



## TRIP ITINERARY

## 7 Day Fly-In Namibia

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This 7 day trip is a flying safari through the finest and most iconic areas of Namibia: Sossusvlei's legendary red dunes, the rugged topography of Damaraland and the wildlife-filled Etosha National Park. Accommodation is in small luxury camps set within private concessions, while guests are transferred seamlessly between destinations by air.

The itinerary allows guests to experience the dramatic scenery the country has to offer, along with its desert-adapted wildlife and clear, star-filled night skies for breathtaking stargazing. Finally, this safari has another wondrous facet – observing Namibia from the air. Namibia is the epitome of open space: our concessions offer an incredible 30 230 hectares (74 700 acres) per guest! It is also home to diverse and unique biomes like the Namib, the oldest desert in the world, the shimmering salt pans of Etosha and equally fascinating local cultures.

### Day 1

Upon arrival in Windhoek you will be met and transferred to your overnight accommodation where you will stay on a bed and breakfast basis.  
Overnight: Galton House or similar

### Days 2-4

Depart from Windhoek by air and spend two nights exploring the Sossusvlei region, staying in Kulala Wilderness Reserve, which provides convenient access to the splendour of the towering red dunes of the Namib. Activities at Kulala Desert Lodge start with morning guided game drives to the spectacular dunes of Sossusvlei, through a private gate into the Park, allowing early arrival at the dunes thereby maximising photographic opportunities and scenic grandeur.

Kulala Wilderness Reserve, a 40 000-hectare (98 842-acre) tract of land, is home to all forms of desert wildlife near the spectacular sights of Sossusvlei, and borders the expansive Namib Naukluft Park. The Sossusvlei dunes rise dramatically more than 300 metres and are surrounded by awe-inspiring topography. Emphasis is laid on the smaller desert fauna, spectacular scenery and the incredible night sky. Larger desert-adapted wildlife such as ostrich, springbok and gemsbok flourish here with carnivores such as bat-eared fox, Cape fox, cheetah and black-backed jackal often seen.

### Days 4-6

After breakfast you will be transferred back to the airstrip in time to board your scheduled light aircraft flight into the heart of Damaraland. Departure will be at 09h15am from Kulala where your flight takes you north over the famous Sossusvlei dunes and the great sand sea towards to coast, where (weather dependent) you will see deserted mines, shipwrecks and seal colonies on the way up towards Sandwich Harbour and the port of Walvis Bay. You will then stop by the coastal resort of Swakopmund to refuel.

Afterwards, you continue north to reach the Doro !Nawas Airstrip, landing at 11h40am, where you will be met by your private Ultimate Safaris naturalist guide who will accompany you for the remainder of your safari. You will then be transferred from the airstrip to Camp Kipwe (approximately 30 minute drive) in time for lunch.

The rest of the afternoon can be spent on a guided excursion to visit the rock engravings at Twyfelfontein (a World Heritage Site) and the interesting geological sites of the local area around the lodge. You will return to the camp before sunset with time to freshen up before dinner. We would recommend pre-dinner drinks on Kipwe's sundowner rock, a short stroll from the camp, for stunning views of the surroundings at sunset.

During your stay here, you will be treated to an exciting 4x4 excursion along the ephemeral Aua Huab River valley to explore this remarkable region and to search for game, especially the elusive desert adapted elephants if they are in the area. Damaraland is home to a variety of desert adapted wildlife and hidden desert treasures

### Day 6-8

This morning you will have an early departure from Camp Kipwe as you make your way north deeper into the heart of Damaraland. En route you will visit an extremely remote Himba village, only known to a few people (Ultimate Safaris being one of them). **Your guide's presence and contacts with the local community will ensure you will be welcomed as a 'friend of a friend' and that you will be able to spend considerable time there learning about these fascinating nomadic pastoralists.** There has been virtually no modern influence on these communities, which makes for a fascinating cultural exchange.





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You will then continue on your journey, having a picnic lunch en route, and you will arrive at the Okaukuejo Resort, located inside the Etosha National Park, in the late afternoon. This **rest camp's focus is the popular floodlit waterhole**, where guests can easily linger all day and watch the wildlife come and go. The accommodation, hosting and food is reasonably adequate for this rustic rest camp; the focus of this camp is its prime location being situated inside the park and thus you can dedicate as much time as possible on game drives within the Etosha National Park, subject to park regulations.

During your stay, you will be treated to an exciting morning guided game drive into the Etosha National Park, to see more of the wide variety of game and bird species that are to be found there. There is then time to relax by the refreshing swimming pool before you head out again for an afternoon game drive before exiting the park before sunset.

Alternatively, you can opt to spend the whole day out in the park and either take lunch by one of the other rest camps in the area, such as Halali, or have a picnic while watching game at a particularly productive waterhole in the area. Once you are back, the rest of the evening can be spent **game viewing at the camp's floodlit waterhole while enjoying dinner**, and afterwards.

### Day 8:

After breakfast this morning you will make your way south from the Etosha National Park through the small towns of Outjo and Otjiwarongo before stopping at the Okonjima Day Centre. You will arrive in time for lunch before embarking on an exciting and informative game drive and tour of the centre. Here you will learn about the function **and vision of the AfriCat Foundation and will also get to meet some of the Foundation's special carnivore ambassadors**. After the excursion and freshening up, the journey continues further south to arrive back in Windhoek in the late afternoon, just as the sun is setting.

### Please take note:

- Due to safety reasons, STRICTLY 10kg per person in soft styled luggage are allowed.
- Travelling guests are required to indicate their weight.
- Any luggage or persons above the restricted weight may require the use of an additional aircraft – which lead to rate increases.

You can extend your trip at Okonjima, the AfriCat foundation or perhaps even a spa lodge just outside of Windhoek. You might also like to fly to Cape Town or the Victoria Falls. Please contact us for more information.

## GENERAL INFORMATION – PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ THE FOLLOWING

**Passports:** Please ensure these are valid for travel and that you are in possession of valid visas (if required see below). You are required to take out comprehensive travel insurance to safeguard against cancellation and curtailment, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and personal belongings.

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**Health:** The World Health Organisation ([www.who.int/en/](http://www.who.int/en/)) recommends that all travellers to Southern Africa are inoculated against diphtheria, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella and polio as well as for Hepatitis B. Inoculation against Hepatitis A and Typhoid is also recommended for travel in South Africa. Depending on the area visited, anti-malarial drugs may also be recommended. All travellers should seek advice from their local GP or travel clinic for up-to-date advice on vaccinations and different malarial options. Travel insurance is part of the Terms and Conditions of your trip with Native Escapes it is essential that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. Your insurance should be inclusive of full medical cover including costs of emergency repatriation, cancellation and travel delay.

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