



Skeleton Coast to Desert Expedition



KAOKOVELD



SKELETON COAST



NAMIBRAND NATURE RESERVE

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Kaokoveld - Skeleton Coast - NamibRand Nature Reserve

7 Days / 6 Nights



Introduction

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	Hoanib Elephant Camp	Kaokoveld	FI	2 Nights
Day 3	Shipwreck Lodge	Skeleton Coast	FI	2 Nights
Day 5	andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge	NamibRand Nature Reserve	FI	2 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FI: Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

Day 1: Hoanib Elephant Camp, Kaokoveld

Kaokoveld

Straddling the Angola/Namibia border, the Kaokoveld is a dry, mountainous and relatively undeveloped region that takes in the harsh beauty of Namibia's Skeleton Coast and the copper sands of the northern Namib Desert. The area is inhabited by three main ethnic groups – the Damara, Herero and Himba people – each with their own unique customs, traditions and rituals. The coastal Kaokoveld Desert stretches over 45000 square kilometres and is home to the renowned prehistoric welwitschia plant. Visitors can find a diverse variety of wildlife in the desert including: giraffes, desert-adapted elephants, black rhino, an array of endemic reptiles and many different bird species.

Overnight: Hoanib Elephant Camp

Hoanib Elephant Camp, opening in May 2026, offers guests the rare opportunity to witness one of Africa's most extraordinary adaptations and become fully immersed in the world of these resilient animals.

The under-canvas camp is set in one of the most remote and remarkable areas of Namibia's untamed northwest and has been designed for adventured travellers who seek both wild desert immersion and exceptional comfort, all while treading lightly on the earth. Each of the 10 spacious rooms have been thoughtfully designed with sustainability and the vast desert landscape in mind. From every corner in camp there is the constant companionship of expansive desert views and endless skies.

Powered entirely by solar energy the building design includes rammed earth walls and insulated canvas roofs which offer natural climate control—cool in summer, warm in winter, and always comfortable.

Made for those who seek the road less travelled—this camp is your base for raw desert exploration. Whether tracking the elusive desert-adapted wildlife, engaging with the vibrant Himba tribe, or simply taking in the magnitude of each sunset, here you'll discover desert escapism, and the quiet comfort of understated luxury.



Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
	Charter Flight		Hosea Kutako International Airport [WDH]		Hoanib Elephant Camp			

Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities
All Drinks (excl Premium Brands) Included

Day 2: Hoanib Elephant Camp, Kaokoveld

Basis

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Day 3: Shipwreck Lodge, Skeleton Coast

Skeleton Coast

Stretching from the Swakop River to southern Angola, Namibia's Skeleton Coast is known as the 'Land God Made in Anger'. Thousands of miles of sandy desert dotted with shipwrecks meet with the cold waters of the Atlantic, where ocean fog creeps over the shoreline. Somehow, an amazing array of wildlife and flora manages to survive in this harsh but beautiful environment. Animals living here include seabird colonies, Cape fur seals, zebras, gemsbok, desert-adapted elephants, lions, and many more. Surfing enthusiasts are drawn to the powerful crashing waves, and photographers flock from around the globe to snapshot the eerie shipwreck graveyards and breathtaking coastline.

Overnight: Shipwreck Lodge

The lodge is located in the famous Skeleton Coast Central Concession between the Hoarusib and Hoanib Rivers in the Skeleton Coast Park, only 45 km north of Möwe Bay. The lodge is situated on the southern bank of the Hoarusib River Mouth, nestled between the dunes with a view of the Atlantic

Ocean where the cold Benguela current pushes a refreshing breeze over the shipwreck-shaped cabins. The size of the concession area is approximately 146,600 hectares situated in North Western Namibia.

Parking and Pick-up point

Vehicles of self-drive guests are parked under cover at the pickup point situated at Möwe Bay. Fly-In guests will also be picked up at Möwe Bay. You will then be transferred the 45km north to the Shipwreck Lodge in a closed game drive vehicle.

Möwe Bay GPS co-ordinates: 19° 23' 33" S, 12° 44' 33" E

Lodge emergency contact number: +264 (0)81 260 0830.

Pick-up times

The Pickup times from Möwe Bay to the Lodge will be at:

11:00 OR 15:00

Departure times from Shipwreck Lodge to Möwe Bay will be at:

09:00



Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
		Hoanib Elephant Camp	Leylandsdrift Camp		Transfer
		Leylandsdrift Camp	Shipwreck Lodge		Transfer

Basis

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Day 4: Shipwreck Lodge, Skeleton Coast

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Day 5: andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge, NamibRand Nature Reserve

NamibRand Nature Reserve

Spanning an area of 172,200 hectares and encompassing four distinct ecosystems, the NamibRand Reserve of southern Namibia is among the largest privately owned game parks in Southern Africa. Founded to conserve the unique environment and wildlife species of the Namib Desert, the park's mix of dunes, mountains, rocky outcrops, sandy flats, and gravel plains provides habitats for a diversity of mammals, including hyenas, jackals, foxes, antelopes, and various wild cats. A plethora of bird species, reptiles, insects, and frogs also have their home here, alongside an array of plant species. Discover the mysterious 'fairy circles', unexplained bare patches in the sand, or enjoy a night of sublime stargazing - having been named Africa's first International Dark Sky Reserve, it is one of the least light-polluted areas in the world.

Overnight: andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge

One of the most pristine areas on Earth, the Namib Desert is a world of vast spaces, endless horizons, dramatic landscapes and jagged mountain heights. Cradled against the ancient mountains, andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge is renowned for its luxurious accommodation overlooking the starkly beautiful Namib Desert. Designed to capture the splendour and solitude of the desert, just ten stone and glass suites spread out along the curve of the escarpment, allowing absolute privacy. Each air conditioned suite is furnished to complement the majestic hues of the desert and features a private veranda, split-level bedroom and living room with fireplace, ensuite glass-encased bathroom and outdoor shower. The suites are equipped with a star-viewing skylight, discrete music system and custom-stocked personal bar. The guest area, where walls have become windows that fold away completely, boasts unimpeded desert vistas. The split-level lodge boasts a fire-lit bar, comfortable sitting room, wraparound veranda and Signature Shop. Guests can escape the desert heat with a revitalising midday dip in the pool, fed by water from an underground spring. At sunset, animals are drawn to a nearby waterhole, enhancing desert sundowner drinks. Get a closer look at the night sky from our sophisticated observatory and state-of-the-art telescope.



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	Charter Flight		Mowe Bay Airstrip		andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge			

Transfers

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		Shipwreck Lodge	Mowe Bay Airstrip		Transfer

Basis

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Day 6: andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge, NamibRand Nature Reserve**Basis**

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Day 7: End of Itinerary

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	Charter Flight		andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge		Hosea Kutako International Airport [WDH]			

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Urgent Contact Numbers

Company Name	Telephone	Email Address	Contact Person
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Travel Information



Located in southwestern Africa, Namibia boasts a well-developed infrastructure, some of the best tourist facilities in Africa, and an impressive list of breathtaking natural wonders. Visitors can explore the capital of Windhoek and discover the lovely coastal town of Swakopmund boasting remnants of the country's German influence, reflected in the architecture, culture, cuisine and the annual Oktoberfest celebrations. To properly appreciate this extraordinary country, you will have to venture out of the cities to explore the remarkable natural landscapes Namibia has to offer. These include: the impressive Fish River Canyon; the vast Etosha National Park teeming with abundant wildlife, such as lions, desert-adapted elephants and the Hartmann's Mountain Zebra; the hauntingly beautiful Kalahari Desert; and of course the Namib Desert stretching for over 2000 km along the magnificent Atlantic Coast. Namibia is an ideal destination for travellers seeking an unforgettable African experience in a uniquely beautiful untamed wilderness.

Banking and Currency

Currency

Local currency: Namibian Dollar

Symbol: N\$

ISO code: NAD

Subunit: Cent (1/100 of a Dollar)

Banknotes: 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 NAD

Coins: 5, 10, 50 cents, 1, 5, 10 NAD

Banking

Card Transactions: Widely accepted

ATMs: Yes

Mastercard: Yes

Visa: Yes

American Express: No

Diner's Club: No

Banking Hours:

Weekdays: 08:30 – 15:30, Saturdays: 08:30 – 12:00

Public Holidays: No

Foreign exchange services: Yes

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Air:

Main airlines: Airlink, Fly Namibia

International Airports: Hosea Kutako International Airport, Walvis Bay International Airport

Domestic Airports: Eros Airport

Road:

Driving on the: Left

Tar roads: Yes

Gravel roads: Yes

Valid International Driver's License needed: Yes

Car hire available: Yes

Taxis: Yes

E-hailing services: Yes

Bus:

Inter-city bus services: Yes

Local city bus networks: Yes

Rail:

Railway system: No

Subway System: No

Water:

Ferries: No

Water taxis: No

Leisure cruises: Yes

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice**Food and water safety:**

Can you drink the tap water: Yes

Fresh fruit and veg: Yes

Ice: Yes

Meat: Yes

Street food: Yes

Local cuisine:

Namibian cuisine features a rich blend of German and South African influences, with a focus on grilled meats and fish. Dishes like Biltong (dried, spiced meat), Kapana (grilled meat from street vendors), and Potjiekos (slow-cooked meat and vegetable stew) are popular. Seafood is also abundant along the coast.

Drinks:

Popular local drinks include Windhoek Lager and Tafel Lager, locally brewed beers.

Tipping: customary, usually around 10-15% in restaurants.

Climate and Weather

Annual rainfall: Varies from under 50 mm in the desert to over 700 mm in the Caprivi Strip

Average temperature: 20°C

Summer:

Average highs: 30°C

Average lows: 15°C

Winter:

Average highs: 20°C

Average lows: 5°C

Best time to visit:

The best time to visit Namibia is during the cooler dry months from May to October when wildlife viewing is at its best in parks like Etosha National Park. The weather is pleasant for exploring the desert landscapes and other outdoor activities.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations**Spring and Summer**

Cool, light, breathable and comfortable: Yes

Lightweight warm clothes: No

Winter and Autumn

Jerseys, cardigans, sweaters, jackets: Recommended

Heavyweight clothing and boots: Yes

General

Umbrella and raincoat: Yes

Warm gloves, hat and scarf: No

Swimming costume (bathing suit): Yes

Hat, sunglasses, and sunblock: Yes

Walking shoes: Yes

Casual: Yes

Smart-casual attire: Yes

Internet Availability

Internet cafes: Yes

Accommodation options: Yes

Restaurants: Yes

Cafes: Yes

Shopping malls: Yes

Public parks: Yes

Libraries: Yes

Electricity and Plug Standards

Plug Type: Type D, M, and G

Voltage (V): 220 V

Frequency (Hz): 50 Hz

*Travel plug adapter and voltage converter might be necessary depending on your appliances.
