

Fascination Africa

Discover the magic of Namibia – from the awe-inspiring Namib Desert with its seas of sand to the impressive landscapes of Damaraland with its sheer variety of wildlife. This safari tour, which showcases the most significant highlights of this fascinating country, is ideal as an introduction to Africa or as a once-only visit.

- Dunes of Sossusvlei
- Atlantic breeze in Swakopmund
- Damaraland
- Wildlife at Etosha National Park

10 days 20 Aug – 29 Aug 2025

£3149,-



Namibia: Fascination Africa



Day 1, Wed, 20.08.2025: Welcome to Namibia Arrival at Hosea Kutako International Airport in Windhoek (flights not included) and transfer to your hotel. In the late afternoon, you will meet your guide and later have dinner together. D

Day 2, Thu, 21.08.2025: Windhuk - Sesriem

Today, we explore the capital of Namibia. On a walking tour with our Scout through the German colonial history of the city and its monuments, we stroll down Independence Avenue and continue to the Christ Church, the Equestrian Monument and the Ink Palace. Our journey to solitude then begins: By bus, we first travel through the foothills of the Kalahari and then through the rugged landscape of the Tsaris Mountains down to the Namib Desert. Our destination for this leg of the journey is near Sesriem on the edge of the Namib-Naukluft Park. B/D

Day 3, Fri, 22.08.2025: Sossusvlei

Our plans today require an early start. Shortly after sunrise, we watch as the mountains of sand are painted hues of apricot, red and orange by the first rays of sunlight – contrasted against a crisp blue sky. You will be captivated by the surreal landscapes of Deadvlei, a clay pan surrounded by some of the highest dunes on the planet, and Sossusvlei, a salt and clay pan where the dry Tsauchab River ends abruptly among the dunes.



Take the opportunity to walk up one of these majestic dunes and admire the desert landscape below.

After this thrilling experience and before returning to our lodge, we visit Sesriem Canyon, a life-sustaining natural phenomenon in the heart of the Namib Desert. B/D

Day 4, Sat, 23.08.2025: Swakopmund

After breakfast, we travel to Solitaire, a small settlement seemingly in the middle of nowhere on the edge of the Namib Naukluft National Park. We then continue our journey via the desolate, rolling hills of the Kuiseb Valley and make our way towards the Atlantic Ocean. Travelling along the scenic route between the dune belt and the Atlantic Ocean, we reach Swakopmund, where the rest of the day is spent at your leisure. Dinner in Swakopmund. B/D

Day 5, Sun, 24.08.2025: Heading north

The sea beckons and invites us on a boat trip. We set sail to see the dolphins and seals in Walvis Bay. On board, we are treated to a lunchtime snack. Afterwards, the tour continues northwards. On the way, we stop to visit the seal colony at Cape Cross. B/S/D

Day 6, Mon, 25.08.2025: To Twyfelfontein

Today, we explore a fascinating world of rocks. By foot, we explore the petroglyphs of Twyfelfontein – carved into stone by people that we know very little about. In the Damara Living Museum, we learn about the life of the Damara: how they lived centuries ago, how they made their garments and how they gathered food in the bush. B/D

Day 7, Tue, 26.08.2025: Etosha South

Our journey onwards leads us to Namibia's wildlife haven – Etosha National Park. The afternoon is devoted purely to observing the abundant wildlife found in in the national park, which surrounds a parched salt desert known as the Etosha Pan. The park is home to four of

the Big Five – elephants, lions, leopards, and rhinos. Popular game species are all found here such as giraffes, blue wildebeest, plains and mountain zebras, hyenas, lions, leopards, antelopes such as kudu, oryx, eland, as well as some endangered species such as black rhinos, cheetahs, and black-faced impalas. B/D

Day 8, Wed, 27.08.2025: Etosha National Park Today, your Scout takes you on another game drive through Etosha National Park. Alternatively, you can book an open game drive with the lodge (additional fee). We might encounter animal species we did not see the previous day at the waterholes we visited. The Etosha Pan dominates the park. This salt pan desert, which is nearly completely enclosed by the park and is lined by numerous watering holes, is roughly 130 km long and as wide as 50 km in some places. In the afternoon, we travel back to our lodge, where you can enjoy the rest of the evening at your leisure. B/D

Day 9, Thu, 28.08.2025: Auas Safari Lodge

With a heavy heart, we say goodbye to the wildlife paradise of Etosha after breakfast. Via the villages of Tsumeb and Otjiwarongo, we reach our final lodge. On a final game drive, we have one last opportunity to experience Namibia's incredible wildlife. Unfortunately, we have to say farewell to our Marco Polo Scout today. In the evening, the Windhoek camp sizzles with an African dinner complete with kudu and more. You should stay awake as long as you can – that way you can wish on a shooting star to come back to Namibia soon! B/D

Day 10, Fri, 29.08.2025: Departure

Transfer to the international airport (flights not included). B

EXTENSION

Day 10-11, Fri-Sat, 29.08.- 30.08.2025: Lodge Spend the day at your leisure. B/D

Day 12, Sun, 31.08.2025: Departure

Transfer to the international airport (flights not included). B

B = Breakfast, D = Dinner, S = Snack

Flights

International flights not included.

Hotels		Subject	to change
Place	Nights	Hotel	Category
Windhoek	1	Avani Hotel	* * * *
Sesriem	2	Elegant Desert Lodg	e ***
Swakopmu	ınd 1	Swakomund Plaza	* * * *
Cape Cross	s 1	Cape Cross Lodge	* * *
Damaralan	d 1	Ugab Terrace Lodge	* * *
Etosha Par	k 2	Toshari Lodge	* * *
Windhoek	area 1	Auas Safari Lodge	* * *
Windhoek	area 2	Auas Safari Lodge	* * *

Entry requirements and vaccinations

All foreign nationals entering Namibia must be in possession of a valid international travel document in the form of a national passport valid for at least six months after the date of entry and have sufficient pages for entry and exit stamps (at least three blank pages). All visitors must also have a valid return ticket. In addition, all visitors must have a visa, except for nationals of those countries with which Namibia has a visa exemption agreement. Please check with the appropriate consulate. Vaccinations are not required.

Included in the tour price

- Transfers, excursions, and round trip in a standard air-conditioned bus and in 4x4 vehicles in Sossusylei
- 9 nights in a single room
- 9x breakfast, 9x dinner
- · Entrance fees according to itinerary
- English-speaking Marco Polo tour guide in Namibia (driver/guide)

Included in the tour price/extension

- 2 nights in a single room
- Half board
- Transfer to lodge airport

Price per person from €

	Main tour		Extension	
10 days	SGL	DBL-	SGL	DBL-
	discount		discount	
20.08 29.08.	3149	200	499	120

Minimum number of participants: Minimum 6, maximum 16 participants. Extension: minimum 1 participant. If the minimum number of participants is not reached, the Tour Operator may cancel the travel contract no later than 21 days before the start of the tour. Tour Operator: Marco Polo Reisen GmbH, Riesstrasse 25, 80992 Munich, Germany. General travel conditions and suitability of the tour for people with reduced mobility: www.agbmp.com. Payment/secured payment certificate: Payment is due upon presentation of the secured payment certificate (Sicherungsschein) (sent with tour confirmation) within the meaning of Section 651r (3) of the German Civil Code (BGB). Upon conclusion of the contract, a deposit of 20% of the tour price, up to a maximum of €1000 per person, is due. The outstanding amount is due 20 days before departure or at the latest upon receipt of the travel documents. Travel insurances: No travel insurances are included in the tour price. Data protection: Marco Polo Reisen processes customer data for the purpose of travel implementation and contract execution (Art. 6 para. 1 lit. b of the European Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)) as well as to advertise its own offers (Art. 6 para. 1 lit. f GDPR). Detailed information and contact details of our Data Protection Officer: www.agb-mp.com/datenschutz. You may object to the use of your data for advertising purposes at any time: Marco Polo Reisen GmbH, Riesstrasse 80992 Munich, Germany, Tel.: +49 (0)89/50060-411, E-mail: <u>guys.travel@marco-</u> polo-reisen.com

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