments) Moisturizing cream and suntan lotion — SPF 30 or higher recommended Insect repellent for body application, e.g. Tabard, Rid, Jungle Juice, etc. Tissues/Wet Wipes

Basic medical kit (aspirins, plasters, Imodium, antiseptic cream and antihistamine cream, etc.) Malaria tablets (if applicable)

Antihistamine tablets if you suffer from any allergies Anti-nausea tablets if you suffer from motion sickness Torch

Southern African bird guide if you are a keen birder, e.g., Newman's or Sasol

Camera equipment including spare batteries, chargers, film, flash cards, memory sticks, etc. Waterproof/dustproof bag or cover for your camera

We highly recommend that you bring your own pair of binoculars for viewing both wildlife and birds.

The recommended general purpose binocular specifications are 8x40 or 10x42.

Visas, tickets, passports, money, credit cards, insurance details, etc.

NOTE 1: Bright colours and white are not advisable whilst on safari. Camouflage clothing is not recommended for travel in African countries.

NOTE 2: There may be a restriction on luggage limits on your safari — please ensure that you have the details from your agent according to your itinerary and ask your agent ahead of time if you would like details on the feasibility and costs of taking excess luggage with you on any of these restricted luggage safaris.

NOTE 3: Your own reference materials. However, we highly recommend that you do bring your own pair of binoculars in order to get the most out of your safari.