

THE BIG 5 EXPERIENCE_{cc}

Exklusive Safaris

CLASSIC NAMIBIA:

5 MAIN ATTRACTIONS

14 days with the best available accommodations

DURATION: 14 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS
VEHICLE: 4 X 4 STATIONWAGON, A/C, 4-, 6- OR 10-SEATER.
DEPARTURE: ON REQUEST

INCLUDED:

- Accommodation in double rooms in the establishments specified in the itineraries, or in equivalent alternatives
- Full board except where indicated separately in the itinerary
- Transportation in air-conditioned 4 x 4 vehicles
- Entrance fees and National Park fees
- Multilingual guiding (English guaranteed)
- Specified transfers to and from Airport
- Passenger Liability Insurance

Day 1 Meet and greet at Airport, transfer to [Hotel Windhoek Country Club \(****\)](#) or [Kalahari Sands Hotel \(****\)](#). Check-In. Rest of the morning at leisure. 15h00 City tour. Later, transfer to Hotel for dinner.

Day 2 Depart 08h30 to our overnight destination on the edge of the Kalahari desert, [Intu Africa Lodge](#), via the Baster Settlement **REHOBOTH** and the **Tropic of Capricorn**. We arrive in time for lunch. Late afternoon we go on a **game drive** in open 4x4 vehicles and enjoy a sundowner drink overlooking the red dunes of the desert.

Day 3 An early morning walk in the company of a genuine "Bushman", now referred to as San, who will show us some of the secrets of the bush, such as reading a spoor of an antelope or recognizing a scorpion's abode. After breakfast we visit a San village where we are shown how to hunt an ostrich or make a chain of their eggs with just a stone and a piece of wire.
We depart for **KEETMANSHOOP** and the **QUIVERTREE FOREST**, visit the



“GÍANT’S PLAYGROUND” and enjoy a picnic-lunch under an old Camel thorn tree. We continue our journey via the NAUTEDAM project to our destination near the FISH RIVER CANYON, [the Canyon Lodge](#).

Day 4 After an early breakfast we drive a short distance to the second largest and oldest canyon in the world: the FISH RIVER CANYON. Breathtaking vistas and a little history lesson will see us through to a well-earned lunch. The afternoon is at leisure. We meet again for dinner.

For those who wish to undertake some activities which are not included, can go horse riding, book a flight over the Canyon, or explore some of the 13.000 hectare farm in a horse drawn buggy.

Day 5 Today’s journey will take us to the town of LÜDERITZ, where diamonds were first discovered in Namibia. On our way we hope to find the feral horses of the Namib, which were freed by the German forces before surrendering in 1919, and have adapted to the harsh conditions of the Namib Desert. Check-In to our hotel. After lunch we visit the “Padrao” (cross) which was erected here by Bartholomew Diaz in the 15th Century. A visit to SHARK ISLAND, where a plaque of Lüderitz and Nachtigall reminds us of the founders of the German colonial era. We visit some of the restored historical buildings and , time permitting, we undertake a short walk along Agate Beach, where on can still today find the odd little piece. Dinner consists mainly of crayfish and oysters (in season) or other specialties of the sea.

Day 6 We visit KOLMANNSKOP, the today wind ravaged and forlorn diamond town, where water was more precious than wine. Every effort is being made to restore the old town to give visitors an idea of what life was like for the early pioneers. We continue to DUWISEB CASTLE, where the Duke von Wolff was trying to raise horses, before he got killed in WW 1. A brief lunch and onto our lodge in the Namib Desert.

Day 7 At sunrise we leave to watch the spectacular colors of the Namib at first light. Every photographer’s dream. We climb one of the dunes and marvel at the view over this, the oldest sea of sand in the world. A brunch will revive us and we return to the lodge, where the afternoon is at leisure. Before sunset we visit the spectacular SESRIEM CANYON.

Day 8 Through the NAMIB NAUKLUFT NATIONAL PARK, we make our way to SWAKOPMUND. First, however, we will visit the famous WELWITSCHIA MIRABILIS plains, where the oldest living plants on earth have survived for millions of years. The MOONSCAPE will have us gasp at the sheer power of nature, before we arrive at the seaside resort of Swakopmund. A brief city-tour will help us find our way around, when we explore the town on our own. We meet again for dinner at the oldest and finest Hotel in Namibia, the [Hansa Hotel](#).

Day 9 After breakfast we drive to WALVISBAY, which was formerly part of South Africa, but was donated to Namibia in 1995. We see the flamingos and pelicans on the beach, visit the SÁLTWORKS and on our way back have a light lunch. The afternoon is at leisure and offers many attractions not to be



missed. E.g. the “[Kristall-Galerie](#)”, the Museum, (one of the best in the southern hemisphere) the Marine Aquarium, Peter’s Antiques and lots and lots of other shopping opportunities. Dinner at the Hotel.

- Day 10 Our route takes us along the Atlantic seaboard to [CAPE CROSS](#), where the largest colony of cape fur seals will not fail to impress you. It was also at this point where the seafarer Diego Cao first set foot in 1465 AD on Namibian soil and proclaimed the land property of his majesty the King of Portugal. The original Padrao (Cross) is in the National Museum in Berlin. A light buffet lunch in [Henties Bay’s De Duine Hotel](#) will fortify us for the trip through the desert to [UIS](#) and past the [BRANDBERG](#), famous for its [BUSHMAN ART](#) and the “[WHITE LADY](#)” in particular, to our overnight stop, the [Twyfelfontein Lodge](#).
- Day 11 Directly after breakfast, we visit the exquisite [BUSHMAN ETCHINGS](#), to catch them in the early morning light, afterwards a visit to the “[BURNT MOUNTAIN](#)” and the “[ORGANPIPES](#)” as well as the [PETRIFIED FOREST](#) on the way to [KHORIXAS](#) and the [Vingerklip Lodge](#), where we enjoy our lunch. After a brief photographic session at the [VINGERKLIP ROCK-FINGER](#), we drive to our overnight camp in the [ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK: Okaukuejo](#), one of three governmental rest camps in the Etosha. After dinner we have an opportunity to sit at the floodlit waterhole and watch the animals coming to drink, before we retire for the night.
- Day 12 The entire day is dedicated to [game-drives](#) in the park. We visit the various waterholes and only stop for a brief lunch and visit of the museum at [Fort Namutoni](#). The night is spend in the luxurious [Mokuti Lodge \(****\)](#), renowned for its excellent cuisine.
- Day 13 After a good night’s rest we depart for [LAKE OTJIKOTO](#), where German troops dumped their war-materials prior to surrender. On to [TSUMEB](#)’s museum, where the recovered articles and most of the history of the area are well displayed, and via the little town of [OTJIWARONGO](#) to Mount Etjo Lodge. After refreshing ourselves and a little time to wander around the beautiful property, we undertake an afternoon [game-drive](#). A last opportunity to photograph and observe some of the rarer species of game close-up: Hippopotamus, elephant, sable, roan, rhinoceros are all on the “Menu”. After dark we can watch lions feeding, before we enjoy our last grill evening in the “Boma” (enclosure without a roof) under the stars.
- Day 14 Our suitcases at the ready and dressed for the long flight home, we leave this magical place and drive to [OKAHANDJA](#), where we have an opportunity to visit the woodcarvers’ market and acquire some gifts for friends and family at home. A light lunch on a nearby ostrich Farm, and sadly we must make our way to the Airport where we say our last farewell and promise to come back to Namibia.

