

ULTIMATE NAMIBIAN SAFARI FOR THE ZELL GROUP

Safari to Namib Naukluft/Swakopmund/Damaraland/Etosha/Okonjima

- **The ‘Ultimate Namibian Safari’ stands apart as it includes time in the world famous Namib Naukluft Park.**
- **Climb the world’s highest free-standing sand dunes.**
- **Explore the game-rich areas of Etosha National Park and Onguma Game Reserve.**
- **Visit the world renowned AfriCat Foundation and learn more about conservation initiatives involving Africa’s large cats.**
- ** AAC includes a complimentary night in Johannesburg (a value of \$125.00 per person)*



UNIQUE POINTS ON THE TRIP

- Travel with some of Namibia’s most reputable and well-known naturalist guides.
- Climb some of the world’s highest free-standing sand dunes.
- Sea kayak with seals and dolphins on the Skeleton Coast (option motor boat).
- Track for desert-adapted elephants.
- Explore 2 very different parts of the Etosha National Park by spending time on both the Ongava and Onguma Private Game Reserves.
- Sleep in the tree tops overlooking one of the most productive waterholes on the Onguma Private Game Reserve.
- End your safari at the world renowned Big Cat Research Center run by the AfriCat Foundation.

ITINERARY SUMMARY

August 2016	Destination	Accommodation
20+21	Fly USA – Johannesburg	City Lodge Hotel
22	Fly Johannesburg – Windhoek Drive to Sossusvlei	Namib Naukluft Lodge – Soft Camp
23	Sunrise visit to Sossusvlei	Namib Naukluft Lodge – Soft Camp
24	Drive to Swakopmund	Hansa Hotel
25	Living Desert Tour	Hansa Hotel
26	Drive to Damaraland PM guided walk	Doro Nawas Camp
27	Desert elephant game activity Continue to Western Etosha	Hobatere Lodge
28	Western Etosha game drive Continue to Southern Etosha	Safari Etosha Lodge
29	Full day game drive - Southern Etosha Continue to Eastern Etosha	Mokuti Lodge
30	Full day game drive – Eastern Etosha	Mokuti Lodge
31	Drive to AfriCat Foundation visit PM to Windhoek	Hilton Hotel
01	Fly Windhoek – Johannesburg - USA	
02	Arrive USA	

February 3, 2016

ITINERARY

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016

20 Aug (Sat) MIAMI/ATLANTA/JOHANNESBURG

Depart on your international overnight flight to Johannesburg.

21 Aug (Sun) JOHANNESBURG

Arrive in Johannesburg. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Based at Africa's busiest airport, **City Lodge Hotel at OR Tambo International Airport** has 303 rooms and provides travelers with "home away from home" accommodation that is ideal for short layovers that require immediate access to the airport. The hotel has a fitness room as well as a deck with a pool and a large commercial area with a coffee shop.

Accommodation: City Lodge Hotel at OR Tambo International Airport (B) – *Standard Room*



22 Aug (Sun) JOHANNESBURG/WINDHOEK/SOSSUSVLEI

Early this morning you will take the hotel shuttle to the airport and connect with your scheduled inter-Africa flight to Windhoek, Namibia. On arrival you will be met your guide and depart by road to your camp in Sossusvlei.

Drive southwest through the scenic Khomas Hochland highlands before heading down the Great Escarpment into the Namib Desert below, stopping for a picnic lunch at a scenic location along the way. You arrive at the Namib Naukluft Lodge's Soft Camp in the mid-afternoon. The rest of the afternoon you can relax and soak in the scenic and tranquil surroundings at camp.



The **Namib Naukluft Soft Adventure Camp** has been designed for the nature loving visitor, who wants to experience the undisturbed Namib Desert, without using all the facilities and luxuries of a lodge. It has predominantly been used by overland lovers and groups and is located in the outcrops of the granite hill.

Each of the 15 chalet-units has been individually placed in order to keep the open view onto the plains of the savannah. All chalets are equipped with a water-cooler system and air-ventilations. Shaded space in front of the bungalows enables you to enjoy your view during the early morning hours or during sunset.

The well maintained walkways will lead to the centrally located main building. The main building is based on top of the hill. You are invited to make use of this area during the course of the day. The bar offers cold beverages and the light wind offers a nice cool breeze during the heat of the day. It is also the dining area where dinner is a special event. A pool is right on site, nestled in the rocks. It offers you the desired refreshment after an adventurous day!

Accommodation: Namib Naukluft Soft Adventure Camp (Full Board)

23 Aug (Tue) SOSSUSVLEI

Early morning excursion to the Namib Naukluft National Park. Arriving at sunrise allows you to capture the dunes in the best light. This area boasts some of the highest free-standing sand dunes in the world.

Optional Balloon Safari (Extra cost - available upon request):

Adding an exhilarating dimension to a Namib Desert excursion, is a trip in a hot air balloon - the oldest form of aviation known to man. This is the best possible way to experience the breathtaking beauty of the Namib Desert and to marvel at its geological diversity. Drifting high above the Namib, this desert viewing from the sky reveals a majestic panorama of contoured dunes and stark desert plains, and is celebrated at the landing site with the traditional balloonists' champagne breakfast. The flight departs every morning at sunrise - weather permitting



Once you have explored Sossusvlei, Deadvlei and surrounding dune fields, enjoy a picnic brunch in the shade of a camel thorn tree. You then return to your lodge in the early afternoon in time for a late lunch, with the option to visit Sesriem Canyon afterwards (if it was not visited the day before). The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure.

Accommodation: Namib Naukluft Soft Adventure Camp (Full Board)



24 Aug (Wed)

SOSSUSVLEI/SWAKOPMUND

Depart with your guide and continue on to Swakopmund, which is charming with its distinctive continental air and historic buildings. There will be time to explore the town with its craft shops and cafes. Arrive in time to explore the town before enjoying a group dinner at a popular seafood restaurant.

Optional Scenic Skeleton Coast Charter Flight (Extra cost):

For an optional extra, you can book a scheduled scenic flight to Swakopmund. Your guides will continue by road and meet up with you later that day in Swakopmund. The flight takes you north over the famous Sossusvlei dunes and the great Namib Sea Sand (declared a natural World Heritage Site) towards the coast, where (weather dependent) you will see deserted mines, shipwrecks and seal colonies on the way up towards Sandwich Harbor and the port of Walvis Bay. The flight is about 1½ hours long and you arrive in time to enjoy the can enjoy the pleasant seaside location and cooler coastal air.

Swakopmund was founded in 1892 by German settlers and is highlighted by traditional colonial architecture. Visitors enjoy palm-lined streets, seaside promenades, a vast array of restaurants and cafes and nice beaches. The town is the perfect base for adrenaline activities such as sandboarding, quad biking and deep sea fishing.



The historic **Hansa Hotel**, set in the charming town of Swakopmund, was built in 1905, and today its classical architecture forms an integral part of the city center. The Hansa is famous for its hospitality and friendly service. Tastefully decorated, suites and rooms offer under-carpet heating and multi-channel television. The fully air-conditioned Hansa Restaurant has a fine reputation for culinary delights of fresh fish and traditional game dishes. Guests can stroll to the beach, enjoy golf at a nearby course, tennis, horse and camel riding and the natural attractions of the dramatic desert.

Accommodation: Hansa Hotel (B.L.D)



25 Aug (Thu) SWAKOPMUND

After an early breakfast a local guide will meet you at your hotel for a tour in the desert surrounding the central coastal area.

The Living Desert tour concentrates on exploring the local dune belt between Walvis Bay and Swakopmund. Special care is taken not to damage the gravel plains and cause unnecessary damage to the dune eco system. Your guide will stop continuously to look for tracks (known locally as reading the bushman newspaper), to determine which animals were active the previous night and wherever possible will try to catch some of them to show you. Great care is taken in sharing knowledge with you on each desert animal and plant, including emphasis on special adaptations and perfect design used for survival in the desert.

After your tour you will be dropped off back at your hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Accommodation: Hansa Hotel (B.L.D)



26 Aug (Fri) SWAKOPMUND/DAMARALAND

Depart this morning and continue northeast to Damaraland. Pass Namibia's highest mountain, the Brandberg which peaks at 2,573 m above sea level, and perhaps spot some game and absorb the vastness of the scenery along the way.



Wildlife is not concentrated and the natural laws of food and water dictate the movements of the rare desert elephant and black rhino, gemsbok, kudu, and springbok. Early morning mists, generated by the clash between the icy Atlantic Ocean and the warm desert air of the Skeleton Coast, drift inland along the stark canyon, providing sustenance to the flora and fauna of the region. Rare succulent plants somehow manage to eke out an existence in this harsh countryside.

Doro Nawas is a camp built on a rugged, rocky knoll in the middle of a plain adjacent to the Aba-Huab River within the Doro Nawas Conservancy in Namibia's central Damaraland region. Vistas from the camp and its 16 en suite thatched units stretch out south towards the sandstone cliffs and rock engravings of Twyfelfontein, west across the grass plains, and north towards the Etendeka Mountains. The development of this camp is based on community ecotourism.

Activities in the vast uninterrupted space of Doro Nawas revolve around game and bird viewing and visits to the proposed world heritage site of Twyfelfontein – scene of some 2,000 rock engravings by long vanished San people. Game such as springbok, oryx and ostrich are found on the plains, while species such as Hartmann’s mountain zebra frequent the higher mountain slopes. Desert-adapted black rhino are found in the most remote areas and elephant can be glimpsed along the tree-lined reaches of the Aba-Huab and Huab Rivers. This is also a good area for spotting endemic Namibian bird species such as Rüppel’s korhaan, Monteiro’s hornbill and Benguela long-billed lark.
Accommodation: Doro Nawas (Full Board)



27 Aug (Sat)

DAMARALAND/HOBATERE – WESTERN ETOSHA

Early breakfast and then depart with your guide on an exciting 4-wheel excursion along the Aba Huab and Huab River valleys searching for desert adapted elephant.

Damaraland is home to a variety of desert adapted wildlife and hidden desert treasures. You will normally take a picnic lunch so that you can stop off and eat it in the shade of a large Ana tree and enjoy the unique ambience of the area – hopefully while watching a herd of elephants browsing nearby. From here you set off on your journey to the remote Damaraland area near the western gate of the Etosha National Park. Arrive in time to enjoy a dip in the pool (though August can be a bit too cold for that) and dinner.

Hobaterre Lodge is strategically located 65 km north of Kamanjab on the western border of the Etosha National Park. The lodge is situated in a concession area of 8,808 ha which is home to a wide selection of game, including elephant, giraffe, eland, and Hartmann's zebra. Hobaterre offers visitors the opportunity to experience game drives in open vehicles and nature walks with experienced and knowledgeable rangers.

Early morning and night drives are part of the activities on offer, where many nocturnal animals, such as aardvark, cape fox, bat-eared fox, aardwolf, genet and many more can be encountered. The lodge belongs to the #Khoadi/Hoas Conservancy, and one of the primary objectives of the lodge is to increase the benefits to the local community, reducing human wildlife conflict and also conservation of the area.

Accommodation: Hobaterre Lodge (Full Board)



28 Aug (Sun)

HOBATERE/CENTRAL ETOSHA

After breakfast you travel via The western part of Etosha National Park. This region has only been recently opened to the general public and you thus have another day of enjoying wildlife sightings in unique location of Etosha.

Your game-viewing adventures consist of traveling through the breadth of the Etosha National Park, stopping at selected waterholes to observe the game gathered there along the way, enjoying lunch at one of the rest camps inside the park, and then leaving the park through the southern Andersson Gate. Arrive at your camp in the afternoon to enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure (or stay inside the park as long as you want, as long as you exit the park by sunset).

Accommodation: Safari Etosha Lodge(Full Board)



29 Aug (Mon)

SOUTHERN ETOSHA

Today is spent on an extended game drive from the side of southern Etosha National Park to the eastern boundary. You make your way across the park, having a picnic lunch en-route at one of the state owned resorts. The drive today can take you most of the day, depending on how much time is spent game viewing at the different waterholes along the way and arriving late afternoon at the Mokuti Lodge in time for check in and dinner.

Etosha is Namibia's premier game viewing destination. It is one of Africa's largest game parks being nearly the size of Switzerland. Large herds of plains game concentrate around the waterholes in the dry season and provide exciting game viewing. Species that can be seen year round include elephant, lion, leopard, cheetah, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, springbok, oryx, kudu and the damara dik-dik.

Etosha National Park covers over 13,700 square miles and is one of the finest parks in Africa. The heart of the park is the Etosha Salt Pan - an enormous shallow depression over 60 miles across - which has numerous perennial springs around its circumference.



The **Mokuti Lodge** is located at the entrance gate to Etosha. The lodge offers 90 double/twin rooms, eight luxury chalets and eight family units. Each of the chalets, set under cool thatch, is equipped with en suite bathroom, air- conditioning and ceiling fan, telephone, fridge, hairdryer, safety deposit facilities, electric shaver plug (220 volts) and satellite TV with various channels.

Accommodation: Mokuti Lodge (Full Board)



30 Aug (Tue) EASTERN ETOSHA

Today is available for a full day of exciting game viewing within the eastern section of Etosha National Park. After discussion with your guide you can either opt to go into the park in the morning and the afternoon and return to the Camp for lunch and an early afternoon rest; or you can head back west across to spend more time in the area around Halali; or you can head north past Fischer's Pan and up into the Andoni Plains if you prefer. Either way, you will return to the comforts of Mokuti Lodge before sunset.

Accommodation: Mokuti Lodge (Full Board)

31 Aug (Wed) EASTERN ETOSHA/OKONJIMA/WINDHOEK

Your early departure will take you south from Onguma Tree Top via Tsumeb, Otavi and Otjiwarongo to reach Okonjima's AfriCat Day Centre, a wonderful highlight with which to conclude your safari.

Okonjima is home to the AfriCat Foundation, a wildlife sanctuary which focuses on the research and rehabilitation of Africa's big cats, especially injured or captured leopard and cheetah. You arrive in time for lunch before embarking on an exciting and informative game drive and tour of the center. 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. Upon your arrival in Windhoek you will be transferred to the Hilton Hotel in Windhoek.

Tonight you'll be taken out for dinner at the famous Joe's Beerhouse (pay direct).

Accommodation: Hilton Hotel (B.L.)

01 Sep (Thu) WINDHOEK/JOHANNESBURG/ATLANTA

Transfer to airport for departing international flight.

02 Sep (Fri) ATLANTA/MIAMI

Arrive in the US.

WELCOME HOME!



2016 LAND ARRANGEMENTS:

12-14 people on departure

\$ 3,095.00 per person sharing

15-16 people on departure

\$ 3,050.00 per person sharing

17-18 people on departure

\$ 3,250.00 per person sharing

Single Supplement

\$ 425.00

Optional Surcharges

Balloon Safari in Sossusvlei

\$ 425.00 per person

Scenic Charter Flight: *Sossusvlei/Swakopmund*

Details in Notes below

~ AAC Value added bonus – complimentary hotel night in Johannesburg ~

AIR ARRANGEMENTS (subject to change until ticketed):

INTERNATIONAL:

from \$1,595.00 per person**

New York/Johannesburg/New York - Please call for add-on fares from your departure city

INTER-AFRICA:

from \$425.00 per person**

Johannesburg/Windhoek/Johannesburg

Airline/Flight	City Pair	Departure		Arrival	
		Date	Time	Date	Time
Delta Airlines 64T	Miami / Atlanta	19AUG	200P	19AUG	413P
Delta Airlines 200T	Atlanta / Johannesburg	19AUG	812P	20AUG	550P
South African 70Y	Johannesburg / Windhoek	21AUG	1130A	21AUG	1225P
South African 75Y	Windhoek / Johannesburg	01SEP	1115A	02SEP	200P
Delta Airlines 201T	Johannesburg / Atlanta	01SEP	750P	03SEP	600A
Delta Airlines 566T	Atlanta / Miami	02SEP	900A	03SEP	1050A

** The air arrangements are based on a published air fare that is subject to change until paid for and issued. Full payment, instant purchase is required to secure the flights and there will be penalties for any changes made thereafter.

LAND COSTS INCLUDE:

- Accommodations (including 2 nights hotel in Johannesburg and Windhoek)
- All meals and game activities on safari (Full Board)
- Meals as stated breakfast (B), Lunch (L) and Dinner (D)
- All road transfers
- Park and guiding fees
- Mineral water on board safari vehicle
- *Complimentary night and transfer in Johannesburg*

NOT INCLUDED:

- Tips to staff and guides
- Drinks and Laundry
- Other meals not included in the itinerary
- Optional Ballooning safari at Sossusvlei (pricing available upon request)
- Extra meals in Windhoek
- Airport departure taxes
- Scheduled air fares
- Travel insurance

NOTES:

1. Program costing based on a group size of 12-18 travelers. Pricing subject to change if group size changes.
2. Program is based on 8x Double/Twin sharing rooms and 2x Single Rooms

Charter Flight Surcharge Summary

Sesriem/Swakopmund for 2 guests	\$625.00 per person
Sesriem/Swakopmund for 3,6 or 9 guests	\$525.00 per person
Sesriem/Swakopmund for 4,8 or 12 guests	\$450.00 per person