Namibia Route	South of the Tropic of CAPRICORN	14 days



Windhoek International Airport – Dordabis Eningu – Mariental Anib Lodge – Fish River Canyon - Aus Hotel – Schwarzrand Namtib Desert Lodge Biosphere Reserve – Duwisib Guestfarm - Sossusvlei – Donkerhoek West – Swakopmund - Windhoek

Day 1 **Eningu Clay House Lodge DBB** 71km

Arrival at Windhoek International Airport Hosea Kutako. One of our family of Kienitz Tours Safaris cc welcomes you personally. Depending on flight arrival details and how fit you are after your travel, you either first want to come with us to Windhoek for a first night hotel relaxation and refreshment or you decide to start your adventure right now.

No need to bring foreign currency if you have a debit or credit card. At Windhoek International Airport are different ATM service stations to trace cash monies. In Namibia we accept your VISA or MASTER Cards in nearly every shop or accommodation establishment.

Requirements for the self driving guests

- In Namibia we are driving on the left side of the road, steering wheel is on the right
- a 4x4 car is not necessary but recommended for this route on mainly gravel roads
- Please bring your international drivers licence
- Get your water/cool drinks ordered beforehand with us to have the electrical fridge supplied with all you might need for the first 2 days
- We will mark your route into a Namibia map nicely and co-driver should not miss to follow it, but google maps will assist to also get you to all places of interest and accommodation. However do not forget your power supplies and adaptors to make all things work. Chargers can be connected with your USB in the car.
- some necessary admin and copies can easily be prepared beforehand online; some of you prefer the original presentation, in this time office work takes little longer to get ready. Vehicle will be explained and handed over..

Guided trip

Welcome and relax in the vehicles with air condition to get us to your first destination. It will take us about 60min and you will experience home and peace for the rest of the day. Just stretch legs, relax from a long journey and “arrive in Africa”.

Day 2 **Anib Lodge DBB incl. afternoon nature drive** 255km

Rise and shine in the beauty of the Kalahari Desert. After 3-4h drive to the famous Kalahari Anib Lodge you will experience why so many people lost their hearts in the Kalahari. At Anib you will join the afternoon nature drive. You will get all information you are longing for regarding fauna and flora: from small Steenbuk to big antelopes, the Eland, you find all wildlife.



Day 3 **Canyon Roadhouse DBB 2N** 393km
Day on tarred road except for the last 70km sandy part. Your destination will be Canyon Roadhouse at famous Fish River Canyon. You will cross Mariental with its famous Hardap Dam and agricultural scheme. Mariental Spar offers a variety of food to fill your electrical cooler. Pay a visit to Quivertree Forest and overwhelming Giants Playground. Good place to have a picnic.

Day 4 No much travel today. After a healthy breakfast you leave for the Fish River Canyon. Stand in awe by Gods creation at the view point 1+2 on the western side and down to the Sulphor Springs on the southern side. Don´t forget to order on site lunch packs for a picnic spot you never forget.

Day 5 **Klein Aus Vista DBB, 2N** 282km
Hitting the tarred road again for a short time you will come across Seeheim Hotel. Don't hesitate to have a cup of coffee here or take one "to go". For further indulging enthusiasts Aus Hotel be an insider tip not only offering black forest cake. Just some more km and you will reach behind the rocky dunes.

Day 6 Undertake a day trip to the southernmost harbour of Namibia Lüderitzbucht. Only 20km from Klein Aus Vista you find the well known *desert horses*. The view point is about 3km from the tarred road. Because of lack of time in the morning it's a good idea to visit the horses on your way back. Don't just drive past… Kolmanskuppe Ghost town tours start at 9h3o every day (please first check in at reception). Interesting tourist tours to find out about the INs and OUTs those days in "Diamond times". The remains of this ghost city are explained on site. Next once in a lifetime city tour in Lüderitz, lunch at the Waterfront Hotel and pay a visit to Diaz Point. Be back at KAV. 270km

Day 7 **Namtib Desert Lodge Biosphere Reserve DBB** 122km
After yesterday full day trip, enjoy today the wide open feeling and dry arid landscape up close. Go to participate in an afternoon walk in the granite mountains followed by one night in the Namib Desert at a place "far away from anywhere".

Day 8 **Duwisib Guestfarm DBB** 132km
Guest farm visit, hear what the farmer has to say, how he is making a living in this area. What kind of life stories they have to share about "Schloss Duwisib". Unfortunately no direct entrance any more for a visit due to circumstances behond. Duwisib Guestfarm next to the castle will at least give you an idea what it means to have "a castle in Africa". Optional for plant and nature lovers we can organise a visit to Tiras mountains with farm drive and lots of information on Succulents (visit is depending on availability – please let us know beforehand to make an appointment and to arrange timewise).

Day 9 **Sossusvlei Quiver Tree Camp DBB** 280km
This is not just a rush through the desert but "today is the day" to dive into. After 3h drive you will reach the gateway into the famous Sossusvlei. Another 60km on unexpected tarred road leads you to the 2x4 parking spot and only the experienced drivers will do the remaining 5km through deep sand. If you are not trained please make use of the shuttle services offered to take you into the area of the dead vlei; otherwise be aware you will learn the humble pie lesson that others have to tow you out. Climb the wandering dunes, one step up, two down. Visit Sesriem Canyon on your way out.



Day 10 **Donkerhuk West DBB incl. afternoon drive** 270km
Take your time to visit the Kuiseb Canyon, Ghaub Canyon and several View Points in the desert. The next 270km through rough and wilderness area leads you to the tented Camp of Donkerhuk, meaning the dark corner, embedded into a mountainous hidden treasure of "Barbarossa" lying for his rest. Chris will show you soon what its all about. Enjoy the quietness of this camp. Farm drive either afternoon or morning drive is booked for you as an inclusive.

Day 11 **Pension BB Swakopmund 3N** 149km
After some days in the desert, the living coast will be your heading focus westwards… Swakopmund resembles a german city; at least no doubt about its history where you will be able to pay visits on your own in walkable distances to Kristal Museum, German Museum, old and new restored buildings, the Hotel and Entertainment Centre being transformed from the railway station into a 4star hotel, further your walking along the Mole and the Jetty to find yourself astonished again and again about a wonderful sunset at the Atlantic ocean being the last glimpse of the memories lying behind.

If you are on a guided trip we can recommend to fly from the dunes to the coast. A private charter company offers pick up flights of 1,5h instead of taking the rough route. Charter Company is taking you to your accommodation. Please enquire if you wish to experience the desert from above and we will ask for price quotes for you.

Day 12+13 Swakopmund optional. We cannot but suggest the following morning activities - they are worth it:

- Catamaran Trip (pick up 7h3o at the hotel) for a harbour tour in Walvis Bay, to experience sea life, eg. a seal embarking the boat, watch dolphin or underwater turtles, and with the birdlife you have the opportunity to be part of the coast for this half day journey.
- Tommys living desert tour pick up 8h until return 12h, experience the unexpected little and the dangerous creatures of the desert. For both evening dinner we have to place a booking for you in one of the gourmet fish restaurants alongside the coast. Please feel free to ask us placing the bookings beforehand.
- Cape Cross Seal Reserve visit
- Spa Hotel treatments (have to be pre booked)
- Visit of Moonlandscape (driving with a 4x4 vehicle in the river bed)
- Visit of Goanikontes, an oasis in the river bed with midday lunch (kids playing safely)
- Snake park visit Swakopmund

Day 14 About four hours driving time back approx. 363km to **Windhoek** - there might even be time for a short city tour on route to the airport (only if your departure flight will be in the evening). Additional nights can be booked at either a SPA game farm or Hotel or Bed and Breakfast accommodation with a view over the capital of Windhoek before this Namibia adventure ends.

Tour kilometres are approx. 2400km South of the **Tropic of Capricorn**, meaning South of the capital Windhoek. All our tours can be amended with additional days or accommodation establishments if you wish to exchange with your own recommendations from friends/family. If you wish to overnight first and last night in Windhoek, we will also add this nights on request. Please let us know. Alternative bookings are sometimes necessary due to overbookings. Price will be updated after confirmed bookings.