# 7-Day Sossusvlei, Swakopmund and Etosha Safari, Namibia

**Namibia**



| DURATION | COUNTRY | STARTING FROM |
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| **7 days, 6 nights** | **Namibia** | **USD 2,900 per person** |

## TOUR SUMMARY

This 7-day, 6-night Namibia safari covers the highlights in one week: Sossusvlei, Deadvlei, the Atlantic coast at Swakopmund and Walvis Bay, and a game drive in Etosha National Park.

You start with the Sossusvlei dunes and Deadvlei on days 1 and 2, drive to Swakopmund on day 3, visit Sandwich Harbour and Walvis Bay on day 4, travel to Etosha on day 5, take an early game drive and return towards Windhoek on day 6, and depart on day 7. It suits landscape and wildlife photography.

## ITINERARY

**Day 1**

### Arrival and transfers to Sossusvlei

The guests will be picked from Hosea Kutako International Airport then transferred straight to Sossusvlei through the southward route via the scenic Spreetshoogte Pass, renowned for its spectacular natural beauty. A stop for lunch is scheduled at Solitaire, an oasis in the Namib Desert. Arrival at the lodge is expected in the afternoon, allowing time for relaxation.

Accommodation:

**Day 2**

## Dune hike and Deadvlei experience

Early morning breakfast, then head to Sesriem gate to start your dune safari experience. to begin the visit to Deadvlei, Dune 45, Big Daddy Dunes, and Elim Dunes.

Accommodation

Budget: Sesriem Campsite

Mid-range Lodge: Elegant Desert Lodge or similar

Luxury Lodge: Dead Valley Lodge or similar.

The travel distance will cover 350 km on a gravel road, lasting 5 hours, including stopovers and a lunch break.

**Day 3**

## Departure for Swakopmund

The journey commences post breakfast, traversing the Namib-Naukluft Park en route to Swakopmund, showcasing captivating canyons and remarkable rock formations. The expansive Namib landscape unfolds before us, adorned with diverse wildlife such as oryx and springbuck, mountain zebras, giraffes, and the renowned flightless ostriches. A notable landmark en route is the Tropic of Capricorn, offering a prime opportunity for photographic documentation. Upon reaching Walvis Bay, visiting the lagoon presents an up-close encounter with flamingos.

Accommodation will be provided for two nights in Swakopmund at the following options:

Backpackers: Amanpuri Travelers Lodge or a similar establishment.

Mid-range Lodge: Alte Brucke Resort or a similar venue.

Luxury Lodge: Strand Hotel or a similar high-end establishment.

Distance covered: 300 km (gravel road).

Estimated journey duration: 5 hours, including planned stopovers.

**Day 4**

## Sadwich harbour experience, swakopmund & Walvis Bay Tour

Early morning breakfast, then proceed for the sandwich harbour experience this is the point where the Desert meets the ocean. During this time you will encounter several maritime mammals and birds. We shall visit the Walvis Pink Lake, the salt mines, Lagoon, Swakopmund Jetty and Craft center

Other range of optional activities, the prices for which are available upon request:

- Comprehensive city tour of Swakopmund, including a visit to the Crystal Gallery.
- Exploration of the National Marine Aquarium.
- Browse the street craft market.
- Helicopter and Camel Safari

Engage in a bicycle tour of the Mondesa township.

- Enjoy an exhilarating skydiving experience.
- Offshore fishing expedition.
- Guided tour of the "lunar landscape" and Welwitschia Mirabilis trails, showcasing the botanic attraction known as the "living fossil," revered as one of Earth's oldest and most original plants. Explore the unique "lunar landscape" and discover the botanic wonder, Welwitschia Mirabilis, often called a "living fossil." This extraordinary plant is considered one of the oldest and most primitive living plants on Earth, with origins dating back to the time of Christ.
- Quadbike excursion through the dunes and rolling hills of the Namib.
- Experience the Snake Park.
- Unforgettable sandboarding adventure.
- Kayaking excursion with the seals at Cape Cross
- An early morning dolphin cruise, optionally combinable with a Sandwich Harbor Excursions, can create a full-day activity.

Return to the same lodge or guest house

**Day 5**

## Transfer to Etosha National Park

Departure from the coastal town of Swakopmund, our journey takes us to Etosha National Park a renowned Namibia treasure esteemed as one of Africa's most beloved parks.

Etosha National Park has 110 kinds of reptiles, 340 species of birds, over 100 species of mammals. The lion, rhino, leopard, elephant, giraffe, hyena, springbok, zebra, eland and cheeta are among the larger animals.

The Etosha Salt Pan, a large white depression that was once a lake, dominates the park. Currently, a dry dusty pan made of clay and salt, it periodically fills with water after a significant downpowner. Many thanks of wading birds, especially flamingos are drwan to this transcient body of water.

Upon arrival in Etosha, guests are greeted by untamed wildlife and the expansive white sands of the plains. During the afternoon's game drive, the quest to observe the king of the savannah – the lion, unfolds amidst a stunning array of magnificent game, including antelopes, giraffes, zebras, and herds of African elephants traversing the bush.

In the evening, a leisurely dinner is served within the captivating ambience of the wilderness. At the waterhole, thirsty animals congregate for a drink, allowing spectators to witness the ever-changing "theatre of nature" until late into the evening.

Accommodation

Camping - Okaukuejo Campsite or similar.

Mid-range Lodge – Okaukuejo Resort or similar.

Luxury Lodge – Etosha Oberland Lodge or similar.

Distance: 450 km on a tarred road.

Duration: 6 hours

**Day 6**

## Early morning game drive and departure for Windhoek.

Following early morning breakfast game drive which covers a distance of over 50kms then farewell to Etosha, and the journey will continue south to Windhoek, the capital of Namibia. This leg of the trip allows ample time for final shopping for gifts, souvenirs, and curios at the local craft market and for taking last photographs of Africa's beauty.

Check-in at your Hotel in Windhoek for an overnight stay.

The distance to Windhoek is around 450 km on tarred roads, with an estimated duration of 6 hours.

**Day 7**

## Departure and farewell to Namibia

Breakfast and then you are tranfered to the aiport for your outbound flight.

This marks the end of our 7 days Safari

## WHAT IS INCLUDED

### Cost includes

- Park fees
- All activities
- All accommodation
- A professional driver/guide
- All transportation
- All Taxes/VAT
- Round-trip airport transfer
- Meals
- Drinking water

### Cost excludes

- International flights (From/to home)
- Additional accommodation before and at the end of the tour
- Tips (Tipping guideline US$10.00 pp per day)
- Personal items (Souvenirs, travel insurance, visa fees, etc.)
- Government imposed increase of taxes and/or park fees
- Travel Insurance

## GOOD TO KNOW

- Packing for Safari? Keep it simple!
- Bring comfortable, lightweight clothes in natural colors like khaki, olive, sand, and earth tones. Pack layers too: mornings can be surprisingly chilly, while the middle of the day gets hot. You don't need a fresh outfit for every day, since most lodges and camps can arrange laundry service.
- Don't forget your sun protection: a good hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen. Comfortable shoes are enough for most safaris. Heavy hiking boots are only needed if you're doing a walking safari, primate tracking, or mountain climbing.
- A good pair of binoculars is a must. A camera is great, but binoculars will transform the way you experience wildlife, especially birds and animals that are far away.
- For luggage, we recommend a soft-sided bag over a hard suitcase. It fits much more easily into safari vehicles and small aircraft, where space is tight and weight is often limited to 15 kg.
- Most importantly, don't overpack. Travel light and enjoy the adventure!

### Ready to book this safari?

Request a quote and we will tailor it to your dates and group: **gorillatreking.com/safari/7-day-sossusvlei-swakopmund-and-etosha-safari-namibia/**

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