
Drongo Tours 15 Days Namibia (DT15 Namibia)

Abbreviations for meals included:

B/B - Bed & Breakfast only
D/B/B - Dinner, Bed & Breakfast only

Day 1

Arrival at Hosea Kutako International Airport where you will be met and transferred to Windhoek. The remainder of the day is spent at leisure.

Lunch: Not included – for your own account

Dinner: Not included – for your own account

B/B: Safari Hotel – Business Rooms (or similar) www.safarihotelsnamibia.com/hotel-safari/

Day 2

Today your Drongo Tours guide will meet you at the hotel. You depart from Windhoek and continue to the Kalahari Desert. At Kalahari Anib Lodge you find yellow grass and green acacias on red sand under brilliant skies. The Kalahari is the largest expanse of sand on earth and a photographer's paradise. 100 km² Gondwana Kalahari Park owes its magical quality to its scenery, fauna and flora. The afternoon is spent at leisure. You can participate in the activities offered by the lodge (not included – for your own account).

Lunch: Not included – for your own account

D/B/B: Kalahari Anib Lodge (or similar) www.gondwana-collection.com

Day 3

After breakfast you will travel via Mariental and Keetmanshoop to your next destination. A much-favoured topic for photographers, the Quiver tree Forest, can be viewed on Farm Gariganus, some 14km northeast of Keetmanshoop. About 300 specimens of this prehistoric tree, *Aloe dichotoma*, also referred to by its Afrikaans name, kokerboom, reach skywards with graphically forked branches. Across the road from the Quiver tree forest is Giant's Playground, an impressive jumble of massive dolerite boulders between 160 million and 180 million years old. Wandering through the maze of boulders is an interesting excursion, but care must be taken not to become lost in the extensive rocky labyrinth. Arrival at the lodge will be in the late afternoon where you will have some time at leisure before dinner.

Lunch: Not included – for your own account

D/B/B: Canon Roadhouse (or similar) www.gondwana-collection.com

Day 4

You continue to the Fish River Canyon after breakfast and drive to one of the viewpoints at the Fish River Canyon, one of Namibia's most spectacular geological phenomena, lying in the lower reaches of Namibia's longest river, the Fish River. It took millions of years to evolve to its present shape – a massive 161km long and 27km wide, with a varying depth of 550m. Afterwards you will travel to Aus where the remainder of the afternoon is spent at leisure.

Lunch: Not included – for your own account

D/B/B: Klein Aus Vista – Desert Horse Inn (or similar) www.gondwana-collection.com

Day 5

Today you drive to Lüderitz. On the way you might be lucky and spot the wild Namib horses. The isolation of Lüderitz and the way in which its colonial-style buildings cling to the rocks overlooking the bay, give the town a unique feel. Namibia's most famous ghost town, Kolmanskop, is situated in the Sperrgebiet about 10km from Lüderitz. In 1908 the railway worker Zacharias Lewala found a sparkling stone amongst the sand he was shovelling away from the railway line near Kolmanskop. Today the ghost town's crumbling ruins bear little resemblance to its former glory. In the afternoon you drive back to Aus.

Lunch: Not included – for your own account

D/B/B: Klein Aus Vista – Desert Horse Inn (or similar)

Day 6

After breakfast you depart from Klein Aus Vista and travel to the famous dunes at Sossusvlei. The remainder of the day is spent at leisure once you have reached the lodge.

Lunch: Not included – for your own account

D/B/B: Desert Camp (or similar) www.desertcamp.com

Day 7

You will have a very early start today. The highlight in the Southern Region is Sossusvlei with its dunes, the highest of which is estimated to be 325m. They were formed by strong multi-directional winds, and are at their highest and most spectacular where the west-flowing Tsauchab River empties itself into the vlei. When it has rained sufficiently in the interior for the Tsauchab River to come down in flood and fill the main pan, flamingos and other aquatic birds are drawn to the area. At the entry to Sossusvlei is Sesriem Canyon, where centuries of erosion have incised a narrow gorge about 1km in length. At the foot of the gorge, which plunges down 30 to 40 m, are pools of water, which become replenished after good rains. Sesriem derives its name from the time when early pioneers tied six lengths of rawhide thongs together to draw water from the pools.

Lunch: Not included – for your own account

D/B/B: Namib Desert Lodge (or similar)

www.gondwana-collection.com

Day 8

Today you will depart from the lodge and continue via the Namib Naukluft Park to Swakopmund. The definitive feature of this region, the Namib Desert, is known for the unusual beauty of its landscape. The Namib Naukluft Park changes from expansive gravel plains to vast dune seas, rugged canyons with towering walls of volcanic rock and distant mountain ranges. Swakopmund is much loved by Namibians as a welcome respite from the heat in the interior. It is also popular amongst visitors because of its old-world charm and relaxed atmosphere. Founded 1892 during the period of German colonial rule, it served as the territory's main harbour for many years.

Lunch: Not included – for your own account

Dinner: Not included – for your own account

B/B: The Delight (or similar)

www.gondwana-collection.com

Day 9

The day is spent at leisure. You can participate in an optional excursion to Walvis Bay to enjoy an adventure packed tour to Pelican Point and the beautiful Bay Area. From meeting with Pelicans to feeding Seals, and if luck permits, leaping Dolphins and shy Turtles... You drive back to Swakopmund approximately at 13:00 where the remainder of the day is spent at leisure for some shopping.

Lunch: Not included – for your own account

Dinner: Not included – for your own account

B/B: The Delight (or similar)

Day 10

After breakfast you depart from the coast and drive via Usakos to your next destination. The remainder of the day is spent at leisure.

Lunch: Not included – for your own account

D/B/B: Ai Aiba Lodge (or similar)

www.aiaiba.com

Day 11

Today you travel via Outjo to Etosha Safari Camp. If time permits, you will drive to Etosha to view some animals. The Etosha National Park was proclaimed as Namibia's first conservation area in 1907 by the then German government. At that stage it covered a vast area of 93 240 km² and was the largest game reserve in the world. Today the Etosha National Park covers an area of 22 270 km² and is still one of the largest game reserves in Africa.

Lunch: Not included – for your own account

D/B/B: Etosha Safari Camp (or similar)

www.gondwana-collection.com

Day 12

Today you explore the Etosha National Park and visit the various waterholes to view animals with your guide (own vehicle). During the afternoon you exit the park again and drive back to the lodge.

Lunch: Not included – for your own account

D/B/B: Etosha Safari Camp (or similar)

Day 13

Today you explore the Etosha National Park and visit the various waterholes to view animals with your guide (own vehicle). During the afternoon you exit the park again and drive to the lodge.

Lunch: Not included – for your own account

D/B/B: Mushara Bush camp (or similar)

www.mushara-lodge.com/mushara-bush-camp

Day 14

After breakfast you will travel via Otjiwarongo and Okahandja to Okapuka Ranch. In Okahandja your guide will stop at the Kavango Woodcarvers Market where you will have the opportunity to buy the last souvenirs before you continue to Okapuka. Guided tour ends after arrival at the lodge.

Lunch: Not included – for your own account

Dinner: Not included – for your own account

B/B: Okapuka Ranch (or similar)

www.okapuka-ranch.com

Day 15

Transfer to Hosea Kutako International airport or to Windhoek where the tour ends. End of services

2017 Rates (valid 01.11.2016 – 31.10.2017)

All rates are per person sharing in a Twin / Double room
N\$ 4,227.00 single room supplement

| Amount of pax | in a 9 Seater Vehicle | in a Nissan Double Cab / X-Trail |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 6 | N\$ 35,531.00 | |
| 5 | N\$ 38,083.00 | |
| 4 | N\$ 41,912.00 | |
| 3 | N\$ 48,293.00 | |
| 2 | | N\$ 56,250.00 |

Included in the rates above:

- Transport as per itinerary for the duration of the tour (including fuel)
- Passenger liability insurance
- Limited still water in the vehicle for the duration of the tour
- English or German speaking guide, who is also the driver, including all his meals and accommodation
- 4 x Nights on a Bed & Breakfast basis
- 10 x Nights on a Dinner, Bed & Breakfast basis
- Shuttle into Sossusvlei (last 4km)
- All entrance fees for excursions and National Parks as per itinerary
- Portage during the tour
- 15 % VAT
- Tourism levy

Excluded in the rates:

- All meals that are not mentioned in the itinerary
- All services and activities that are not mentioned in the itinerary
- Drinks during meals for the duration of the tour
- Tips and gratuities for any services that are rendered
- Any personal expenses
- ANY VISA FEES (where applicable)
- 1 x Catamaran Tour in Walvis Bay

Please note that accommodation remains subject to change until final booking has been received and confirmed to you by Drongo Tours Namibia.