



## Self Drive Tours

Leading Travel of Africa offers its web site visitors the opportunity to book all Namibia Travel arrangements at one place! With us you can book your accommodation in Namibia, a vehicle of your choice, the activities at each destination or we will gladly assist with tailor making a self drive safari for you. Furthermore, we will plan your full itinerary, detailed maps and all the information you will require during your time in Namibia.

The self drives offer you flexibility and a relaxed adventure holiday as well as the opportunity to see as much as possible. Take the hassle out of organising such a trip and contact us to help you plan your dream holiday.

The team at Leading Travel of Africa consists of local Namibian travel experts, so we know what you should be seeing and experiencing.

The self drive tours we offer are categorised into three different types depending on your budget and your time. Please refer to our map on our home page for the various routes.

You have a choice of 3 different circuits around Namibia or let us help you plan a route of your choice:

1. Northern Circuit – circuit takes up to 10 days
2. Southern Circuit – circuit takes up to 10 days
3. Full Namibia Circuit – circuit takes up to 14 days

Once you have decided on the circuit you prefer you may then decide on the category you prefer, these being:

**Luxury self drives** - These self drives include luxury accommodation establishments en route.

**Standard self drives** - These self drive tours are planned to fit into your budget.

**Budget self drives** - These self drive tours are planned for those with a tight budget.

Our suggested itineraries are as follows:

### The Full Namibia Circuit Itinerary

#### Day 1

Arrival at Windhoek International Airport and receipt of rental car. Afterwards drive to Windhoek. You have time for a stroll through Namibia's capital to gain a first impression of the Namibian way of life. The rest of the day will be at leisure.

Accommodation: Luxury / Standard / Budget

#### Day 2

Your journey starts with the drive south, via Rehoboth and Kalkrand towards the beautiful and picturesque Kalahari Desert. The expanse of the desert is characterized by lofty ancient parallel red dunes sparsely covered by unique vegetation. Grassy plains peppered with centuries old camelthorn trees commonly known as "dune streets" or valleys separate the dunes providing refuge for diverse animal and bird life indigenous to the Kalahari. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure or take part in the activities your accommodation has to offer.

Accommodation: Luxury / Standard / Budget

### Day 3

After breakfast you continue your journey further south, via Mariental and Keetmanshoop to the Fish River Canyon, the second largest canyon in the world.

The Canon Lodge Collection is located just 20 km from main view point of the Fish River Canyon. The Canon Lodge Collection offers four different standards and types of accommodation depending on your budget. Spend the rest of the day relaxing or enjoy a sunset drive on the premises of the Canon Lodge Collection.

Accommodation: Luxury / Standard / Budget

### Day 4

Time to relax and to visit the Fish River Canyon. This is best done during the morning. At sunrise and sunset the canyon lies in the shade and the afternoon is dominated by backlight. Activities offered at the Canon Lodge Collection include walking trails, nature drives and horse riding.

Accommodation: Luxury / Standard / Budget

### Day 5

After breakfast continue your journey via Helmeringhausen and through the Namib Rand Nature Reserve to Sesriem. There are various accommodation establishments on the outskirts of Sossusvlei and the Sesriem areas; these can be booked depending on your budget.

Accommodation: Luxury / Standard / Budget

### Day 6

Today you have the opportunity to visit the world's highest sand dunes at Sossusvlei. The ever-changing kaleidoscope of shades and colours is most intensive in the early morning hours. At the 2x4 parking area, soft sand makes it impossible for sedan cars to continue. The last 5 km into the actual *vlei* can only be driven by 4x4 vehicles. A shuttle service is available. You have ample time to climb one of the dunes to enjoy the magnificent view over the dune sea. A highlight poses the short hike to *Dead Vlei*. On the way back to the lodge you can stop at Sesriem Canyon. The afternoon can be spent relaxing or making use of the lodge facilities or taking part in activities offered. The various accommodations also offer guided drives to Sossusvlei and Sesriem at an additional fee.

Accommodation: Luxury / Standard / Budget

### Day 7

Drive through the Namib Desert towards the Atlantic coast to Swakopmund. Make your way to the Bavarian town of Swakopmund nestled between the Namib Desert and the Atlantic Ocean. Here, spend some time walking the small streets of this historic and interesting town. Swakopmund also offers wonderful outdoor day activities to keep you occupied.

Accommodation: Luxury / Standard / Budget

### Day 8

Swakopmund offers an abundance of activities like scenic flights, desert excursions or quad biking, sand boarding and even skydiving for the more adventurous guest. You can also take a trip to the lagoon of Walvis Bay, famous for its flamingos. In Walvis Bay we highly recommend to partake in a 3-hour boat cruise through the harbour and surrounding waters. The boats are accompanied by seals, sea birds and even dolphins are seen from time to time. Before returning to shore, a snack of fresh oysters and sparkling wine is served.

Accommodation: Luxury / Standard / Budget

## Day 9

After breakfast continue your journey along the coast to Henties Bay from where you travel inland, pass the Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain, to Damaraland. Observe the unusual rock formations and soon you will come across a wonderland of rock boulders. The accommodations in the this area are nestled amongst gigantic granite marbles, in the timeless landscape of Twyfelfontein in southern Damaraland on a high spot commanding distant views. Here you can see the famous rock paintings and engravings.

Accommodation: Luxury / Standard / Budget

## Day 10

Today you travel to see the *Petrified Forest* via Khorixas and Outjo, making your way north towards Etosha National Park. The southern gate of the park offers various types of accommodation depending on your budget. You can choose from the well known luxury lodge of Epacha Game Lodge & Spa, middle range accommodation of Eagle Tented Lodge & Spa to the vary rustic accommodations offered in the area.

Accommodation: Luxury / Standard / Budget

## Day 11

Time for extensive game viewing in the Etosha National Park. Either make use of a guided game drive to the park offered by the lodges or make use of your hired vehicle – spend the day at leisure observing the animals in the park.

Accommodation: Luxury / Standard / Budget

## Day 12

Today you leave the Etosha National Park and at your own pace you will start making your way south. Stop off at the mystical lake Otjikoto to the mining town Tsumeb and on via Otavi to Otjiwarongo.

Here there are various accommodation offered depending on your budgets. Otjiwarongo is well known cheetah and leopard area and there are various accommodation establishments which are not only dedicated to making visitors feel welcome but also to educate visitors on the conservation of the cats of Namibia. Alternatively, visit the Waterberg Plateau – where all the animals are located on top of the plateau. The mountain is covered in lichen and resembles a burning mountain at sunset. The resort has a restaurant and a swimming pool and also offers game drives.

Accommodation: Luxury / Standard / Budget

## Day 13

On your thirteenth day, you return back to Windhoek, where you spend your last day before you depart Namibia. Before your flight departs we can arrange some places of interest that you could see or we will provide directions to the Namibian Craft Shop in town where you can buy those last minute curios.

Accommodation: Luxury / Standard / Budget

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