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Abbreviations for services included:

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

Day 1

Welcome to Namibia, we hope you had a pleasant flight. You will be met by a Drongo Tours representative who will assist you with collection of the vehicle before you continue 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: Klein Windhoek Guesthouse (or similar)

Day 2

You depart from Windhoek via Rehoboth, the city of the coloured People, 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)

Day 3

Today 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. 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 Village (or similar)

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.

- Lunch:** Not included – for your own account
D/B/B: Canon Village (or similar)

Day 5

After breakfast you leave the Fish River Canyon and 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)

Day 6

Today you can 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 Luederitz. 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.

- Lunch:** Not included – for your own account
D/B/B: Klein Aus Vista – Desert Horse Inn (or similar)

Day 7

After breakfast you continue to Sossusvlei. The rest of the afternoon is spent at leisure.

- Lunch:** Not included – for your own account
D/B/B: Desert Camp (or similar)

Day 8

You will have a very early start today, which will be rewarded by the magnificent views of the sun rising over the dunes of Sossusvlei. The highlight in the Southern Region is Sossusvlei with its monumental dunes, the highest of which is estimated to be 325m. These star-shaped dunes are a sought-after topic for artists and photographers. 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. The warm tints of the sand, ranging from apricot to orange, red and maroon, contrast vividly with the dazzling white surfaces of the large deflationary clay pans at their bases. 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: Desert Camp (or similar)

Day 9

Today you will continue via the Namib Naukluft Park to Walvis Bay. 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.

Lunch: Not included – for your own account
Dinner: Not included – for your own account
B/B: Protea Pelican Bay Hotel (or similar)

Day 10

The Pelican Point Kayaking tour starts at 7h45 at the office at the Waterfront in Walvis Bay. We will take you in our 4x4 vehicle on a scenic drive along the Walvis Bay Lagoon and the salt mines to Pelican Point. We stop along the way to take pictures and of our countless flamingos, pelicans, and great variety of other birds and wildlife. After app. one hour we reach Pelican Point where we will get our Kayaks ready for paddling. Pelican Point is home to up to 50.000 Cape Fur Seals all year round. They are very friendly and playful and not scared of our Kayaks, even when we paddle right next to them. The seals are inquisitive and often come within touching distance of our Kayaks. We stay on the protected side of the peninsula. We spend around 2 hours on the ocean, depending on general weather conditions. After Kayaking, we recharge during breakfast with some fresh rolls and coffee and tea, before we head back to Walvis Bay. Return time is between 12h00 and 12h30. 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: Protea Pelican Bay Hotel (or similar)

Day 11

After breakfast you continue via Swakopmund and Uis to Brandberg White Lady Lodge. The remainder of the day is spent at leisure.

Lunch: Not included – for your own account
D/B/B: Brandberg White Lady Lodge (or similar)

Day 12

Today you visit the Twyfelfontein area, a very vulnerable and delicate ecosystem, renowned for some of the best examples of Bushman paintings and rock engravings in southern Africa and declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You have the opportunity to visit the Rock paintings as well as the Organ Pipes and Burnt Mountain today.

Lunch: Not included – for your own account
D/B/B: Damara Mopane Lodge (or similar)

Day 13

You continue to the Etosha National Park. 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. Game drives with your own vehicle.

Lunch: Not included – for your own account
D/B/B: Okaukuejo Rest camp (or similar)

Day 14

Today you explore the Etosha National Park and visit the various waterholes to view animals (own vehicle). About 340 bird species occur in the park, of which about one third are migratory. Of the 114 mammal species found in the park, several are rare and endangered, such as the black rhino, cheetah and black-faced impala. Other large mammals represented in the park include giraffe, blue wildebeest, zebra, hyena and lion. Antelope species range from springbuck, kudu, gems buck, and the large and stately eland, to the diminutive Damara dik-dik. Smaller mammals include jackal, bat-eared fox, honey badger, warthog and the ground squirrel. For the greater part of the year, in the dry season, Etosha's animals and birds are dependent on the springs and waterholes. These provide excellent game viewing and photographic opportunities.

Lunch: Not included – for your own account
B/B: Halali Rest camp (or similar)

Day 15

Today you again explore the Etosha National Park and visit the various waterholes to view animals (own vehicle).

Lunch: Not included – for your own account
B/B: Mushara Bush camp (or similar)

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Lunch: Not included – for your own account
B/B: Mushara Bush camp (or similar)

Day 17

After breakfast you depart from Etosha and travel via Tsumeb and Otjiwarongo to Waterberg Plateau Park Resort. Waterberg National Park is a national park in central Namibia on the Waterberg Plateau, 68 km east of Otjiwarongo. It was the site of one of the major turning points in Namibia's History. It was at Waterberg, in the foothills, that the Herero people lost their last and greatest battle against German Colonial forces at the beginning of the 20th century. The graves of German soldiers who lost their lives at Waterberg can still be viewed near the Bernabe De La Bat rest camp at the base of the park. The Waterberg Plateau is a particularly prominent location, elevating high above the plains of the Kalahari of Eastern Namibia. Waterberg Park and some 405 km² of surrounding land were declared a Nature Reserve in 1972. The plateau is largely inaccessible so in the early 1970s several of Namibia's endangered species were soon trans-located there to protect them from predators and poaching. The program was very successful and Waterberg now supplies other Namibian parks with rare animals. In 1989, black rhinoceros was reintroduced to the area from Damaraland. The Waterberg Plateau National Park is ecologically diverse and rich and has over 200 different species of bird with some rare species of small antelope on the lower hills of the mountain. The remainder of the day is spent at leisure.

Lunch: Not included – for your own account
D/B/B: Waterberg Plateau Park Resort (or similar)

Day 18

Today you travel via Okahandja 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: Klein Windhoek Guesthouse (or similar)

Day 19

Depending on your outbound flight you might have some time at leisure before driving to the airport. You return the vehicle and check-in for your flight.

End of services