

## 12-DAY ULTIMATE NAMIBIAN SAFARI

Group Safari to Namib Naukluft/Swakopmund/Damaraland/Etosha - Onguma

- The 'Ultimate Namibian Safari' stands apart as it includes 2-nights at Dead Valley Lodge in the world famous Namib Naukluft Park. You will reach Sossusvlei before sunrise!
- Climb the world's highest free-standing sand dunes.
- Visit UNESCO Heritage site Twyfelfontein and the AfriCat Foundation.
- End your safari in the game-rich Etosha National Park and Onguma Game Reserve.
- Accommodations include Classic level permanent tented camps and lodges.
- Group is guaranteed to depart with 1 person and is limited to 7 people.
- \* AAC includes 1 complimentary nights in Windhoek plus transfers (a value of \$175.00 per person)

### 12-Day Ultimate Namibian Safari



#### UNIQUE POINTS ON THE TRIP

- Travel with one of Namibia's most reputable and well-known naturalist guides.
- Stay in inside the world's 4th largest National Park and enjoy early morning access to the dunes.
- Climb some of the world's highest free-standing sand dunes.
- Sea kayak with seals and dolphins on the Skeleton Coast (alternative option motor boat).
- Track for desert-adapted elephants in ephemeral river systems.
- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site at Twyfelfontein.
- Memorable and exciting guided game drives within the renowned Etosha National Park
- Enjoy the vantage point of a specially modified, air conditioned 4x4 with pop tops.
- Explore two parts of Etosha by spending time on the private reserves of Etosha Heights and Onguma
- Sleep in the tree tops overlooking one of the most productive waterholes on the Onguma Game Reserve.
- Visit the world renowned AfriCat Foundation and learn more about conservation initiatives involving Africa's large cats.

Day	Destination	Accommodation
01	Arrive Windhoek	Galton House
02	Depart with Group Drive to Sossusvlei	Dead Valley Lodge
03	Sunrise visit to Sossusvlei	Dead Valley Lodge
04	Drive to Swakopmund	The Delight
05	Kayak trip on Walvis Bay	The Delight
06	Drive to Damaraland	Camp Kipwe
07	Full Day excursion in Damaraland Visit Twelffontein	Camp Kipwe
08	Drive to Etosha National Park Game drive on the Etosha Heights Reserve	Etosha Mountain Lodge
09	Full day game drive Drive to Onguma Game Reserve	Onguma Tree Top Camp
10	AM game drive in Etosha Afternoon game drive Onguma	Onguma Tree Top Camp
11	Drive to AfriCat Foundation Continue to Windhoek	Galton House
12	Depart Windhoek	



**2021 LAND ARRANGEMENTS:**

	<b>Feb-Mar</b>	<b>Apr-May</b>	<b>Jun-Dec</b>
<b>Per Person</b>	\$3,250.00	\$3,650.00	\$4,125.00
Extra night – Galton House (Day 11)	+ \$100.00	+ \$100.00	+ \$100.00
<i>Single Supplement</i>	\$575.00	\$675.00	\$725.00

*\* All rates are per person sharing a room*

**~ AAC Value added bonus – complimentary transfers and 1x hotel night in Windhoek ~**

**Rates quoted are based on the South African Rand (R). Please request specifics from your Safari Consultant**

**2021 DEPARTURE DATES:** (Day 01/Monday or Friday in Windhoek)

<b>FEB 15</b>	<b>FEB 22</b>	<b>MAR 01</b>	<b>MAR 15</b>	<b>MAR 22</b>	<b>APR 05</b>
<b>APR 12</b>	<b>APR 19</b>	<b>MAY 07</b>	<b>MAY 10</b>	<b>MAY 14</b>	<b>MAY 17</b>
<b>MAY 21</b>	<b>MAY 31</b>	<b>JUN 07</b>	<b>JUN 14</b>	<b>JUN 28</b>	<b>JUL 12</b>
<b>JUL 19</b>	<b>JUL 26</b>	<b>AUG 02</b>	<b>AUG 09</b>	<b>AUG 16</b>	<b>AUG 23</b>
<b>AUG 30</b>	<b>SEP 03</b>	<b>SEP 06</b>	<b>SEP 10</b>	<b>SEP 13</b>	<b>SEP 17</b>
<b>SEP 20</b>	<b>SEP 27</b>	<b>OCT 04</b>	<b>OCT 08</b>	<b>OCT 11</b>	<b>OCT 15</b>
<b>OCT 18</b>	<b>OCT 25</b>	<b>NOV 01</b>	<b>NOV 08</b>	<b>NOV 15</b>	<b>NOV 22</b>
<b>DEC 20</b>	<b>DEC 27</b>				

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS (subject to change until ticketed):**

*Please note the following sample airfares. Lower promotional airfares are offered throughout the year so please take a moment to contact our “in house” air department for even better pricing options!*

**INTERNATIONAL:**

*Economy Class:* **From \$1,299.00-\$2,299.00 per person** (low-high season)  
*Business Class:* **From \$5,399.00 per person** (via Europe or on SAA) (low season)  
 New York/Johannesburg/New York - Please call for add-on fares from your departure city.

**INTER-AFRICA: From \$250.00\*-\$650.00 per person**

Johannesburg/Windhoek/Johannesburg

(\*from \$250.00 only when booked in conjunction with South African Airways from the USA and is subject to availability at time of booking)

**LAND COSTS INCLUDE:**

- Accommodations (including 1 night hotel in Windhoek)
- All meals and game activities on safari (Full Board)
- Meals as stated breakfast (B), Lunch (L) and Dinner (D)
- All road transfers
- Park and guiding fees
- Mineral water on board safari vehicle

### **NOT INCLUDED:**

- Tips to staff and guides
- Drinks and Laundry
- Other meals not included in the itinerary
- Optional Ballooning safari at Sossusvlei (from \$425.00 per person)
- Extra meals in Windhoek
- Airport departure taxes
- Scheduled air fares
- Travel insurance

### **NOTES:**

- 1) This safari is guaranteed to depart with a minimum of 1 person and a maximum of 7.
- 2) You have the option to extend your safari a night or two at Okonjima, staying at their Bush Camp. Priced \$795.00 per person sharing for 1-night stay and \$1375.00 per person sharing for a 2-night stay.
- 3) Scenic Flight is available from Sossusvlei to Swakopmund (Day 04). Fly over the Namib Sea Sand shipwrecks, seal colonies, abandoned diamond camps and Walvis Bay. For 2021, the cost is \$850.00 per person based on minimum of two passengers.

The **Okonjima Bush Camp** is located 3 kilometers from the main lodge and features nine luxury, thatched African-style chalets. Each chalet has a queen size bed, mini-bar, in-room safe and private deck area to enjoy the view. There is a swimming pool, reception area, curio shop and lounge with fire places all overlooking a waterhole.

Accommodation: Okonjima Bush Camp (B,L)



### **Trip Report:**

What an adventure! The 'Ultimate Namibian Safari' is an overland trip across Namibia visiting many of its iconic locations. The Namib/Naukluft National Park encompassing a portion of the Namib Desert (thought to be the planet's oldest at 43 million years). It is a barren and beautiful place, home to 700 year old dead trees that don't decay because it is so arid, fog catching Namib Desert Beetles, and Oryx so efficient at absorbing water they concentrate their urine into pellets.

Sossusvlei is a land of sweeping red dunes. Over time iron in the sand oxidizes, like metal rusting, the brighter the color the older the dune. It is also home to some of the tallest sand dunes in the world, the tallest being Big Daddy measuring in at roughly 325 meters...

The dramatic desolation of Damaraland with its desert dwelling elephants was a trip highlight for me. They are uniquely adapted to extremely dry sandy environments and are one group of only two known populations in the world...Damaraland is also home to Twyfelfontein, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with one of the largest concentrations of rock art anywhere in Africa. Hundreds of San rock paintings and engravings spanning at least 2000 years can be easily seen....

Etosha is one of the best places to see rhinos. The biggest elephants in Africa are found here, as well as the White Ghosts, Etoshas famed white elephants. Their skin stained white from the clay and calcite dust they regularly bathe in to cool themselves. We were most fortunate to see a standoff between a lone black rhino and a young bull elephant full of bravado. The standoff lasted less than a minute but seeing these two giants face off was mesmerizing. As with any encounter with a truly wild and endangered animal the experience was spellbinding...

The lions – wow. I have been to Botswana and Zimbabwe on previous trips to Africa but never saw lions. In Etosha I saw them numerous times. My first sighting consisted of a pride of nine including a young cub. We sat watching a lioness defend her kill from Black-backed Jackals and were close enough to hear her crunch through the bones. Truly incredible!...

The key to any successful adventure lies with the guide. Franco was ABSOLUTELY THE BEST!!! Always good humored, an excellent communicator, immensely knowledgeable, enthusiastic and passionate about nature and all creatures (large and small), expertly placing us perfectly into the best positions for optimal wildlife viewing time after time. He brought every scene and second of Namibia to life. I am forever grateful to him for taking us on a remarkable journey of many layered and rich experiences and for helping us understand all that is Namibia.

**Thia Bunker**

