



EA 02 Namibia I



Namibia

Traversing southern Africa

Two weeks, three countries and a whole lot of fascinating road miles to clock up – this Namibia tour will take you right through the incomparably beautiful southern part of the African continent. Unique landscapes and the rich fauna that roam the African plains are sure to leave you with some very vivid impressions.

Extensive off-road trips through the fascinating sand dunes of the Namib Desert and the impressive panorama offered by the Fish River Canyon, one of Africa's most interesting areas in terms of geology, are just two of the highlights of this tour. It also heavily features fascinating wildlife safaris, such as through the colourful natural surroundings of Etosha National Park, which is one of the most populous game reserves in Africa.

In Windhoek, the capital of Namibia, and in Swakopmund, you will pick up on traces of the history of what was once known as German South West Africa. You will see abandoned houses in the sandy desert, erected by people in search of diamonds in times gone by, and will drive down breathtaking routes that traverse mighty massifs and bizarre stone deserts. Welcome to the Volkswagen driving experience in Namibia.

There are two sets of travel dates for this adventure tour. The first tour follows the itinerary described below, from Cape Town to Maun, while the second tour heads in the opposite direction, from north to south. It comprises all the same elements as the first Namibia tour, simply in reverse order.

Itinerary

Day 1

You will fly from Frankfurt am Main to Cape Town in South Africa. If you make your own travel arrangements, we will meet you at the hotel in Cape Town.

Day 2

Our professional off-road instructors will be waiting for you at the airport. After breakfast at the hotel, we will travel to the Cape of Good Hope, where two oceans meet. A sumptuous evening meal will be served in a restaurant right on the waterfront in Cape Town.

Day 3

Straight after breakfast, you will head off in the direction of Namaqualand in the Touaregs. As you drive along, you will soon get to know one of the most diverse vehicles and landscapes in the world. Africa welcomes you with open arms. You can look forward to two unforgettable weeks. Lunch will be a picnic on route. You will arrive in Springbok, the capital of Namaqualand, late in the afternoon. Before the first settlers arrived, large herds of springbok traversed the sparse valleys here, giving the place its name. We will enjoy an evening meal in the centre of Springbok before retiring for the night after an eventful day.

Day 4

After breakfast, you will be leaving South Africa behind and making your way to Namibia, a country that promises 300 days of sunshine a year and untouched and fascinating landscapes and wildlife. On crossing the Orange River, we will stop for a fortifying picnic lunch. On a 25-kilometre-long panoramic road, you will experience one of the most impressive, beautiful and natural spectacles on your first day in Namibia – the fabulous Fish River Canyon. With a depth of up to 550 metres, the canyon, which is the largest in the world after the Grand Canyon, winds its way through the jagged Koubis massif. You will stay in a lodge near the Fish River Canyon overnight, where you can tuck in to your first evening meal on Namibian soil. If you're lucky, you might also see a few ostriches, one of the rare mountain zebras or a group of hungry black-backed jackals before you go to sleep.

Day 5

The strong African coffee appears to have also awakened the first hummingbirds. We will start the powerful engines of the Touaregs and head towards the Namib Desert, passing Naukluft National Park and stopping for a bite to eat at lunchtime along the way. In the evening, you will reach the dunes of Sossusvlei, which are up to 300 metres in height and therefore some of the biggest dunes in the world. It's hard to imagine nature being any more impressive than this. Time seems to be at a standstill. After an evening meal, you will stay at a Lodge in Sesriem.

Day 6

On your way through the Sossusvlei dunes in the morning, you will be able to witness an incredible array of colours created by the rising sun and will pass the most photographed dune in Namibia, Dune 45. Which way to the Atlantic coast? After breakfast, you will drive past the Naukluft Mountains in the Touaregs. This region almost appears hostile – a moonscape with a unique appeal which is hard to resist. A fine morning mist provides the traditional vegetation here with moisture. Some plants are over 1,500 years old. Along the way, you will stop for a picnic lunch to muster some strength for the onward journey. In the evening, you will reach Swakopmund, where German settlers rowed to land in 1893. We will park the Touaregs in front of our hotel and will retire for an evening meal.

Day 7

Replenished after breakfast, it's time to take a trip to the Cape Cross conservation area, where you can marvel at the colony of up to 100,000 seals. After lunch, there will be time for you to explore Swakopmund on your own. We will then regroup at the hotel for an evening meal together.

Day 8

After sitting down to breakfast together, we will leave the colonial African beach resort and drive straight into paradise – Bushman's Paradise, a place where a green oasis surrounded by rocks developed over millions of years. The journey continues past the Spitzkoppe and the Brandberg massif, a granitic intrusion over 2,500 metres high with unique preserved paintings from primitive times, on to Twyfelfontein, to one of the largest finds of rock engravings in the world. We will stop for lunch along the way. We will spend the night in a comfortable camp in Twyfelfontein, only a few kilometres away from the





Minimum no. of participants: 10
Maximum no. of participants: 12
Travel dates: 25.10.–08.11.¹, 23.11.–07.12.²

Package price: €4,650 per person in a double room, excluding flights.
 €1,300* return flight Frankfurt–Cape Town and Maun–Frankfurt.
 €700* single supplement.

A fascinating journey of discovery down paved roads and isolated tracks through the natural wonders of Namibia, sometimes involving long days of driving down dusty tracks. The route may be changed due to force majeure.



famous basalt pillars known as the “organ pipes” and the “petrified forest” with its 300-million-year-old tree trunks. The day’s proceedings will be rounded off by an evening meal in the camp.

Day 9

After a hearty breakfast surrounded by nature, you will travel via Khorixas and Outjo, heading north to Etosha National Park. This is one of the largest protected regions in Africa. The unusual combination of savannah and bush forest makes it totally unique. The rare black rhino is just as at home here as the continent’s largest elephants, gnus, zebras, hyenas, lions, cheetahs and leopards. There will be a delicious picnic lunch along the way. In the evening, you will go on safari to the park’s watering holes, where you will be able to observe the park’s shyest inhabitants and their predators. A comfortable lodge in the park will serve as your accommodation for the night and offers a fine evening meal, not to mention sufficient protection from the park’s wild animals.

Day 10

There’s not much time for breakfast today, as we head off in search of wild animals again this morning. By now, all the participants will have caught the safari bug and will be able to capture some wonderful moments with their cameras too, not to mention the odd unforgettable

encounter. After lunch at the lodge, you will have the afternoon to yourself. There will be another game drive in the evening, after which it will be time to leave the national park. Then, after an evening meal, we will turn in at a lodge not far from the Etosha Pan.

Day 11

Breakfast is the first priority of the day, after which you will head off in the Touaregs along the arid Waterberg plateau, which is covered by tree and bush savannah. The vegetation is much more diverse at the foot of the plateau. Over a picnic lunch, you will be able to observe water buffalo, ibexes, klipspringers, antelopes, leopards and, with a little luck, the very rare Cape griffon. Relaxed and armed with many unique impressions, you will end today’s African adventure in a comfortable guest house in Windhoek, where you can really indulge yourself with a delicious evening meal.

Day 12

After breakfast in the hotel, the Central Kalahari calls. You will cross the border into Botswana and carry on until you reach Ganzhi, where the isolation of the desert begins. Lunch will be a picnic lunch again. This will prepare you for the next tracks, which are becoming increasingly difficult. The vast grassy landscapes and Africa’s unique colour spectrum are the magnificent rewards for the day’s

strenuous driving manoeuvres. Back in Ganzhi, you will return to the lodge, where your evening meal will be served.

Day 13

Ready and raring to go after breakfast, you and the Touaregs will master a further challenge: today’s schedule involves crossing the Central Kalahari towards the Okavango Delta, no less. Just a few decades ago, great discoverers and world travellers still had not managed to completely traverse this part of Africa. Under the guidance of the professional instructors, you will master this challenge. In the evening, you will arrive in Maun, where a farewell evening meal at a good restaurant in the town centre will give all the participants the opportunity to look back on the highlights of the challenges they mastered in the past two weeks.

Day 14

After breakfast, you will have one more chance to see the Okavango Delta, by taking a round-trip sightseeing flight (not included in the package price). You will then fly from Maun back to Frankfurt via South Africa or take a different route if you have made your own homeward bound arrangements.

Day 15

If you booked your travel with us, you will arrive back in Frankfurt am Main in the morning.

Package includes:

- Return flight Frankfurt–Cape Town and Maun–Frankfurt (Economy Class), if required
- Twelve overnight stays in hotels and camps along the way as described in the itinerary, incl. breakfast
- Twelve lunches, including non-alcoholic drinks. Unless stated otherwise, lunch will be provided in the form of a picnic to be eaten en route
- Twelve evening meals as described in the itinerary, including dinner drinks
- Training in off-road driving
- Fees for the activities described in the itinerary and for admission to Etosha National Park
- Professional off-road instructors throughout the tour
- A Touareg for every two participants, including everything necessary for the trip

All additional costs for alcoholic drinks, the minibar or pay TV are to be settled by the guest at each hotel. The round-trip flight over the Okavango Delta is not included in the package price. Please contact us about prices for individual requests (e.g. Business Class supplement).

¹Namibia I from Cape Town to Maun, ² Namibia II from Maun to Cape Town.

* Guaranteed price only up to 12 weeks before the trip.