

NAMIBIAN EXPLORER 2019: 12 Days | NAWWSG Small Group Adventure Tour

Meals included

Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOT
Breakfast		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	11
Lunch	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Dinner	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	10

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - Windhoek - Waterberg Plateau

Welcome to Namibia and its capital, Windhoek. This morning, after meeting your crew, we pack our bags into our vehicle and set off for The Waterberg Plateau National Park. Arriving in the early afternoon, our game viewing experience starts immediately with our activity package game drive. The Waterberg Plateau is an impressive sandstone table-top mountain that rises 200m above the surrounding bushveld providing a home to more than 25 species of game and at least 200 bird species.

Accommodation	NWR: Waterberg Resort https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/waterberg-resort
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Windhoek to Waterberg Plateau
Activity Package	Waterberg Plateau Game Drive

Day 2 - Etosha National Park

After breakfast, we leave the Waterberg Plateau for Etosha National Park. With vast salt pans, savanna and woodland, Etosha is one of Africa's finest game parks. At 18 000 sq km, it is one of the biggest Parks in Southern Africa. Etosha means "great white area", which refers to the large dried pan in the middle of the Park.

Accommodation	NWR: Okuakuejo https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Waterberg Plateau to Etosha National Park
Included Highlight	Afternoon day game drive in tour vehicle

Day 3 - Etosha National Park

Today is all about game driving and going in search of the abundant wildlife in the park. Our afternoon will include a stop at the Etosha Pan and many waterholes. This evening you can relax at the floodlit waterhole as the animals make their way to drink after dark.

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Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Included Highlight	Full day game viewing in the tour vehicle
Activity Package	Evening Game Drive

Day 4 – Etosha National Park to Khorixas - Twyfelfontein

Our final morning in Etosha ends with us making our way to the gate to exit the park. The road today leads us towards the Brandberg / Khorixas area. Today we will explore the Twyfelfontein Rock Engravings and the Petrified Forest in the Kunene Region. This area has been inhabited for 6000 years by the Khoi San. These inhabitants used the site to conduct shamanist rituals. In the process, 2500 rock paintings were created. This site displays one of the largest concentrations of rock petroglyphs in Africa. Also on route, we visit the Petrified Forest, a national monument, comprising of prehistoric tree trunks now fossilised. In prehistoric times huge tree trunks were washed down a river and deposited in alluvial sands, creating this relic.

Accommodation	NWR: Khorixas https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/khorixas-camp
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Etosha National Park to Twyfelfontein
Included Highlight	Petrified Forest, Twyfelfontein Rock Engravings

Day 5 - Twyfelfontein - Swakopmund

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This morning we travel from Twyfelfontein via Brandberg to the seaside town of Swakopmund. The Brandberg (Burning Mountains), are regarded as the highest in Namibia and home to the famous White Lady, one of more than 45,000 rock paintings in the area. This morning we will make the 1-hour hike to visit the painting that is said to be around 2,000 years old. *(Please be advised that the hike does traverse rough terrain along the gorge of the normally dry Tsisab River).*

Accommodation	Bon Hotel https://www.bonhotels.com/swakopmund
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Twyfelfontein via Brandberg/Swakopmund
Included Highlight	Brandberg White Lady

Day 6 - Swakopmund

Today is all about exploring Swakopmund or participating in the many activities on offer in this coastal town. Not to be missed is the selection of famed coffee shops and bakeries that offer a delightful range of treats.

Accommodation	Bon Hotel https://www.bonhotels.com/swakopmund
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Swakopmund

Day 7 - Swakopmund to Namib Naukluft National Park

It is an early start today as we leave Swakopmund and head towards the famous Namib Naukluft National Park. We begin our exploration of the desert by joining an expert guide for an educational desert excursion. No visit to Namibia would be complete without a stop at the famous bakery in Solitaire, known for its apple pie – not to be missed. We will enjoy our apple pie and a wonder around this one-horse town before heading to our accommodation for the next 2 nights.

Accommodation	Desert Quiver http://www.desertquivercamp.com/ OR Solitaire Lodge http://www.travel-weaver.com/Solitaire-Lodge.aspx
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Swakopmund to Namib Naukluft National Park
Included Highlight	Guided Desert Excursion

Day 8 - Namib Naukluft National Park

A brisk climb up Dune 45 offers us the perfect vantage point to marvel at the changing colours of the desert. Once satisfied we descend this famous dune before catching a 4x4 transfer into Sossusvlei. Here we will spend time on foot visiting the pans at Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. As we leave we will make a short stop at the Sesriem Canyon. Tonight we empty the red sand from our shoes and spend the night under the magnificent desert stars, knowing that we have spent a full-day enjoying the wonders of this harsh land.

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Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Namib Naukluft National Park
Included Highlight	Sossusvlei/Deadvlei/Sesriem Canyon

Day 9 - Sesriem to Hardap Region

We make our way towards Kalkrand, the area is one of the most beautiful parts of Namibia and a must see. Enjoy the beauty of the deep red dunes colours. You may spot several types of antelope's like the Oryx. You may even spot a meerkat.

Accommodation	Intu Afrika http://www.intu-afrika.com/zebrakalahari.html
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Sesriem to the Kalahari region
Optional Activities	Dune dinner, Quad Bike Safari; 4x4 Safari http://www.intu-afrika.com/activities.html

Day 10 – Hardap Region

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Kalahari today as you participate in the various optional activities on offer. Today is for you to enjoy the area. One of the many highlights of the Kalahari is the star gazing and tonight you get the opportunity to view the stars, planets, clusters and depending on the time of month, the moon. Tonight presents itself with a final opportunity to soak in the Namibian sunset on an evening sunset drive with sundowners.

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Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom

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Included Highlight
Activity Package

Morning Bushman Walk
Sunset Game Drive

Day 11 – Hardap Region to Windhoek

After breakfast we bid farewell to the red sand of the Kalahari and make our way back to Windhoek

Accommodation
Route

Hotel Safari <https://www.safarihotelsnamibia.com/hotel-safari/>
Hardap region to Windhoek

Day 12 - End of Tour

Today our tour comes to an end after breakfast. Take the day to book a city tour of Windhoek or relax at the lodge until your departure flight.

This itinerary is written with the activity package items included, if you wish to participate in all the activities listed, you will need to purchase the activity package.

Activity Package

This is an optional payment that covers what we consider to be 'essential activities' on our tours. This payment is 100% transparent and is listed below. The Activity Package must be pre-booked along with your tour booking. We cannot always guarantee availability of the activities if you only book on the morning of your tour departure.

Activity	Price
Waterberg Game Drive	R 680
Etosha National Park night game drive	R 800
Sunset Game Drive	R 550
	R2 030

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Maximum Number of Passengers

12

After hours emergency contact

Our reservations staff are available to receive emergency calls. We would like to request that you respect this emergency number and use it only in the event of emergencies. Please only contact this number if, for example, you have missed your incoming flight, you cannot find your airport transfer or you are running late for your tour departure.

If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199

If calling within South Africa: 082 578 2199

Arrival / Departure

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems.

As the activities on your tour can be moved to any day during your tour, we also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends.

Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

If you require accommodation before or after your tour we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers – contact us to make these bookings.

Tour Start Point

7.00am Hotel Safari, Corner of Auas and Aviation Streets, Windhoek, Namibia, <https://www.safarihotelsnamibia.com/safari-court-hotel/>
Tel: +264 61 296 8000

Please ensure you arrive at the departure point at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time.

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Tour End Point

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Tel: **+264 61 296 8000**

What's included

Breakfast and dinner as listed in the below itinerary / accommodation in twin-share en-suite rooms or permanent tents / qualified crew / transport in a 12-seater 4x4 air-conditioned vehicle (on board toilet) / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

What's excluded

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, bottled water, soft drinks) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities / souvenirs / activity packages and optional activities

Countries Visited

Namibia