

# NAMIBIAN EXPLORER: 12 Days | DTNAWW/DTNWW

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Partaking in an adventure tour in Africa involves covering hundreds if not thousands of kilometres and our tours are as much about this journey as they are about the destinations we visit. Use your time during these drives to talk to your fellow travellers, have a drink and take note of the world passing by your window. Some roads you travel on will be smooth and easy while others could take up to an hour to cover 1 kilometre. There is just no telling what could happen with road, weather, traffic and other conditions that may exist that will either increase or decrease the amount of time you spend on the road so take your watch off, put your iPad away, turn off your phone and just relax. An average day could take anything from 5 to 14 hours, it all depends on the day... and that's only an "average"!

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## Tour departure point

Please ensure you arrive at the departure point at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time.

**07:00am** Klein Windhoek Guest House, 2 Hofmeyer Street, Klein Windhoek, Namibia

Tel: +264 61 239 401 or +264 81 366 8216 <https://www.kleinwindhoekguesthouse.com/>

## Tour ending point

Klein Windhoek Guest House, 2 Hofmeyer Street, Klein Windhoek, Namibia

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## Maximum Number of Passengers

20

## After hours emergency contact

Our reservations staff are available to receive emergency calls. We would like to request that you respect this emergency number and use it only in the event of emergencies. Please only contact this number if, for example, you have missed your incoming flight, you cannot find your airport transfer or you are running late for your tour departure.

*If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199*

*If calling within South Africa:*

*082 578 2199*

## Arrival / Departure

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends to allow for delays and changes.

## Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

If you require accommodation before or after your tour we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers – contact your travel agent to make these bookings.

## What's included

All meals which are prepared and served at the overland truck / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / transport in the overland truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

## What's excluded

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, bottled water, soft drinks, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities) / souvenirs.

## Countries Visited

Namibia

## TOUR ITINERARY

### Day 1 - Windhoek to Keetmanshoop

Welcome to Namibia and its capital, Windhoek. This morning, after meeting your crew, we pack our bags into our vehicle and head south through the Kalahari Desert towards the town of Keetmanshoop into the IlKaras Region of Namibia. We spend the afternoon in awe of the famous Quiver Tree Forest and enjoy the desert sunset amongst these incredibly unique trees.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Schutzenhaus Guesthouse <a href="http://www.schuetzenhaus-namibia.com/">http://www.schuetzenhaus-namibia.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathrooms <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Windhoek to Keetmanshoop
<b>Meals</b>	Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlights</b>	Scenic sunset walk in the Quiver Tree Forest

### Day 2 – Keetmanshoop to Ais-Ais

Our morning will be spent meandering The Giants Playground – named for the way in which the massive dolerite boulders have been placed on each other - creating rock formations and a series of mazes.

<b>Accommodation</b>	NWR: Ai Ais Resort <a href="http://www.nwr.com.na/index.php/resorts/ai-ais-hotspings-spa">http://www.nwr.com.na/index.php/resorts/ai-ais-hotspings-spa</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Keetmanshoop to Ais-Ais
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Giants Playground

### Day 3 – Ais-Ais to Luderitz

We rise early this morning and drive to the rim of the Fish River Canyon. We will have time to watch the morning sunrays filter through the canyon. After stretching our legs with a gentle walk along the rim of the canyon, we turn west for the harbour town of Luderitz.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Obelix Guesthouse <a href="https://www.obelixguesthouse.com/">https://www.obelixguesthouse.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Ais-Ais to Luderitz
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Fish River Canyon

### Day 4 – Luderitz to Sesriem

Every overland journey has some long travelling days and today is one of those as we venture deeper into the Namib Desert. Our destination is the dune fields that cover the western reaches of the desert. But before we leave the coast, we visit the fabled ghost town of Kolmanskop where the desert has reclaimed the old abandoned mining town, leaving a unique frame of colourful peeled wallpaper and buried in desert sands. We carry on our adventure along 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. Our overnight stop is on the doorstep of the dune fields and we fall asleep to the unique calls of the elusive Barking Gecko.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Taleni Desert Quiver Camp <a href="https://www.desertquivercamp.com/">https://www.desertquivercamp.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Swakopmund to Namib Naukluft National Park
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Kolmanskop Mining Town

### Day 5 - Sossusvlei

Today we will rise early for our drive to the Namib-Naukluft National Park. We will enter the park just after sunrise and travel through to the famous Dune 45. A brisk climb up Dune 45 offers us the perfect vantage point to marvel at the changing colours of the desert. Once satisfied we descend this famous dune and enjoy a hearty breakfast before catching a 4x4 transfer into Sossusvlei, here we will spend time on foot visiting the pans at Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. Tonight we empty the red sand from our shoes and spend the night under the magnificent desert stars, knowing that we have spent a full-day enjoying the wonders of this harsh land.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Taleni Desert Quiver Camp <a href="https://www.desertquivercamp.com/">https://www.desertquivercamp.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Sesriem Canyon / Hike up Dune 45, 4x4 shuttle to Sossusvlei / Deadvlei

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## Day 6 – Sesriem to Swakopmund

We leave the Namib behind and after a stop to mark our crossing of the Tropic of Capricorn, we continue to the Atlantic coastline. Before reaching the coastal town of Swakopmund, we drive through the Lunar Landscape, so named for its resemblance to the surface of the moon. We will stop at several viewpoints overlooking the landscape – a great opportunity for the photography enthusiasts to capture this wonderfully unique scenery. A visit to Namibia is not complete without a stop to view the iconic Welwitschia plant, endemic to Namibia and said to live up to 2,000 years. Tonight we spend the evening in Swakopmund and enjoy a meal out together in a local restaurant..

<b>Accommodation</b>	Haus Garrison <a href="http://hausgarnison.com/">http://hausgarnison.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Naukluft Area to Swakopmund
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Tropic of Capricorn, Welwitschia Mirabilis, Lunar Landscape

## Day 7 - Swakopmund to Skeleton Coast

Our exploration of the desert continues with a trip up the fabled Skeleton Coast National Park, where the hot desert sands meet the cold waves of the Atlantic Ocean. We visit the renowned Seal Colony at Cape Cross, known as the largest in the world with over 200,000 Cape Fur Seals hugging the shore. Cape Cross marks the spot where the first European explorer set foot on the coast of Namibia in 1486, and was erected in honour of the then king of Portugal by explorer Diego Cao. Please note that the Cape Cross Colony may be inaccessible at times which means that we will not be able to visit the seals.

<b>Accommodation</b>	NWR: Palmwag Lodge <a href="https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/palmwag-lodge">https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/palmwag-lodge</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Swakopmund to Palmwag
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Seal Colony at Cape Cross, Skeleton Coast National Park

## Day 8 – Skeleton Coast to Khorixas

The road today leads way from the coast and takes us towards the Khorixas area. Today we will explore the Twyfelfontein Rock Engravings and the Petrified Forest in the Kunene Region. This area has been inhabited for 6000 years by the Khoi San. These inhabitants used the site to conduct shamanist rituals. In the process, 2500 rock paintings were created. This site displays one of the largest concentrations of rock petroglyphs in Africa. Also on route, we visit the Petrified Forest, a national monument, comprising of prehistoric tree trunks now fossilised. In prehistoric times huge tree trunks were washed down a river and deposited in alluvial sands, creating this relic.

<b>Accommodation</b>	NWR: Khorixas <a href="https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/khorixas-camp">https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/khorixas-camp</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Terrace Bay to Khorixas
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Petrified Forest, Twyfelfontein Rock Engravings

## Day 9 – Khorixas to Etosha National Park

After breakfast, we leave Khorixas for Etosha National Park. With vast salt pans, savanna and woodland, Etosha is one of Africa's finest game parks. At 18 000 sq km, it is one of the biggest Parks in Southern Africa. Etosha means “great white area”, which refers to the large dried pan in the middle of the Park. We will spend the afternoon exploring the park in the overland truck.

<b>Accommodation</b>	NWR: Okuakuejo <a href="https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/okuakuejo-resort">https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/okuakuejo-resort</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Khorixas to Etosha National Park
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Afternoon game drive in overland vehicle

## Day 10 – Etosha National Park

Today is all about game driving and going in search of the abundant wildlife in the park. Our afternoon will include a stop at the Etosha Pan and many waterholes. This evening you can relax at the floodlit waterhole as the animals make their way to drink after dark.

<b>Accommodation</b>	NWR: Okuakuejo <a href="https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/okuakuejo-resort">https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/okuakuejo-resort</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Full day game viewing in the overland vehicle
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Evening Game Drive

## Day 11 – Etosha to Waterberg Plateau National park

We depart Etosha and set off for The Waterberg Plateau National Park. The Waterberg Plateau is an impressive sandstone table-top mountain that rises 200m above the surrounding bushveld providing a home to more than 25 species of game and at least 200 bird species. In the afternoon, our guide will lead us on a hike to explore the plateau and surroundings.

<b>Accommodation</b>	NWR: Waterberg Resort <a href="https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/waterberg-resort">https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/waterberg-resort</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Etosha National Park to Waterberg Plateau
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Morning game drive while we exit Etosha National Park, Waterberg Plateau Hike with overland tour guide.

## Day 12 - Windhoek

Today our tour comes to an end. After breakfast we head back to Windhoek where upon arrival we will take a short walk through the city centre and have the opportunity to view some of its better known landmarks. Our tour concludes after the city tour and those staying the night in Windhoek have the option of experiencing the legendary Joe's Beerhouse.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through your agent.
<b>Route</b>	Windhoek City Tour
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Windhoek City Tour