

SELF-DRIVE SAFARIS

On the following pages, we have included some trip ideas with their costs. These are simply suggestions to help with your planning; none are fixed, and we recommend tailor-making your trip to ensure you get the most out of your holiday.

To organise your holiday, chat through your ideas with one of our Namibia experts. We'll answer your questions candidly, suggest possible options, and help you to decide what might be best for you. We'll discuss how you'd like to travel, where you'd like to go, what you'd like to see and do, and how long you'd like to stay – perhaps using these trip ideas as examples during conversation.

Once we have a clear idea of what's right for you, we'll send you a free quote – calculated in the same way as these trip ideas. Even then, we'll encourage you to discuss this quote further – and the pros and cons of alternatives – modifying it if you wish, before we arrive at an itinerary that suits you perfectly. There's no charge or obligation with our quotes, and never any 'hard sell'. We'd rather you didn't travel with us than book a trip which isn't right for you.

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; traffic can be light on minor roads, but 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.

Driving in Namibia is normally a joy; the roads are quiet, it's generally safe and easy, and it's a great way to see the country and meet the people.



Close encounters on a lagoon cruise



Namibia's gravel roads are generally very well maintained

Self-drive Prices Include (see page 62)

These trip ideas include scheduled *South African Airways* flights between London Heathrow and Windhoek, via Johannesburg. Alternatively, you can use *British Airways* via Johannesburg or *Air Namibia* via Frankfurt; ask us about the different flight options 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.

Unlimited-mileage car hire and car insurance is also included. We recommend at least Group B/C cars 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. The costs of these trip ideas are based on two people per Group B/C car.

Although the vast majority of Namibia's roads are fine for a normal, 2WD saloon car, we recommend that you carefully consider an upgrade to a higher-clearance vehicle. (Typically this means a Group K/S vehicle – a Nissan X-Trail, Hyundai Tucson, or similar. See the 'Car Hire' box, on page 63). It's not uncommon for one of our travellers to comment, after returning from a trip, that s/he wished they had been driving one of these.

Note that itineraries featuring one-way car hire will attract a drop-off fee that is included in the costs quoted; check with us for details.

Meals vary with the type of place at which you stay: (fb) indicates full board; (fb) means half board or dinner, bed & breakfast; (bb) is bed & breakfast; and (ao) is accommodation only. Finally, (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 in our prices. However, we insist that you either take out your own comprehensive cover, or buy our travel cover detailed on page 274. Neither fuel nor park entrance fees are included. In Namibia, petrol is currently about N\$8 per litre; this is about half the UK price, but about 50% more than the US price. Park fees are currently very reasonable (around £7/US\$11 per adult per day, plus a fee for the car).

Trip Ideas for Self-drive Safaris

Dik Dik Self-drive Safari

10 nights/11 days – A short trip taking in the best of the mountains, dunes and coast of the northern Namib-Naukluft National Park.

- 1n Southern Kalahari** – Eningu Clayhouse (hb)
- 2n Naukluft Mountains** – Büllsport Guest Farm (hb)
- 2n Sesriem area** – Desert Homestead (hb)
- 2n Swakopmund** – Sam's Giardino (bb)
(including a morning kayaking in Walvis Bay)
- 1n Windhoek** – Elegant Guesthouse (bb)

Impala Self-drive Safari

12 nights/13 days – A great-value trip to central and northern Namibia; more than half of this trip focuses on Etosha National Park.

- 1n Windhoek** – Pension Palmquell (bb)
- 2n Eastern Etosha** – Onguma Bush Camp (hb)
- 2n Southern Etosha** – Okaukuejo (bb)
- 2n Western Etosha** – Dolomite Camp (bb)
- 2n Northern Damaraland** – Grootberg Lodge (hb)
- 1n Central Highlands** – Okonjima Main Camp (hb)

Lesser Bushbaby Self-drive Safari

13 nights/14 days – A classic route around Namibia covering the main highlights and using some of the best-value accommodation.

- 1n Windhoek** – Haus Sonneneck (bb)
- 2n Sesriem Area** – Desert Homestead (hb)
- 2n Swakopmund** – Central Guesthouse (bb)
- 2n Southern Damaraland** – Twyfelfontein Lodge (fb)
- 3n Southern Etosha** – Okaukuejo (bb)
- 1n Central Highlands** – Elegant Farmstead (hb)

White Rhino Self-drive Safari

17 nights/18 days – A specialist trip around northern Namibia, ideal for 'old Africa hands', including some of the very best experiences there.

- 1n Windhoek** – Vertigo Boutique Hotel (bb)
- 1n Central Highlands** – Erongo Wilderness (hb)
- 2n Southern Damaraland** – Doro Nawas (hb)
- 2n Northern Damaraland** – Desert Rhino Camp (fba)
- 2n Southern Etosha** – Okaukuejo (bb)
- 2n Eastern Etosha** – Namutoni (bb)
- 3n Central Highlands** – Mundulea Reserve (fba)
- 2n Central Highlands** – Okonjima Main Camp
(1st night fba, 2nd night hb)

More Trip Ideas

For more detail on each of these itineraries, take a look at the many **Trip ideas** for Namibia on www.expertafrika.com. All have costs, just like these, as well as detailed information on the lodges, unedited travellers' reviews, picture slide shows and satellite maps of the areas.

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 Guesthouse (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 Southern Etosha** – Okaukuejo (bb)
- 2n Eastern Etosha** – Mushara Lodge (hb)
- 2n Central Highlands** – Erongo Wilderness (hb)

Ostrich Self-drive Safari

18 nights/19 days – An offbeat route taking in the highlights of the Ggalagadi (northern Cape – see page 80), southern Namibia and the Namib-Naukluft.

- 1n Windhoek** – Elegant Guesthouse (bb)
- 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** – Sossus Dune Lodge (hb)
- 2n Naukluft Mountains** – Zebra River Lodge (fb)
- 1n Southern Kalahari** – Eningu Clayhouse (hb)

Caracal Self-drive Safari

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

- 1n Windhoek** – Elegant Guesthouse (bb)
- 2n Naukluft Mountains** – Büllsport Guest Farm (hb)
- 2n Sesriem area** – Kulala Desert Lodge (hb)
- 2n Swakopmund** – Cornerstone Guesthouse (bb)
- 2n Southern Damaraland** – Doro Nawas (hb)
- 2n Southern Etosha** – Okaukuejo (bb)
- 2n Eastern Etosha** – Mushara Bush Camp (hb)
- 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 Dunes Lodge (fba)
- 2n Sesriem area** – Hoodia Desert Lodge (hb)
- 2n Swakopmund** – Hansa Hotel (bb)
- 2n Southern Damaraland** – Mowani Camp (hb)
- 2n Southern Etosha** – Ongava Lodge (fba)
- 2n Eastern Etosha** – Onguma Tented Camp (fba)
- 1n Central Highlands** – Okonjima Bush Camp (hb)

Hartebeest Self-drive Safari

15 nights/16 days – Northern Namibia in depth, with an accent on walking and visiting a San Bushman community, as well as the country's wildlife.

- 1n Windhoek** – Olive Grove (bb)
- 1n Central Highlands** – Erongo Wilderness (hb)
- 2n Southern Damaraland** – Doro Nawas (hb)
- 2n Southern Etosha** – Okaukuejo (bb)
- 2n Eastern Etosha** – Etosha Aoba Lodge (hb)
- 3n Visiting the Bushmen** – Nhoma Camp (fba)
- 1n Triangle area** – Ghaub Guest Farm (bb)
- 1n Windhoek** – Olive Grove (bb)

Springbok Self-drive Safari

17 nights/18 days – A very varied and scenic trip through deserts, canyons and mountains, including some of Namibia's best areas for walking.

- 1n Windhoek** – River Crossing (bb)
- 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 Tokie Trails (fba)
- 1n Naukluft Mountains** – Rostock Ritz (bb)
- 2n Central Highlands** – Erongo Wilderness (hb)
- 2n Waterberg Plateau** – Waterberg Camp (bb)

Sable Self-drive with transfers

14 nights/15 days – A great-value journey from Namibia to Botswana across the Caprivi Strip, combining superb wildlife with the Zambezi and Chobe waterways before ending at Victoria Falls.

- 1n Windhoek** – Elegant Guesthouse (bb)
- 1n Waterberg Plateau** – Waterberg Camp (bb)
- 1n Triangle area** – Roy's Rest Camp (bb)
- 3n Mahango NP** – Ndhovu Safari Lodge (hb)
- 2n Bwabwata NP** – Mazambala Island Lodge (hb)
Drop car at Kasane
- 2n Chobe NP (Botswana)** – The Garden Lodge (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 Victoria Falls, via the Caprivi Strip and Botswana, with time to relax and enjoy some luxurious lodges.

- 2n Central Highlands** – Okonjima Bush Camp (fba)
- 1n Rundu** – Hakusembe Lodge (hb)
- 3n Okavango Panhandle (Botswana)** – Nxamaseri Lodge (fba)
- 3n Bwabwata NP** – Susuwe Island Lodge (fba)
Drop car at Kasane, road transfer to Muchenje
- 2n Chobe NP** – Muchenje Safari Lodge (fba)
Boat & road transfer to Livingstone
- 1n Livingstone (Zambia)** – Royal Livingstone (bb)
Road transfer to Livingstone Airport

Cheetah Self-drive Safari

17 nights/18 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 Windhoek** – Olive Grove (bb)
- 1n Waterberg Plateau** – Waterberg Camp (bb)
- 2n Southern Etosha** – Okaukuejo (bb)
- 2n Eastern Etosha** – Namutoni (bb)
- 1n Rundu** – Nkwazi Lodge (bb)
- 2n Mahango NP** – Ndhovu Safari Lodge (hb)
- 2n Bwabwata NP** – Mazambala Island Lodge (hb)
- 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 – This great-value classic journey visits Namibia's main highlights, from the Fish River to Etosha National Park.

- 1n Windhoek** – Haus Sonneneck (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** – Camp Kipwe (hb)
- 2n Southern Etosha** – Okaukuejo (bb)
- 2n Central Etosha** – Halali (bb)

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. To upgrade to a Group K/S (as mentioned on page 61) please add about £14 - 18 per person per day to the costs below.

Unfortunately we're not able to guarantee specific models of vehicle; we can only request a particular group of vehicle. The choice of car category groups is:

Group A/J – Chevrolet Spark/Kia Picanto or similar.

Group C/B – Toyota Corolla/Yaris T3 or similar. With radio/CD, air con, ABS & p/steering. Comfortable for 2–3 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 transmission.

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

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

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

Group N/E – Hyundai H1/VW Combi or similar. With radio/CD, air con & p/steering. Seats 8 people.

Car-hire insurance

We always hire the best vehicles that we can and these include unlimited mileage and local taxes. The car insurance that comes with our trip ideas includes full cover for theft of the car, accident damage (even single-vehicle accidents), tyre damage, windscreen cover and roadside assistance. We believe that we offer the highest level of cover available in the industry today.

Note that it excludes a 'claim administration fee' (typically about £50/US\$75) and towing fees (if the problem is not mechanical). It may also exclude water, sand and undercarriage damage – although it is very rare for our travellers to incur such damage.

Note that drivers aged 18–20, and those aged over 75, must draw our attention to their age in writing (email is fine) before booking, and we may need to discuss the insurance with you. Cover may be restricted or supplements payable.

If you'd like a more precise outline of what your car-hire insurance covers, then please ask us to send you a copy.

Small Group Trips

Our separate **Wild about Africa** programme 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 £1,742 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, visit the website

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

NAMIBIA SELF-DRIVE SAFARI PRICES

	Safari duration	1 Jan - 30 Apr	1 May - 14 Jun	15 Jun - 10 Oct	11 Oct- 31 Oct	1 Nov - 7 Dec	8 Dec - 13 Dec
Dik Dik Self-drive Safari	10 nights / 11 days	£1,870	£1,881	£1,881	£2,001	£1,869	£1,989
Impala Self-drive Safari *	12 nights / 13 days	£2,087	£2,101	£2,183	£2,303	£2,157	£2,277
Lesser Bushbaby Self-drive Safari *	13 nights / 14 days	£2,059	£2,073	£2,158	£2,278	£2,133	£2,253
White Rhino Self-drive Safari *	17 nights / 18 days	£4,233	£4,252	£4,688	£4,808	£4,317	£4,437
Gemsbok Self-drive Safari @	16 nights / 17 days	£2,999	£3,017	£3,120	£3,240	£3,121	£3,241
Ostrich Self-drive Safari %	18 nights / 19 days	£2,786	£2,807	£3,046	£3,166	£2,904	£3,024
Caracal Self-drive Safari @	16 nights / 17 days	£2,608	£2,626	£2,859	£2,979	£2,744	£2,864
Brown Hyena Self-drive Safari	16 nights / 17 days	£4,382	£4,400	£4,650	£4,770	£4,517	£4,637
Hartebeest Self-drive Safari @	15 nights / 16 days	£2,778	£2,794	£2,971	£3,091	£2,917	£3,037
Springbok Self-drive Safari # ~	17 nights / 18 days	£3,009	£3,028	£3,163	£3,261	£3,210	£3,330
Sable Self-drive Safari with transfers	14 nights / 15 days	£2,800	£2,870	£2,893	£3,013	£2,953	£3,073
Red Lechwe Self-drive Safari with transfers % ~ &	14 nights / 15 days	£4,431	£4,510	£5,106	£5,226	£4,500	£4,620
Cheetah Self-drive Safari * ~	17 nights / 18 days	£2,725	£2,767	£2,998	£3,118	£2,798	£2,918
Eland Self-drive Safari	21 nights / 22 days	£2,958	£2,982	£3,121	£3,241	£3,089	£3,209

& Between 1–30 Apr the **Red Lechwe Self-drive** has an accommodation supplement of £67.

* Between 1–14 Jun the **Impala**, and **Lesser Bushbaby**, **White Rhino** and **Cheetah Self-drives** have an accommodation supplement of £85 per person.

% Between 1–14 Jun the **Ostrich Self-drive** has a supplement of £168 per person and the **Red Lechwe Self-drive** has a supplement of £203 per person.

In the **Springbok Self-drive**, the Tok Tokkie trail is closed between 1 Jan–14 Feb.

@ Between 1–14 Jun the **Gemsbok**, **Caracal** and **Hartebeest Self-drives** have an accommodation supplement of £57 per person.

~ Between 15–30 Jun the **Springbok** and **Cheetah Self-drives** have a saving of £150 per person and the **Red Lechwe Self-drive** has a saving of £393 per person.

- Prices are quoted per person, based on two people sharing a room; single supplements are available on request.
- Departure date generally determines pricing. If your trip straddles two pricing bands, then request a precise quote.
- Credit card payments will incur a 2% processing charge (3% for AMEX). This may change if the credit card companies change their charges. You will always be advised of this at the time of payment.
- An additional voluntary amount (currently £21) will be automatically added to your invoice. This is to offset the carbon emissions caused by your international flights and to support the Travel Foundation. This is not compulsory; if you do not wish to pay it, then simply subtract it from your final payment. You can read more about these voluntary donations on page 277.



Dune diversity near Sossusvlei - smaller, yellow crescent dunes backed by larger red star dunes, pictured here from the air

FLY-IN SAFARIS

Flying around Namibia is magical: it gives you a completely different perspective of Namibia's dramatic landscapes. You'll marvel at the size of the Great Dune Sea, fly low over seal colonies and then land at a small airstrip a few miles from your camp.

Our fly-in safaris are very flexible; our team can advise you and help plan your itinerary, then on arrival in Namibia you'll be taken to the light aircraft and off you go! You can choose from a selection of Namibia's excellent lodges, fly between them, and stay at each as long as you like. At each airstrip a vehicle and guide will be waiting to drive you to your next camp.

Flying times vary from 30 minutes to a few hours, and the flights are part of the pleasure. From the air, the mountains and dunes in the south are spectacular, and when heading north, along the coast, you can gaze down on flocks of flamingos and the occasional shipwreck. Damaraland's vast tracts of rocky wilderness offer opportunities to spot ant-like herds of elephants, whilst Etosha's silvery pans beckon to the magic below. For many, flying around Namibia is the ultimate way to travel.

PRACTICALITIES OF FLYING

Flights can depart from either of Windhoek's two airports: Eros or the International Airport. Planes are small (usually 5- or 12-seater Cessnas) and pilots are usually very knowledgeable, often acting as aerial guides. If there's something that you want pointed out, ask your pilot to show you.

As planes are small there is a strict luggage allowance of 20kg per person on most

flights. In order to fit into the luggage compartments, bags must be soft and squashable. (Most camps in Namibia do laundry, so this rarely poses a problem.) If you need to take extra luggage, then ask us to pre-book an extra seat for you on the plane (at additional cost).

Each of our *Trip Ideas* can be altered and tailor-made to suit you, although there may be constraints on what's possible. Call our Namibia experts to discuss the options and what is possible.

Fly-in Prices Include

Prices are an indication based on two people travelling together. They include all flights between London and Windhoek (via Johannesburg) with *South African Airways*, all internal transfers and flights, and many of your activities, park fees, accommodation, meals and some of your drinks. Insurance is never included.

Alternatively, it's also easy to visit Namibia using the services of *British Airways* via Johannesburg or *Air Namibia* via Frankfurt; just ask us about the different flight options for your trip. Please book early to secure the best price for your trip.

Approximate flying times

Note that these flying times are approximate only.

Windhoek Eros to Sossusvlei	1 hour
Windhoek Eros to Wolwedans	1 hour 15 mins
Windhoek Eros to Okonjima	1 hour
Windhoek Eros to Eastern Etosha	1 hour 45 mins
Windhoek Eros to Southern Etosha	1 hour 20 mins
Windhoek Eros to Damaraland Camp	1 hour 30 mins
Windhoek Eros to Skeleton Camp	2 hours 30 mins
Windhoek Eros to Serra Cafema	3 hours
Sossusvlei to Swakopmund	1 hour 30 mins
Sossusvlei to Damaraland	2 hours
Swakopmund to Damaraland	1 hour
Damaraland to Eastern Etosha	1 hour 20 mins
Damaraland to Southern Etosha	1 hour
Damaraland to Serra Cafema	1 hour 25 mins

Prices are for January - December 2012; contact us for 2013 prices

Trip Ideas for Fly-in Safaris

Bateleur Fly-in Safari

9-night/10-day fly-in – The classic Namibia fly-in featuring the dunes of the Namib, the mountains of Damaraland and the game of Etosha National Park.

- 1n Windhoek** – Olive Grove (bb)
- 2n Sesriem area** – Little Kulala (fba)
- 2n Damaraland** – Damaraland Camp (fba)
- 2n Southern Etosha** – Ongava Tented Camp (fba)

Buzzard Fly-in Safari

11-night/12-day fly-in – An alternative fly-in safari to three different places in northern Namibia: Damaraland, Etosha and Okonjima.

- 1n Windhoek** – Olive Grove (bb)
- 2n Northern Damaraland** – Desert Rhino Camp (fba)
- 2n Southern Etosha** – Ongava Lodge (fba)
- 4WD game drive/transfer through Etosha National Park
- 2n Eastern Etosha** – Onguma Tented Camp (fba)
- Road transfer from Onguma to Okonjima
- 2n Central Highlands** – Okonjima Bush Camp (fba)

Flamingo Fly-in Safari

9-night/10-day fly-in – A trip to three of Namibia's highlights: the dunes at Sossusvlei, Etosha National Park and the big cats at Okonjima.

- 2n Sesriem area** – Kulala Desert Lodge (fba)
- 3n Southern Etosha** – Ongava Lodge (fba)
- 2n Central Highlands** – Okonjima Bush Camp (fba)

Francolin Fly-in Safari

12-night/13-day fly-in – An extended overview of Namibia, visiting the Namib, Swakopmund, the mountains of Damaraland and Etosha.

- 2n Sesriem area** – Kulala Desert Lodge (fba)
- 3n Swakopmund** – Hansa Hotel (bb)
- (including full-day trip to Sandwich Harbour)
- 2n Southern Damaraland** – Mowani Mountain Camp (fba)
- 3n Southern Etosha** – Ongava Tented Camp (fba)

Goshawk Fly-in Safari

13-night/14-day fly-in – Based around the classic 'Bateleur Fly-in', extended to include the Skeleton Coast.

- 1n Windhoek** – Heinitzburg Hotel (bb)
- 2n Sesriem area** – Little Kulala (fba)
- 2n Damaraland** – Damaraland Camp (fba)
- 2n Southern Etosha** – Ongava Tented Camp (fba)
- 3n Skeleton Coast** – Skeleton Coast Camp (fba)
- 1n Windhoek** – Heinitzburg Hotel (bb)

Beach Add-ons

To relax on a beach after your Namibia trip, consider extending your trip to include the Seychelles (pages 244-269), or the palm-fringed tropical islands of Mozambique – where the Bazaruto Archipelago (pages 236-237) is particularly easily accessible.

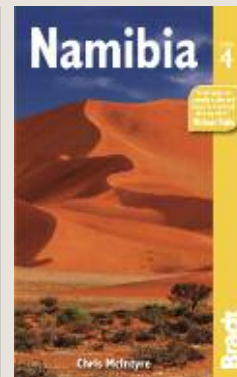
NAMIBIA FLY-IN SAFARI PRICES

	Safari duration	1 Jan - 30 Apr	1 May - 14 Jun	15 Jun - 10 Oct	11 Oct - 31 Oct	1 Nov - 7 Dec	8 Dec - 13 Dec
Bateleur Fly-in Safari ≠	9 nights / 10 days	£4,375	£4,375	£5,188	£5,308	£4,375	£4,495
Buzzard Fly-in Safari	11 nights / 12 days	£5,032	£5,032	£5,533	£5,653	£5,082	£5,202
Flamingo Fly-in Safari	9 nights / 10 days	£4,549	£4,549	£4,998	£5,118	£4,573	£4,693
Francolin Fly-in Safari	12 nights / 13 days	£5,055	£5,055	£5,505	£5,625	£5,153	£5,273
Goshawk Fly-in Safari ≠	13 nights / 14 days	£7,493	£7,493	£8,247	£8,367	£7,511	£7,631

≠ The **Bateleur** and **Goshawk Fly-in Safaris** usually visit Damaraland Camp and Ongava Tented Camp, but these may be swapped for Desert Rhino Camp and Ongava Lodge.



12-seater Cessna Caravan



Bradt Guide to Namibia

Expert Africa's MD, Chris McIntyre, is author of the acclaimed guidebook **Namibia: The Bradt Travel Guide**. The fourth edition, which went on sale in January 2011, is Chris's sixth 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 £13 (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; we cannot accept credit cards for books.)

Trip Ideas which Combine Elements of Self-drive and Fly-in Safaris

Sandgrouse Fly & Drive Safari

16-night/17-day – A classic combination: fly in to the dunes of the Namib, followed by a self-drive around northern Namibia.

1n Windhoek – Olive Grove (bb)

Fly from Windhoek to the Namib-Naukluft

2n NamibRand – Wolwedans Dune Camp (fba)

Road transfer between camps

2n Sesriem area – Kulala Desert Lodge (fba)

Fly from the Namib-Naukluft to Swakopmund

2n Swakopmund – Cornerstone Guesthouse (bb)

Collect car in Swakopmund; self-drive for the rest of the trip

2n Southern Damaraland – Doro Nawas (hb)

1n Western Etosha – Dolomite Camp (bb)

2n Central Etosha – Okaukuejo (bb)

2n Central Highlands – Erongo Wilderness Lodge (hb)

Pelican Fly & Drive Safari

12-night/13-day – An adventure with a soft ending: self-drive to explore the Namib Desert, then leave your car to fly in to the highlights of northern Namibia.

Collect car at Windhoek Airport

1n Windhoek – Heinitzburg Hotel (bb)

2n Sesriem area – Sossus Dune Lodge (dbb)

3n Swakopmund – Sam's Giardino (bb)

Leave car in Swakopmund; fly for the rest of the trip

2n Northern Damaraland – Desert Rhino Camp (fba)

2n Southern Etosha – Ongava Tented Camp (fba)

Fish Eagle Fly & Drive Safari

16-night/17-day – Effortlessly cover southern Namibia's long distances by air, then explore northern Namibia in your own car.

Fly from Windhoek to Fish River

2n Fish River Canyon – Cañon Lodge (fb)

Fly from Fish River to Sesriem

2n Sesriem area – Kulala Desert Lodge (fba)

Fly from Sesriem to Swakopmund

2n Swakopmund – Villa Margherita (bb)

Collect car in Swakopmund; drive yourself for the rest of the trip

1n Southern Damaraland – Doro Nawas (hb)

2n Northern Damaraland – Grootberg Lodge (hb)

2n Southern Etosha – Okaukuejo (bb)

2n Eastern Etosha – Onguma Tented Camp (hb)

1n Central Highlands – Okonjima Main Camp (hb)

NAMIBIA FLY & DRIVE SAFARI PRICES

	Safari duration	1 Jan - 30 Apr	1 May - 14 Jun	15 Jun - 10 Oct	11 Oct - 31 Oct	1 Nov - 7 Dec	8 Dec - 13 Dec
Sandgrouse Fly & Drive Safari	16 nights / 17 days	£4,137	£4,149	£4,690	£4,740	£4,683	£4,803
Pelican Fly & Drive Safari %	12 nights / 13 days	£4,046	£4,054	£4,746	£4,866	£4,090	£4,390
Fish Eagle Fly & Drive Safari	16 nights / 17 days	£5,677	£5,690	£5,842	£5,988	£6,036	£6,156

% Between 1–14 Jun the Pelican Fly & Drive Safari has an accommodation supplement of £191 per person.

Prices are for January - December 2012; contact us for 2013 prices

Accommodation Codes

ao..... accommodation only

bb..... bed & breakfast

hb..... half board

(or dinner, bed & breakfast)

fb..... full board

fba..... full board and activities



White rhino are often seen on the Ongava Reserve



Namibia: the Facts

Speak to our experts or read Chris's guidebook *Namibia: The Bradt Travel Guide* (see page 65) for further details, but in brief:

Currency: At the time of writing, the Namibian dollar is interchangeable in Namibia with South Africa's rand (£1 = N\$13 US\$1 = N\$8.50). Foreign currency may be exchanged at banks. Most shops, hotels and restaurants take Visa & M/card credit cards, but petrol stations require cash. Credit and debit cards can be used to withdraw cash at bank ATMs.

Visas: Travellers with UK/US passports do not need a visa.

Health: Namibia is a healthy country to visit. Several vaccines are sensible (typhoid, polio and tetanus), though none are required. Malaria is not widespread, but if you are travelling to the north, or from December to March, then take a course of anti-malarial tablets. Always check the latest recommendations with your doctor or travel clinic before you travel.

Language: English is the official language, but German, Afrikaans and many tribal languages are also spoken.

Food: High-quality food is inexpensive – steak and seafood are particularly good. Local beer and South African wine are cheap and excellent.

Climate: Namibia generally has a lovely climate, but see pages 23-25 for advice on when is best to visit for you.

Driving: Distances are great, but the country has some of the finest roads in Africa. Traffic is light; driving is on the left and is normally a pleasure. The main roads are tarmac; gravel roads, even in more remote areas, are usually well maintained. We include route maps, directions and detailed information with your travel documents.



Crossing the tropic

You can often get very close to leopards at Okonjima