

The guided small-group safari

Wildlife, Landscapes & Cultural Adventures in Namibia

„Diverse Namibia natural - October 2025“

6 PAGES - 15 DAYS

“Certainly, travel is more than the seeing of sights; it is a change that goes on, deep and permanent, in the ideas of living.”

* Mary Ritter Beard (American historian)

Overview

Explore Namibia with meticulous planning, seamless logistics, and a diverse itinerary. Immerse yourself in rich wildlife and vibrant landscapes set against stunning backdrops. Marvel at the world’s tallest dunes, engage with the captivating cultures of various ethnic groups, and uncover their deep-rooted history, carved into the rocky terrain. Delve into Namibia’s history, encounter a variety of big cats, and enjoy rewarding hikes.

This journey is thoughtfully designed to traverse Namibia’s diverse habitats and key wildlife hotspots, ensuring you experience not just an abundance of animals, but a wide array of species. In essence, this is a carefully curated adventure that showcases Namibia’s finest, offering an all-encompassing experience.

Our accommodations are chosen with a focus on providing exceptional value, prime locations, and a comfortable, relaxing stay.



Click on Map for Google Maps Link:



Day 1

6.10.2025

* 1 night in a individually designed lodge, where you'll stay comfortably in a separate bungalow. We chose this lodge because it is small and blends harmoniously into the natural surroundings, respecting the trees by building around them rather than cutting them down.

* Camelthorn Lodge

inclusive:

- * Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- * 1 game drive into the linear dunes, where you can observe not only the beautiful landscapes and diverse birdlife but also some animals.



Days 2 & 3

7 & 8.10.2025

* 2 nights at the "bull's head" of the Naukluft on a very well run guest farm.

* Büllsport Guestfarm

inclusive:

- * Class: Luxury Room
- * Dinner, bed and breakfast
- * Guided adventurous mountain trip to the Bogenfels with a short hike

Remark:

In this magnificent locale, the hiking trails into the mountains stretch over considerable distances. However, we've meticulously curated a diverse range of activities to cater to every guest's preferences. If hiking isn't your cup of tea, rest assured that you can arrange thrilling mountain excursions with expert drivers at your disposal.

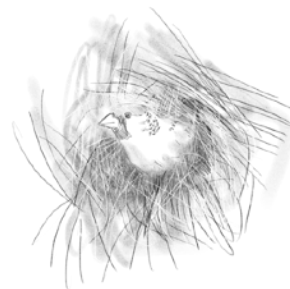
Dunes of the Kalahari

After a long flight, the desire for the feeling of "arrival" and the pleasure of basking in the warming sun are always top priorities. We welcome you directly at the airport and take you to a charming lodge amidst the fascinating orange dune landscape of the Kalahari.

The Kalahari stretches in its waterless, impressive expanse, and perhaps that is precisely why only the Bushmen dared to settle here.

Our journey takes us through the camel thorn savannah of the central plateau until we reach the various linear dune landscapes, white limestone ridges, and extensive salt pans of the Kalahari.

What makes the Kalahari so fascinating is, above all, its colours! The dark orange dune landscapes and the brown-green camel thorn forests make it a true paradise for photographers. On the way, we encounter gigantic sociable weaver nests in ancient camel thorn acacias – with a bit of luck, you might even spot a Cape cobra, as it tends to raid the nests of the communal Sociable Weaver birds.



The Naukluft Mountains

The Naukluft Mountains, a fold mountain range in Namibia, were regarded as one of the most intriguing natural wonders by the renowned geologist Hans Cloos, author of *Conversation with the Earth*. This geologically diverse region showcases striking tuff formations beneath towering dolomite layers, all resting on a foundation of granite.

At Leaflove Safari, we consider the Naukluft a hidden natural treasure. Our hikes through its gorges often reveal rare bird and plant species. You'll encounter quiver trees, elephant's foot, the wonder bush (also known as Bushman's tea), and Bushman's candles, all of which are sure to captivate your camera's lens. Mountain zebras, greater kudus, and rock hyraxes can be spotted on the steep cliffs, while various species of fig trees attract Rosy-faced Lovebirds. You can cool your feet in the clear spring waters and enjoy the sight of butterflies and waxbills flitting about.

Days 4 & 5
9 & 10.10.2025

* 1 night at a high-quality lodge WITHIN the Namib Naukluft Park. We take advantage of the exclusive privilege of this lodge, allowing us to be in the dunes before sunrise and after sunset. This unique opportunity provides landscape photographers with an invaluable advantage!

* Dead Valley Lodge

* 1 night at a beautiful lodge situated amidst the landscape interplay of dunes, petrified dunes, linear oases, and expansive gravel plains of the Namib.

* Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge

inclusive:

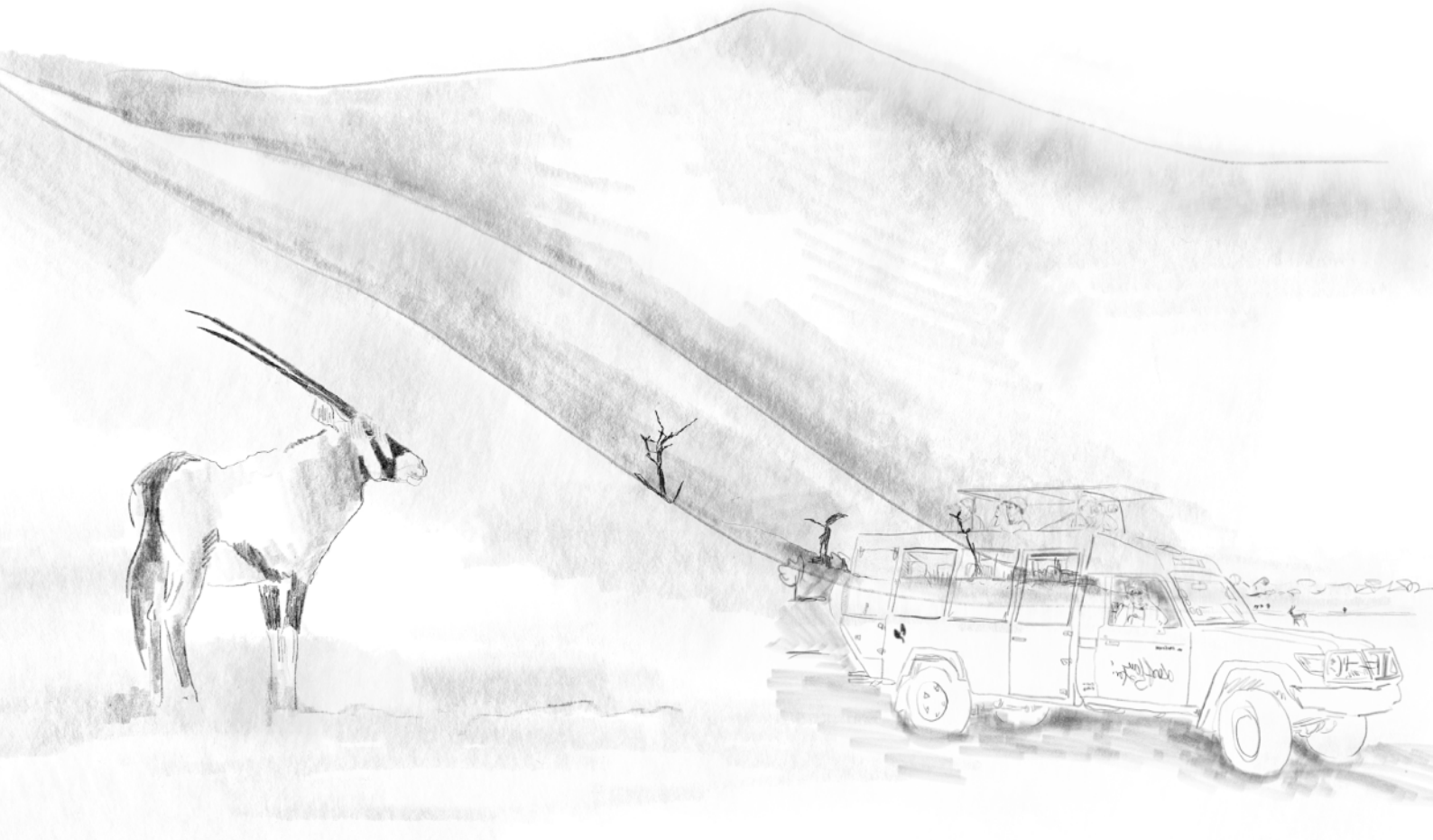
* Dinner, Bed & Breakfast

Dune landscapes at Sossusvlei, Sesriem Canyon & Fantastic Desert Scenery

A dune landscape bathed in morning light, especially the tallest of its kind worldwide, presents an unforgettable scenic view. The path of the Tsauchab River to the ocean has been cut off by wandering dunes, giving rise to a clay pan depression known as "Sossusvlei." Surrounded by ancient camel thorn acacias and vibrant thorny !Nara plants, Sossusvlei is encircled by stunning tall red star and crescent dunes.

Once at the top, undertaking the vigorous hike is rewarded with a fantastic panoramic view.

The Tsauchab Riverbed also features another geological erosion attraction. Ox wagon drivers had to bind six thongs together to draw water from this gorge, naming the place "Sesriem Canyon." Take some time for a short hike into the canyon; it's well worth it.



Why choose a safari with us?

Our Land Cruisers have been specially modified for wildlife observation, providing spacious window seats. Additionally, the rooftop can be opened at watering holes, allowing you to comfortably take photographs while sitting or standing.

Days 6 & 7
11 & 12.10.2025

* 2 nights in a secure accommodation in Swakopmund, personally tested and selected by us.

* Brigadoon Boutique Guesthouse

inclusive:

* Bed & Breakfast

not inclusive:

* Dinner (there are various restaurants in Swakopmund, and we are happy to advise you and make a reservation for you...) Several excellent establishments offer a wide selection of daily fresh fish and tasty seafood. However, you can also enjoy a delicious roast pork here.

Through the oldest desert to the Atlantic..

The gravel plains of the Namib stretch out before us, occasionally interrupted by distant mountain peaks or a shimmering horizon. On the long, straight roads, occasionally accompanied by a small dust cloud, we deliberately traverse and explore, away from the main routes, the granitic sculptural landscapes, ancient erosion valleys, and dried riverbeds.

An almost eerily silent environment, yet often home to giraffes, zebras, and antelopes, and with a bit of luck, even cheetahs. We embark on foot to visit the cave of two geologists, whose story is recounted in the book "Wenn es Krieg gibt, gehen wir in die Wüste" - so please lace up your hiking boots.

We explain and showcase the world-famous "Welwitschia mirabilis" (1500 years old), lichen fields, and the erosion valley of the dry Swakop River, also known as the "Moon Landscape." Swakopmund, a charming coastal town, invites you to a leisurely stroll, sunbathing in good weather, sightseeing modern and colonial landmarks, and enjoying coffee. Private coffee roasteries, a renowned gin distillery, various artists, and a noticeably relaxed atmosphere tempt you to linger longer. The city also houses the best-managed private museum in the country, an oceanarium, a crystal gallery, and an idyllic bathing bay named "Mole."



Activities around Swakopmund:

The town of Walvis Bay is only 30 km south of Swakopmund and offers a diverse excursion destination with an 11,000 ha large lagoon. Tens of thousands of seabirds, seals, dolphins, occasionally whales, and sunfish "Mola Mola" enchant visitors to this world natural heritage site.

- * A comfortably extravagant version of the visit is offered through a boat trip, where fresh oysters and sparkling wine are also served.
- * For those who want to get even closer to nature and truly experience seals up close, book a kayak tour on the lagoon.
- * City tour with a genuine Swakopmunder. Learn the truth, history, and secrets of this city.
- * Scenic flights over the dune and desert landscapes of Namibia. We recommend the 2 - 2.5-hour flight.
- * A well-planned dune drive to the special "Little Five" of the Namib brings you closer to the small animals of the desert.
- * Sounds strenuous, but it's refreshingly adventurous! With a fat bike from Swakop Fatbike Tours, cycling becomes easy and sporty over the beautiful dune landscape.



Days 8 & 9 13 & 14.10.2025

- * 2 nights amidst marvellously gigantic granite bubbles at a specially chosen lodge.
- * Twyfelfontein Adventure Camp - Standard Lazy Tent Chalet

inclusive:

- * Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- * Guided tour to the petroglyphs at Twyfelfontein.
- * Guided (we are knowledgeable) off-road safari in the Awa-Huab dry riverbed to search for desert elephants.

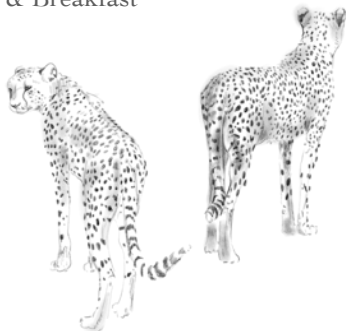


Days 10, 11, 12 & 13 15, 16, 17 & 18.10.2025

- * 2 nights in a well-appointed private lodge located outside the park but within the central area of the national park.
- * Taleni Etosha Village
- * 2 nights at a good lodge located in the eastern part, directly adjacent to the park.
- * Onguma Bush Camp

inclusive:

- * Dinner, Bed & Breakfast



Desert Elephants & Twyfelfontein

The Huab Dry River and its tributary Awa-Huab traverse the fascinating desert region in the picturesque west. The banks of the Huab are lined with impressive Ana trees, also known as "Winter Thorn Acacias," whose red pods are gladly consumed by desert-dwelling elephants. Equipped with all-wheel drive, as navigation in this challenging landscape is demanding, we are well acquainted. We navigate through deep sand, follow the tracks of the pachyderms, admire ostrich and springbok herds, explore fascinating succulents, and hope to encounter the sought-after desert elephants. The encounter with such nature in this semi-desert is unforgettable.

In the "Roadside" program, you will experience additional highlights: 4000-6000-year-old petroglyphs at "Twyfelfontein," the "burnt mountain," and basaltic "organ pipes." About 200 million years ago, huge, prehistoric "Cordaites" trees were washed here in large mud floods from Central Africa, and through petrification, they now present themselves as remarkably peculiar geological formations.

Etosha National Park

The Etosha National Park is one of Africa's richest wildlife reserves, despite its dry nature. The impressive 4000km² salt-pan on the southern shore generates artesian springs, known as "contact springs," and particularly attracts a variety of wildlife, especially in drier and warmer seasons. The central area of the park is open and dotted with acacias, the central part features a dense mopane forest, while the east extends into a dry forest. Each vegetation zone hosts different species of animals.

During your journey through the park, you will be able to observe many animals, and with luck, you may achieve optimal sightings of elephants and predators. Patience and early rising are often rewarded.

As we know many of our guests specifically come to Namibia for wildlife observation, we have also planned two overnight stays in the eastern part of Etosha Park. Here, the lush vegetation and numerous springs guarantee a higher density of animals, and the chance to see lions is particularly high. Encounters with dwarf mongoose, paradise cranes, and not uncommonly rhinos make this area particularly interesting.

Day 14 19.10.2025

- * 1 night at a lodge of the Africat Foundation. All lodges here are comfortable and tastefully furnished.
- * Okonjima Plains Camp

inclusive:

- * Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- * 1 game drive in an open safari vehicle, guided by well-trained rangers.



Day 15 20.10.2025

Inclusions:

- * Transport in off-road and safari-friendly Leaflove - All-Wheel Drive Toyota Land Cruiser.
- * Transfers as indicated in the itinerary.
- * Window seat/individual seat for each participant.
- * Accommodations and meals as outlined in the itinerary.
- * Activities as indicated in the itinerary.
- * Entrance fees to national parks and attractions mentioned in the itinerary.
- * Naturalist tour guidance in English, and if needed, German; the guide is also proficient in Afrikaans.

Africat Foundation - Leopards, Cheetahs & Brown Hyenas

In Okonjima, the home of the "Africat Foundation," significant efforts are dedicated to the conservation and research of various wildcats, primarily cheetahs and leopards. A successful observation of wild leopards is almost guaranteed here, and other cats such as cheetahs and lions can also be seen.

During a safari with local guides/experts in open all-terrain safari vehicles, photographers can fully indulge in their passion, as consideration is given to their needs. Well-guided walks and safaris provide visitors with insights into the nature and workings of the project.



Unfortunately, Farewell...

The last day of the journey proceeds swiftly, allowing, if desired, ample time in the capital to purchase Namibian crafts as souvenirs or enjoy a final good game steak with Namibian beer at lunch. In the afternoon, we will take you to the airport or a recommended accommodation, organising a transfer for you.

Exclusions:

- * Personal expenses, beverages, and gratuities
- * International flights
- * Tourist visa fees if applicable
- * Additional activities

Price Guideline for 2025

Participants	per Person
2 Personen	8.633,00 \$
3 Personen	6.939,00 \$
4 Personen	6.092,00 \$
5 Personen	5.584,00 \$
6 Personen	5.245,00 \$
Einzelzimmer	723,00 \$