

Namibia Self-drive Camping Safari

*Visiting Windhoek - Sesriem - Swakopmund - Twyfelfontein - Etosha South -
Onguma Game Reserve - Waterberg Plateau National Park*

12 Days / 11 Nights



This self-drive camping itinerary is designed for those who love the outdoors and enjoy independent exploration. You will visit some of the most scenic locations in Namibia, sleep under the stars, and explore at your own pace. Your campervan has everything you need and you will be provided with detailed directions and a mobile phone for local access. In a small number of the locations you visit, camping is not an option and instead you will have a self-catering apartment.

This itinerary is suitable for couples, singles and adventurous families.

Day 1: Arrive Windhoek (Rivendell Guest House, 1 night)

You will be met on arrival in Windhoek and transferred to the Rivendell Guesthouse for 1 night in a self-catering apartment.

Rivendell Guesthouse

Rivendell is a cosy 10-room guesthouse situated in a quiet suburb of Windhoek, within easy reach of the city centre and airport. It has a pleasant garden terrace with swimming pool, a guest lounge with Wifi, and self-catering kitchen.

Your Financial Protection

All monies paid by you for the air holiday package shown [or flights if appropriate] are ATOL protected by the Civil Aviation Authority. Our ATOL number is ATOL 3145.

For more information see our booking terms and conditions.



Your hired campervan – a Toyota Hilux Double Cab 4x4 – will be dropped off to you this afternoon by our agent. They will give you a tour of the car and answer any questions you might have about the itinerary ahead.

Days 2 & 3: Windhoek to Sesriem (Sossus Oasis Campsite, 2 nights)

Depart Windhoek this morning and journey south to Sesriem (300km, 4 hours), where you spend two nights at Sossus Oasis Campsite.

Sossus Oasis Campsite

Sossus is a modern campsite with excellent facilities including swimming pool, internet café, barbecue facilities, and a fuel & tyre workshop. The individual camping pitches at Sossus all feature shaded seating areas, toilets, wash basins and camp showers. There is a restaurant at the nearby Sossusvlei Lodge.

Close to your camp is Sesriem Canyon, a deep gorge formed by the Tsauchab River. The canyon serves as the gateway to the Namib-Naukluft National Park; from it, you can follow the course of the Tsauchab River (which is dry for much of the year) through the park and to the famous sand dunes of Sossusvlei. The canyon is also an interesting natural attraction in its own right. High stone walls rise on both sides of the canyon, revealing ancient layers of sedimentary rock in beautifully contrasting colours. The canyon is a haven for many varieties of bird that come to roost on the canyon walls, as well as lizards and other reptiles that make their homes in the cracks of the walls to escape the intense desert heat.



A visit to Sossusvlei is a must. Here you can spend time exploring the famous apricot-hued dunes, the largest of their kind in the world, and one of the main highlights of any trip through the Namib Desert. Dune 45, a behemoth of a sand dune, is reputed to be the largest of all; it is quite the sight!



A short distance from Sossusvlei is the dry lake of Deadvlei, or “Dead Marsh”. The trees here are long since dead, yet they have been preserved for centuries due to a lack of moisture preventing normal decomposition, creating a starkly beautiful landscape.

Day 4: Sesriem to Swakopmund (Cornerstone Guesthouse, 1 night)

Continue your journey through the Namib-Naukluft National Park and past Walvis Bay to arrive in Swakopmund (345kms; approx. 3½ hours’ drive), where you spend a night in a self-catering apartment at the Cornerstone Guesthouse.



Cornerstone Guesthouse

Cornerstone Guesthouse is an intimate bed and breakfast set within easy walking distance of the sea and Swakopmund town centre.

Occupying a quiet corner of the old town, near the marine museum and the old brewery, Cornerstone Guesthouse offers the charm and intimacy of a family-run B&B combined with the modern amenities of a good-standard hotel. Each room has a private entrance and patio with table and chairs; inside, the rooms are light, spacious and neat with tile and wood floors, beach house colours and your choice of double or twin beds. All rooms have en suite bathrooms with large solar-assisted showers and modern fittings.

Swakopmund has the distinction of being a seaside town located in a desert! The town is a quirky mix of German and Namibian influences and a great location for outdoor activities including quad biking, horse riding, fishing, kayaking, bird watching, paragliding and desert tours.



Days 5 & 6: Swakopmund to Twyfelfontein (Mowani Mountain Campsite, 2 nights)

On day 5, you depart Swakopmund and follow the Skeleton Coast to Hentiesbaai, before heading inland to Mowani Mountain Campsite in Twyfelfontein for 2 nights (325km, approx. 4 hours' drive time).

Mowani Mountain Campsite

Mowani Mountain Campsite has a fantastic location on the edge of Twyfelfontein, between the Ugab and Huab Rivers, and overlooking Abu-Huab Valley. The campsite is part of Mowani Mountain Camp, a comfortable tented lodge. There are seven camping pitches spread out across the property, each with its own toilet and washing facilities. Please note that the camping areas as Mowani do not have any electricity supply.

The next two days can be spent exploring Twyfelfontein, the Huab Valley, and the wider Damaraland region.

Namibia's first World Heritage Site, Twyfelfontein is the setting for one of the most extensive galleries of rock engravings found anywhere in the world. Created by Namibia's native San people, the rock engravings at Twyfelfontein are thought to range in age from 1,000 to 10,000 years. Despite their age, many are almost perfectly preserved, owing to the unique conditions provided by their desert environment.

Other sites of interest within the region of Twyfelfontein include the Petrified Forest, a collection of millennia-old preserved tree trunks; the Organ Pipes, a collection of unusual dolomite rock formations; and the desolate Burnt Mountain, a 12km volcanic ridge.

Days 7 & 8: Twyfelfontein to Etosha South (Etosha Trading Post, 2 nights)

Today you continue your journey north-east to Etosha National Park, Namibia's premier safari destination (420km; 5 hours), where you spend the next two nights at Etosha Trading Post Campsite, located just outside the southern boundary of Etosha National Park.



Etosha Trading Post

Etosha Trading Post is located 6.5km from the Andersson entrance gate to Etosha National Park, providing easy access to the southern Okaukuejo section of the park. The campsite offers 8 individual camping areas, each of them equipped with private bathroom facilities (shower, toilet and wash basin), shaded seating area with wash-up facilities, power outlet, running water, lights and barbecue. Shared facilities include a camp pool, fuel station 7 tyre workshop, and camp shop with groceries and basic supplies.

The next two days can be spent exploring southern Etosha on independent game drives. This is one of Namibia's great wilderness areas, protecting species such as lion, giraffe, elephant, both white and black rhino, and a multitude of plains game.

Days 9 & 10: Etosha to Onguma Game Reserve (Onguma Leadwood Campsite, 2 nights)

Day 9 of your journey will see you travel across Etosha National Park to arrive at Onguma Game Reserve, on the eastern boundary of the national park (100kms; 2 hours). Here you spend the next two nights at Onguma Leadwood Campsite, as you explore Onguma Game Reserve.





Onguma Leadwood Campsite

One of two campsites within the Onguma Reserve, Onguma Leadwood offers 6 individual camping pitches, nestled within a copse of leadwood trees in the centre of the reserve. Each of the camping areas has its own toilet, shower, washing area and power point. There is a restaurant at the nearby Onguma Bush Camp.

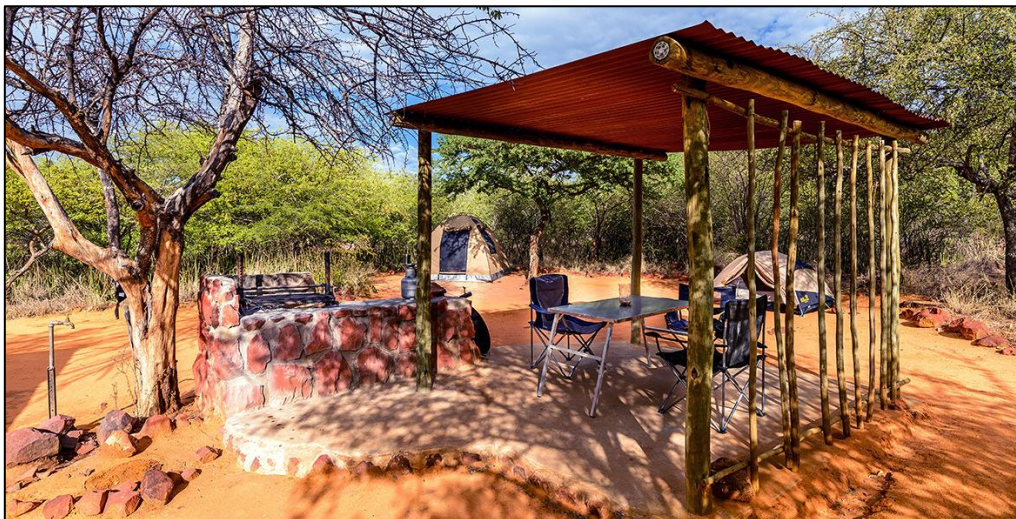
Onguma Game Reserve protects just over 50,000 acres of savannah grassland, dry pan and bushveld on the eastern boundary of Etosha National Park. Although a relatively small territory, Onguma is packed with game, including rarities such as black rhino. It is also one of the best birding regions in all of Etosha, famous in particular for its flamingo flocks which congregate at Fischer's Pan, in the west of the reserve.

Day 11: Onguma to Waterberg Plateau National Park (Waterberg Plateau Lodge, 1 night)

Leaving Onguma this morning, you journey south to the Waterberg region (320kms; 4 hours), where you spend the night at Waterberg Andersson Campsite.

Waterberg Andersson Campsite

Positioned on the upper slopes of the Waterberg Valley, with views down to the valley floor, Waterberg Andersson Campsite offers four secluded camping pitches separated by bush. Each pitch has its own toilet and shower in the central ablution block with hot and cold water. The campsite also has a swimming pool and café/restaurant.



The afternoon can be spent exploring the Waterberg Plateau. This is a beautiful region, much of which was once used as cattle land but which has since been returned to the wild, with most of the area converted into a nature reserve. Today, the Waterberg region is once again home to a

good variety of wildlife, including rare species such as cheetah, leopard, eland, and both black & white rhino. Other, more common sightings include giraffe, zebra, and buffalo.

Perhaps the real appeal of the Waterberg Plateau, however, is its stunning landscapes. The Waterberg itself is a giant table mountain, almost 50km wide, with a stark escarpment that looks down onto beautiful green valleys. The views are amazing!

Day 12: Waterberg to Windhoek; international departure

Today is the last day of your self-drive camping adventure in Namibia. Make the return journey to Windhoek (335kms; 3½ hours) and drop off your hired vehicle at the hire shop. You will then be transferred to Windhoek Airport for your flight home.

Price Guide:

*The cost of this safari itinerary is **£1,290 per person** in low season (Nov-Jun), or **£1,425 per person** in high season (Jul-Oct), based on two travellers in twin/double tent share and subject to availability at the time of booking.*

This itinerary is also suitable for families. For a family booking for 2 adults and 2 children (age 12 and under), the total itinerary cost is £3,390 in low season, and £3,800 in high season.

For more information, or if you would like to enquire about a tailor-made holiday combining part or all of the above itinerary, please [contact us](#).

Includes:

- Accommodation and board as specified
- Airport transfers
- Car hire (see full details below)

Excludes:

- Park entrance fees (currently 80 Namibian rand per person and 10 Namibian rand per vehicle)
- Meals/drinks not specified
- Fuel
- Travel insurance
- Visas if required
- International flights

Included in your campervan hire are the following:

Roof Tents with Mattress and Sheets
 12V Fridge / Freezer / Table / Chairs / Gas Cooker
 Grill Roast / Table Lamp
 Fully Equipped Kitchen Box
 20 Litre Water Container
 Sleeping bags
 Two spare tyres
 Tyre pressure gauge
 Unlimited mileage
 Tow rope / Jump leads
 Second driver permit

Excluded from campervan hire:

Cross border permit
 One-way rental
 Tow in charges & recovery costs
 Accident claim & traffic fine handling fees