

Highlights: Etosha National Park for superb game viewing

1 Nov Etosha National Park - 1night bed and breakfast

We depart from Swakopmund after breakfast and head north towards Etosha entering at Anderssons Gate. We enjoy our first game drive to the rest camp perhaps stopping at Ombika waterhole en route. Later you can relax by the floodlit waterhole - during the dry season, Okaukuejo waterhole is generally very active with hordes of animals wandering out of the bush to congregate to drink, as dust rises from hooves, and animals call across to each other, large herds of plains game such as springbok, zebra, wildebeest along with giraffe and kudu come to the fore. Around sunset it's common for herds of elephant, as well as the endangered black rhino to enter the fray. Lion and other predators are of course, frequent visitors as well. Overnight dinner, bed and breakfast with lunch at own expense (D)

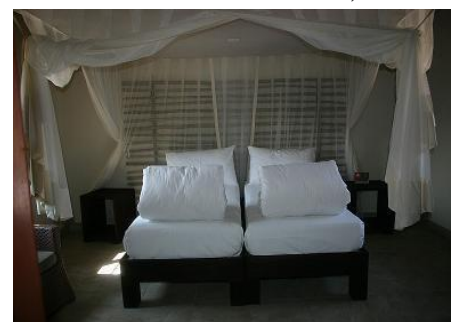


2&3 Nov Etosha National Park – 2nights bed and breakfast

The next two days we enjoy game drives in the park early morning and late afternoon - this is an exceptional time to view the game inside Etosha as the animals, like us, are more active in the cooler parts of the day. We game drive around the park, visiting waterholes and stopping along the way as game sightings dictate. Look out for predators such as lion, leopard, cheetah, hyena as well as the large female herds of elephant, male bachelor elephants, black and white rhino and a plethora of game species. Dinner, bed and breakfast with lunch at own expense (BD/BD)



Etosha National Park: With translations such as “Great, White Place”, “Place of Mirages” and “Land of Dry Water”, it's no wonder Etosha has a certain mystery around it. The Etosha Pan, a vast shallow depression of around 110km from east to west and 60km from south to north is likely to be the remains of a large inland lake that flowed from the Angolan highlands. However, continental uplift changed the slope of the land and direction towards the Atlantic. Slowly, the lake dried - if the lake existed today, it would be the third largest in the world. Etosha is the largest of the pans, 4 760 km in extent, or about half the size of Lebanon. It is nowadays filled with water only when sufficient rain falls to the north in Angola to induce floods to flow southward along the Cuvelai drainage system. Etosha is open through out the year and is accessible with the tarred roads via the Andersson Gate in the central southern section and the Von Lindequist Gate in the east. Each of Etosha's three resorts, Okaukuejo is the centre of the park, Namutoni in the east and Halali halfway between the two, has its own distinctive character and atmosphere. The newer camps include Dolomite Camp on the western aspect and the luxurious Onkoshi, north of Namutoni. Each has a floodlit waterhole where wildlife can be viewed throughout the day and night. Each has a floodlit waterhole where wildlife can be viewed throughout the day and night. The roads are accessible in a 2x4 vehicle though care needs to be exercised after heavy rains. As a game reserve, it excels particularly during the dry season when huge amounts of animals congregate at the waterholes, as a visitor, watching the sun set as hundreds of animals come



to quench their thirst, dust kicked up from hooves and bellows of animals across the veldt ring out makes it a wonderful experience. There are over 115 mammals in the park including endangered species such as cheetah and black rhino, as well as elephant, lion, leopard, hyena, giraffe and a whole host of plains game. In conjunction there's 340 species of bird recorded including uncommon members of hawk and vulture.

4 Nov Windhoek/Departure

Today we leave Etosha behind to drive back to Windhoek where you are dropped at your accommodation later in the afternoon. Lunch at own expense (B)

Price per person/based on 6 people/twin share N\$10,750

Price per person/based on 8 people/twin share N\$9,245

Price per person/based on 10 people/twin share N\$8,315

Single supplement N\$1300

Includes – services of an English speaking guide; vehicle as indicated; accommodation and meals as stated in itinerary; entry fees to Etosha National Park; fuel;

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Please note that the N\$ is fixed to the South African Rand on a 1/1 basis

Insurance: It is essential that you purchase comprehensive personal travel insurance before you embark on your holiday, medical insurance is insufficient. Travel insurance is for your own protection and should include evacuation; we also recommend full cover for baggage loss etc and consider it to be an essential part of modern international travel

Health: Namibia is a low risk malarial destination but we recommend that seek professional medical advice to enable you to make decisions on personal malaria protection. Note that Etosha is considered a malaria region (low risk) particularly during rainy season. No vaccinations are required by law for the countries being visited on this tour.

Visas: The onus is on the client to organize all visas required for clients prior to departure. Please ensure that your passport is valid for at least six months after your scheduled departure date country of travel. If this is not the case, there is a danger of being turned away by the Immigration Service on arrival at the airport – assuming your airline has agreed to bring you and risk a fine in the first place. The Company cannot be held liable for any necessary visas or other travel documents not held by the clients. Please also note that if your passport requires a visa for the countries you visit and multiple entry if necessary, you will need to carry your passport with you during the trip

Climate: The African sun is very strong. Please use a factor 30 sunscreen and wear a hat. You should drink at least 3 litres of water per day to avoid dehydration. It can also get very cold during winter months on this route.

Water: All tap water in Namibia has been purified or comes directly from boreholes and is safe to drink. Tap drinking water is generally safe to drink but bottled mineral water is easily available at shops and rest camps should you prefer to drink this.

Electrical: plugs are 220V and are 3 pin (round pin as opposed to square pin). Adaptors can be purchased in Windhoek – South Africa uses the same style if shopping at airport or from home.

Money: The Namibian Dollar (N\$) is tied permanently 1-1 to the South African Rand (ZAR). ZAR notes and coins are legal tender in Namibia. Travellers cheques are cumbersome and can only be

changed in main towns. We recommend you bring SA rand with you or change money at airport upon arrival. ATMs are widely available to get cash

Key Deposit/Entry fees: Please note that some establishments such as NWR (Etosha etc) will require a key deposit of N\$500 – this is refunded on departure and room check out. Entry fees to Etosha are N\$80/person/day and N\$10 vehicle – subject to change

Tipping: It is customary to tip, usually, around 10% at restaurants.

Pre and Post Tour Accommodation: If you require accommodation before or after your tour we can arrange this for you

Additional notes:

- We recommend an early departure from each lodge, around 8-9am, in order to arrive early at your next destination. This will allow you time to enjoy the area as well gives you more time to make stops en-route – some days may require an earlier departure
- Please call the appropriate lodges that you will be sleeping for the night if you anticipate arriving late
- Do not give your credit card to anyone and make sure that it is always in your vision.
- Fuel in Namibia can generally only be paid with cash – some may accept credit card but please do not rely on this, in towns there are ATM's at the fuel stations but do not rely on this in case the machine is broken.
- **Please ensure that you inspect the vehicle thoroughly when you pick it up as it becomes your responsibility once you drive off.**
- Refuel as much as feasibly possible just in case there is no fuel at the next destination

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