

Best of Namibia

12 days - Cape Town to Windhoek

South Africa - Namibia



Windhoek is the capital of Namibia. Windhoek is a vibrant city with many attractions, making it ideal for backpacking tours across the region.

Top destinations visited on this tour

Cape Town - Cedarberg - Namaqualand - Orange River - South Africa - Orange River - Namibia - Fish River Canyon - Namib Naukluft Park - Sossusvlei - Swakopmund - khorixas - Opuwo - Spitzkoppe - Etosha National Park - Windhoek

Tour Price

Price: +

Local Payment: Local Payment is a portion of your total tour cost which is paid locally to your Crew, in cash, at the beginning of your tour.

Tour Length: 12 Days
Vehicle: Overland Truck

Crew: 2 crew {vehicle_cook}
Meals: 11 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches, 9 Dinners
Tour Code: NCW

Tour Itinerary



Day 1, Cape Town to Cedarberg

Leaving Cape Town this morning as you make a last stop for a look back at Table Mountain from across Table Bay. Travel to the famous winelands region of the Western Cape and enjoy a wine tasting at one of the local wine farms.

You will also make a stop at the well-known Spice Route, bordering the town of Paarl. The Spice Route is an estate that brings together a collection of flavours unique to the Cape Culture - including a beer garden, artworks studio, chocolate makers and coffee makers - to name just a few.

No road trip is complete without a stop at a traditional "Padstal", these small farm stalls dot the byways of South Africa and offer a variety of homemade treats and bakes. The Cedarberg region not only boasts spectacular mountains and orange farms, but it is also the home of the Rooibos bush. Indigenous to the mountain slopes of the Cedarberg, this herbal beverage has earned an international reputation as a healthy and refreshing alternative to regular tea. A dinner at your overnight stop, offers an opportunity for you to get acquainted while enjoying some South African hospitality.



Day 2, Namaqualand to Orange River - South Africa

Namaqualand presents you with your first experience of the Desert vistas that will accompany us in the days ahead.

Continue your journey north and after a short stop for supplies in Springbok, travel to your camp on the banks of the Orange River. If you are fortunate enough to be travelling in the spring months (July to September) you may encounter the wild flowers that have made this region famous. No matter the time of year though, the strange desert vistas offer a unique backdrop to this days travel.



Day 3, Orange River - Namibia to Fish River Canyon

While the Orange River was named after the Dutch royal House, in recent times it has been referred to by its original name of Gariep, which simply means "river" in the indigenous Khoekhoe language.

Beginning its journey in the mountains of Lesotho the Orange River is the longest river in South Africa and offers a unique contrast to the desert landscapes along its banks.

The best way to experience the river is by getting out on the water and this morning you have the opportunity to join an optional canoe trip on the river. Later this morning you cross the border into Namibia and travel onwards to the Fish River Canyon, one of the largest in the world. This afternoon you take a walk along the rim of the canyon and end our day with a memorable sunset on the canyon edge.



Day 4, Fish River Canyon to Namib Naukluft Park

Every overland journey has some long travelling days and today is one of those as you venture deeper into the Namib Desert.

Your destination is the dune fields that cover the western reaches of the desert. Long dusty roads and sparsely populated farmlands offer us an insight into the vastness of rural Namibia.

From the grasslands in the east to the red dunes of the west the slowly changing landscapes represents the many faces of this desert country. Tonight you camp on the doorstep of the dune fields and fall asleep to the unique calls of the elusive Barking Gecko.



Day 5, Sossusvlei to Namib Naukluft Park

Watching the sunrise over the red dunes is an iconic highlight of any trip to Namibia and this morning we rise before the sun to capture this magnificent moment.

A brisk climb up Dune 45 offers you the perfect vantage point to marvel at the changing colours of the desert sunrise. Once satisfied you descend this famous dune and enjoy a hearty breakfast before catching a 4x4 transfer into Sossusvlei, here you will spend time on foot visiting the pans at Sossusvlei and Deadvlei.

Your day in the desert continues this afternoon as you join a local expert for an educational desert excursion. Tonight you empty the red sand from your shoes and spend the night under the magnificent desert stars, knowing that you have spent a full-day enjoying the wonders of this harsh land.



Day 6, Namib Naukluft Park to Swakopmund

Today you continue west and make your way to the coastal town of Swakopmund, where adventure and a dose of civilisation await.

Reluctantly leave the Namib behind and after a stop to mark your crossing of the Tropic of Capricorn, you continue to the Atlantic coastline. We make a brief stop at the Walvis Bay lagoon, where you hope to catch a glimpse of the Flamingo's that feed in the shallows. Arriving in Swakopmund you will have the opportunity to book some of the many adventures on offer. You'll enjoy a dinner out at a local restaurant tonight.



Day 7, Swakopmund

While for many it is the adrenaline fuelled adventures that will grab their attention, Swakopmund offers all that and more.

Take the opportunity today to explore the town at your leisure, as there are a number of attractions for every taste. Not to be missed is the selection of famed coffee shops and bakeries that offer a delightful range of German inspired treats. Swakopmund offers all the conveniences of a small city and is the perfect launching pad for the journey through the northern reaches of the land.



Day 8, Swakopmund to khorixas

The massive granite formations of Spitzkoppe tower 700 metres above the desert plains below and the presence of rock art indicates their significance to the San people who lived here many years ago. You will enjoy a walk with a local guide and have the opportunity to view some examples of the San's rock art before setting off for our overnight stop for the evening.



Day 9, Spitzkoppe to Opuwo

Visiting the Himba tribe can be a controversial topic that gets discussed at the camp fire, however not so much if the reason for visiting this particular tribe is understood beforehand. The income that the tribe generates from the visits goes towards the education of Himba children and assists the tribe in giving them a chance to learn about their own culture and heritage. This afternoon we have the opportunity to visit a Himba village and interact with the villagers.



Day 10, Opuwo to Etosha National Park

Rise early this morning and head to Etosha National Park. Etosha is the venue for some of the most unique game viewing experiences in Africa.

Today you have a full-day to explore the edges of Etosha Pan in search of the abundant wildlife that occurs in the park. Our truck offers you an elevated platform and you will spend some time at the many waterholes dotted throughout the park. Evenings in Etosha are best spent wrapped up warm at the floodlit waterholes at the camps. Those who wish to partake in an optional night drive may do so tonight.



Day 11, Etosha National Park

Your second day in Etosha allows another full day to continue your exploration of the park. No day on safari is ever the same and the suspense before that special sighting is the motivation that keeps our eyes wide open. You will exit the park in the late afternoon and make your way to your accommodation outside the park.



Day 12, Etosha National Park to Windhoek

A last early morning as you take aim for Windhoek, the capital city of Namibia. Today you make a brief stop at the craft markets of Okahandja before arriving in Windhoek in the afternoon. You will take a short walk through the city centre and have the opportunity to view some its better known landmarks.

Your tour ends at Hotel Safari. Should you have booked your own accommodation in Windhoek, please inform the guide that you will be leaving the tour once the City Tour comes to an end, before continuing on to Hotel Safari.

Included Highlights

These 2 highlight(s) are included in your tour cost.

- [Cape Winelands Wine Tour](#)
- [Desert Quad Biking](#)

Optional Highlights

These highlight(s) are optional activities which you can do on your trip. We have supplied indicative prices so you can plan your spending money accordingly:

Departure Dates

Start - End

Before and After Your Trip

Your pre-departure meeting starts at Please ensure you arrive at the departure point at least 30-minutes before the schedule departure. at the Nomad Adventure Tours 39 Castle Street, (Corner Castle & Burg Streets) Cape Town, South Africa Tel: +27 (0) 82 578 2199.

Your trip departs from the Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems. As the activities on your tour can be moved to any day during your tour, we also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends. at To be confirmed upon booking at the To be advised upon booking. We suggest you get there 15 minutes before to avoid delays.

Your trip ends at/in Heja Game Lodge, Windhoek on To be confirmed upon booking at the To be advised upon booking. Please note end times are approximated.

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