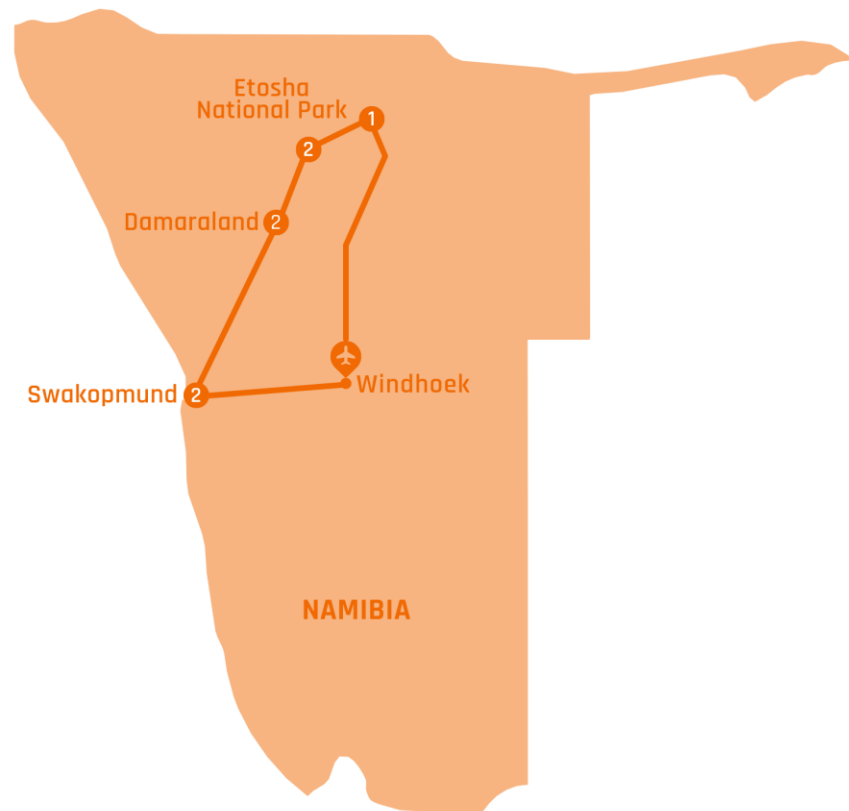


GUIDED JOURNEYS 2024

NAMIBIA NORTHERN ODYSSEY SWN8



ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

DATE	ROUTING
DAY 1 - Friday	WINDHOEK – SWAKOPMUND
DAY 2 - Saturday	SWAKOPMUND
DAY 3 - Sunday	SWAKOPMUND - DAMARALAND
DAY 4 - Monday	DAMARALAND
DAY 5 - Tuesday	DAMARALAND – ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK
DAY 6 – Wednesday	ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK
DAY 7 - Thursday	ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK
DAY 8- Friday	ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK - WINDHOEK
	END OF TOUR

Minimum 2 guests / Maximum 16 guests
Selected departure dates

DURATION:

8 Days/7 Nights

ROUTING

WINDHOEK - WINDHOEK

DEPARTURE DATES

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	Tour Language:	Bilingual	English
	Departure Days:	FRIDAY	FRIDAY
2023	November	10, 24	17
	December	1, 8	
	January	12, 26	
2024	February	9, 23	
	March	22	8
	April	19	5
	May	3, 17	31
	June	14	28
	July	12, 26	
	August	2, 16, 23, 30	9
	September	13, 20, 27	6
	October	11, 18, 25	4

INCLUDES

7 breakfasts & 1 picnic lunch, accommodation, bottled water on board, portorage, entrance fees and sightseeing as specified

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Please check visa requirements, as certain nationalities may require visas in order to travel through Namibia

LANGUAGE

All departures are in dual language German/English commentary unless specified.

Highlights: Swakopmund, Damaraland, visit to a Damara Village, Etosha National Park

TIMINGS

Departure of the tour will be between 08:00 and 09:00 on the first day. Should the flight arrival be before 09:00 the guide will collect at the airport.

Same day departure flights from Windhoek should only be booked after 19:00.

Rates valid 01/11/2023 - 31/10/24**Bed and Breakfast:** (01/11/2023 - 31/10/24)

NAD 35 850.00 per person sharing

NAD 2 900.00 single supplement

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast: (01/11/2023 - 31/10/24*)

NAD 38 950.00 per person sharing

NAD 2 900.00 single supplement

*Dinner on Day 3-7

Activity Package: NAD 3 240.00 per person (Catamaran Marine Cruise, Full Day Open Vehicle Etosha Game Drive.) Non-comm.

Accommodation used:

Hansa Hotel or similar x 2 nights

Ondjamba Hills or similar x 2 nights

Eldorado Lodge or similar x 2 nights

La Rochelle Lodge or similar x 1 night

DAY 1 – FRIDAY**WINDHOEK - SWAKOPMUND**

A transfer brings you to the coastal town of Swakopmund, Namibia's premier holiday seaside town. Upon your arrival in the early afternoon, you will check into your hotel where the remainder of the day will be at leisure. With its palm-lined streets and seaside promenades, Swakopmund is a popular holiday destination in Namibia. For the international traveller, Swakopmund is a bohemian mix of German architecture and African rhythms, a laid-back attitude mixed with a variety of activities. It is colourful, it is vibrant, but most of all it is pure fun.

DAY 2 – SATURDAY**SWAKOPMUND**

Swakopmund is often fondly referred to as the "playground of Namibia", it has numerous activities ranging from, adventure to exploring the fascinating features of the Namib Desert and the animals and plants that occur and survive here. There are a myriad of optional activities on offer from Swakopmund. You may choose to explore the town on your own accord and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere or enjoy freshly baked pastries and coffee in any of the many cafes and coffee shops dotted around the town. Afternoon cake and coffee is taken very seriously and a delicious way to meet some of the locals. Alternatively explore the rugged, sweltering desert on a day tour, or view this awesome, environment from the air on a scenic flight.

DAY 3 – SUNDAY**SWAKOPMUND - DAMARALAND**

Leaving the foggy coast behind this morning, we make our way towards Damaraland. The journey takes us through the mining village of Uis and past the Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain, just shy of 2 600m. We then continue further into Damaraland, one of the least populated and most geologically diverse areas in Africa. This harsh, rocky environment is home to the elusive desert elephant, the black rhino and free-roaming antelope species. Arrival at the lodge will be in the afternoon, with the remainder of the day at leisure to soak up the atmosphere of the lodge.

DAY 4 – MONDAY**DAMARALAND**

Enjoy an early morning scenic nature drive through the wilderness area of the Otjimboyo Concession as we make our way towards the Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain. This is the best time to capture the perfect light of sunrise and catch the last mist engulfing the mountain. We then continue down into the dry Ugab riverbed, which we follow back towards the camp. Stopping under one of the majestic camelthorn trees we enjoy a light picnic lunch. On our drive along the meandering river we might encounter the elusive desert elephant that roam the dry riverbeds of the Damaraland, feeding on the nutritious pods of the trees lining the riverbanks. Arriving back at the camp we have enough time left to enjoy the scenery or follow one of the walking trails.

DAY 5 – TUESDAY**DAMARALAND – ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

During the cooler hours of the morning, we start our adventure filled day in the company of a local Damara guide, who takes us to Twyfelfontein, a UNESCO heritage site where Bushman communities engraved and painted over 2.500 pictures some 6.000 years ago! After a visit to the nearby Living Museum of the Damara, we proceed to the Petrified Forest - a geological phenomenon depicting the creation and metamorphosis of wood into stone amongst some of the oldest landmasses on Earth. Here we also see the Welwitschia mirabilis plant – the oldest living desert plant on Earth. Our onward journey takes us to the wildlife heaven of Namibia - the Etosha National Park. We check into our lodge located on the border of the Etosha National Park and can unwind after the adventure filled day alongside the pool.

DAY 6 – WEDNESDAY**ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

The day is devoted purely to the abundant wildlife found in the Etosha National Park, which surrounds a parched salt desert known as the Etosha Pan. The park is home to 4 of the Big Five - elephant, lion, leopard and rhino. The Park was proclaimed as Namibia's first conservation area in 1907 by the then Governor, von Lindequist. Despite the size of the Etosha National Park, only the southern edge of the pan is accessible to visitors. Game viewing in the park is primarily focussed around the waterholes, some of which are spring fed and some supplied from a borehole, ideal places to sit and watch over 114 different game species, or for an avid birder, more than 340 bird species. Popular game species such as giraffe, blue wildebeest, plains and mountain zebra, hyena, lion, leopard, antelopes such as kudu, oryx, eland, as well as some of the endangered species such as Black rhino, cheetah and the black-faced impala are all found here. An extensive network of roads link the over 30 water holes allowing visitors the opportunity of a comprehensive game viewing safari throughout the park as each different area will provide various encounters.

DAY 7 – THURSDAY**ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

Today your guide takes you on a game drive in the Etosha National Park. We may encounter animal species we have not seen the previous day and look forward to any new surprises at the different waterholes visited. The Etosha Pan dominates the park. This salt pan desert, which is nearly completely enclosed by the park and is lined by numerous watering holes, is roughly 130 km long and as wide as 50 km in places. During Etosha's notorious dry spells the pan is a deathly place, lying parched and cracked under the molten African sun. It is claimed that game viewing is best during the dry periods as animals will then congregate closer to water. But even in the rainy season, the park remains an abundant wildlife haven. You then have the pleasure of experiencing the rebirth of life as the young foals, cubs and chicks are seen frolicking with their parents, and the sprouting new green shrubs and grasses create a pleasing green oasis. In the afternoon we travel back to our lodge, where we enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure. An optional open vehicle game drive can be booked with the lodge.

DAY 8 – FRIDAY**ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK - WINDHOEK**

After breakfast, we travel back through the centre of the country exposing bush land savannah to the capital in the centre of the country. Time permitting, en-route we may stop at the famous wood carvers market in Okahandja or the craft market in the main street in Windhoek to pick up the last few souvenirs. Windhoek is a cosmopolitan melting pot of European architecture with African culture, with a variety of excellent restaurants to choose from. You will be dropped off at your accommodation of choice, or transferred to the airport for your outward flight.

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF BUSINESS

1 UNDERTAKING

Cullinan Namibia undertakes to provide all services offered subject to the terms and conditions set out herein, which terms and conditions are accepted by the passenger.

2 DEFINITION

Cullinan Namibia means: Cullinan Holdings (Pty) Ltd T/A Cullinan Namibia Tours & Safaris

Passenger means: Individuals, groups, companies or other legal persons using the services offered by Cullinan Namibia and includes the agents of passengers.

Services means: The provision of accommodations and/or transportation and/or meals as offered by Cullinan Namibia and accepted by the Passenger.

3 TERMS OF PAYMENT

3.1 On confirmation of services - a deposit of 25 % of the quoted tour price is required (N.B : For tours that include Blue Train and/or Private Game Reserves and Lodges, a different schedule of deposits, payments and cancellation fees apply. This will be provided when applicable.)
45 days before commencement of services - full payment plus rooming list is required.

Notes

- i) Bookings made within 45 days of commencement of services must be accompanied by full payment of the tour plus rooming list.
- ii) Where circumstances do not permit the timeous receipt of funds, explicit confirmation of transfer of funds will enable us to reserve services.

3.2 Payments may be deposited directly into the following bank account:

Cullinan Namibia Pty Ltd
Standard Bank Namibia
Windhoek Branch
Namibia.

Account Number : 04 142 5111
Bank Code : 08 2372 00
OR
Telegraphic Transfer
SWIFT CODE : SBNMNANX

3.3 If payments are made in negotiable foreign currency, the payer will be responsible for any short payment resulting from exchange rate fluctuations. The exchange rate applied by the official bankers of Cullinan Namibia on receipt of moneys will be accepted as the applicable rate.

3.4 If the required deposit or final payment is not received by due date, Cullinan Namibia reserves the right to withdraw services.

4 CANCELLATIONS

4.1 General Conditions

4.1.1 Cancellations made more than 90 days prior to arrival will not normally result in cancellation fees being charged. However;

4.1.2 Cullinan Namibia reserves the right to recover any costs incurred or charges received from suppliers up to the date of cancellation.

4.1.3 In the event of services being cancelled 90 days or less, prior to arrival, the following cancellation fees will apply.

- 90 days to 61 days before commencement of services: 10% total quoted tour price due. (Subject to 2. above)
- 60 days to 31 days before commencement of services: 25% total quoted tour price due. (Subject to 2.

above)

- 30 days to 21 days before commencement of services: 50% of total quoted tour price due. (Subject to 2. above)
- 20 - 8 days before commencement of services: 100% of the total quoted tour price due
- 7 days or less before departure: 100% of the total quoted tour price due

We recommend that you ensure that your passengers take adequate personal cancellation insurance cover before departure from home.

4.2 **Special Conditions**

For tours that include services of certain suppliers with more stringent policies, e.g., National Parks Board, Blue Train, Private Lodges and others, different cancellation fees will be enforceable. These will be provided when applicable.

5 **AIRLINES**

Cancellations and refunds

In the event of cancellation or failure, for any reason whatsoever, to use confirmed space, as ticketed, 25% (twenty five percent) of the applicable airfare will be forfeited. A change of reservation constitutes a cancellation. Extension of ticket validity is no permitted, save when a passenger is hospitalised due to illness or in the event of death of a member of the passenger's immediate family.

Responsibilities and booking conditions

All airfare reservations are arranged subject to the conditions imposed by the respective airline.

6 **LUGGAGE**

One suitcase and one overnight bag per person is allowed. Cullinan Namibia accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to luggage or personal property from whatsoever cause arising. Passengers are advised to take up adequate insurance cover.

7 **DELAYS**

Cullinan Namibia shall not be responsible for the consequences of any delays whether arising from accidents, breakdowns, or any other cause.

8 **RESPONSIBILITY**

Cullinan Namibia carries comprehensive passenger liability insurance details of which will be made available on request. Cullinan Namibia is not responsible for any damages sustained by any passenger as a result of any act or omission whatsoever of any hotel, airline or other person, notwithstanding the fact the Cullinan Namibia acted as agent of such hotel, airline or other person.

9 **LAW**

The law of the Republic of South Africa shall govern the relationship between Cullinan Namibia and the passenger and the Courts of the Republic of South Africa shall have sole jurisdiction in respect of any claims and/or disputes which may arise between Cullinan Namibia and the passenger, or Agent.