

THE BIG 5 EXPERIENCE_{cc}

Exklusive Safaris

NAMIBIA RAINBOW SAFARI:

SOSSUSVLEI - SWAKOPMUND - CAPE CROSS - SKELETONCOAST - DAMARALAND - ETOSHANGOLA

10 days with the best accommodation

<u>VEHICLE:</u>	4X4 STATIONWAGON, A/C
<u>DURATION:</u>	10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS EXCLUDING FLIGHT TIME
<u>PARTICIPANTS:</u>	Min 2/Max 10
<u>DEPARTURE:</u>	On Request
<u>PRICES:</u>	EX WINDHOEK
<u>BASIS:</u>	FULL BOARD, PARTLY LODGES/HOTELS

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
- Non-alcoholic beverages en route
- 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
- 24 Hour Medical rescue by Air- or Road Ambulance

Day1 Meet and greet at Airport, transfer to [Hotel Heinitzburg](#) (****) one of the best in Namibia. Built by Count von Schwerin in the early 20th century, its four-poster beds and incredible service and views over **WINDHOEK** are unbeatable for a romantic stay. Check-In. Rest of the morning at leisure. 15.00hrs **City tour**.



- Day 2 Depart Windhoek 08.30h via the **KHOMAS HOCHLAND** and **GAMSBURG PASS** to **Rostock Ritz Lodge** at the edge of the **NAMIB DESERT**, where we have lunch. We continue to the **** **Sossusvlei Lodge** where we enjoy a champagne sundowner at the top of a sand dune, followed by dinner and overnight at this exclusive lodge.
- Day 3 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** and then prepare for the most "Out of Africa" experience: Our bush dinner. Overnight at the Lodge.
- Day 4 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 our Hotel. **The Hansa Hotel**.
- Day 5 In the morning we drive to **WALVISBAY**, which was formerly part of South Africa, but was donated to Namibia in 1995. At the Yacht Club we take a **Seal and Dolphin Cruise**, enjoy oysters and champagne for brunch. Followed by a drive to see the **Flamingos and Pelicans** on the beach and the **Salt works**. 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 and lots and lots of shopping opportunities. Dinner at one of the special seafood restaurants. Overnight at the **Hansa Hotel**.
- Day 6 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. Depending on the time of year between 100.000 and 200.000 of these amazing creatures live here. 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. Through the **SKELETON COAST PARK**, where we stop to see some of the remains of shipwrecks, and onto our overnight stop, the new **Twyfelfontein Lodge**. We visit the exquisite Bushman Etchings, the "**BURNT MOUNTAIN**" and the "**ORGAN PIPES**", before we have dinner and our well earned rest for the night.
- Day 7 On the way to **ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**, we visit the **Vingerklip Lodge**, where we enjoy our lunch. After a brief photographic session at the **VINGERKLIP ROCK FINGER** in the fantastic Ugab river valley, we drive to our overnight stop, the 3 star **Epacha Lodge** at the very edge of Etosha.



Situated on 10.000 hectares it is one of the largest and most interesting Game Lodges in Namibia. Coupled with its beautiful location and 3* accommodation it is a real treat.

Lying in the bathtub with a glass of iced champagne, one is afforded a view of the floodlit waterhole, where all manner of game including elephants come to drink. We will undertake an afternoon game drive on the property before we enjoy a special meal under a thatched roof in Namibia.

Day 8 At first light we enter the [ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK](#). 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 spent at [Mokuti Lodge](#) or [Mushara Lodge](#) just outside the Park.

Day 9 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 Game Lodge](#). After refreshing ourselves and a little time to wander around the beautiful property, we have lunch and lounge at the pool before we undertake our afternoon game-drive. A last opportunity to photograph and observe some of the rarer species of game close-up: Hippopotamus, elephant, sable, roan, and rhinoceros are all on the "Menu". After dark we can watch lions feeding, before we enjoy our last grill evening in the "Boma".

Day 10 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, before we must make our way to the Airport where we mount our Iron Pegasus to take us back home. We say our last farewell and promise to come back to Namibia.

