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ITINERARY FOR GUIDED ENCHANTING NAMIBIA SAFARI - LUXURY 2022

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Journey overview

Indulge in a private guided Namibian safari in the company of a dedicated and experienced safari guide, who will ensure that you enjoy a fascinating and stress-free journey of discovery amidst dramatic scenery. The knowledge, experience and attitude of our guides are critical to a successful safari which is why we ensure that they are both personable and very professional. Your private guide will have an intimate knowledge of each area that you visit, allowing you an intimate glimpse into the highlights of the area. Not only are our guides highly qualified, but each has a specific area of expertise and possesses the breadth and depth of knowledge to allow them to answer questions and satisfy the particular interests of guests of all ages.

Highlights of the Itinerary

- Travel with one of Namibia's best-known naturalist guides
- Climb some of the world's highest free-standing sand dunes
- Walk amongst prehistoric rock art at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Twyfelfontein
- Admire the exceptional geology of Organ Pipes and Burnt Mountain
- Embark on exciting game drives within Etosha National Park
- Enjoy game viewing at a floodlit waterhole by night
- Visit the deep and mysterious Lake Otjikoto
- Visit the world renowned AfriCat Foundation and enjoy close encounters with Africa's large cats

What we love about this itinerary

- Discover night skies like you have never seen before - a billion blazing stars hanging low over your head, almost close enough to touch
- Appreciate the pristine beauty of the Namib Desert and its magnificent dunes on a quad bike ride
- Book a scenic flight and soar over extensive dune seas, glide past the setting sun and race over crashing waves
- Be captivated by dramatic vistas and the abundant geckos, rolling spiders, scorpions, lizards, snakes and chameleons on a living desert adventure trip
- Specially created for luxury adventurers, repeat Africa travellers stargazers & avid photographers



Expect the extraordinary

Am Weinberg Estate's Boutique Hotel

Windhoek, Namibia

Day 1

Upon arrival at Hosea Kutako (Windhoek) International Airport you will be warmly welcomed by your private guide. Kick-start your adventure with approximately an hours' drive to The Olive Exclusive in Windhoek. The rest of the afternoon is available for you to relax and settle into your accommodation, with the option to explore Windhoek's shops and craft market if desired. That evening, enjoy dinner with your guide as you discuss the itinerary for your upcoming safari.

Namibia's capital, Windhoek is a bustling metropolis that is unexpectedly neat and orderly, though this is perhaps less surprising when one considers it was a German territory for many years. This is the main port of call for most tourists and all travellers pass through the city at least once. Situated in a pretty valley, Windhoek boasts buildings very much in the German architectural style. The German presence can be strongly felt in the food, restaurants - and, of course, the beer. The Namibian beer is said to be the best in Africa and is brewed in Windhoek.

Spend your 1 night stay at Am Weinberg Boutique Hotel in a Courtyard Upper Level Room with ensuite bathroom.

Your stay includes breakfast.



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Am Weinberg Estate's Boutique Hotel

Windhoek, Namibia

The Am Weinberg Estate's Boutique Hotel provides all of the exclusivity and privacy you might expect from this prestigious Estate - making it the perfect retreat when travelling on vacation or business.

The elegant 41-bedroom hotel wraps around a heritage building, creating an inviting courtyard. This design complements its historic character, while modern amenities ensure the utmost comfort. Aside from the location and spectacular views, hotel guests also have access to facilities including the Estate's Soulstice Day Spa, Be Hair Salon, five upmarket restaurants and the Conference Centre.



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andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge

NamibRand Nature Reserve, Namibia

Day 2 - 3

After a scrumptious breakfast, you will be driven to andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge by your Guide.

One of the highlights of any trip to Namibia is a visit to Sossusvlei in the heart of the enormous, almost 50 000km² Namib-Naukluft Park. Easily accessible to visitors, Sossusvlei is a clay pan, only rarely filled by water, but a place of awe-inspiring beauty. Visitors to the region will be left spellbound by the magnificent ochre-coloured sand dunes, which rise over 300m into the sky - the highest sand dunes in the world.

Reconnect with yourself and with nature during your 2 night stay at andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge in a Suite with ensuite bathroom.

Your stay includes accommodation, three meals daily, soft drinks, house wines, local brand spirits and beers, teas and coffees, refreshments on scenic nature drives, laundry, emergency medical evacuation insurance, VAT, transfers to and from the lodge airstrip. Activities include: 1 morning Sossusvlei excursion, Living Dunes, Desert People, Desert Rock, Desert Drive, Big Dune Walk, Stargazing and Self Exploration (E-biking and Hiking) all subject to availability.



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andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge

NamibRand Nature Reserve, Namibia

Cradled against the ancient mountains, &Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge overlooks the starkly beautiful Namib Desert. 10 exquisite suites offer the sophistication of simplicity, reflecting chic desert-inspired minimalism, and the two-bedroomed Star Dune Suite is ideal for families or groups of friends, who prefer more privacy.

The guest area features floor to ceiling, frameless glass panels that fold away to reveal unobstructed desert vistas. An inviting central-island bar and comfortable sitting room allow for convivial conversation, while a number of smaller spaces offer a more intimate option. The interactive kitchen design allows for guests to create their own dishes and menu should they wish to. A fine selection of wines from an impressive walk-in wine cellar complement sublime meals.

Other signature features include a one-of-a-kind gym, elevated and ideally positioned to catch the desert sunrise while doing a quick session on the treadmill before breakfast. A two-part wellness centre offers a treatment room and a private spa-bath, as well as a wet treatment room with a shower and bath, complete with its own skylight for early-evening stargazing. Desert adventures abound here, and small-group, personalised guest activities are on offer. Options include special-interest guided nature walks; scenic nature drives; dune ecology activity; fat biking; quad bike excursions; hot air ballooning; San rock painting excursions and outings to the renowned Sossusvlei and Deadvlei.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT ANDBEYOND SOSSUSVLEI DESERT LODGE

- Stay up late with the resident astronomer in the observatory and watch dazzling stars through the telescope.
- Discover how the accommodation design harnesses the natural environment to create energy and recycle waste water. Each suite is like its own solar power plant, powering the air conditioning, and the recycling systems.
- Explore the spectacular dunes of the Namib, a world of vast spaces, endless horizons and rugged mountain heights, the utter tranquillity and extraordinary clarity of light make this area one of Africa's most compelling landscapes.



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Strand Hotel Swakopmund

Swakopmund, Namibia

Day 4 - 5

Today's fascinating drive takes you northwest through the awe-inspiring and ever-changing landscapes of the Namib Naukluft National Park, including the impressive Gaub and Kuiseb canyons. You will reach the coast at the port town of Walvis Bay, visiting the lagoon to see the interesting mix of pelicans, flamingos and other sea-birds before continuing north to Swakopmund, where you can enjoy the pleasant Strand Hotel and cooler coastal air for the next two nights. In the afternoon there will be time to wander around town and along the waterfront on foot if you wish before heading off to dinner at the popular Tug Restaurant by the jetty, which specialises in fresh seafood.

The charming little coastal retreat of Swakopmund on Namibia's western coast retains a strong German flavour, from its cobbled streets and picturesque buildings down to its typical German restaurants and pubs. This town is traditionally a holiday spot for locals and foreigners alike, with many opportunities for adventure sports and some good old-fashioned fun. Swakopmund is an ideal place to relax after a few days in the desert. Wash off the sand and sample some of the finely-brewed local beer and seafood, including fish, lobster and the utterly delicious oysters.

Spend your 2 night stay at Strand Hotel in a Luxury Suite with an ensuite bathroom.

Your stay includes breakfast.

Your guide will drive you along the scenic coastal road to Walvis Bay for a memorable seal and dolphin cruise within the outer lagoon and harbour. This is an ideal way of seeing Cape fur seals, dolphins, pelicans, flamingos and a wide variety of other sea birds. If you are lucky, there is also the chance of seeing whales, leather-back turtles and sunfish. Snacks, including local sparkling wine and fresh oysters, will be served during the course of the cruise. You will return to the jetty at roughly 12h30, after which you may like to explore Walvis Bay further before returning to Swakopmund for an afternoon at leisure at your guesthouse or in town. You may also like to partake in some of the many other activities that Swakopmund has to offer, which include camel rides, scenic flights, quad-biking in the dunes, skydiving or vibrant township visits (all at additional cost).



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Strand Hotel Swakopmund

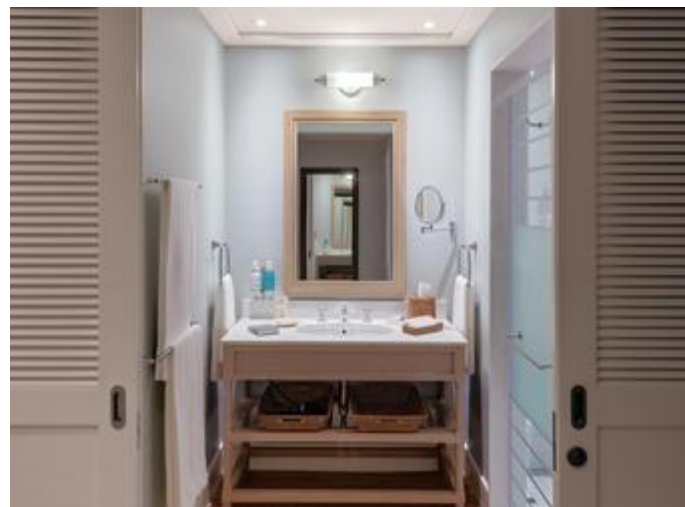
Swakopmund, Namibia

Surrounded on three sides by the Atlantic Ocean, the magnificent Strand Hotel is situated on the iconic and historic Swakopmund Mole. With a distinct nod to Namibian and German heritage, the architecture of the hotel envelops its guests with contemporary design features that exude a homely atmosphere. Here, 125 rooms feature spectacular ocean, beach or flourishing garden views as well as a lovely ensuite bathroom, free internet connectivity, a personal bar, television and air conditioning.

The main guest area features a dramatic ocean-view atrium that travels right through the hotel, providing exceptional views on either end. Three exciting restaurants serve a delicious array of menus, while a combination of convivial bar areas, sea-facing terraces, a tranquil beer garden and a private beach pavilion ensure that The Strand Hotel is one of the finest retreats in Swakopmund. After a fun-filled day of adventures guests can also take advantage of the hotel's elegant Atlantic Spa - expect crystal steam rooms, rain showers, an exclusive relaxation lounge and a selection of soul-soothing treatments.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT STRAND HOTEL

- Try the spa's signature Rasul Body Experience Shel Therapy treatment during your stay.
- Nearby, you will find a host of incredible adventures. Embark on a hot air balloon adventure, sand boarding, fishing or enjoy a sightseeing tour of Swakopmund.
- Spend some time on one of the sea-facing terraces, accompanied by your favourite sundowner - the views are incredible.



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Onduli Ridge

Damaraland, Namibia

Day 6 - 7

After breakfast your Guide will drive you heading into the Damaraland of north-western Namibia. You will head inland, passing Namibia's highest mountain, the Brandberg, and make your way towards Twyfelfontein. Typified by displays of colour, magnificent table-topped mountains, rock formations and bizarre-looking vegetation, Damaraland offers some of the most breath-taking scenery on your safari. The present day landscape has been formed by the erosion of wind and water, as well as geological forces that have formed rolling hills, dunes, gravel plains and ancient river terraces. It is the variety and loneliness of the area, as well as its scenic splendour, that will reward and astound you, giving you an authentic understanding of the word 'wilderness'.

The breath-taking mountain region of Damaraland is situated on the eastern side of the Skeleton Coast National Park and southwest of Etosha National Park. An assortment of desert-adapted wildlife such as elephant, rhino, zebra and lion live in this near-barren landscape. A not-to-be-missed attraction is the picturesque Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain, which is home to thousands of ancient rock paintings, most notably The White Lady. The rocky outcrops of Twyfelfontein feature exceptional Bushmen engravings, which are considered to be some of the best preserved etchings on the continent. Visitors to Damaraland can view one of its more unusual habitats - the Petrified Forest, which dates back millions of years and offers a haunting landscape of gigantic fossilised trees, some up to 30 metres (100ft) in length.

Delight in your 2 night stay at Onduli Ridge in a Suite with ensuite bathroom.

Your stay includes all meals, local drinks, laundry, scheduled activities, airstrip transfers, concession fees, rhino (only on 3 night stays) and elephant tracking fee.

In the afternoon you may visit Twyfelfontein and other nearby attractions if you haven't already done so, take a walk with your guide in the area surrounding the camp or simply relax and enjoy some well-deserved leisure time.



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Onduli Ridge

Damaraland, Namibia

Scattered on a private concession in the Doro !Nawas Conservancy in Damaraland is the stunning Camp Onduli. Offering six beautiful suites they feature king-size beds and open-air bathrooms with flush toilets, rain showers, hot running water, air conditioning and stunning views of the landscape.

Relish sublime dishes prepared with the freshest ingredients and delicious colourful produce. Dine al fresco under the twinkling stars or under a clear blue sky on the deck or in the dining room. Swap stories around a blazing campfire with artisan coffee and enjoy cocktails in the bar.

Peruse the library and unwind with a good book and enjoy a variety of incredible activities such as visiting geological attractions including Burnt Mountain, Organ Pipes and Doros Crater, elephant and black rhino tracking, hop in the saddle for solar e-biking, view ancient rock art, be captivated by spectacular nature drives and walks, go cycling, hiking, trekking, go on a photographic or conservation safari, view over 660 bird species and simply appreciate the beauty of the natural surrounds.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT CAMP ONDULI

- Sleep under a twinkling canvas of billions of stars immersed in the spectacular serenity of the wild
- Take a dip in the infinity pool and enjoy spectacular views of rugged landscapes and Namibia's highest mountain, the Brandberg
- Enjoy delicious crafted pizza evenings, creating your own pizza with a variety of toppings



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Etosha Heights Safarihoek Lodge

Etosha Heights Private Reserve, Namibia

Day 8

Today's route takes you northeast towards Etosha National Park, travelling via the farming centres of Khorixas and Outjo, with a stop at the fascinating Petrified Forest along the way.

Enjoy your 1 night stay at Etosha Safarihoek Lodge in a Luxury Room with ensuite bathroom.

Your stay includes all meals & local beverages, daily activities - double-tiered photography hide and game drive.



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Etosha Heights Safarihoek Lodge

Etosha Heights Private Reserve, Namibia

Nestled on a hillside amongst mopani trees, Safarihoek Lodge shares a border with the renowned Etosha National Park and offers incredible panoramic views across the Etosha plains. The lodge's stylish main building sits on an elevated deck and creates a magnificent setting for the dining, lounge and boma areas. Here guests can enjoy scrumptious meals under the African skies, watch the game visit the camp's waterhole, relax by the fireplace with a good book, or sample a vintage wine in the comfort of the air-conditioned wine lounge. The lodge boasts just 13 well appointed rooms, each offering ensuite bathrooms, minibars, coffee stations, comfortable beds draped with mosquito nets and private verandas with outstanding views of the surrounding landscape.

Other highlights include a sparkling outdoor pool, unforgettable morning, afternoon and night game drives; interpretive bush walks, and a unique photographic hide built across two levels that offers great opportunities for amateur and professional photographers to quietly experience and capture nature unobserved.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT SAFARIHOEK LODGE

- Capture incredible up-close photographs from the lodge's perfectly positioned photographic hide.
- Enjoy unique encounters with both black and white rhino in an area renowned for its rhino viewing.
- Relax by the outdoor pool with a refreshing cocktail and soak in remarkable views of the savannah.



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Onguma The Fort

Onguma Game Reserve, Namibia

Day 9 - 10

Today is spent game-viewing in the Etosha National Park from your private safari vehicle. You will make your way through the park via Okaukuejo, Halali, and Namutoni, stopping at selected waterholes along the way to observe the game gathered there. You will leave the park through the eastern Von Lindquist Gate before it closes at sunset, arriving at Onguma The Fort in good time to freshen up for dinner.

Etosha is one of Africa's great wildlife parks and Namibia's prime wildlife conservation area. Spanning a vast 22 300 km² (8 610 square miles), it consists mostly of grassy plains around a huge salt pan, which becomes a beautiful lake after heavy rains and attracts large flocks of pink candy-floss-coloured flamingos. Etosha hosts a vast array of animals, including the Big Five, as well as giraffes and rare and unusual species like the black-faced impala, Hartmann's mountain zebra and the smallest antelope in the world, the Damara dik-dik. Large herds of elephants can also be seen, while predators range from lion to black-backed jackal. The wildlife in Etosha congregates around the watering holes, making for exciting and productive game viewing.

Delight in your 2 night stay at Onguma - The Fort in a Bush Suite with ensuite bathroom.

Your stay includes all meals, afternoon tea, beverages - bar and mini bar (beers, local spirits, soft drinks, water and house wines), 2 activities per night stayed -sundowner drive (on Onguma Reserve) and Etosha AM game drive, transfer from and to the Onguma airstrip, Social Development Levy and NTB tourism levy.



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Onguma The Fort

Onguma Game Reserve, Namibia

A beautiful fort with sumptuous suites warmly welcomes guests to Onguma - The Fort. Each suite includes a spacious bedroom and dressing area with air conditioning, and an ensuite bathroom with indoor and outdoor showers. Connected to the suites are wooden decks leading to the outdoor seating area, with loungers and magnificent views. The Fort Sultan Suite boasts a huge ensuite room, cosy sitting area and private viewing deck.

Mouth-watering meals can be savoured al fresco in the dining area, on the viewing deck, around the lantern-lit pool or in the courtyard around a fountain. While away the hours with a good book in the library or unwind in the sitting room, which boasts excellent views of a nearby waterhole. A well-stocked boutique store adds to guest delight.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT ONGUMA THE FORT

- Indulge in a romantic candlelit dinner in the dramatic setting of the wine cellar.
- Request the Fort Honeymoon Suite and ask your hosts for the romantic turndown – the bubble bath, sparkling wine and delicious snacks are heavenly!



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Okonjima Bush Suite

Okonjima Nature Reserve, Namibia

Day 11

After breakfast you make your way to the AfriCat Foundation, visiting Lake Otjikoto en route. You will arrive in time to enjoy lunch at Okonjima, which is located at the base of the Omboroko Mountains near Waterberg. Here you can enjoy the welcoming atmosphere, superb accommodation in a Okonjima Bush Suite as well as fantastic activities, starting with a guided afternoon excursion.

Okonjima Reserve is situated just west of the renowned Waterberg Plateau Park, amidst the vast plains scattered with the remnants of ancient sandstone outcrops that skirt the Omboroko Mountains. A Herero name meaning “place of the baboons” this spectacular area is home to the world-famous AFRICAT Foundation, which supports the conservation of the world’s largest free-ranging population of cheetah and Namibia’s large wildcat population. Created as a refuge for rehabilitated predators, the reserve is a haven for cheetah, leopard, spotted hyena and African wild dog, as well as several species of antelope.

Among the carnivores being researched and rehabilitated at AFRICAT are cheetah, leopard, lion, caracal, wild dog and hyena. Visitors to the area can embark on interpretive tours of the foundation as well as enjoying breath-taking nature drives.

Delight in your 1 night stay at Okonjima Private Bush Suite in a Suite with ensuite bathroom.

Your stay includes all meals, 2x activities per person per day, drinks (excluding premier and imported brands), laundry, internet, NTB Levy, private guide, vehicle and chef.



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Okonjima Bush Suite

Okonjima Nature Reserve, Namibia

Set amongst acacia thorn veld with the scenic Omboroko Mountains in the background, the Okonjima Bush Suite offers guests a luxurious, highly personalised experience. The suite can only be booked as a whole unit, making it ideal for a family or small group of four people. The two separate ensuite bedrooms feature two queen-size beds, air-conditioning, a roof-fan, private safe, bath, an indoor and outdoor shower and a private toilet and bidet. It is also equipped with Wi-Fi or dial-up internet facilities, as well as cell phone reception.

The living space boasts a spacious lounge for relaxing, an indoor and outdoor dining area, and an open, wood-burning fireplace around which guests can recount an amazing day of game viewing. To cool off in the African heat, there is a large swimming pool overlooking the bush and mountains. And guests can also look forward to meals especially prepared for their tastes by a personal chef. With signature cheetah and leopard sightings, game drives, walking trails and a look into local cultures, Okonjima Bush Suite is an African experience tailored to meet guests' dreams.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT OKONJIMA BUSH SUITE

- Enjoy a night under the stars with a wheeled queen size bed that can be rolled out onto the terrace.
- Have your every need catered to with a personal host and chef.
- Take the Bushman Trail, which offers the family an opportunity to experience a day in the life of a Bushman.



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Departure

Okonjima Nature Reserve, Namibia

Day 12

After a leisurely breakfast, you will depart for Windhoek in the late morning. The drive will take you through the town of Okahandja, where you can stop at the craft market.

On arrival in Windhoek you will be driven to Windhoek International Airport to check in for your flight home (departure flight must be no earlier than 16h00 to allow for drive back to Windhoek).

