



# NAMIBIA SELF-DRIVE

## **12-DAY SELF-DRIVE TOUR FROM AND TO WINDHOEK.**

Enjoy the highlights of Namibia at your own pace. This suggested itinerary offers insight into the wonders of Namibia. Experience Etosha National Park, rock-art at Spitzkoppe, the old German town of Swakopmund and finally the red sand dunes of the Namib Desert. An educational experience awaits in the Okonjima Plains. A tour of the Cheetah Project will give you an informed and insightful perspective on the lifestyle of these elusive animals.

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## NAMIBIA SELF-DRIVE 2023



### HIGHLIGHTS

<b>Windhoek:</b>	Capital city of Namibia	<b>Damaraland:</b>	Inhabited by the Damara people, one of the most beautiful mountainous areas
<b>Etosha National Park:</b>	Full day game drives in the famous national park	<b>Swakopmund:</b>	Charming German coastal town
<b>Okonjima Nature Reserve:</b>	Stay on a nature reserve known for its carnivore conservation projects	<b>Sossusvlei:</b>	Visit the world's highest sand dunes and Sesriem Canyon

### QUICK FACTS

<b>Tour type:</b>	Self-drive safari	<b>Meals:</b>	11 x Breakfast 01 x Dinner
<b>Duration:</b>	12 days	<b>Vehicle:</b>	Car Hire – Group K Toyota RAV 4X2 or similar
<b>Start:</b>	Windhoek, Namibia	<b>Group Size:</b>	Min. 2 clients
<b>End:</b>	Windhoek, Namibia		
<b>Country visited:</b>	Namibia		

## ITINERARY

**B** – Breakfast      **L** – Lunch      **D** – Dinner

### **DAY 1: WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA**

On arrival at Hosea Kutako International Airport in Namibia's capital, Windhoek, please proceed to the Avis Car Hire depot to collect your hire car and drive to your accommodation. The rest of the afternoon is yours to spend at leisure.

**Accommodation:** Olive Grove Guest House or similar (rooms with en-suite bathroom, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

### **DAY 2: WINDHOEK – OKONJIMA GAME RESERVE, NAMIBIA**

**BD**

After breakfast leave Windhoek and drive north to your first destination, Okonjima Game Reserve in the Otjozondjupa Region. Okonjima is nestled among the "Omboroko Mountains" and roughly translated means "Place of the baboons". In the afternoon, you will have the opportunity to visit the Cheetah Project where you will embark on a centre tour of the main facility, cheetah museum, a quick pass by the genetics laboratory as well as an introduction to the cheetahs and livestock that live in the centre.

**Distance:** 250 km

**Departure:** 08h00

**Accommodation:** Okonjima Plains Camp or similar (rooms with e-suite bathroom)

### **DAY 3, 4 & 5: OKONJIMA GAME RESERVE – ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK, NAMIBIA**

**B, B, B**

Today you will travel to Namibia's well-known Highlight of the North – Etosha National Park. Etosha Game park was declared a National Park in 1907, it is home to approx. 114 mammal species, 340 bird species, 110 reptile species, 16 amphibian species and, surprisingly, one species of fish. Your accommodation is just outside Etosha Park. You will be able to embark on optional game drives through the park hopefully spotting a variety of wildlife during your stay. The resorts also offer fabulous floodlit waterholes, which provide excellent game viewing at night.

**Distance:** 250 km

**Accommodation:** Etosha Okaukeujo or similar (room with en-suite bathroom, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)/Waterhole chalet double rooms

### **DAY 6: ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK - OMARURU, NAMIBIA**

**B**

This morning bid farewell to the wild animals of Etosha and head to Kamanjab where you have the opportunity to visit a local Himba village to find out more about their traditions & lifestyle. Experience the milking ceremony and the smoke bath. Learn about their beliefs around the holy fire, ancestors, and herbal medicine. Continue on to the town of Omaruru where you overnight. Once a mission station, the settlement has great historic significance and has evolved into an artistic hub for local crafts and small industries.

**Distance:** 320 km

**Departure:** 08h00

**Accommodation:** Omaruru Guesthouse or similar (rooms with en-suite bathrooms, restaurant and swimming pool)

**DAYS 7 & 8: OMARURU - SPITZKOPPE - SWAKOPMUND, NAMIBIA**

**B, B**

After breakfast continue to Spitzkoppe, an iconic group of curved granite mountains with vivid colours. We suggest embarking on a walk amongst the boulders to view the ancient Bushmen paintings and engravings, where after you continue south west from the dry interior of Namibia to the charming coastal town of Swakopmund. Here you will have the opportunity to partake in a few of the many optional activities that are offered. Alternatively you can just soak up the atmosphere of this little German Town and enjoy its beauty and beaches. This evening why not enjoy a typical Namibian meal in one of the many restaurants (own expense).

**Distance:** 310 km

**Departure:** 08h00

**Accommodation:** The Stiltz or similar (standard bungalows with en-suite bathrooms)

**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES IN SWAKOPMUND**

Below is a list of some of the most popular optional activities on offer in Swakopmund. Pre-booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. The rates are per person and are quoted in South African Rand. All activities are subject to availability and may require a minimum amount of passengers to operate. Certain activities only operate at specific times of the year. Please contact our reservation office for further information. Should you wish to partake in an activity that is not listed below, we will gladly assist you with rates and reservations.

Quad biking (2 hour)  
Sand boarding lie-down  
Sand boarding standing up  
Living Desert Tour  
Tandem Sky Diving  
Shore fishing  
Boat fishing  
Township Tour  
Kayaking  
Dolphin, Seal & Whale Cruise

**DAYS 9 & 10: SWAKOPMUND - SOSSUSVLEI, NAMIBIA**

**B, B**

An early morning start takes you from Swakopmund south through Walvis Bay on your way to the Namib Naukluft National Park, which is considered to be the oldest desert in the world. On the way there why not make a stop at the small settlement of Solitaire where you will have a chance to sample their world renowned Apple Crumble – only served *without* cream! That evening you have the opportunity to embark on a wild cat walk at the lodge. The next morning it is advisable to wake up early in order to visit the world's highest sand dunes at Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. At sunrise and sunset these dunes, which can reach heights of over 300 m, are absolutely spectacular and provide for a fantastic photo opportunity. With luck, there may even be water in the vlei (lake). We also recommend a stop to view the Sesriem Canyon, which was carved millions of years ago by the Tsauchab River.

**Distance:** 400 km

**Departure:** 07h00

**Accommodation:** Sossus Dune Lodge or similar (Rooms with en-suite bathrooms, bar, restaurant and swimming pool)

**DAY 11: SOSSUSVLEI - WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA**

**B**

Today you leave the desert behind you and travel back to Windhoek, through the beautiful countryside. Once you arrive the rest of the afternoon can be spent at leisure, and dinner can be enjoyed in one of the many fabulous restaurants in the city.

**Distance:** 360 km

**Departure:** 08h00

**Accommodation:** Olive Grove Guest House or similar (rooms with en-suite bathroom, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

<b>DAY 12: END OF TOUR</b>	<b>B</b>
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This morning after breakfast, drive to Windhoek International Airport to drop off your hire car in time for your departure flight. We hope to welcome you on one of our African adventures again soon.

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### PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

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**TRANSPORT:**

This self-drive safari includes car rental from Avis Car Hire, group K (Toyota RAV 4X2 or similar), with premium insurance cover.

Premium insurance includes: Theft and collision damage waiver, theft loss waiver, unlimited kilometres, claim admin fee, tourism levy, vat, sandblasting damage, personal accident insurance, 1 x additional driver, third party liability insurance, windscreen damage waiver, tyre damage waiver, general liability insurance, location surcharge, undercarriage damage\*, rim and hubcap damage.

*\*We do not recommend that group B vehicles are driven on gravel roads in Namibia due to the condition of the roads.*

Excludes: Fuel, refundable rental deposit, environment contract fee, one way drop off charges & equipment charges, delivery & collection fees, traffic fine administration fee, child safety seats, GPS navigation, additional spare tyre rental and deposit.

**ACCOMMODATION:**

We make use of mid-range typical African standard lodge accommodation. Accommodation is situated either in National Parks, on the banks of a river, or in other places of interest. The accommodation will be a mix of lodges, chalets and tented camps. Most of them have a private bathroom with a shower and toilet. Some properties are equipped with swimming pools and/or bar areas.

**MEALS:**

Breakfasts will be in restaurants at the various accommodation establishments. Please advise us of any special dietary requirements in advance.

**VISAS:**

The onus is on the client to organize all visas required to visit Namibia prior to departure.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:**

Please note that travel and cancellation insurance is mandatory for every guest travelling with Jenman African Safaris. All insurance is solely the responsibility of our guests. Please ensure you arrange your own insurance with protection for the full duration of your journey to cover personal injury, damage and loss of personal items including but not limited to camera equipment and other electronic items, medical expenses, repatriation expenses and loss of luggage, etc. Please speak to your travel agent if you require assistance.

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