



## Luxury Namibia Safari (Self-drive)

**1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022 - USD 3802 PPS, ZAR - 53224 PPS**

**Tour Code LuX-April2022 (Self-drive for FIT)**

**This Self-drive tour start in WINDHOEK and end in Windhoek. Highlights:**

- 1. Erindi Private Game Reserve is a protected reserve in central Namibia. Erindi, meaning "place of water", is a sustainable natural wonderland. Erindi is the custodians to the most prolific number of endemic species and multiple conservation projects.**
- 2. Etosha is Namibia's premier game viewing destination with wide-open plains and dense bush savannah surrounding a parched salt desert known as the Etosha Pan.**
- 3. Discover the Damaraland region and search for desert-adapted elephants and other specially adapted game in the local ephemeral river systems.**
- 4. Visit Twyfelfontein, one of the most scenic areas in Namibia. A vast, untamed, ruggedly beautiful region with prehistoric rock art.**
- 5. Enjoy the rich history of Swakopmund. A picturesque seaside town nestled between the desert and the sea.**
- 6. Explore the famous Sossusvlei with its high dunes and Sesriem Canyon and experience and photograph the stark beauty of Deadvlei.**
- 7. End your tour at GOCHEGANAS offering a unique combination of Wildlife, Nature and Wellness experiences.**
- 8. Comfortable open Land Cruisers or Land Rovers for all activities for better game viewing.**
- 9. Travel with Namibia's most reputable and well-known naturalist guides.**

### YOUR TOUR IN A GLANCE

<b>Abbreviations: BB = Bed and Breakfast, DBB = Dinner bed and Breakfast, FB = Full Board, FI = Fully Inclusive, SC= Self-catering, GD = Game Drive, AC = Activities</b>					
<b>Day #</b>	<b>Hotel/Lodge</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>Included</b>	<b>Excluded</b>
1	Arebusch Square	Collect Vehicle At Airport	DBB	Breakfast/Dinner	Beverages
2-3	Old Traders Lodge	Refer itinerary	FB+AC	Breakfast Lunch Dinner	Beverages (Extra Activities)
4-6	Etosha Village	Open Vehicle Game Drives x2 days	DBB+GD	Packed lunch for Game Drives	Beverages
7	Mowani Camp	Himba Village	FB+AC	Himba Village Tour	Beverages
7	Mowani Camp	Damara Living Museum	AC	Damara Living Museum	Beverages
7-8	Mowani Camp	Refer itinerary	FB + AC	All meals	Beverages (Extra Activities)
9	The Delight	Spitzkoppe (NOTE: Time permitting)	AC	Entry fees included in cost	Beverages
9-10	The Delight	Refer itinerary	BB	Breakfast	Beverages
11-12	Sossusvlei Lodge	Refer itinerary	DBB+AC	Breakfast and dinner.	Beverages
13	Gocheganas	None	DBB	Breakfast and dinner	Beverages

## MEAL PLAN

Day	Lodge/Hotel	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Reason no Lunch
1	Arebbusch			1	
2	Arebbusch	1			
2	Old Traders Lodge		1	1	
3	Old Traders Lodge	1	1	1	
4	Old Traders Lodge	1			
4	Etosha Village			1	Travel Time to next destination
5	Etosha Village	1	1	1	Packed Lunch
6	Etosha Village	1	1	1	Packed Lunch
7	Etosha Village	1			
7	Mowani Camp		1	1	
8	Mowani Camp	1	1	1	
9	Mowani Camp	1			Travel Time
9	The Delight				
10	The Delight	1	1		Snacks @ Marine Cruise and
11	The Delight	1			Travel Time to next destination
11	Sossusvlei Lodge			1	Travel Time to next destination
12	Sossusvlei Lodge	1		1	Sossusvlei Dunes
13	Sossusvlei Lodge	1			Travel Time
13	Gocheganas			1	Travel Time
14	Gocheganas	1			Travel Time
		13	7	11	

## Tour Cost

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#### NAMIBIA

1 x Day Windhoek - Arebbusch Square (DBB)

2 x Days Erindi - Old Traders Lodge (FB)

3 x Days Etosha - Etosha Village (FB)

2 x Days Damaraland - Mowani (FB)

2 x Days Swakopmund - The Delight (BB)

2 x Day Sossusvlei - Sossusvlei Lodge (DBB)

1 x Day Gocheganas Lodge and Spa (DBB)

#### Guided Activities Park Fees Included

Marine Cruise at Walvisbay 09h00 - 12h30, Sandwich Harbour 4x4 Tour 12h30 to 16h00

2 x Full day Game drives Etosha, Himba Village Tour, Desert Moon Landscape, Spitzkoppe, Damara Living Museum Tour, Sossusvlei/Dead Vlei/Dune45/Big Daddy Dune/Sesriem Canyon

#### Other Guided Activities available (own Account)

SAN Bushmen Village @ Erindi

### SUBJECT TO EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS (ZAR rate must be honoured)

2 or 4 Persons - Namibia (Per person sharing cost)

VEHICLE COST	USD-Per Person	ZAR-Per Person
Toyota Fortuner 4x4 + Super Cover Insurance (2 Persons sharing Vehicle Cost)	595	8334
Accommodation and Activity COST - Namibia	USD-Per Person	ZAR-Per Person
Per Person Sharing	3206	44891
<b>Per Person sharing Cost</b>	<b>3802</b>	<b>53224</b>
<b>Estimated USD rate @ 14 ZAR = 1 USD</b>	<b>14</b>	

## Itinerary

### **Day 1: Windhoek**

Arebbusch is the ideal place to experience Windhoek at the start 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 (Square-Pool Facing) (DBB)**

**Note: NAD/ZAR 300 per person meal vouchers for Arebbusch A La Carte Restaurant**

### **Day 2/3: Erindi (Otjiwarongo Area)**

The ultimate bush luxury in an environment geared up for relaxed game viewing. Erindi comprises of 70 719 ha of pristine wilderness, and presents an amazing array of diverse landscapes. From golden savannah to dense bush with mountains, natural waterholes, grasslands and pans.

Old Traders Lodge is the perfect base for your forays into the exhilarating bush. The spacious suites have all the charm, comfort and conveniences you'd expect of a top-flight resort. Spot various game species while walking through the Camp, on the deck, or from your suite patio.

**Guided or unguided activities included (3 hours per Game Drive):**

**Day 2: Guided - PM Game Drive, open vehicles plus sundowner beverages.**

**Day 3: Guided - PM and AM Game Drives, open vehicles plus sundowner beverages.**

**Day 4: Guided - AM Game Drive, open vehicles or depart to Etosha after breakfast**

**Overnight Old Traders Lodge or similar. (FB) – Superior Room**

### **Day 4/5/6: 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 lya 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.

**Guided or unguided activities included:**

**Day 5/6: Guided - 2 x Full day open vehicle game drive (lunch included)**

**Day 7: Guided - Himba Village Tour at Kamanjab (subject to COVID regulations)**

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

### **Day 7/8: Damaraland**

In the heat, dust and stunning landscapes of Damaraland, there is a sanctuary – Kipwe/Mowani Mountain Camp. Dwarfed by massive ochre boulders, the camp is absorbed into the landscape, making it one with our shared history of life in this prehistoric land. Every soft curve or ragged edge frames the landscape in a different way, as if you are seeing for the first time, every time.

**Guided/Unguided Activities included:**

**Day 8: Guided - Elephant/ Nature Drive: (+-4 to 6hours in the morning, usually departing at 06h30) including drinks Twyfelfontein, Burnt Mountain and Organ Pipes Excursion: (+-2hours in the afternoon, usually departing at 15h00) including drinks.**

**Day 7 or 8: Guided - Damara Living Museum**

**Overnight at Mowani Mountain Camp (FB)**

### **Day 9/10: Swakopmund**

**Today's destination is the cool Atlantic Coast and the quaint town of 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. After arriving in Swakopmund you can explore the popular coastal resort on your own and spend time at leisure or with shopping.

**Guided/Unguided Activities included:**

**Day 9: Unguided** - Stop at Spitzkoppe en-route to Swakopmund

**Day 10: Guided** - Marine Cruise at Walvis Bay 09h00 - 12h30 (Light lunch, fresh Walvis Bay oysters, sherry, sparkling wine, water, juice & soft drinks) plus Sandwich Harbour 4x4 Tour

**Overnight The Delight Hotel. (BB)**

**Day 11/12: Namib Desert (Sossusvlei)**

En-route to SOSSUSVLEI, stop at the eerie moon landscape and marvel at the Welwitschia Mirabilis, an ancient plant endemic to the Namib Desert. Explore the Namib Desert with the rugged Kuiseb Canyon, while driving along the Swakop riverbed.

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.

**Guided/Unguided Activities Included:**

**Day 11: Unguided** - Desert Moon Landscape, en-route to Sossusvlei

**Day 12: Guided** - Sossusvlei/Dead Vlei/Dune45/Big Daddy Dune/Sesriem Canyon (Includes: Entrance fees to the National Park & Still Mineral Water)

**Overnight Sossusvlei Lodge (DBB)**

**Day 13: Savannah Bush**

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 (DBB)**

**Day 14: Flight from Windhoek to destination**

**Cost Valid until 30 June 2022 (Subject to exchange rate)**

**Inclusions and Exclusions**

**Included:**

- Toyota Fortuner 4x4 plus Super Cover Insurance
- Open game drive vehicles @ Old Traders Lodge/Etoshia/ Mowani/ Sossusvlei
- 4x4 vehicles for Sandwich Harbour @ Swakopmund
- 13 nights' accommodation in comfortable guesthouses/guest farms/tourist class lodges.
- Free Wi-Fi at all lodges
- Meals and activities as stated

**Excluded:**

- Fees for nature conservation areas/park fees, unless stated
- Fuel for rental vehicle

- 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 -Short**

- 50% deposit required on acceptance.
- Full settlement of tour price 95 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.

### **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: 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.