



POST Nedbank Desert Dash Self-Drive

Swakopmund - Erongo Mountains - Etosha South

6 Days / 5 Nights

2 Persons

08 December 2018 - 13 December 2018



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Introduction

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Swakopmund Guesthouse	Swakopmund	B&B	2x Double Room	2 Nights
Ai Aiba Rock Painting Lodge	Erongo Mountains	D, B&B	2x Double Room	1 Night
Etosha Safari Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia	Etosha South	D, B&B	2x Double Room	2 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

D, B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Price

- Based on 2 persons travelling: NAD 14 330,00 per person sharing in a Twin rom
- Based on 4 persons travelling: NAD 11 065,00 per person sharing in a Twin rom

Included

- Accommodation and meals as indicated
- Naturewheels 4x4 VW Amarak automatic vehicle with air-conditioner, power steering & cd player
- Vehicle drop off fee in Swakopmund
- VAT
- Tourism levy

Excluded

- Personal insurance and personal items
- International flights
- Tips and portages
- Curio shop purchases
- Laundry services
- Any additional meals and ALL additional drinks
- Any costs incurred due to delays or diversions because of bad weather or any other reason that might affect the safety of the aircraft and/or the passengers
- Any additional / optional activities

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Day 1-2: Saturday, 8 December to Sunday, 9 December

Swakopmund Guesthouse, Swakopmund



Swakopmund

Founded in 1892 as the main harbour for German South West Africa, Swakopmund is often described as being more German than Germany. Now a seaside resort, Swakopmund is the capital of the Skeleton Coast tourism area and has plenty to keep visitors happy. The quirky mix of German and Namibian influences, colonial-era buildings and the cool sea breeze make it very popular.

Day Itinerary

Optional Activities in Swakopmund

Sand boarding: The Namib Desert, the oldest in the world, is reputed to house some of the largest dunes on this planet. There is no better way to experience these wonders in an environmentally friendly way than to zoom down them head first on a traditional Swakopmund sand board.

This activity is conducted between 09h30 and 14h00.

Stand up sand boarding: Snowboards with soft binding are used. Previous experience in any 'balance' sport is required (skateboarding, skiing, etc.). This activity is also conducted between 09h30 and 14h00.

Quad biking: Experience the sheer thrill of riding a four-wheeled motorbike through Namibia's boundless expanse of shifting sand dunes along a route of approximately 35 km. An experienced guide will lead you from the Swakop River Mouth twisting and turning down the riverbed. Feel the freedom of riding through one of nature's great wilderness as you cut through the plains and head to the dunes.

Parasailing: For all those young in spirit (who want to experience the Namib Desert a little differently, who want to view the striking dunes from the air, who need to feel the need to complete their visit with something special!

Times: (weather permitting) 08h00 -10h00 and 16h00 - 18h00. Group size is limited to a maximum of 5 to ensure that all have adequate airtime.

Sea Kayaking: Experience and enjoy the splendour of our beautiful wetlands and offshore coastal areas from the unique vantage that the sea kayak offers. You'll witness splendid scenes such as exquisite flamingo's, amusing bellied pelicans, or playful seals and dolphins splashing around your kayak. Tours are led by an experienced, licensed guide and only certified, seaworthy kayaks are used. There is a minimum of 2 participants.

Horse riding: Explore the desert by horseback; taking out-rides into the bush vegetation of the Swakopmund River bed and along the Moon landscape or along the beach or sand dunes. The reliable horses are well schooled and in a good, healthy condition.

Aquarium: Enjoy an informative outing to the Aquarium, which features a large transparent tank with a glass walk through –tunnel.

Camel Rides: Enjoy a fun filled afternoon experiencing true desert automation. All rides are at the camel farm 5 km outside of Swakopmund.

Rock climbing: Climbing and abseiling activities are arranged at the Spitzkoppe

Fishing: You can embark on spectacular ski boat trips, beach angling or shark angling. Fishing is only permitted on the following area: Terrace bay, Torra bay, from the Ugab river mouth to Walvis Bay and from Pelican Point Sandwich Harbour. Due to various conservation aspects, legal restrictions on angling bait, diving and transportation were introduced. As inspectors strictly enforce these, it is advisable to obtain a copy of the rules and regulations prior to venturing onto the beach areas.

Overnight: Swakopmund Guesthouse

Situated in the town centre, a mere five-minute walk from the beach and main shopping area, Swakopmund Guesthouse is owned and run by the Borg family.

Officially opened in December 2008, the guesthouse was previously used as a holiday house by the very family that runs it now. It has been completely revamped to offer seven standard rooms, seven luxury rooms and one family suite for guests wanting to indulge in a comfortable stay-over close to the ocean. The spacious rooms are fitted with crisp, white linen sheets. Wallpaper portraying a peaceful view of the ocean adds to the clean and neat atmosphere of the guesthouse. The en-suite bathrooms with soft cream walls are decorated with beach pebbles that give them a unique atmosphere.

All rooms come complete with minibar and television. The Swakopmund Guesthouse is run with an eco-friendly approach, making use of solar energy. It is not your conventional type of guesthouse, that's for sure.

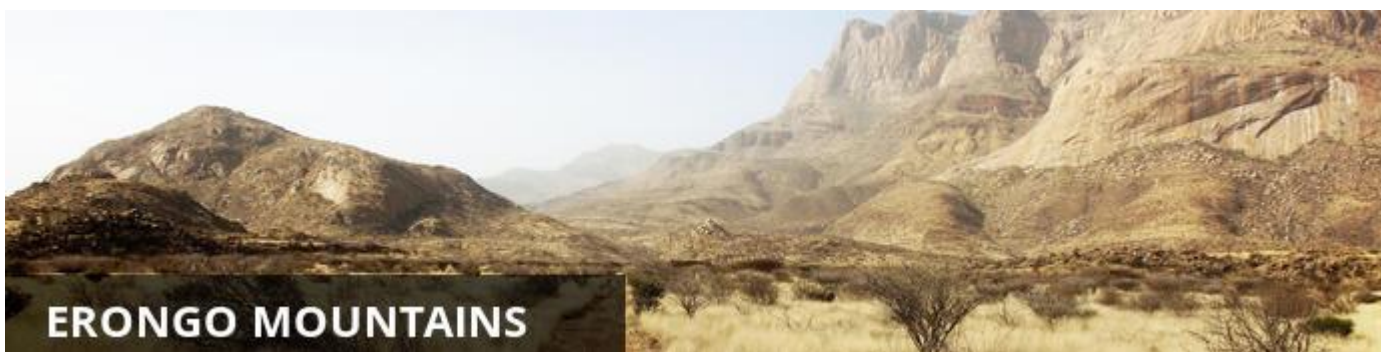


Basis

Bed & Breakfast

Day 3: Monday, 10 December

Erongo Wilderness Lodge, Erongo Mountains



Erongo Mountains

Conveniently located only a few hour's drive from Namibia's capital city of Windhoek, the Erongo Mountain range stretches across the plains between the towns of Omaruru and Karibib and is home to a remarkably rich natural heritage. This expanse of rugged wilderness serves as one of Namibia's most popular tourist drawcards, attracting visitors with its spectacularly scenic landscapes; magnificent caves and rock painting sites; and its impressive array of wildlife species. These include, among others: rhino, elephant, cheetah, leopard, giraffe, wildebeest, impala, blesbok, waterbuck, kudu, warthog, mountain zebra, oryx, eland, springbok and over 200 species of bird. Visitors can look forward to enjoying a variety of adventurous activities such as hiking, rock climbing, games drives, horseback safaris and mountain biking.

Day Itinerary

Swakopmund Guesthouse to Ai Aiba Rock Painting Lodge

Distance: 250.00km Travel Time: 2:33 hours

Overnight: Ai Aiba Rock Painting Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Set afoot massive granite rock boulders, overlooking the magically beautiful Erongo mountain range, is Ai Aiba - The Rock Painting Lodge. The overwhelming panoramic view from the restaurant and bar is amazing. The crystal-clear pool invites you to refresh and relax. Your view sways leisurely over the endless landscape. Here you can enjoy the tranquility and purity of Africa. Ai Aiba is an active member of the Erongo Mountain Nature Conservancy, an association of farmers dedicated to the protection and preservation of the unique fauna and flora, as well as the magnificent granite landscape of the Erongo.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 4-5: Tuesday, 11 December to Wednesday, 12 December Etosha Safari Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Etosha South



Etosha South

Located just south of the boundary of Etosha National Park in northwestern Namibia, Etosha South makes up the southern region of this wild paradise. Ogava Private Game Reserve shares the southern boundary with Etosha National Park and offers an array of luxury lodges overlooking picturesque landscapes dotted with abundant wildlife. The national park can be accessed via the southern entrance at Andersson's Gate. Visitors can catch a glimpse of a variety of wildlife including: lion, giraffe, elephant, white and black rhino, and a multitude of plains game. Popular activities include: game drives, tracking rhinos on foot, guided nature walks, or watch the sunset over this magnificent landscape.

Day Itinerary

Ai Aiba Rock Painting Lodge to Etosha Safari Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia

Distance: 263.81km **Travel Time:** 2:53 hours

Overnight: Etosha Safari Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia [View iBrochure](#)

Guests rave about the view: the restaurant and chalets, situated on a hillock, offer magnificent views of the African bush savannah. All of the 65 double room chalets have air conditioners and mosquito nets, and a choice of three swimming pools between them. Apart from the restaurant and bar there is a wooden platform for sundowners high above the Mopani bush. The Andersson Gate into Etosha National Park is a mere 9 km away. Those who do not want to drive themselves can join one of the lodge's daily safari trips into the park. A shuttle service operates between Windhoek and Etosha Safari Lodge and Camp (on request).



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 6: Thursday, 13 December End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

Etosha Safari Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia to Hosea Kutako International Airport [WDH]

Distance: 448.64km Travel Time: 4:28 hours

Travel Information



Located in southwestern Africa, Namibia boasts a well-developed infrastructure, some of the best tourist facilities in Africa, and an impressive list of breath-taking natural wonders. Visitors can explore the capital of Windhoek and discover the lovely coastal town of Swakopmund boasting remnants of the country's German influence, reflected in the architecture, culture, cuisine and the annual Oktoberfest celebrations. To properly appreciate this extraordinary country, you will have to venture out of the cities to explore the remarkable natural landscapes Namibia has to offer. These include: the impressive Fish River Canyon; the vast Etosha National Park teeming with abundant wildlife, such as lions, desert-adapted elephants and the Hartmann's Mountain Zebra; the hauntingly beautiful Kalahari Desert; and of course, the Namib Desert stretching for over 2000 km along the magnificent Atlantic Coast. Namibia is an ideal destination for travellers seeking an unforgettable African experience in a uniquely beautiful untamed wilderness.

Banking and Currency

Currency

Namibia uses the Namibian Dollar (N\$) this is linked on a one to one exchange with the South African Rand. The Rand is legal tender in Namibia, but the N\$ cannot be used in South Africa.

If you are wishing to purchase currency before arriving in Namibia, it is easiest to buy Rand as the Namibian Dollar is seldom available in banks outside of Namibia.

Banking

Banks are found in most towns and are generally open from 09h00 to 15h30 on weekdays and 08h30 to 11h00 on Saturdays. Closed on Sundays and public holidays. Most of them offer foreign exchange services - with cash, bank, and credit cards as well as travellers cheques.

You can also obtain cash from many of the ATMs. Several international banks have branches in main city centres. Always advise your bank that you are travelling outside of the country as they might block your purchases if they have not been informed.

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Public transport in Namibia is geared towards the needs of the local populace and is confined to main roads between major population centres. Although cheap and reliable, it is of little use to the traveller as most of Namibia's tourist attractions lie off the beaten track.

It is easy to travel around Namibia by car, and a 2WD vehicle is perfectly adequate for most journeys. However, long distances, poor mobile phone coverage outside of main towns and infrequent petrol stations that only accept cash mean that planning ahead is vital.

There are major airlines that fly into Windhoek and Swakopmund. Other destinations are reachable by car or charter flight.

Namibians drive on the left and all signposts are in English. Seat belts must be worn always and talking in a mobile phone while driving is prohibited. The general speed limit is 120km/h on tarred roads outside of towns and 100km/h on gravel roads. In built up areas, the speed limit is 60km/h.

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Traditional Namibian cuisine is rarely served and so the food at restaurants tends to be European in style and is, generally, of a very high standard.

Namibia is very meat-orientated, and many menu options will feature steaks from various animals. However, there is usually a vegetarian and seafood section offered by most camps and restaurants.

In the supermarkets you'll find pre-wrapped fresh fruit and vegetables (though the more remote the areas you visit, the smaller your choice), and plenty of canned foods, pasta, rice, bread, etc. Most of this is imported from South Africa.

The water in Namibia's main towns is generally safe to drink, though it may taste a little metallic if it has been piped for miles. Natural sources should usually be purified, though water from underground springs and dry riverbeds seldom causes any problems. However, filtered, and bottled water are readily available in most towns and all camps, lodges and hotels.

Climate and Weather

Partially covered by the Namib Desert, one of the world's driest deserts, Namibia's climate is generally very dry and pleasant – it's fine to visit all year round. Namibia only receives a fraction of the rain experienced by countries further east. Between about **December to March** some days will be humid and rain may follow, often in localised, afternoon thunderstorms. These are more common in the centre and east of the country, and more unusual in the desert.

April and especially **May** are often lovely months in Namibia. Increasingly dry, with a real freshness in the air, and much greenery in the landscape; at this time the air is clear and largely free from dust.

From **June to August** Namibia cools down and dries out more; nights can become cold, dropping below freezing in some desert areas. As the landscape dries so the game in the north of the country gravitates more to waterholes and is more easily seen by visitors. By **September and October**, it warms up again; game-viewing in most areas is at its best, although there's often a lot of dust around and the vegetation has lost its vibrancy.

November is a highly variable month. Sometimes the hot, dry weather will continue, at other times the sky will fill with clouds and threaten to rain – but if you're lucky enough to witness the first rains of the season, you'll never forget the drama.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

Namibians have a somewhat relaxed attitude to dress codes. A jacket and tie is very unusual. In fact, long trousers and a shirt with buttons are often quite adequate for a formal occasion or work wear. A pair of sensible shoes, jeans and a t-shirt is recommended.

During the day it is generally hot, so pack light weight loose fitting clothes in natural fabrics, such as linen or cotton, that will keep you cool and are easy to wash and dry.

Avoid blue clothing - the tsetse flies are drawn to the colour blue, and their bite can give you African Sleeping Sickness.

Long sleeved shirts and long trousers will protect your against mosquitoes at night.

Electricity and Plug Standards

Current is 220/240 volts at 50 cycles per second. A three-point round-pin adapter plug should be brought for your electrical appliances. Such adapters are also available at major airports.

Terms and Conditions

Itinerary Terms and Conditions

Rental Vehicle:

Includes:

General Public Liability Insurance

Max Collision Damage Waiver (CDW)

Max Theft Loss Waiver (TLW)

Personal Accident Insurance (PAI)

Windscreen Damage / Repair

Sandblast Damage

Third Party Liability Insurance

Tyre, Rim and Hubcap Damage

Unlimited km

VAT

Water and Under-carriage Damage

Excludes:

Delivery and Collection fee

One-way Cross Border fee (Botswana only)

Traffic Fines

One Way Fee WDH/Swk

Refundable Rental Deposit – N\$ 1000.00

Valet Charges when applicable

Notes:

1. All drivers must have a valid unendorsed drivers licence. No minimum age applicable.
2. We require copies of all valid drivers' licences, passports and one credit card.
3. NB – All our vehicles are equipped with satellite tracking devices. We are therefore constantly updated on the speed and whereabouts of our vehicles. An alarm is activated when our vehicles reach the speed of 120km/h on tar roads and 80km/h on gravel roads.