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NAMIBIA
Highlights of Namibia
7 - Day Itinerary

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Highlights: NamibRand Nature Reserve, Damaraland, Etosha National Park

Explore Namibia with this six night itinerary while experiencing the NamibRand Nature Reserve in the Namib Desert, Damaraland, home to Namibia's desert-adapted elephants, and enjoy incredible game viewing at Etosha National Park.

Day 1 – NamibRand Nature Reserve

On arrival at Hosea Kutako International Airport off your international flight, please clear customs and immigration and collect your luggage. Depart Windhoek Airport on a shared light aircraft flight to NamibRand Nature Reserve where a representative will meet and transfer you to the lodge.

Surrounded by the mountains and sand dunes of the Namib Desert, Sossusvlei Desert Lodge is an escape to the world as it should be. Sheer silence, total tranquility and romantic luxury. From stargazing to intimate picnics in the desert, this is an extraordinary desert wilderness.

Guest areas flow into vast desert views, as the stone and glass structure of the Lodge melts into wraparound verandas. Cool water gushes from an underground spring into the refreshing lodge pool. The ten stone and glass desert villas blend the grandeur and solitude of the Namib with sophisticated elegance and comfort. Massive windows open up onto the endless vistas, framed in the background by the ever-changing colours of the dunes. Each air conditioned suite is furnished to complement the majestic hues of the desert and features a private veranda, split-level bedroom and living room with fireplace, en suite glass-encased bathroom and outdoor shower. The suites are equipped with a star-viewing skylight, discrete music system. The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the camp activities on offer.

Overnight: Sossusvlei Desert Lodge

Day 2 – NamibRand Nature Reserve

The day is at leisure to enjoy the camp activities on offer. Set out on a quad bike trail through the dunes, led by an experienced guide. Enjoy the solitude and majesty of the desert as the trail winds over the dunes and rocky outcrops. As the day winds to a close, stop to enjoy a chilled sundowner as a dazzle of stars slowly comes to full, blazing life in the velvety night sky. Set off on a scenic night drive to the fascinating petrified dunes, a frozen landscape of endless undulating waves or choose to explore the massive boulders of Bushman's Koppies, haphazardly strewn one on top of the other like a giant's building blocks. Stop to admire the thousand hues of a desert sunset before returning to the lodge in the evening.

Scenic drives offer an opportunity to encounter a variety of desert-adapted animals such as gemsbok, zebra, springbok, bat-eared fox, aardwolf, caracal and jackal. As the sun's first rays peek over scarlet sand dunes, the hot air balloon drifts slowly upward revealing the undulating landscapes of Sossusvlei. This soul-satisfying journey offers excellent photographic opportunities. Available at an additional cost. The lodge's observatory provides the ideal place to gaze in awe at the wonders of the clear desert sky, with the resident astronomer on hand to point out the brightest and most beautiful constellations.

Overnight: Sossusvlei Desert Lodge

Day 3 – Damaraland

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airstrip for your onward shared light aircraft flight to Damaraland. On arrival a representative will meet and transfer you to the camp.

Secluded amongst the boulders, Mowani Mountain Camp's guest rooms are a testament to the surroundings, where a sense of elegance and earthiness prevails. Winner of an architectural eco-design award in Germany, the organic nature of the design is felt through the camp. Colours, textures and comforts envelope you, while the vaulted cathedral like thatched ceilings are Africa's way of paying homage to nature. Mowani offers 13 en suite rooms with views across the valley or hill top vistas and two luxury suites, with open-air bathrooms. The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the camp activities on offer.

Overnight: Mowani Mountain Camp

Day 4 – Damaraland

The day is at leisure to enjoy the camp activities on offer.

Climb into an open-air vehicle and experience the rush of Africa. Mowani's local guides share with their guests an intimate knowledge and respect for the land that they have built up over a lifetime. With new insight into local traditions, you will come to fully appreciate the geology, botany and wildlife of the area. Local villagers are welcoming and keen to share their experiences. Visits to Twyfelfontein with its wealth of ancient rock engravings, and the wonders of the Organ Pipes are within easy driving distance. On Dune drives explore the area with your knowledgeable guide - searching for the rare desert adapted Elephants. Nature walks in the areas surrounding the camp to explore the smaller details of the bush up close and personal. Lounging by the pool, or relaxing on your private deck is also a wonderful way to enjoy the spectacular surroundings.
Overnight: Mowani Mountain Camp

Day 5 – Etosha National Park

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airstrip for your shared light aircraft flight to Etosha National Park. The flying time is approximately 40 minutes.

You will be transferred to Twyfelfontein airstrip for your scheduled light aircraft flight to Onguma. You would normally arrive at the delightful Onguma Tented Camp with enough time to relax and freshen up before an afternoon activity like a sundowner drive for dinner. The rest of the evening can be spent game viewing at the camp's floodlit waterhole where game comes and goes throughout the day and night.

The seven luxury ensuite tents have been built using textures such as stone, suede, linen and steel which create a setting that is sleek and modern, but also inherently of the earth. Each tent overlooks the nearby waterhole. The main complex, also overlooking the waterhole, includes a reception area, lounge, wine cellar, bar, dining room, and swimming pool. Onguma Tented Camp is exquisitely styled for the more exclusive safari experience. Zebra, giraffe, lion, a variety of antelope and superb bird life will accompany you during your stay.

Overnight: Onguma Tented Camp

Day 6 – Etosha National Park

Day at leisure to experience the activities on offer at Onguma Tented Camp.

Enjoy a morning dedicated to a memorable game drive within the eastern section of Etosha National Park. You return to camp for lunch and an early afternoon rest, spending your afternoon on a game drive on the private Onguma Game Reserve, culminating in a sundowner overlooking Fischer's Pan, if appeals. Return to Camp after sunset with enough time to freshen up and enjoy dinner overlooking the camp's floodlit waterhole.

Situated on the eastern side of Etosha and bordering Fisher's Pan, Onguma Game Reserve has more than 20,000ha of protected land and wildlife. The reserve boasts over thirty different animal species consisting of plains game including kudu, giraffe, eland, oryx, hartebeest, zebra, impala and many more roam freely, as well as predators such as lion, cheetah and leopard, being common residents of the area. Onguma Game Reserve is now also proud to be home to a family of black rhinos! More than 300 bird species can also be viewed in the area. Overnight: Onguma Tented Camp

Day 7 – Day of departure

This morning can again be spent on an activity exploring the area, if time allows. You are then transferred to the airstrip for your shared light aircraft flight back to Windhoek International Airport, ensuring that you have sufficient time to check in for your ongoing international or regional flight (the flight is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes and a 2-hour check in is required for your on-going flight as stipulated by the airlines).

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