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## 15 Day Classic Namibia

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## TOUR ITINERARY



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### DAY 1

Destination	Windhoek
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Your journey begins with a welcome meeting at 6 pm. You can arrive at any time as there are no activities planned until this important meeting. Please look for a note in the hotel lobby or ask the hotel reception where it will take place. Those arriving early can take a stroll around the town and visit some of its museums or perhaps take a township tour. Take in the German architecture evident in a number of buildings. The finest are the Tintenpalast (Ink Palace), the Christuskirche (church), the gymnasium and the Genossenschaftshaus.

An airport arrival transfer with your trip is included. This transfer is valid if arriving today or if you have booked pre-trip accommodation through Peregrine. Please provide your flight details at the time of booking, or at a minimum 15 days prior to travel.

### DAY 2

Destination	Windhoek 🚗 Etosha National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Travel to our lodge located just outside Etosha National Park (400 km; approximately 7–8 hours including stops). On arrival the afternoon will be free to relax at the Lodge. Maybe cool off in the pool, read a book, or enjoy a sundowner by the bar. Be sure to charge your camera's tonight. Tomorrow we will have a full day in the Park. This is one of the world's premier game-viewing destinations; spotting animals in the park is relatively easy due to the man-made waterholes and the large, sparsely vegetated pans. The bushland surrounding the pans is difficult to see through, but there are enough clearings, pans and waterholes to allow for sightings. Namibia has protected its game reserves against poaching, so there are large herds of elephants, antelope and other herbivores.

### DAY 3

Destination	Etosha National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Rise early and enjoy a full day of game viewing in the truck. Keep a close eye on the landscape for black rhino, Hartmann's mountain zebra, black-faced impala, roan antelope and the tiny Damara dik-dik. The park is also home to some 340 bird species. Return to the lodge and reflect on the day's adventures with your fellow travellers over dinner.

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### DAY 4

Destination Etosha National Park 🗨️ Damaraland

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation N/A

Enjoy a morning Game Drive in the Park then venture off the beaten track as you head into the heart of Damaraland (220 km; approximately 5 hours). Home to Namibia's highest peak, ancient rock paintings and petrified forests, the harshly beautiful and sparsely populated Damaraland region is a land of spectacular contrasts. Depending on the time of year, you might be lucky enough to see the desert elephants that roam the area.

### DAY 5

Destination Damaraland

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation N/A

Spend the morning visiting the surrounding sights such as Twyfelfontein Heritage Site and the Petrified Forest. Twyfelfontein has one of the largest concentrations of ancient rock engraving in southern Africa and is a fascinating insight into the past. The Petrified Forest looks back into nature's history, where 280 million-year-old fossilised tree trunks lie. Continue on to the Living Museum of the Damara, which aims to reconstruct and preserve the 'lost culture' of the Damara. Learn about this fascinating traditional culture that is, along with the Bushmen, the oldest nation in Namibia. Their original culture was a mixture of an archaic hunter-gatherer culture and herders of cattle, goats and sheep. Due to their loose social structures, the Damara struggle to defend themselves against colonisation – one of the reasons that the culture faced extinction. Return to the lodge around 2 pm, with the rest of the day free to relax by the pool, with a book or a nap.

### DAY 6

Destination Damaraland 🗨️ Swakopmund

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation N/A

Travel on through the Namib Desert today (330 km; approximately 6 hours with stops) to reach the Atlantic Ocean coastline. Take in the beautiful, diverse and colourful landscapes that stream past along the way; mountains, sand dunes, ocean waves and, shipwrecks. Your destination is the beachside town of Swakopmund on the Skeleton Coast. Upon arrival at Swakopmund, you will check into your hotel and have free time to enjoy this interesting township of German-Namibian atmosphere. The accommodation is within walking distance of the town, and you can enjoy a walk on the beach, or visit the open-air markets or local museum.

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### DAY 7

Destination	Swakopmund
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

With free time today, you may wish to take an optional trip north to Cape Cross, a breeding site for Cape fur seals. There can be in excess of 100,000 seals there at any given time, making for quite the spectacle. Quite a smell too, if the wind happens to change direction. Wander the coastline and attempt to document these beautiful creatures in a photo or two, and visit the large cross that sits nearby, left there by Diego Cao (the first European to arrive on Namibian soil in 1485). There are also a number of optional activities available here (at extra cost) for those who are interested.

Optional Activities Swakopmund - Swakopmund Museum - USD2 Swakopmund - Horse riding - USD65 Swakopmund - Seal and dolphin cruise - USD60 Swakopmund - Fishing trip - USD120

### DAY 8

Destination	Swakopmund 🚗 Sesriem
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Depart your coastal retreat in Swakopmund and head south today towards Sesriem (300 km; approximately 6 hours). Walvis Bay is the hibernation area for thousands of migratory birds, most notably flamingos. If in season you may take quick detour to see these elegant birds. Continue on past moon valley, an eerie rocky granite valley, and the Tropic of Capricorn. Stop by the small settlement of Solitaire before arriving at your lodge. Scattered with abandoned trucks, cars, petrol pumps and cacti, it's the only place between Walvis Bay and Sossusvlei to feature a petrol station, post office, general dealer, and bakery! The local Apple Pie has earned itself quite a reputation too.

### DAY 9

Destination	Sesriem
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Make an early-morning visit to Sossusvlei, which lies at the end of an ancient riverbed. This is a great opportunity for unsurpassed views of the surrounding area. Climbing to the top of Dune 45 will reward you with spectacular vistas of the surreal desert landscape. After breakfast, travel to Dead Vlei, a clay pan best known for the iconic postcard like images

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that many snap here. The pan is surrounded by some of the highest dunes in the world, 'Big Daddy' or 'Crazy Dune' average about 350 metres in height. In the afternoon you will visit Sesriem Gorge, a tranquil natural corridor that you can walk through and explore. Return to the lodge for the evening.

If you want to avoid a long walk in the sun you can opt to pay for a 4x4 transfer from the 2x2 car park out to the Dead Vlei entrance point. This will cost approximately NAD 130 per person.

### DAY 10

Destination	Swakopmund 🚗 Fish River Canyon
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Depart Sossusvlei early this morning and travel to Fish River Canyon (600 km; approximately 8-9 hours). Your accommodation for the next two nights is a gem hidden in this rugged environment. It's easy to see why the Canyon Lodge is a feature stay on this trip. A fusion of farmhouse flavour and natural splendour, walkways lead to 25 natural stone chalets nestled amongst granite boulders and perfectly landscaped gardens, making it really feel like an oasis in the middle of nowhere. After checking into the lodge you may like to cool off in the stunning pool, wrap up the day with a short excursion to our very own 'local' mountain, or simply have a drink and watch the sun go down.

### DAY 11

Destination	Fish River Canyon
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Rise early and witness the colourful sunrise from the edge of Fish River Canyon. At 500 metres deep and over 160 km long, this gaping chasm is one of the largest canyons in the world, ranking close in size to Peru's Colca Canyon and the Grand Canyon in the USA. You will stop at various lookouts, which offer spectacular views and photographic opportunities. Keep an eye out for some of the birds that inhabit this area, including plovers, wagtails, hammerkops and herons. If you're lucky you might even catch a glimpse of a baboon or antelope. After capturing all the photos you like, make your way to the main viewpoint and sit down to enjoy picnic breakfast with an unforgettable view over the canyon. Return to the lodge and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. There are a number of optional activities that you might like to join: take a guided drive to the Fish River Canyon and be inspired by new perspective; meander along the 4x4 Wildebeest Drive watching plains animals; or celebrate sunset from a hillock, overlooking the spectacular scenery.

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### DAY 12

Destination Fish River Canyon 🚗 Orange River

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation N/A

Farewell Fish River Canyon and head on to Orange River, just a short 2.5-3 hour drive away (approximately 200 km). You should reach your destination on the banks of the river by lunchtime. The Orange River is the longest stream in South Africa, running from high up in the Drakensberg mountain range and down into the Atlantic Ocean. This stream is significant for its role in transporting diamonds, which in turn leaves the deposits that are found along the Namibian coastline. Set off this afternoon on a 3-kilometre canoe journey down the Orange River. The canoe trip will be done in two-person canoes with a local guide. It is a slow paced, easy trip, and you should be travelling simply down stream for most or all of the trip.

### DAY 13

Destination Orange River 🚗 Trawal

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation N/A

Leaving Namibia behind, you will cross the border and travel into South Africa (approximately 7 hours). The approximately 450-kilometre drive will be south of the Orange River to a wine farm in Trawal. You will arrive in the late afternoon or early evening (depending on border crossing formalities). Highlanders is a working wine farm nestled among the farmland of the Olifants River area, sitting at the foot of the Cedarberg mountain range. The farm uses water from the oldest irrigation scheme in South Africa and delivers its grapes to Klawer Cellars, a local cooperative wine cellar. Dutch settlers planted the first vineyards in the area in the late 1600s. However, the vineyards only flourished after the canal was built from Clanwilliam Dam during World War II, and have since won prizes both locally and internationally. This evening you'll enjoy a unique wine tasting, taking in seven of the regions finest wines with your experienced and knowledgeable host 'Sparky'.

### DAY 14

Destination Trawal 🚗 Cape Town

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation N/A

Continue on to the South African capital, Cape Town (300 km; approximately 5 hours). With its stunning coastline, dramatic surrounding mountains and modern cityscape, Cape Town is one of Africa's most appealing cities and a great place to end the trip. The rest of the day until the evening is at your leisure. The infamous Robben Island (Nelson

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Mandela's prison for 18 years), vineyards, the V&A Waterfront, adventure activities and plenty of good restaurants and cafes are all at your doorstep. If time permits, you can take the cable car up to Table Mountain. This evening you'll enjoy a memorable dinner with the group in the Bo-Kaap region of Cape Town. Known for its brightly coloured houses and situated at the foot of Signal Hill, Bo-Kaap is the spiritual home of the Cape's Muslim community. Bo-Kaap has a fascinating history. Many of the residents are descendants of slaves from Malaysia, Indonesia and various African countries, who were imported to the Cape of Good Hope by the Dutch during the 16th and 17th centuries. The slaves were (often mistakenly) known as "Cape Malays", and the term has stuck, with Bo-Kaap known today as the Cape Malay Quarter. Get an insight into this history when you step inside the 'purple house' of Faldela and her family. Learn how to make samosas, before sitting down to an authentic home-cooked dinner. Taste some of the traditional dishes such as 'Bredie', 'Chilli Bites' and 'Koesisters'. Learn about why the houses are painted in bright colours and how the community supports each other from your story-telling host.

### DAY 15

Destination	Cape Town
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Your journey through Namibia and South Africa comes to an end today. There are no activities planned for the final day and this trip finishes after breakfast. There's plenty to see and do in Cape Town and extending your stay is recommended. Please speak to your booking agent about additional post tour accommodation.

Optional Activities Cape Town - Table Mountain Hike - ZAR720 Cape Town - Table Mountain Aerial Cable - ZAR250 Cape Town - Robben Island tour - ZAR260 Cape Town - Harbour cruise - ZAR200 Cape Town - False Bay by train and lunch Urban Adventure - USD59 Cape Town - Salt River Street Art Urban Adventure - USD59 Cape Town - Taste of Woodstock Urban Adventure - USD72

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### Inclusions

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

14 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 11 dinners  
 Expert tour leader  
 4WD vehicle, Custom-built overland vehicle, On foot, Private vehicle, Mokoro Cabin (1 night), Farmstay (1 night), Hotel (4 nights), Lodge (7 nights), Feature Stay Lodge (1 night)  
 Arrival airport transfers  
 In depth Sightseeing

### Fine Print

#### OPTIONAL TOURS

Swakopmund - Swakopmund Museum - USD2  
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 Cape Town - Table Mountain Aerial Cable - ZAR250  
 Cape Town - Robben Island tour - ZAR260  
 Cape Town - Harbour cruise - ZAR200  
 Cape Town - False Bay by train and lunch Urban Adventure - USD59  
 Cape Town - Salt River Street Art Urban Adventure - USD59  
 Cape Town - Taste of Woodstock Urban Adventure - USD72

Optional tours are paid locally to your Tour Leader in local currency.

#### EXCLUSIONS

International Airfares  
 Personal Expenses  
 Travel Insurance  
 Optional activities  
 Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional  
 Tipping/Gratuities

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### HOTEL LIST

Windhoek: Hotel Thule or similar  
Etosha National Park: Toshari Lodge or similar  
Damaraland: Mopane Lodge or similar  
Swakopmund: Swakopmund Sands Hotel or similar  
Sesriem: A Little Sossus Lodge or similar  
Fish River Canyon: Feature Stay at Canyon Lodge or similar  
Orange River: Norotshama River Resort or similar  
Trawal: Highlanders Lodge or similar  
Cape Town: The Commodore Hotel or similar

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

#### Single Supplement

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra AUD \$1105 subject to availability.

#### Triple Share

Not available.

#### Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

#### Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

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### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

#### Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a AUD \$400 deposit per person.  
Pay a 2nd instalment of AUD \$1542 per person within 28 days.  
You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

#### Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)  
Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected  
Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests  
Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab  
Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)  
Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking  
Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!

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