

## Routing:

Sossusvlei  
Swakopmund  
Damaraland  
Etosha Park  
Okonjima Bush Suite  
Windhoek

## Accommodation:

Fully serviced private permanent lodges  
or  
Fully serviced private permanent camps  
Spacious ensuite rooms



**Namibia**  
Luxury Self Drive



HARTLEY'S SAFARIS



## Windhoek - Sossusvlei

Plan to leave Windhoek at a reasonable hour today. This will leave you sufficient time to reach your overnight accommodation in good time and enjoy the scenery on the way. Most of your journey will be on unsealed gravel roads. The drive is around 300kms and the duration is some 4 to 5hrs. There are a number of routes to take, we recommend via the Spreetshoogte Pass. The views from the top of the escarpment over the desert plains below are stunning. A timely arrival allows for an afternoon guided nature drive or walk once you have settled in.

Day  
1 & 2:

First thing this morning is tea and coffee before the sun rises. Afterwards you will head out towards the dunes at Sossusvlei in one of the lodges guided vehicles. Making use of the lodges own private entrance you enter the park at sunrise. On the way to Sossusvlei you can enjoy the colourful effect the sun has on the landscape. Once there you have plenty of time to explore, climb a dune and generally photograph to your hearts content. Time for one more snap before your guide calls you over to a large, shady camelthorn tree for a desert brunch. Afterwards you can head back to the lodge with a short walk along Sesriem Canyon before you return if desired.

## Sossusvlei - Swakopmund

This morning you are collected from the lodge and join a balloon flight over Sossusvlei - this is followed by a champagne breakfast, held wherever the balloon lands. Later you will head north from Sossusvlei in your own vehicle through the gravel plains of the Namib towards the harbour town of Walvis Bay. The birdlife at the lagoon is amazing, thousands of birds especially pink flamingos and other water birds congregate here. Continue north for 30km along a picturesque road sandwiched between large dunes and the Atlantic ocean to Swakopmund.

Day  
3 & 4:

You will be collected from the hotel after breakfast at around 08h30 and head out with your guide in a 4x4 vehicle to the Namib Desert. The drive along the foot of the dunes is a slow one as care is taken not to drive on the gravel plains and cause any unnecessary damage to the environment. The coastal dune belt is alive with desert-adapted creatures including endemic Damara terns who nest here. Conservation issues and the geological structure of the desert will be discussed in detail, often coinciding with opportunities to photograph the dunes and the surrounding environment. Your guide will stop continuously to look for tracks to determine which animals were active the night before, at times trying to catch some to show you.

## Swakopmund - Damaraland

Today the journey begins with a drive up the Skeleton Coast, through the town of Henties Bay to the Cape Cross Seal Colony. After spending some time seal watching you will begin your journey inland past Namibia's highest mountain, the Brandberg.

Day  
5 & 6:

Damaraland is a scenic semi-desert area and you will be staying in the suite at Mowani Mountain Camp which is nestled amongst architectural granite boulders. Today you have the choice of exploring the sites of Damaraland in your own vehicle, or if you prefer joining the guided excursions offered by the lodge. However you choose to travel this is sure to be an exciting day in a very interesting area

## Damaraland - Etosha Park

The Ongava reserve lies on the southern border of Etosha near the Andersson Gate, and it is here you will spend the next three nights in a suite at Little Ongava (complete with it's own plunge pool). This afternoon you can join a guided game drive or just relax and enjoy your surroundings. Days can be spent on guided game drives and walks around Etosha & the Ongava Reserve. Having an experienced guide really enhances game viewing and with any luck you should really rack up the sightings. Etosha is Namibia's premier game viewing destination, large herds of plains

Day  
7, 8, 9:

game concentrate around the waterholes in the dry season and makes for exciting game viewing. Species that can be seen year round include elephant, lion, leopard, cheetah, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, springbok, oryx, kudu and the diminutive Damara dik-dik. Birdlife is also good with ostrich and raptors in abundance. Local specials include the short-toed rockthrush, Haulaubs francolin, rockrunner, Ruppells parrot, white-tailed shrike and chestnut weaver. Ongava Game reserve is one of the few private game reserves in Southern Africa where you have a chance of seeing both black and white Rhino. The reserve also has a good population of lion, eland, mountain zebra, black faced impala and a number of other antelope species.

## Okonjima Bush Suite

Leaving Ongava the drive to Okonjima takes around 3 hours. Apart from the beautiful location, stunning accommodation and wonderful meals the main reason for visiting Okonjima is to view cats. Your activities here are included in this package and centre around viewing leopard & cheetah, visiting a night hide and generally learning about what

Day  
10 - 11:

theAfriCat foundation is doing to preserve these wonderful animals. You will be accommodated in the private Bush Suite and will participate in a range of activities including cheetah feeding, leopard tracking and visits to night hides. If you do not feel like participating in an activity you can relax in the lounge or around your large private swimming pool at the suite.

## Windhoek

The drive back to Windhoek takes around 3 hours. You will probably want to stop at the wood carving markets at Okahandja as this is one of the best places to stock up on wooden curios. If you are flying out tonight you can drop your vehicle at the airport or additionally we can arrange accommodation in Windhoek.

Day 12:



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