



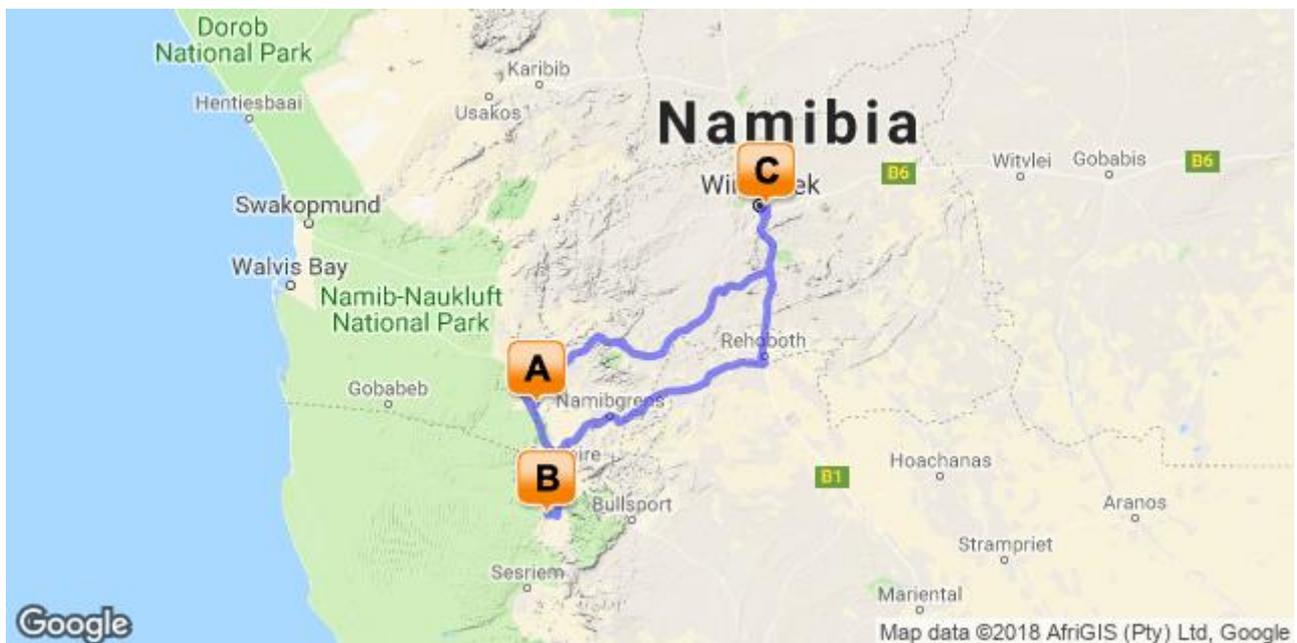
PRE Nedbank-Desert Dash Self-Drive

Solitaire - Sossusvlei - Windhoek

6 Days / 5 Nights

2 Persons

02 December 2018 - 07 December 2018



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Introduction

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge	Solitaire	D, B&B	2 Nights
Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia	Sossusvlei	D, B&B	2 Nights
Klein Windhoek Guesthouse	Windhoek	B&B	1 Night

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

D, B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Price

- Based on 2 persons travelling: NAD 12 540,00 per person sharing in a Twin rom
- Based on 4 persons travelling: NAD 10 250,00 per person sharing in a Twin rom

Included

- Accommodation and meals as indicated
- Naturewheels 4x4 VW Amarok automatic vehicle with air-conditioner, power steering & cd player
- 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: Sunday, 2 December to Monday, 3 December

Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge, Solitaire



Solitaire

Situated in the Khomas region of Central Namibia, the town of Solitaire serves as an oasis in the Namib Desert. There is not much to do or see in the small village of Solitaire, but it nevertheless, it is an important stop on the way to the ancient dunes of Sossusvlei as it provides the only petrol station, general store and post office between Sossusvlei and Walvis Bay. Solitaire also has a small bar and is renowned for its famous apple pie- said to be the best in Namibia. Home to a luxury desert lodge, a motel and a campsite, visitors can easily find comfortable accommodation in Solitaire. Enjoy a scenic sundowner with views of the spectacular Namib desert, hike and bike through the unspoilt natural scenery and visit the local Cheetah Sanctuary.

Day Itinerary

Windhoek City to Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge

Distance: 247.75km **Travel Time:** 3:41 hours

Overnight: Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge

The Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge, located on a 12,000-hectare property on the edge of the Namib Desert, consists of unique, semi-subterranean rock "igloos" aesthetically integrated with the natural surroundings. Accommodation consists of 16 fully equipped standard double rooms and 3 suites with views over the desert. Aside from lying by the pool and enjoying the spectacular view activities include hiking to the natural springs in the Gaub and Ubib canyons, 4 hour 4 x 4 drives to the rock art cave paintings or simply enjoying a 2 hour sundowner drive.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 3-4: Tuesday, 4 December to Wednesday, 5 December Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Sossusvlei



Sossusvlei

Sossusvlei is where you will find the iconic red sand dunes of the Namib. The clear blue skies contrast with the giant red sand dunes to make this one of the natural wonders of Africa and a photographer's heaven. Aside from the attractions at Sossusvlei - Dune 45, Hiddenvlei, Big Daddy and Deadvlei - other attractions in the area include the Sesriem Canyon and Namib-Naukluft National Park, where the mountains of the Namib meet its plains.

Day Itinerary

Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge to Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia

Distance: 85.88km Travel Time: 1:14 hours

Overnight: Namib Desert Lodge - Gondwana Collection Namibia [View iBrochure](#)

The main building and the chalets of Namib Desert Lodge are spread out along the foot of the fossilised dunes of the ancient Namib. A comfortable sojourn is guaranteed by 65 en suite rooms with air conditioning. A restaurant and bar, an inviting terrace with views of the fossilised dunes and two swimming pools beckon you to linger and relax. Oryx antelope and springbok make frequent appearances at this illuminated watering place.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 5: Thursday, 6 December

Klein Windhoek Guesthouse, Windhoek



Windhoek

Windhoek is Namibia's capital, home to an international airport and a plethora of restaurants, shops, entertainment venues and accommodation options. The city is clean, safe and well-organised, with a colonial legacy that is reflected in its many German eateries and shops, and the widespread use of the German language. Windhoek has an interesting mix of historical architecture and modern buildings, many of which are worth a look, including the Alte Feste (Old Fort), the 1896 Christuskirche (Christ Church), and the more contemporary Supreme Court.

Day Itinerary

Directions - Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia to Klein Windhoek Guesthouse

Distance: 286.03km Travel Time: 3:48 hours

Overnight: Klein Windhoek Guesthouse [View iBrochure](#)

Klein Windhoek Guesthouse is situated in one of Windhoek's best suburbs in a quiet area next to the Klein Windhoek Riverbed – an ideal location for business people and tourists. From here it is a short 5-minute drive to City Centre; shops and popular restaurants are near. We offer a variety of rooms and self-catering units. Transfers from and to the

airport as well as to the city center will be arranged on request. If you are interested in a city tour or would like to visit a game ranch outside Windhoek, we can get you in touch with the organisers.



Basis

Bed & Breakfast

Day 6: Friday, 7 December End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

Make your way to The Grove Mall of Namibia for the start of the Nedbank Desert Dash race.

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 breathtaking 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 you 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.