



Windhoek, Sossusvlei, NamibRand Nature Reserve,
Swakopmund, Damaraland, Erongo Mountains

Join us on a truly unique adventure in some of the most beautiful and captivating landscapes in the world!

We'll explore Namibia by mountain bike, foot, sea kayak and 4x4 vehicles with specialist guides and full back-up support.

- See the renowned Sossusvlei dunes
- Sleep out in an open air bedroom under a blanket of stars in the desert
- Hike in the NamibRand Nature Reserve, learning about desert flora & fauna
- Kayak among seals and dolphins
- Go in search of the desert elephant
- Mountain bike in the scenic splendor of Damaraland

Fuel your thirst for active adventure with us in Namibia!



YOUR ITINERARY

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May 26-27	Windhoek
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June 3-4	Erongo Wilderness Lodge, Erongo Mountains
June 4	Depart from Windhoek International Airport

May 26 Arrival into Windhoek

Today your Ultimate Safari guide meets you on your arrival at the Windhoek International Airport, situated 40 km outside Windhoek. You are then transferred to Windhoek and the Galton House. En route, you will enjoy a short city tour. Dinner tonight is at the guesthouse or out in town at one of Windhoek's famous restaurants with your guide.

Windhoek, Namibia's capital, nestles among rolling hills, bounded by the Eros Mountains in the east, the Auas Mountains to the south and the Khomas Hochland in the west. It is a meeting place between Africa and Europe, the modern and the old. In the capital's main street, well-preserved German colonial buildings are in sharp contrast with modern architectural styles, while Herero women in their traditional Victorian dresses mingle with executives dressed in the latest fashions. Located centrally, Windhoek is an ideal base from which to begin your Namibian adventure.

One night at the Galton House including dinner

www.galtonhouse.com

Galton House is Windhoek's newest accommodation establishment. Named after the famous explorer Sir Francis Galton, it has a relaxed but efficient style which creates a very welcoming atmosphere. Impressive wildlife photography adorns the walls whilst the rest of the interior is a combination of modern minimalist and understated chic. A mere ten minute drive from the centre of town and perched on the edge of Windhoek's northernmost affluent suburb of Eros, guests staying here will be ensured of peace and tranquillity.

May 27 Sossusvlei Area

This morning, after breakfast, your guide will collect you from the guesthouse and you will depart in your safari vehicle for a four hour drive southwest through the scenic Khomas Hochland highlands before you head down the Great Escarpment into the Namib Desert below. A picnic lunch can be taken at a scenic location en-route as you will arrive at Desert Homestead in the late afternoon, where you will stay for one night whilst you explore the remarkable sights of the Namib Desert. This section of the massive 50,000 km² Namib Naukluft National Park has become known as Sossusvlei, famous for its towering apricot coloured sand dunes which can be reached by following the Tsauchab River valley. Sossusvlei itself is actually a clay pan set amidst these star shaped dunes which stand up to 300 meters above the surrounding plains, ranking them among the tallest dunes on earth.

If there is still time today you can visit Sesriem Canyon, a nearby geological attraction or you can just relax and soak in the scenic and tranquil surroundings at the Lodge. Sesriem Canyon has evolved through centuries of erosion by the Tsauchab River where the shaded cool depths of the canyon allow pools of water to gather during the rainy season and remain for much of the year. These pools

were a vital source of water for early settlers who drew water for their livestock by knotting six (ses) lengths of rawhide thongs (riems) together, hence the canyon and surrounding area became known as Sesriem.

One night at the Desert Homestead with all meals and programmed activities included

www.deserthomestead-namibia.com

The Desert Homestead lies in the wide grassy valley is sheltered by the Nubib, Tsaris and Naukluft mountains with a view reaching the distant dunes of the Namib Desert in the west. Offering simple but stylish accomodation in thatched chalets which were designed with the fragile beauty of this remarkable environment in mind, the Desert Homestead will ensure you an unrivalled respite from the desert extremes. Tranquil surroundings, Alfresco dining, delectably fresh farm cuisine, refreshing dips in the pool, stunning sunsets and sunrises are the basic pleasures at the lodge.

May 28
NamibRand
Nature Reserve

This morning you will rise early for an excursion inside the Namib Naukluft National Park with your guide, entering the Park gates at sunrise to capture the dunes whilst the light is soft and shadows accentuate their towering shapes and curves. Located close to Sossusvlei, the NamibRand Nature Reserve is the largest privately owned nature reserve in southern Africa and has some of the world's last remaining wilderness areas. The particular attraction of NamibRand is its diversity of different desert landscapes, representing virtually all facets of the Namib Desert with expansive sand and gravel plains and endless stretches of grass savannah alternated with majestic mountain ranges and vegetated dune belts of deep red sand, and boasts some of the highest free-standing sand dunes in the world. Your guide will give you an insight on the formation of the Namib Desert and its myriad of fascinating creatures and plants that have adapted to survive these harsh environs. Once you have explored to your heart's content and climbed one of the highest free standing dunes in the world, you can enjoy a relaxing picnic breakfast under the shade of a camelthorn tree.

After this, you head to the Tok Tokkie Trail base situated on the NamibRand Nature Reserve, where you will arrive in time for a late lunch, stopping off to view Sesriem Canyon along the way, if you have not already done so the previous day. After lunch you set off on a two day walking activity in the dunes, arriving at a different camp each night. The camps are set up in wilderness areas, where you will have your own open air bedroom under a blanket of stars (i.e. you will be sleeping out on top of a dune field under the stars) – this is a ‘once in a lifetime experience’ and something that will stay with you forever. Your luggage will always be transported between camps, so all you will need to carry is your day pack and some water. The walking trail is designed for walkers who prefer to experience the desert at a leisurely pace, with the emphasis being on quality time with your guide, who will take time to explain the intricacies of the desert fauna and flora. The Tok Tokkie Trail is well-known for having a high level of guiding and every effort will be made to ensure that the desert creatures usually not seen whilst driving through the desert can be closely observed. The terrain offers mountains as well as sandy desert, this provides the opportunity to see the whole desert, not only the dunes.

Two nights at Tok Tokkie Trails with all meals and programmed excursions included

www.toktokkietrails.com

Tok Tokkie Trails takes you close to the desert's awesome beauty. The beauty of the Tok Tokkie walking trail is the fact that you closely experience so many different aspects of the beautiful desert - from mountainous terrain to sandy dunes. On the way, you will also discover many secrets of the desert and you will see that the red sand is buzzing with life. In addition to the fantastic scenery and unfenced wildlife, the desert holds big and small wonders of adaptation that cannot be experienced while driving.

May 30
Swakopmund

This morning you return to the base camp before departing by vehicle for Swakopmund. The fascinating 5-6 hour drive today takes you northwest through awesome and ever changing desert landscapes of the Namib Naukluft National Park, including the impressive Gaub and Kuiseb canyons. You will meet the coast at the port town of Walvis Bay, visiting the lagoon to see the interesting mix of pelicans, flamingos and other sea-birds, before continuing north to Swakopmund where you can enjoy the pleasant seaside location and cooler coastal air for the next two nights. Swakopmund resembles a small, German coastal resort nestled between the desert and the sea. It boasts a charming combination of German colonial architecture blended with good hotels, shops, restaurants, museums, craft centres, galleries and cafés. There will be time this afternoon to wander around town and along the waterfront on foot, before heading off to dinner at the popular Tug Restaurant by the jetty which specializes in fresh seafood. Here you will meet your mountain biking guide, who will now be accompanying you throughout your safari, who will assist you with getting your bicycles ready (either rented or your own).

Two nights at the Cornerstone Guesthouse with all meals included

www.cornerstoneguesthouse.com

Cornerstone Guesthouse is a small, private and peaceful bed and breakfast located within walking distance of both the sea and the town centre of Swakopmund, on Namibia's fascinating Skeleton Coast.

Day 6

After an early breakfast you make your way to Walvis Bay, where you will spend your morning kayaking on the Atlantic Ocean amongst seals and dolphins. This should be an exhilarating morning and finished off with a light lunch, before visiting the Walvis Bay Lagoon, where you should be treated to some good birdlife. You will then return to Swakopmund and the afternoon is spent mountain biking in the immediate vicinity of Swakopmund.

June 1
Damaraland

After breakfast you depart for your 4 hours drive into the Damaraland, located in northwestern Namibia. You head inland and pass Namibia's highest mountain, the Brandberg, and make your way towards Twyfelfontein. Typified by displays of colour, magnificent table topped mountains, rock formations and bizarre-looking vegetation, Damaraland offers some of the most breath-taking scenery on the safari. The present day landscape has been formed by the erosion of wind, water and geological forces which have formed rolling hills, dunes, gravel plains and ancient river terraces. It is the variety and loneliness of the area as well as the scenic splendour which will reward and astound you, giving an authentic understanding of the word 'wilderness'.

If time allows this afternoon, your guide will take you to visit Twyfelfontein Rock Engravings, which have recently been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, as well as the Burnt Mountain and the Organ Pipes, on your mountain bikes... hence allowing you to explore this magnificent wilderness in a nature friendly way that has been rarely done before. You arrive at Camp Kipwe in the late afternoon, in time to enjoy a sundowner.

Two nights at Camp Kipwe with all meals and programmed excursions included

www.kipwe.com

Designed to creatively embrace the granite boulders, the camp embodies its Swahili meaning as it blesses the mind, body and soul of every traveler that makes the journey. Taking advantage of the nearby Aba Huab River and all-consuming expansive landscape, Kipwe offers a refreshing perspective on traditional safari life. Here is where your uncluttered sense of self emerges redefined, as you enjoy the simplistic elegance of the camp and appreciate the attention to detail in everything you touch. At Kipwe, your blessings find you again.

June 2

After an early breakfast you will be treated to an exciting 4x4 excursion along the ephemeral Aba Huab River valley to explore this remarkable region and to search for game, especially the elusive desert adapted elephants if they are in the area. Desert adapted elephant in Kaokoland and the Namib walk further for water and fodder than any other elephant in Africa. The distances between water-holes and feeding grounds can be as great as 68 km. The typical home range of a family herd is larger than 2,000 km², or eight times as big as ranges in central Africa where rainfall is much higher. They walk and feed at night and rest during the day. To meet their nutritional and bulk requirements they browse on no fewer than 74 of the 103 plant species that grow in their range. Not a separate species or even a subspecies, they are an ecotype unique to Namibia in Africa south of the equator, behaviorally adapted to hyper-arid conditions. Elephant in Mali on the southwestern fringe of the Sahara Desert are the only others known to survive in similar conditions. Damaraland is home to a variety of desert adapted wildlife and hidden desert treasures. You will return to Camp for lunch and this afternoon you may visit Twyfelfontein and other nearby attractions if you haven't already done so, or spent the afternoon cycling in this magnificent area with your guide.

June 3 Erongo Mountains

After a relaxed morning or a short walk/cycle if you prefer in the area with your guide, you return to the lodge for breakfast and to freshen up, before departing in a southerly direction to the Erongo Mountains. We aim to arrive at Erongo Wilderness Lodge in time for lunch (or may have a picnic en route). Erongo Wilderness Lodge is nestled amid granite formations on the outskirts of an ancient volcano. These are the Erongo Mountains – a spectacular feature that rises imposingly out of the surrounding plains. The mountains form a rare confluence of ecosystems that give rise to remarkable biodiversity, including a vast array of plant, reptile, mammal and bird species that are endemic to Namibia. The Lodge is a founder member of The Erongo Mountain Nature Conservancy, joining 30 private landowners in a collective effort to conserve and protect this natural treasure of over 200 000ha in extent. The Conservancy's mission includes the preservation of the rich cultural heritage in the form of rock paintings and engravings that are found throughout the area, such as at the Paula's Cave rock art site. The stunning Erongo Mountains are circled by impressive granite outcrops, magnificent rock formations and attractive vegetation.

After lunch you will have some time to relax before embarking on yet another cycling tour within the Erongo Conservancy, including a short hike up to see the rock paintings at Paula's Cave. Alternatively you may like to join a guided sundowner walk to a breathtaking viewpoint nearby the lodge.

One night at Erongo Wilderness Lodge with all meals and programmed excursions included

www.erongowilderness-namibia.com

There is a special wilderness area in Namibia, encircled by the Erongo Mountains where the desert, mountain, and bushveld ecosystems combine. Here, in a secluded valley, you will find a lodge with ten luxury tented chalets in a dramatic setting of granite boulders and breathtaking views. Each chalet is built on stilts, set against towering granite formations, and each chalet has its own niche amongst the rocks, ensuring peace, privacy and exclusivity. With its own private deck, bush-style mini-bar, and spectacular setting, each chalet is the perfect way to experience the lush Erongo environment.

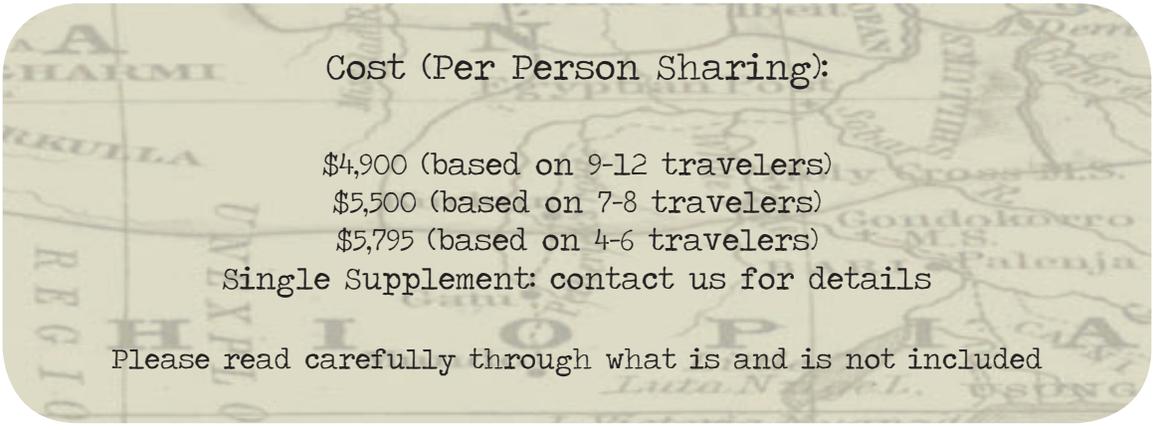
June 4
Departure
for US, or
extension

After breakfast, and possibly a last cycling tour into the local area, you will depart to Windhoek which is a drive of a bit less than three hours. Should you have time on arrival you can explore Windhoek especially if you have any last minute shopping. You will then be transferred to the Windhoek International Airport in time for your international flight back home.

For those choosing to do an extension to Etosha or other locales, we are happy to make arrangements for you.

End of Services





Cost (Per Person Sharing):

\$4,900 (based on 9-12 travelers)

\$5,500 (based on 7-8 travelers)

\$5,795 (based on 4-6 travelers)

Single Supplement: contact us for details

Please read carefully through what is and is not included

INCLUDES

- Meet & Greet in Windhoek
- Accommodations as specified in itinerary
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- Transportation in a luxury air-conditioned safari vehicle
- Private road transfers as specified in itinerary
- Excursions as outlined in itinerary
- Included game viewing activities at safari camps
- All National Park fees in the locations of the safari camps
- Mineral water on board the safari vehicle

EXCLUDES

- All items of a personal nature
- Bike rental
- Meals other than those specified
- All beverages with the exception of mineral water on board the safari vehicle
- Tips (please see “Notes” below)
- Scheduled international flights and departure taxes
- Any flights not specifically mentioned in itinerary
- Local, specialized and/or premium brand beverages
- Travel and health insurance

Mapping Your Trip



1. Windhoek
2. Sossusvlei Area
3. NamibRand Nature Reserve
4. Swakopmund
5. Damaraland
6. Erongo Mountains

NOTES

Namibia Entry Requirements

If you are traveling through Namibia, you must ensure that your passport has 3 consecutive blank non-endorsed pages in it. Passports must be valid for 6 months after the intended date of departure.

Visas:

US Citizens currently do not require a tourist visa for Namibia for stays less than 90 days. Requirements can change without notice

Departure Taxes & Fees:

Be prepared to pay the following and have extra cash on hand as occasionally, a unique airport fee is introduced and fees may increase with limited notice.

Tipping:

Tipping is not mandatory, though it is customary. Only tip if you are happy with the services! Tips can be given in the local currency or US dollars. Below is a guideline to assist you:

Safari guide: \$10 per day, per person

Mountain biking guide: \$10 per day, per person

Trackers: \$5 per day, per person

Camp staff: \$5 – \$10 per day, per person (this typically goes into a communal box or is given to the camp manager)

Transfer drivers: \$2-\$5

Porters at hotels: \$1 -\$2

Restaurants: 10%

Medical:

Parts of Namibia are considered malarial. Therefore, be sure to take precautions against malaria prior to the commencement of your holiday. Follow your doctor's advice regarding prophylactics and be sure to cover up in the early mornings and evenings and apply repellent.

Insurance:

It is a condition of booking with Global Sojourns that you have comprehensive travel insurance to safeguard against cancellation and curtailment, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and personal belongings.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

PAYMENT TERMS: A non-refundable deposit for 20% is required at the time of booking. The balance is due 60 days before commencement of the arrangements. If the reservation is made within 60 days of departure the whole amount must be paid at the time of confirmation. If the balance is not received prior to 60 days before departure, Global Sojourns L.L.C. reserves the right to treat the trip as cancelled. All payments may be made by check, bank transfer or major credit card (Visa/MC).

Upon agreement of the itinerary, you will be sent detailed travel information and some forms to fill out. Please review the information and send in a signed liability waiver with your deposit.

CANCELLATION POLICY: It is very important that you are aware of our cancellation policy which comes into force as soon as a booking is made definite. These policies are based on those of the suppliers we are using for this itinerary. Cancellations are only effective on receipt of a written cancellation. Cancellation charges will be levied when travelers cancel their confirmed reservations as follows:

the traveler's 20% deposit is forfeited if a confirmed booking is cancelled. Cancellations made after the due date of full payment carry a charge, expressed as a percentage of the total booking value, and are as follows:

within 45 days = 30% ;
within 30 days = 50%
within 20 days = 60%
within 15 days = 100%

Please note that we contract services and accommodation of third parties who have their own cancellation policies that may differ from ours and on occasion these must be adhered to. Some parties may require partial or full payment up front in order to confirm a booking - on cancellation this larger deposit may therefore be forfeited as per the third party's cancellation policy.

AIRLINES: The airfare and airport tax quoted are current and are therefore subject to change without prior warning should the airline impose an increase in the rate for any reason. The airfare quoted is based on the lowest class fare available at the time of quoting and is subject to seats being available in that class at the time of booking. Neither Global Sojourns nor our ground operators can be held responsible should airlines discontinue flights on a particular routing or change schedules resulting in missed connections. Should an amendment in a routing or itinerary be necessary we will re-quote accordingly.

TRIP INSURANCE: Global Sojourns, L.L.C. strongly recommends that each participant take out trip insurance- trip cancellation/interruption coverage as well as medical expense and evacuation coverage. This is designed to give you peace of mind and protect you in case of unexpected events such as a medical emergency or if you lose pre-paid, non-refundable trip deposits and payments because of cancellation or trip interruption due to illness, injury, or death of someone in your traveling party, an immediate or extended family member, or a business partner. Typically, these services and expenses are not fully covered by your credit card company, homeowner's policy, and/or medical insurance. We can recommend some companies if you do not already have a company that you use. It is important that you are clear on what exactly they will be covering thus it is recommended that you speak to the insurance company directly.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: Each client is entirely responsible to ensure that they are in possession of all the necessary travel documents, including a valid passport (with at least 6 months validity after departure from the host country and with sufficient blank pages for each country's immigration stamps and visas requirements), valid visas, air tickets that have you arriving in time for the start of your trip and valid vaccination certificates. For visas, the cost, currency, accepted method of payment and type of visa (i.e. single, double or multiple entry visa) should be checked in advance. This is of particular importance if you are re-entering Zambia from other countries. Border officials in some countries are not in a position to issue visas on the spot hence the need for obtaining visas in advance. Neither Global Sojourns nor our ground operator can be held responsible should the necessary visa not be fulfilled.

MEDICAL INFORMATION: It is each client's responsibility to make sure they are fit enough for the intended trip. It is essential that persons with any pre-existing medical condition(s) and/or dietary restrictions make them known to us well before departure. Be aware that you are traveling in remote geographical areas which may have limited standards of hygiene, sanitation facilities, medical treatment and that medical services, including the presence of a physician or any other trained medical professional and availability of prescription type drugs may be limited or altogether absent. Please note that many areas of travel within Africa are malarial areas and all travelers must consult their doctors before traveling and ensure that all anti-malarial precautions are taken, followed and advised upon a the time of travel.

WILD ANIMALS: Please be aware that your trip may take you into close contact with wild animals. Attacks by wild animals are rare, but no trip into the African wilderness can guarantee that this will not occur. We cannot be held responsible for any injury or incident on your trip by wild animals or otherwise. Please note that the majority of camps are unfenced and wildlife moves freely in and around the camps. Always follow the safety instructions from the guides and camp's staff with regards to moving to and from your lodging and while on game activities throughout your trip.

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