



Namibia's main trunk roads are tarred and often very quiet

On the following pages, we have included some 'trip ideas' – with prices at the back of the brochure, on page 158. These are simply suggestions; none are fixed.

The best way to organise a holiday is to call us to chat through your ideas and ask about the options. We'll answer your questions and we'll try to help you to decide what would suit you best. We'll discuss how you'd like to travel, where you'd like to go, and how long you'd like to stay – and we'll often use the trip ideas on the following pages as examples during our conversations.

Then, when we understand what's right for you, we'll send you a free quote – calculated in the same way that we have worked out these trip ideas. Even then, we'll encourage you to discuss this quote further, modifying it if you wish, before we arrive at a plan that suits you perfectly. There's no obligation with such quotes, and never any 'hard sell'.

SELF-DRIVE PRACTICALITIES

Punctures are uncommon, but they can happen. All of our cars have the tools to cope and a spare wheel. Namibia is a friendly place; people will usually stop to help you. In addition, if you wish, we can arrange an extra spare wheel for you, at a moderate cost; simply tell us, and request this on your booking form.

In addition to our advice before you leave, our colleagues in Namibia will be happy to give you the latest local advice and tips. Driving in Namibia is a joy, it's generally safe and easy, and a great way to see the country and meet the people.

It's good to have currency before you leave



Lions sleep for 18 hours every day

Windhoek, as fuel stations will accept only cash; South African rand and Namibian dollars are interchangeable in Namibia.

Self-drive Prices include (see page 158)

These trip ideas include scheduled *Air Namibia* flights between London Gatwick and Windhoek – except for the *Red Lechwe* and the *Sable* self-drives, which use *South African Airways*. Alternatively, you can use *South African Airways* or *British Airways* via Johannesburg; just ask us about the different flight options and costs for your trip. Please book early to get the very best price; these long-haul flights are almost always cheaper when booked far in advance.

Also included is unlimited-mileage car hire and car insurance. We recommend at least Group C/B cars are used for Namibia, and include these in our trip suggestions. They are not the cheapest vehicles, but are the smallest that are practical for such trips. If you'd prefer a larger vehicle, or a 4WD, then ask us for a quote. The costs of trip ideas are based on two people per car. (See the 'Car Hire' box, on page 37.)

Note that itineraries featuring one-way car hire will attract a drop-off fee that is always payable locally; check with us for details.

Meals vary with the type of place at which you stay. (fb) indicates full board; (hb) means half board or dinner, bed & breakfast; (bb) is bed & breakfast; and (ao) is accommodation only. (fba) indicates full board and activities, which may include 4WD trips, walks or other excursions, depending upon the location.

Personal travel insurance cover is never included; we insist that you either take out your own comprehensive cover or buy our travel cover, detailed on page 156.

Neither fuel nor park entrance fees are included. In Namibia, petrol is currently about half the price of petrol in the UK, and park fees are currently very reasonable (around £6 per adult per day, plus a fee for the car).



Desert-adapted elephants in the Ugab River Valley



The caracal is a real highlight for those lucky enough to spot this elusive cat



Wild about Africa

If you're looking for a guided trip, see our totally separate brochure dedicated to such trips in Namibia. **Wild about Africa** offers the most comprehensive range of guided trips throughout Namibia – from basic camping journeys to luxurious private expeditions staying in intimate tented camps and some of the country's best guest farms and lodges.

Costs range from around £1,148 per person, including flights. Maximum group sizes are typically 10-14 people; all are guided by professional guides. For more details, call the dedicated *Wild about Africa* line on 020 8758 4717, download the brochure from www.wildaboutafrica.com, or e-mail safari@wildaboutafrica.com

Accommodation Codes

ao..... accommodation only
bb..... bed & breakfast
hb..... half board
 (or dinner, bed & breakfast)
fb..... full board
fba..... full board and activities

Trip Ideas for Self-drive Safaris

(for costings see pages 158)

Dik Dik Self-drive Safari

9 nights/10 days – a short trip taking in the best of the mountains, dunes and coast of the northern Namib-Naukluft National Park.

- 1n Windhoek – Hilltop House (bb)
- 2n Naukluft Mountains – Zebra River Lodge (fb)
- 2n Sesriem area – Desert Homestead (hb)
- 2n Swakopmund – Sam's Giardino (bb)
(including a morning kayaking in Walvis Bay)

Impala Self-drive Safari

12 nights/13 days – a great-value trip to central and northern Namibia, with more than half spent visiting Etosha National Park.

- 1n Windhoek – Pension Palmquell (bb)
- 1n Waterberg Plateau – Waterberg Camp (bb)
- 2n Western Etosha – Okaukuejo (bb)
- 2n Central Etosha – Halali (bb)
- 2n Eastern Etosha – Onguma Bush Camp (hb)
- 2n Central Highlands – Okonjima Main Camp (fba)

Rhino Self-drive Safari

16 nights/17 days – a specialist trip around northern Namibia, ideal for 'old Africa hands', focusing on some of the best experiences there.

- 1n Central Highlands – Erongo Wilderness (hb)
- 2n Southern Damaraland – Doro Nawas (hb)
- 2n Northern Damaraland – Desert Rhino Camp (fba)
- 2n Western Etosha – Okaukuejo (bb)
- 2n Eastern Etosha – Namutoni (fb)
- 3n Central Highlands – Mundulea Reserve (fba)
- 2n Central Highlands – Okonjima Main Camp (fba)

Gemsbok Self-drive Safari

16 nights/17 days – a relaxing trip with time to explore some of northern Namibia's less-visited sites in greater detail, including the Skeleton Coast and Etendeka, on the edge of the rocky Namib Desert.

- 1n Windhoek – Olive Grove (bb)
- 3n Swakopmund – The Stiltz (bb)
(including a day trip to Sandwich Harbour)
- 1n Skeleton Coast – Terrace Bay (hb)
- 3n Northern Damaraland – Etendeka Camp (fba)
- 2n Western Etosha – Okaukuejo (bb)
- 2n Eastern Etosha – Mushara Lodge (hb)
- 2n Central Highlands – Erongo Wilderness (hb)

Ostrich Self-drive Safari

16 nights/17 days – a new route taking in the highlights of the Kgalagadi (see page 50), southern Namibia and the Namib-Naukluft.

- 1n Southern Kalahari – Bagatelle Ranch (hb)
- 2n Kgalagadi – Kalahari Tented Camp (ao)
- 2n Kgalagadi – Twee Rivieren (ao)
- 1n Keetmanshoop – Central Lodge (bb)
- 2n Fish River Canyon – Cañon Lodge (hb)
- 2n Aus – Eagle's Nest at Klein Aus Vista (hb)
- 2n Sesriem area – Kulala Desert Lodge (hb)
- 2n Naukluft Mountains – Zebra River Lodge (fb)

Caracal Self-drive Safari

16 nights/17 days – a classic and very popular route around the highlights of the Namib's dunes, Damaraland and Etosha.

- 1n Windhoek – Hilltop House (bb)
- 2n Naukluft Mountains – Zebra River Lodge (fb)
- 2n Sesriem area – Kulala Desert Lodge (hb)
- 2n Swakopmund – Cornerstone Guesthouse (bb)
- 2n Southern Damaraland – Doro Nawas (hb)
- 2n Western Etosha – Okaukuejo (bb)
- 2n Central Etosha – Halali (bb)
- 1n Central Highlands – Erongo Wilderness (hb)

Brown Hyena Self-drive Safari

16 nights/17 days – a classic route around the Namib's dunes and northern Namibia using more luxurious properties.

- 1n Windhoek – Heinitzburg Hotel (bb)
- 2n NamibRand – Wolwedans Dune Lodge (fba)
- 2n Sesriem area – Sossus Dune Lodge (hb)
- 2n Swakopmund – Hansa Hotel (bb)
- 2n Southern Damaraland – Mowani Camp (hb)
- 2n Western Etosha – Ongava Lodge (fba)
- 2n Eastern Etosha – Onguma Tented Camp (fba)
- 1n Central Highlands – Okonjima Bush Camp (fba)

Hartebeest Self-drive Safari

16 nights/17 days – northern Namibia in detail, with an accent on walking and the peoples, as well as the country's wildlife.

- 2n Central Highlands – Erongo Wilderness (hb)
- 2n Eastern Damaraland – Grootberg Lodge (hb)
- 2n Western Etosha – Okaukuejo (bb)
- 2n Eastern Etosha – Etosha Aoba Lodge (hb)
- 4n Visiting the Bushmen – Nhoma Camp (fba)
- 1n Triangle area – Ghaub Guest Farm (hb)
- 1n Windhoek – Olive Grove (bb)



Namibia's gravel roads are regularly graded to maintain them



Driving yourself, you're free to stop and take photographs when conditions are perfect

Springbok Self-drive Safari

16 nights/17 days – a varied and very scenic trip through deserts, canyons and mountains. This itinerary has been created to include some of Namibia's best areas for walking.

- 1n Southern Kalahari** – Bagatelle Ranch (hb)
- 2n Fish River Canyon** – Cañon Lodge (hb)
- 3n Aus** – Eagle's Nest at Klein Aus Vista (hb)
- 1n Southern Namibia** – Sinclair Guest Farm (hb)
- 2n NamibRand** – Tok Tokkie Trails (fba)
- 1n Naukluft Mountains** – Rostock Ritz (bb)
- 2n Central Highlands** – Erongo Wilderness (hb)
- 2n Waterberg Plateau** – Waterberg Camp (hb)

Sable Self-drive with Transfers

16 nights/17 days – a great-value journey from Namibia to Botswana across the Caprivi Strip. Combine superb wildlife with the waterways of the Zambezi and Chobe before ending in Victoria Falls.

- 1n Windhoek** – Elegant Guesthouse (hb)
 - 1n Waterberg Plateau** – Waterberg Camp (bb)
 - 1n Triangle area** – Roy's Restcamp (bb)
 - 3n Mahango National Park** – Ndhovu Safari Lodge (hb)
 - 2n Mudumu National Park** – Mazambala Island Lodge (hb)
- Drop car at Kasane, road transfer to Muchenje
- 2n Chobe National Park (Botswana)** – Muchenje Safari Lodge (fba)
- Road & boat transfer to Impalila Island
- 1n Impalila Island** – Ichingo Chobe River Lodge (fba)
 - 1n Impalila Island** – Ichobezi Houseboat (fba)
- Boat & road transfer to Livingstone
- 2n Livingstone (Zambia)** – Zambezi Sun (bb)
- Road transfer to Livingstone Airport

Red Lechwe Self-drive with Transfers

14 nights/15 days – a journey from Namibia to the Victoria Falls, via the Caprivi Strip and Botswana, with time to relax and enjoy some luxurious lodges.

- 2n Central Highlands** – Okonjima Main Camp (fba)
 - 1n Rundu (the Caprivi)** – Hakusembe Lodge (hb)
 - 3n Okavango Panhandle (Botswana)** – Nxamaseri Lodge (fba)
 - 3n Bwabwata National Park** – Susuwe Island Lodge (fba)
- Drop car at Kasane, boat transfer to Impalila
- 2n Impalila Island** – Impalila Island Lodge (fba)
- Boat & road transfer to Livingstone
- 1n Livingstone (Zambia)** – Tongabezi (fba)
- Road transfer to Livingstone Airport

Cheetah Self-drive Safari

16 nights/17 days – a round-trip journey of discovery: through Etosha, into the Caprivi Strip, to Botswana's Okavango Delta and back into Namibia through the Kalahari.

- 1n Waterberg Plateau** – Waterberg Camp (bb)
- 2n Western Etosha** – Okaukuejo (bb)
- 2n Eastern Etosha** – Namutoni (fb)
- 1n Rundu (The Caprivi)** – Nkwazi Lodge (bb)
- 2n Mahango National Park** – Ndhovu Safari Lodge (hb)
- 2n Mudumu National Park** – Lianshulu Lodge (fba)
- 2n Okavango Panhandle (Botswana)** – Nxamaseri Lodge (fba)
- 1n Ghanzi (Botswana)** – Kalahari Arms Hotel (ao)
- 1n Southern Kalahari** – Kalahari Bush Breaks (hb)

Eland Self-drive Safari

21 nights/22 days – the great-value classic journey visiting Namibia's main highlights, from the Fish River to Etosha National Park.

- 1n Windhoek** – Terra Africa (bb)
- 1n Southern Namibia** – Central Lodge (bb)
- 2n Fish River Canyon** – Cañon Roadhouse (hb)
- 2n Lüderitz** – Nest Hotel (bb)
- 1n Southern Namibia** – Dabis Guest Farm (hb)
- 3n Sesriem area** – Desert Homestead (hb)
- 2n Swakopmund** – Beach Lodge (bb)
- 2n Southern Damaraland** – Doro Nawas (hb)
- 2n Western Etosha** – Okaukuejo (bb)
- 2n Central Etosha** – Halali (bb)
- 1n Central Highlands** – Okonjima Main Camp (fba)

More Trip Ideas

For more detail on these itineraries, and more ideas for self-drive trips to Namibia, take a look at the many *Trip ideas* on www.expertafrica.com.

You'll find plenty of itineraries there, including those mentioned here. All have costs, just like these, as well as detailed information on the lodges, picture slide shows and satellite maps of the areas.



A lithop: one of Namibia's "living rocks"



Twyfelfontein is best visited on a self-drive trip

Car Hire in Namibia

Included with all of our self-drive trips is a Group C/B or similar (manual). These are the smallest cars that we recommend for Namibia. The most popular choice of categories is:

Group P/J – VW Chico/Citi Golf or similar.

Group C/B – Toyota Corolla/Yaris or similar. With radio/CD, air-con, ABS & p/steering. Comfortable for two to three people, and included in our prices.

Group D/D – Toyota Yaris T3/Chevrolet Aveo or similar. With radio/CD, air-con, ABS, p/steering & automatic.

Group K/S – Nissan X-Trail 2WD/Hyundai Tucson or similar. With radio/CD, air-con, ABS & p/steering. (Manual transmission.)

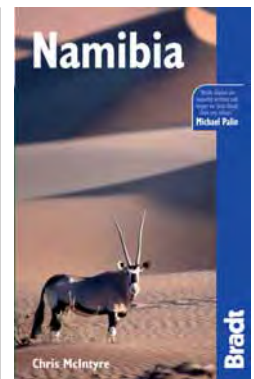
Group S/O – Toyota Hilux single-cab 4WD or similar. With radio/CD, air-con, p/steering & automatic.

Group L/W – Toyota Hilux double-cab 4WD or similar. With radio/CD, air-con & p/steering.

Group N/E – VW T5 Microbus/Toyota Quantum or similar. With radio/CD, air-con & p/steering. Seats eight people.

Complete car cover

We always hire the best vehicles that we can and these include unlimited mileage and local taxes. For many years we have also offered a UK-based insurance scheme that covers your LDW (loss/damage waiver), with a minimal excess. We believe that this is unique to *Expert Africa*. It offers supreme peace of mind, by avoiding the high excesses that are often charged by other companies. Note that drivers aged 75 and over should specifically discuss their vehicle insurance with us, drawing our attention to their age. In some cases, cover may be restricted or supplements payable. Note also that 4WD vehicles, and minibuses/people carriers may require different insurance provisions.



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Expert Africa's MD, Chris McIntyre, is author of the acclaimed guidebook **Namibia: The Bradt Travel Guide**. The third edition of this was published in May 2007; it is Chris's fifth guidebook to Namibia, written with the help of the whole *Expert Africa* team. It's on sale in good bookshops, price £15.99, or signed copies are available direct from *Expert Africa* for only £14 (including p&p) – refundable against the cost of any Namibian trip booked with us. (Please post a cheque if you'd like us to send a copy to you; sadly we cannot accept credit cards for books.)