



Reef & Rainforest

Namibian Wanderings on the Wild Side 2021

Windhoek - Sesriem - Swakopmund - Twyfelfontein - Etosha South - Okonjima Nature Reserve
Escorted Small Group Tour - 11 Days / 10 Nights

June, July, August, September & October 2021





Accommodation	Destination	Start	End	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Rivendell Guest House	Windhoek	13 Jun	14 Jun	B&B	1x En Suite Room	1 Night
Sossusvlei Lodge	Sesriem	14 Jun	16 Jun	D,B&B	1x Standard Room	2 Nights
Strand Hotel Swakopmund	Swakopmund	16 Jun	18 Jun	B&B	1x Standard Room	2 Nights
Camp Kipwe	Twyfelfontein	18 Jun	20 Jun	D,B&B	1x Bungalow Rooms	2 Nights
Etosha Safari Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia	Etosha South	20 Jun	22 Jun	D,B&B	1x Standard Double/Twin Room	2 Nights
Okonjima Plains Camp	Okonjima Nature Reserve	22 Jun	23 Jun	D,B&B	1x Plains Camp Standard Rooms	1 Night

Price: £3995 per person sharing Single Supplement: Please enquire
(Minimum of two guests needed for the tour to run)

Arrive: 13 June 2021 – Depart: 23 June 2021

Arrive: 11 July 2021 – Depart: 21 July 2021

Arrive: 12 September 2021 – Depart: 22 September 2021

Arrive: 8 August 2021 – Depart: 18 August 2021

Arrive: 10 October 2021 – Depart: 20 October 2021



Day 1: Rivendell Guest House, Windhoek (Sun, 13 June – later dates will also apply, depending on departure chosen)

Upon arrival at the Airport in Windhoek you will be met and transferred to Rivendell Guesthouse for your first night. Dinner this evening will be at Joe's Beerhouse on each client's own account. Situated in Central Namibia, the cosmopolitan city of Windhoek serves as the capital of the country. It is home to an international airport and a plethora of restaurants, shops, entertainment venues and accommodation options. The city is clean, safe and well-organised, with a colonial legacy that is reflected in its many German eateries and shops, and the widespread use of the German language. Windhoek has an interesting mix of historical architecture and modern buildings, including the Alte Feste, an old fort, the 1896 Christuskirche Christ Church, and the more contemporary Supreme Court.

Overnight: Rivendell Guest House

Located in a quiet suburb of Namibia's capital city Windhoek, Rivendell caters for guests who enjoy homely, comfortable accommodation at a reasonable price. Rivendell is for many, "the last homely house before the wilds"! The emphasis is on friendly hospitality and helpfulness, whether it be reserving a table at the best restaurant in town, organising a day trip, finding a rental car, booking a safari or planning a full self-drive itinerary. Families are welcome and a cot with bedding can be provided on request.

Relax around the swimming pool or lounge area, and maybe take some time to explore the shops and restaurants of the city. Accommodation consists of five en-suite rooms, five rooms with shared bathroom facilities, and two self-catering flats. Facilities include satellite TV lounge, large swimming pool, gardens, self-catering kitchen, honesty bar, free of charge WiFi internet, guest computer for people travelling without laptops, guest phone and safe off-road parking.



En Suite Room

All of the en-suite rooms have a tea and coffee tray with kettle, a fan and comfortable double or twin beds. Some of the rooms are large enough to add one or two extra beds. There are five en-suite rooms.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 2-4: Sossusvlei Lodge, Sesriem (Mon, 14 June to Wed, 16 June)

This morning your guide will collect you from Rivendell Guesthouse at a time discussed the evening before. You will drive with your guide for approximately 5.5 hours to Sossusvlei Lodge.

Park fees are included for day 2 so your guide will take you into the park for a full day Sossusvlei Excursion. Lunch is on own account.

Sesriem

As there is no accommodation at Sossusvlei, visitors to this desert wilderness are likely to end up staying at Sesriem, 65 kilometres away, where camps and lodges serve as a base from which to explore the dunes. Sesriem Canyon, a deep chasm carved through the rocks by water, is a striking natural feature of the area that is best explored on foot. Stony walls rise up sharply on both sides of the canyon, while birds roost in its crags and lizards dart along the ledges. The canyon's name was coined when early settlers used it as a water source, using six lengths of leather ('ses riem – six thongs) tied together to lower buckets into the water at the base of canyon.)

Overnight: Sossusvlei Lodge

Luxury right at the entrance gate to Sesriem Canyon and the famous Sossusvlei

Situated at the Entrance Gate to the Namib Naukluft Park, Sossusvlei Lodge offers direct access to the towering red sand dunes, the famous pan of Sossusvlei, the scorched black trees of Dead Vlei and the remarkable depths of the Sesriem Canyon.

The Superior Accommodation units at Sossusvlei Lodge feature a patio to enjoy views over the Desert landscapes, a spacious air-conditioned twin-bedded room and a full en-suite bathroom. The Standard Family Units feature two rooms back to back connected by a lockable inter-leading door between the two private bathrooms. An elegant Junior Suite boasts a spacious bedroom, living area, patio with a splash pool, large bathroom and inspiring views.

Experience the true art of Hospitality with the thoughtful touch of attentive staff to contribute to a truly memorable experience. Facilities include a sparkling pool, bar, sundowner deck, beer garden and an al fresco terrace where one can enjoy exquisite food, award-winning wines and magnificent views of the floodlit waterhole.

The Sossusvlei Lodge Adventure Centre provides a range of optional activities including Guided Excursions to Deadvlei and Sossusvlei, Elim dune walks, Sundowner Trips, Quad Buggy Nature Drives, Hot Air Ballooning, Scenic Flights and much more to explore the area's natural beauty.



Standard Room

The Junior Suite ensures privacy and tranquility with a fantastic view of the surrounding desert plains.

The Suite consists of a spacious air-conditioned bedroom with a luxurious queen-size bed, an adjacent living area and a private terrace boasting a small splash pool and comfortable seating to fully take advantage of the unsurpassed views extending over the Desert landscapes.

In addition, there is an elegant bathroom with walk-in shower, separate toilet, double vanity and a freestanding feature bath underneath a skylight to admire the star-studded skies whilst taking a relaxing bath.

Amenities include a refreshment area with tea and coffee making facilities, fridge, spacious closet, comfortable couch, safe and a complimentary turn-down service.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 4: Strand Hotel, Swakopmund (Wed, 16 June)

Today your guide will escort you to Swakopmund where you will spend the next two nights. The drive will be approximately 5.5 hours. You can spend the afternoon at leisure and have dinner at The Tug Restaurant this evening. The next morning your guide will drive you to Walvis Bay where you will join a Catamaran Cruise, this is included in your package.

Swakopmund

Set along Namibia's spectacularly scenic Atlantic coast, the seaside town of Swakopmund is known for its wide open avenues, colonial architecture and surrounding otherworldly desert terrain. Founded in 1892 as the main harbour for German South West Africa, Swakopmund is often described as being more German than Germany. Now a seaside resort town, Swakopmund is the capital of the Skeleton Coast tourism area and has plenty to keep visitors happy. The quirky mix of German and Namibian influences, adventure options, laid-back atmosphere and cool sea breeze make it a very popular Namibian destination. Visitors can look forward to a number of exciting activities including quad biking, horse riding, paragliding, fishing, sightseeing and fascinating desert tours.

Overnight: Strand Hotel Swakopmund

With its extensive, unique and creatively entertaining Restaurants, Bars, Deli, Lobby-Lounge, Sea Facing Terraces, Beach Kiosk and state of the art Conference & Banqueting Centre, all set on the Mole, a historic and iconic site surrounded by Ocean on three sides, the Strand Hotel Swakopmund is a social epicentre and destination in itself for all visitors to and residents of Swakopmund.

Its architectural inspiration finds its roots deep in Namibian-German history and reflects this in a tasteful contemporary manner. The interiors are residential in nature, and the brief to all designers involved was to create a non-hotel, hotel. One as charming and welcoming as the town it is located in. Simply very warm and comfortable, and as they say in German: "gemütlich" providing a genuine "sense-of-place" atmosphere adding to any Namibian visit.

Arriving at the Strand is a dramatic experience as one passes through its 13m high and 9m wide Ocean View Atrium which travels right through the Hotel offering sea views at either end. Off this Atrium Lobby is Reception, consisting of three individual desks and an inviting open fireplace which rounds off the residential feel and warm welcome.



Standard Room

Strand Hotel offers 125 rooms of which 90% have beach and/or sea views and 10% have garden/park views. The six room types all feature tea & coffee stations, mini-bars, hairdryers, TV's, free Wi-Fi Internet access, telephones and air-conditioning. All standard rooms feature floor-to-ceiling panoramic and sliding windows with views of the beach and sea or the gardens. Each has an en-suite bathroom with shower, single vanity unit and separate toilet. The room is furnished with either an extra-length soft-top king or two single mattresses, a writing desk and easy lounging armchair with reading light. The interior room sizes range from 28 to 31 m2. All standard rooms are designed to accommodate up to two adults and one child in a cot. Two inter-leading standard rooms can accommodate two adults and two children. There are also two standard enabled rooms which have all the features of the standard room PLUS a separate second fully equipped enabled bathroom with shower, single vanity unit and full wheel-chair access. Both of the enabled rooms provide sea views and the interior size is 39 m2.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 5: Strand Hotel Swakopmund, Swakopmund (Thu, 17 June)

Activities

Catamaran Cruise

Catamaran Charters

The Catamaran Charters Team invites you aboard the 45ft Royal Cape Sailing Catamaran Silverwind, or the 60ft Simon Sailing Catamaran Silversand, or the 40ft Admiral Motorised Catamaran Silvermoon, to enjoy an adventure packed tour to Pelican Point and Walvis Bay's beautiful bay area.

The chances of encountering dolphins, whales, turtles, seals and mola mola (sunfish) make the search for the marine Big Five an adventurous tour. Enjoy sparkling wine, fresh oysters and other mouth-watering snacks aboard the spacious and comfortable catamaran.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 6-8: Camp Kipwe, Twyfelfontein (Fri, 18 June - Sun, 20 June)

Today you will be driven north to the Twyfelfontein area to stay two nights at Camp Kipwe. The drive will take approximately 5.5 hours. Park Fees are included so your guide will take you to the Twyfelfontein World Heritage Site to explore the world famous petroglyphs revealing an area that is rich in ancient history.

Twyfelfontein

Set in the Kunene Region of north-western Namibia, Twyfelfontein is a spectacularly scenic area, featuring one of the largest and most important concentrations of rock art in Africa. The name 'Twyfelfontein' translates to 'Fountain of Doubt', which refers to the perennial spring situated in the impressive Huab valley flanked by the slopes of a sandstone table mountain. It was this spring that attracted Stone Age hunters over six thousand years ago, and it was during this time that the extensive group of rock engravings and paintings were

produced. Visitors can look forward to exploring over thirty different groups of these sacred records of ritual practices relating to traditional hunter-gatherer communities.

Overnight: Camp Kipwe

Huddled in the rocks, with sweeping views across the Aba Huab valley, Camp Kipwe is full of surprises, starting when guests first arrive. It appears as if huge granite rocks have tumbled down the hill to reveal this beautiful camp. Relax and unwind in the lounge – the mountain views from here are breath-taking as are the stunning sunsets. There is also a swimming pool, where many guests head straight to after a day's activities, and a laundry service. Accommodation is in igloo-shaped double bungalows. Outside each bungalow is an en-suite bathroom with a shower, as well as a private veranda, overlooking the surrounding plains. They all have an in-room safe. The 9 specially designed rooms are unique and private, with an outdoor bathroom, thatched roofs and spectacular views over the surrounding area. A luxury thatched suite is also available, with a lounge equipped with air-conditioning, a satellite television, a double room with en-suite bathroom, laundry service and a mini-bar.

Your activity on the full day at Kipwe will be a guided nature drive lasting 3-6 hours, starting in the morning. These guided trips include exploring the surrounding area in a 4x4 vehicle, in search of Namibia's remaining 600 desert dwelling elephants. The Twyfelfontein excursions will last for around 2 ½ hrs, starting in the afternoon. The drive will include visits to the Burnt Mountain, the Organ Pipes, as well as to the fascinating Bushman paintings. There are a number of self-guided nature walks that will cover trails in and around Camp Kipwe, the durations of which will depend on guests' preferences.



Bungalow Rooms

Organic and understated, the rooms at Camp Kipwe are like extensions of the rocks themselves. Inside the dome shaped space, you feel like entering a secluded cave and becoming one with the landscape. Natural touches – rocks embedded in the floor, animals carved into the wood, mimicking the area’s famous engravings – add to the unique sense of place found at Camp Kipwe. Nestled against the boulders, the partially open, outdoor bathrooms provide a bit of whimsy in the bush, while a small deck extends the living space, connecting guests to the riverbed and the views beyond. There are nine rooms at Camp Kipwe. Twin bedded accommodation (can be converted to a Double bed) with air-conditioning, en-suite facilities (outdoor shower and ablutions). Hot water is supplied by wood-burning ‘donkey’ boilers and solar geysers.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Included

Conservancy Levy, Game drive

Day 8-10: Etosha Safari Lodge, Gondwana Collection Namibia, Etosha South (Sun, 20 June to Tue, 22 June)

Today you will leave Camp Kipwe and make your way to Etosha national Park with your guide. The drive will take approximately 4 hours. You will spend two nights at Etosha Safari Lodge. On the full day here, your personal guide will take you into Etosha National Park for a game drive. Park fees are included.

Etosha South

Located just south of the boundary of Etosha National Park in north-western Namibia, Etosha South makes up the southern region of this wild paradise. The national park can be accessed via the southern entrance at Andersson's Gate. Visitors can catch a glimpse of a variety of wildlife including lion, giraffe, elephant, white and black rhino, and a multitude of plains game. Popular activities include game drives, tracking rhinos on foot, guided nature walks, or watch the sunset over this magnificent landscape.

Overnight: Etosha Safari Lodge, Gondwana Collection, Namibia

This stylish lodge, just 10km south of the Andersson's Gate on the C38, overlooks a vast expanse of mopane woodland. Space is an attractive element at Etosha Safari Lodge with its lavish view, spacious deck and dining area, and airy rooms with private verandas. It's the place to open doors to the mystery and magic of Etosha, 'Place of Legends'. Maybe choose to explore the national park with the knowledgeable lodge guides who are familiar with the waterholes and the animals that frequent them. Take this opportunity to be introduced to African wildlife from the comfortable seat of a game vehicle. Early morning or late afternoon visits, in accordance with the Andersson's Gate times, provide the best game viewing.

After visiting Etosha, return to the lodge to relax, dive into the cool waters of the pools or indulge in quality food and wine - and peace. The lodge, a world away from the hustle and bustle of Okaukuejo, offers comfortable Etosha accommodation with easy access to the Park. Dine under a dome of stars on the outside veranda, sit next to a blazing fire or watch the red orb of the sun sink gracefully into the landscape from the sunset deck.



Standard Twin Room

The rooms are located on a hillock providing magnificent views to Etosha National Park in the distance. Rooms have twin beds, en-suite bathrooms (showers) and a small veranda. All rooms have air-conditioners and complimentary tea/coffee facilities.

Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 10: Okonjima Plains Camp, Okonjima Nature Reserve (Tue, 22 June)

Today, your guide will take you to Okonjima Nature Reserve where you will spend your last evening. The drive will take approximately three hours.

Okonjima Nature Reserve

Midway between the spectacular Etosha National Park and the capital city of Windhoek lies the well-known Okonjima Nature Reserve. The 22,000 ha nature reserve is home to AfriCAT, a carnivore sanctuary, which gives the captive cats a second chance to be released back into the wild and become completely independent hunters in a protected area right in the middle of commercial cattle farmland. Visitors can enjoy a stay at a variety of excellent accommodation options including everything from luxury villas to secluded camping. Enjoy thrilling cat tracking guided safaris, leopard-spotting, off-road night drives and learn about local San culture along the Bushmen trail.

Overnight: Okonjima Plains Camp

Plains Camp honours the Hanssen family's cattle-farming heritage with its three-tier accommodation facility of 10 spacious View Rooms, 14 spacious Standard Rooms and six affordable Garden Rooms. It is family-friendly and wheelchair accessible.

The Plains Camp is 700m from the airstrip within the secluded wilderness area of Okonjima Nature Reserve and has majestic sunset views. Its design honours the Hanssen's family cattle-farming history with its three-tier accommodation facility of 10 large View Rooms, 14 spacious Standard Rooms and six affordable Garden Rooms. It is family-friendly and wheelchair accessible.

Okonjima, a cattle farm since the early 1920s, was bought by Brahman breeders Val (VJ) and Rose Hanssen in 1970. By the time Namibia gained its independence in early 1990, they needed to address increasing livestock losses and growing interest in Namibia as a tourist destination. Three years later their herds of Brahman and Jersey cattle were sold and Okonjima's attention turned to recovering the grass plains and transforming it into a nature reserve, with a primary focus on carnivore conservation through The AfriCat Foundation. Today it's a luxurious African safari destination in the heart of Namibia that's ideal for wildlife photography and famed for its cheetah, brown hyena and leopard sightings.



Plains Camp Standard Rooms

14 Standard Rooms, with a view across the Okonjima plains.

Each room has a small verandah, a wheel-chair friendly ramp and the rooms are set 15m - 20m apart.

The rooms each have two double beds, a mini-fridge for own use, a coffee/tea station, two ceiling fans, twin washbasins, large shower, a safe for valuables and a telephone to contact reception.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 11: End of Itinerary (Wed, 23 June)

You will be driven back to Windhoek today, and then to the airport with your guide to arrive in time to connect with your onward flight.



Included

Customized 7-seater safari vehicle and professional guide: these vehicles have been hand crafted to strict specifications so that every guest has a comfortable window seat, equipped with super deluxe reclining seats (7-seater + driver), with good back support.

Fuel for the vehicle, and water on board.

10 breakfasts & 7 dinners

Accommodation as stated

Activities as stated and the associated Park Entrance Fees



Excluded

Any additional meals or activities which are not stated as included in the itinerary

Gratuities

International flights and airport taxes

Travel insurance for cancellation, curtailment and medical emergencies/ treatment – this is mandatory when making a booking with us

Visas if applicable – all visas are the full responsibility of the client

All other expenses of a personal nature





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IMPORTANT NOTES TO ACCOMPANY THE ABOVE ITINERARY

NB: The quoted price for the above itinerary is based on current rates. These may be subject to unanticipated increases beyond our control at short notice, either before or after you have booked the tour, in which case the price would need to be revised accordingly.

NB: Inclusive tours and excursions as stated in the itinerary will have been pre-paid. Once full payment has been made and/or clients are actually at their destination, should clients be disinclined to partake of any inclusive tour or excursion, no refunds will be possible.

NB: Prices are based on standard rooms unless otherwise stated in the itinerary. Should you wish to upgrade please let us know.

NB: This tour may involve travel in remote areas. This adds to the adventure and increases the opportunity to enjoy a true wildlife/wilderness experience. However, due to terrain, weather, road conditions, and other factors beyond our control, some elements of the tour may have to be altered. Times of some activities may need to be changed or even cancelled due to the conditions. If an activity is cancelled it will usually be replaced with an alternative activity that is more appropriate for the conditions. Advance notice will be given for any changes where possible, although at times changes may need to be made whilst the tour is in progress.

NB: With any trip involving wildlife it is impossible to guarantee a sighting, but each trip is designed around known habitats. Every effort will be made to ensure a sighting, but cannot be held responsible if no sighting is made due to the wildlife itself, weather, or any other elements beyond our control.

NB: Some African wildlife is potentially very dangerous/lethal. Do not become complacent and be sure to adhere to all instructions and advice made by lodge staff and rangers.

NB: Although a relatively developed country, Namibia still has a precarious infrastructure including unreliable electricity supply, potholed roads, and criminal elements. Bookings will only be accepted on the understanding that the client accepts Reef and Rainforest Tours has done everything in its power to ensure there are no difficulties, but has no control over standards of some equipment, available accommodation and services, airline and hotel reservation policies, criminals, flight schedule changes etc.

NB: Adequate insurance cover is mandatory. Please supply us with details of your cover.

NB: Any clients arriving from East Africa (Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda), Central or West Africa and South America, will need Yellow Fever certificates to enter Namibia.

NB: Should you wish to reserve specific seats on your flights please let us know.

NB: Tips are not included and are payable locally at your discretion.



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