



## NAMIBIA'S NATURAL HIGHLIGHTS

### Day 1 ***DEPART for WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA***

Depart from your hometown today to begin your Namibian adventure.

### Day 2 ***ARRIVE WINDHOEK***

Arrive at Windhoek International Airport. After clearing Immigration and Customs, our local representative will be on hand to welcome you and transfer you to your accommodations situated in a former castle. This is the only *Relais & Chateaux* hotel in Namibia, and offers beautiful views of the capital city and the surrounding Khomas Hochland Mountains.

***HEINITZBURG HOTEL***

After check-in, you will have time to freshen up prior to the welcome dinner party.

### Day 3 ***WINDHOEK – SOSSUSVLEI***

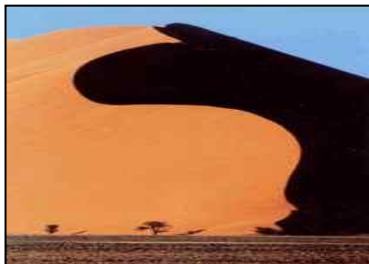
After breakfast this morning, check-out of the hotel and become acquainted with the capital city on an orientation drive through the city. Embracing both the old and new, Windhoek is renowned for its blend of German colonial and modern architecture. Of particular interest is the historic seat of government known as *Tintenpalast*, meaning Palace of Ink, and the Christuskirche which provides a striking landmark for the city. The white walled *Alte Feste*, once a fort, is now a museum which reflects the history of Namibia.

Continue to Eros Airport for the flight to Sossusvlei, one of the most remarkable sites in the Namib Naukluft Park and the Namib Desert.

Arrive at your exclusive safari lodge, cradled against ancient mountains, and experience the haunting beauty of the Namib Desert.

***SOSSUSVLEI DESERT LODGE***

### Day 4 ***SOSSUSVLEI***



Today's excursion affords the viewing of huge, towering dunes said to be the highest in the world. Some of them rise dramatically over 1000 feet above the surrounding planes at Sossusvlei itself. The spectacle of changing colors and the lonely oryx silhouetted against red dunes is one which visitors and photographers from around the world come to savor and capture on film. The dunes of the Namib Desert have developed over many millions of years.

***SOSSUSVLEI DESERT LODGE***



**Day 8 KUNENE REGION**

The lodge is situated on the banks of the ephemeral Hoarusib River near the tiny town of Puros, and is one of Namibia's most remote destinations. Explore this fascinating area on a guided nature walk. One of the highlights will be tracking the rare desert-adapted elephant.

***OKAHIRONGO ELEPHANT LODGE*****Day 9 KUNENE REGION – ETOSHA**

Today fly to Etosha, and proceed to your home for the next two nights.

***ONKOSHI CAMP***

In the afternoon visit a Himba village, gaining insight into the hardy lifestyle and culture of these desert-dwelling people. They are friendly people, numbering approximately 6,000 in the Kaokoland region. Primarily herdsmen, they lead a semi-nomadic life breeding cattle and goats. As an important part of their tradition and culture, they value external beauty and proud Himba women spend hours daily on grooming. They cream their entire body with a mixture scented in an aromatic resin of the Omuzumba shrub. This gives the body an intense, reddish glow – the Himba ideal of beauty.

**Day 10 ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

Etosha National Park, a huge nature reserve some 22,000 square kilometers in size, is home to almost all African animal species. The Park is a huge saltpan desert surrounded by flat bushland, and its waterholes provide the basis of life for countless game. Lions, rhinos, elephants and giraffes are all present here, but particularly numerous are the dainty springbok; you might see herds of several hundred animals on your game drive today.

***ONKOSHI CAMP*****Day 11 ETOSHA – WINDHOEK – FLIGHT HOME**

After an early breakfast, fly to Windhoek International Airport.

The journey draws to a close as you connect to your international departure flight.

**Day 12 ARRIVE HOME**

You arrive home today, greatly enriched and enlightened by the sights and experiences you have had in Namibia.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

### **HEINITZBURG HOTEL, Windhoek Deluxe poolside rooms**



Originally commissioned by Count von Schwerin as a castle for his fiancé in 1914, Heinitzburg Hotel had its origins in elegance and charm. Today as the only Relais & Chateaux hotel in Namibia, the Count's vision has been preserved and augmented. Your deluxe poolside accommodations are spacious and generously appointed en-suite rooms fully equipped with air-conditioning/heating units, direct telephone lines, electronic safes, mini-bars, televisions with cable channels and music facilities, and the bathrooms offer both shower and bath. Two restaurants offer spectacular views over the city and surrounding mountains with a choice of international or French a la carte cuisine. <http://www.heinitzburg.com/>

### **SOSSUSVLEI DESERT LODGE, Sossusvlei Desert Villas**



This exclusive safari lodge offers a sophisticated desert experience. With its stone and glass desert villas, swimming pool, gracious guest areas and viewing deck, the Lodge affords absolute privacy in spectacular desert surrounds. Sliding doors from the lounge lead onto a covered patio to the side of the suite and an open patio to the front. The suites are equipped with air-conditioning and a jet master fireplace. The main lodge building's includes a lounge, dining room, cocktail bar and nature reference library. Other facilities include expansive verandas, an upstairs viewing deck and plunge pool.

<http://www.ccafrica.com/reserve-1-id-2-10>

### **SWAKOPMUND HOTEL, Swakopmund room**



This 4-star luxury hotel located in Namibia's premier coastal resort was built around the restored "Swakopmund Bahnhof" or train station. The former ticket sales area has been transformed into the reception and hotel lobby. Colonial in style, the hotel is set around a large quad with immaculate lawns, a sparkling swimming pool and lofty palm trees. Attached to the hotel is the lively entertainment centre with its casino, gym and conference facilities.

**OKAHIRONGO ELEPHANT LODGE, Kunene Region**  
**Cottages**



Relax in African décor and colors in your own cottage; each one is uniquely decorated with ethnic and local sculptured furnishings. Wraparound views are offered from many areas of the lodge, and even your bathtub offers marvelous views. At night, dine by candlelight. The menu changes daily, a fusion of Italian and African cuisine and complemented by excellent South African wines. Most of the produce is produced organically on property, including fresh baked breads. The lodge is involved in an eco-tourism project, the Desert Lion Project in partnership with the Puros Conservancy and Kunene Lion Project, desert-adapted lions.

<http://www.okahirongolodge.com/home2.html>

**ONKOSHI CAMP, Etosha**  
**Chalets**



This is the newest camp located inside the Etosha National Park, on an isolated peninsula offering superb vistas and dramatic sunrise /sunset over the Etosha Pan. Designed as a low impact, environmentally friendly establishment, it uses mainly solar power. The secluded position of the camp offers a tranquil and unique experience, with 14 spacious chalets built on elevated wooden decks – complete with thatched roofs allowing spectacular panoramic views. Each chalet has indoor and outdoor showers, as well as a stone bath, a fan, mosquito nets, tea/coffee station, a room safe and room service. There is an associated restaurant, bar area and an infinity pool overlooking the pan.

[http://www.nwr.com.na/onkoshi\\_camp.html](http://www.nwr.com.na/onkoshi_camp.html)