

Tour Reference: R105053
Tour Name: 68178 - Dunes and Wildlife

Mon

On your arrival at Windhoek International Airport, an Albatros representative will meet and transfer you to your guesthouse in Windhoek.

- **01 night at The Elegant Guest House - Standard Room (Bed and Breakfast)**

Elegance, style and serenity can be experienced in the newly-built Elegant Guest House, a bed and breakfast establishment, situated close to the Windhoek Central Business District. It provides and prides itself on personalized service and genuine hospitality, whilst offering its guests the perfect base to de-stress, conduct business from, or explore the capital city's bright lights. There are a good range of restaurants and bars, medical and banking facilities, historical sites and landmarks, close by. Guests can relax in their comfortable lounge, with satellite television, a DVD and VCR players, and a small library. The beautiful garden, with its splash pool, is a great spot to unwind, read a book or catch up on all the latest gossip and travel news with other guests. Complimentary tea and coffee are available throughout the day. There is a laundry service, and parking and overall security are enhanced by the remote controlled gate. It also offers courtesy transport three times a day to the town, and transfers to/from the airport can be arranged. Before heading out for a business meeting or seminar or a day's activities, guests should not miss the generous, healthy, buffet-style breakfast. Accommodation is in 5 double rooms, all elegantly styled and tastefully furnished. They all have en-suite bathrooms, satellite TV, air-conditioning, tea/coffee station and an in-room safe. There is a no-smoking policy in all of the rooms.



Tue

You will be collected from your hotel between 07h00 and 07hr30, and then assemble at the departure point before leaving Windhoek. At Otjiwarongo there will be a short stop for refreshments before you continue north entering Etosha National Park via the Anderson Gate, and game driving up to your camp, at which you will arrive just in time for a fabulous Namibian sunset. An authentic Namibian dinner will be prepared by the guide. Enjoy a good night's rest in the quiet of the African bush.

Snack pack & Dinner
Halali Camp or similar (lodge inside Etosha National Park)
Game driving in Etosha National Park



Wed

Today is an early start, rising before sunrise for breakfast, then heading out on a game drive until mid-morning, when you will stop to enjoy a light snack on the largest salt pan in Namibia, the mighty Etosha Pan (seasonal), where you have the chance to experience the splendour and breathe in the magic of this huge 5,000km² salt pan. You will then continue your game drive, taking in many waterholes. Although you will be looking out mainly for the big 4 (there are no buffalo in Etosha National Park), spotting and naming the vast variety of game roaming the plains is an exciting distraction. You will then return to Halali camp where the guide will prepare a delicious picnic lunch. After lunch you continue on to Okaukuejo Camp, at which you will arrive late afternoon to visit one last waterhole before leaving the park just before sunset. Your accommodation for the night is in permanent tents with en-suite bathroom facilities.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Etosha Village or similar (just outside the gate to Etosha National Park)

Game driving in Etosha National Park



Thu

This morning is another early start with breakfast, and a 08hr00 departure from the lodge, heading south to Swakopmund; a picturesque and friendly coastal town offering lovely seaside vistas. Various art cafes, curio shops and attractive side-walk cafes are waiting to be explored and the town is also the adrenalin hub of Namibia with many fun-filled activities to choose from. You will drive via the communal lands of Damaraland (Kunene Region), and stop at the Ugab River Bridge to visit with the beautiful Herero ladies who sell their small art and craft items to support their families. You will lunch in the shadow of the Brandberg Mountain and have a short visit with a Himba group who have moved into this area to sell their jewellery and other items (dependent on Himba tribes-people). After lunch we head directly through the Namib Desert and stop at the latest shipwreck on the Skeleton Coast before arriving late afternoon in Swakopmund. Spend the afternoon exploring this charming town on foot, and tonight enjoy an optional out at one of the many restaurants in Swakopmund.

Breakfast & Lunch

Pension Hotel A La Mer



Fri

You will have the morning at leisure for optional unguided activities before the departure from Swakopmund shortly before 12h00 in winter and around 13h00 in summer. Driving via the Kuiseb and Ghaub passes, you will arrive at the tented camp in the Namib Desert around mid-afternoon. After checking in and freshening up, take a walk to enjoy the magical colours of sunset looking over the Naukluft mountain range. This is one of the best times of the day to enjoy the scenery, as the setting sun dances over the dunes causing the colours to sparkle in a rainbow of golden hues. The swimming pool and bar offer the perfect spots to take it easy and wind down after a long day's drive. An early night is advised.

Breakfast & Lunch & Dinner
Desert Camp (tented camp)



Sat

Today we'll rise early and depart for the dunes at Sossusvlei, just 3km away, ensuring you will arrive in time to enjoy the early morning light on the dunes. Travel down an ancient river bed, encircled by towering dunes, to the 2x4 parking area. The 4x4 shuttle drives straight into the Sossusvlei area where you can explore some of the world's highest dunes, before stopping at Dead Vlei, with its skeletal camel thorn trees and cracked white clay. To return, you can choose between walking or taking the dune shuttle, making a stop at (and climbing if desired) the famous Dune 45, the highest dune of them all. Return to Sesriem and visit the nearby Sesriem Canyon, one of the only constant sources of water in the area. You will arrive back at the camp in the late afternoon, in time to watch the sun set over the desert.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Desert Camp (tented camp)



Sun

After a leisurely breakfast, it's time to knock the sand out of your boots, load up and start the return journey to Windhoek, stopping at Solitaire Guest Farm, where we join a biologist to track wild cheetahs at the Namib Conservation Centre. We return to Windhoek via the Naukluft Mountains and Rehoboth. Arrival time is early afternoon at in Windhoek. Be transferred to your Guest House.

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Day at leisure with optional activities in windhoek

Tue

This morning after breakfast, you will be collected from your hotel and be transferred to the Airport for your flight back home. (Flight cost not included)

Inclusions:

- Accommodation as mentioned in the itinerary
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary
- Return Airport transfers
- Schedule Day Tours as mentioned in the itinerary
- Applicable taxes
- VAT @ 14%

Exclusions:

- Any other accommodation not mentioned as an inclusion
 - Any other meals not mentioned as an inclusion
 - Any transfers not mentioned as an inclusion
 - Any day tours and/or excursions not mentioned as an inclusion
 - Anything of a personal nature: EG: telephone calls, curio shop purchases, laundry, room service, etc
 - Any beverages or gratuity
 - All flight reservations
 - Visa arrangements
 - Travel Insurance
 - Anything not mentioned as an inclusion
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