



Namibian Champagne Tour 15 days

Luxury Lodge Safari

15 Day luxury lodge safari with private 4x4 vehicle and guide. You will experience all the highlights of Namibia and overnight in some of most beautiful lodges Namibia has to offer. Every hour is unforgettable – each moment indelibly etched into your soul. African romance in abundance!

1. & 2. Day Wolwedans - Namib Rand Nature Reserve

Welcome to Namibia! Your tourguide will pick you up from Windhoek's airport and from there you will immediately travel in a westerly direction. Your journey takes you over the Khomas Hochland (2000m), across a plateau and through the endless Namib Desert until you reach Wolwedans Lodge. Wolwedans means "dance of the wolves". In bygone years the term "wolf" referred to hyaena, predators which today, still reside in the area. The Reserve consists of previous karakul sheep farms which were bought up by Albi Brückner. Too many dry spells no longer made sheep farming viable. Today the Reserve consists of 160.000

hectares and borders on the Namib Naukluft Park. The landscape with its dark mountain ranges, dunes and vast valleys is breathtaking. (420 km)

3. & 4. Day Little Kulala or Le Mirage/Spa - Sossusvlei

Depart for Little Kulala Wilderness Lodge after breakfast. This lodge is situated south of the Sesriem Gate entrance to Sossusvlei, in the privately owned 21.000 hectare Kulala Wilderness Reserve. The camp consists of 8 chalets or kulalas. In Swahili the name „kulala“ means „going to sleep“. Each chalet has its own verandah and the bathroom roof is the ideal place to discover the stars of an African night in private.

The lodge offers various activities, all included in the price. The hottest time of day is normally spent at the lodge and you can use this opportunity to cool off in your own plunge pool. Sossusvlei is a dry riverbed – its main attraction its red, orange and yellow dunes. These dunes are formed by the wind and reach a height of up to 300m. The closest comparison facing those who accept the challenge of reaching their summit would be that of wading through deep snow. However, the reward is a spectacular view over an ocean of sand that more than compensates for the effort spent. (100 km)

5. & 6. Day Swakopmund Hotel - Namib Desert, Coast

We continue across the gravel plains towards Swakopmund at the coast. The town's colonial history is mirrored in the architecture of its buildings. Today Swakopmund is a popular holiday destination for farmers with a penchant for fishing. With the Namib Desert as its backdrop, the town nestles between kaleidoscopic dunes and the Atlantic Ocean. Swakopmund offers various activities such as historical town tours, dolphin cruises, sandboarding, a game of golf in the world's oldest desert or quadbike tours through the dunes. For dinner the fish restaurants are highly recommended. (380km)

7. & 8. Day Mowani – Damaraland - Erongo Region

After breakfast we travel north along the Skeleton Coast, then in a north-easterly direction towards Brandberg (2573m) with its fascinating 40 000 or more bushman rock paintings. As we move eastwards granite Inselbergs rise above the desolate plains. One can almost believe that some giants had played marbles with these granite boulders.

We arrive at Mowani in the early afternoon. Mowani is a luxury lodge and is definitely one of the highlights of your safari. We are sure you will not forget the magnificent view you will enjoy during your sundowner.

World Heritage Site:Twyfelfontein. Desert elephant in the dry riverbed and game drives are part of your programme here. (330km)

9. & 10. Day Hobatere - Kunene Region

We continue towards the north-east, across the Etendeka Plateau and Grootberg with its wonderful vistas, through bush terrain to Kamanjab, a typical village in the outback that stocks necessities ranging from tyres to the Sunday cake!

We reach Hobatere Lodge, on the western boundary of Etosha National Park, at sundowner time. Steve and Louise Braine have managed the Lodge for approximately 20 years and Steve is regarded as one of Namibia's top birding experts. Afternoon game drives here are a wonderful experience with an abundance of wildlife. (320 km)

11. & 12. Day Okaukuejo - Etosha

Today we drive from Hobatere and enter Etosha National Park through the western gate, which may only be used by registered tour companies and their guides. We spend half a day driving through the Park with frequent pauses to observe game and enjoy a picnic lunch under the canopies of trees. We overnight in a bungalow close to the waterhole at Okaukuejo in the Park. A champagne sundowner at the floodlit waterhole rounds off an eventful day. (210 km)

13. Tag Onguma Lodge - Etosha

We spend the day in Etosha and enjoy a lunch at Namutoni, an old German fort maintained in its original form. We leave the Park through the eastern gate and enter the Onguma Game Reserve. Onguma is one of the best kept secrets of Namibia, with over 300 bird species, more than 30 species of mammals, including black rhino, zebra, kudu and lion which frequently visit the waterhole at the lodge. The day comes to a satisfying conclusion with a candlelight dinner at Onguma Lodge. (130 km)

14. Day Okonjima, Africat - Otjiwarongo

The safari is nearing its end. Once again we head south, this time via Otjiwarongo to Okonjima. En route we visit Lake Otjikoto with its many mystical secrets. In 1915 the retreating German forces dumped their military equipment into the Lake. Okonjima is home to the Africat Foundation. This Foundation is dedicated to the rehabilitation and care of wildcats, such as cheetah, lion, caracal - animals that have in some or other way been in conflict with farmers or abandoned by their mothers – and where possible are released back into the wild. A lion feed brings an interesting day to an end. (230 km)

15. Day Villa Verdi Abflug Abend - Windhoek

Your last day in Africa! We proceed to Windhoek via the wood carvers market in Okahandja.

For your comfort and convenience a day room has been booked at Hotel Villa Verdi. There is still enough time to do last minute shopping or sightseeing in Windhoek. Your guide will drive you to the airport for your return flight. (220 km)