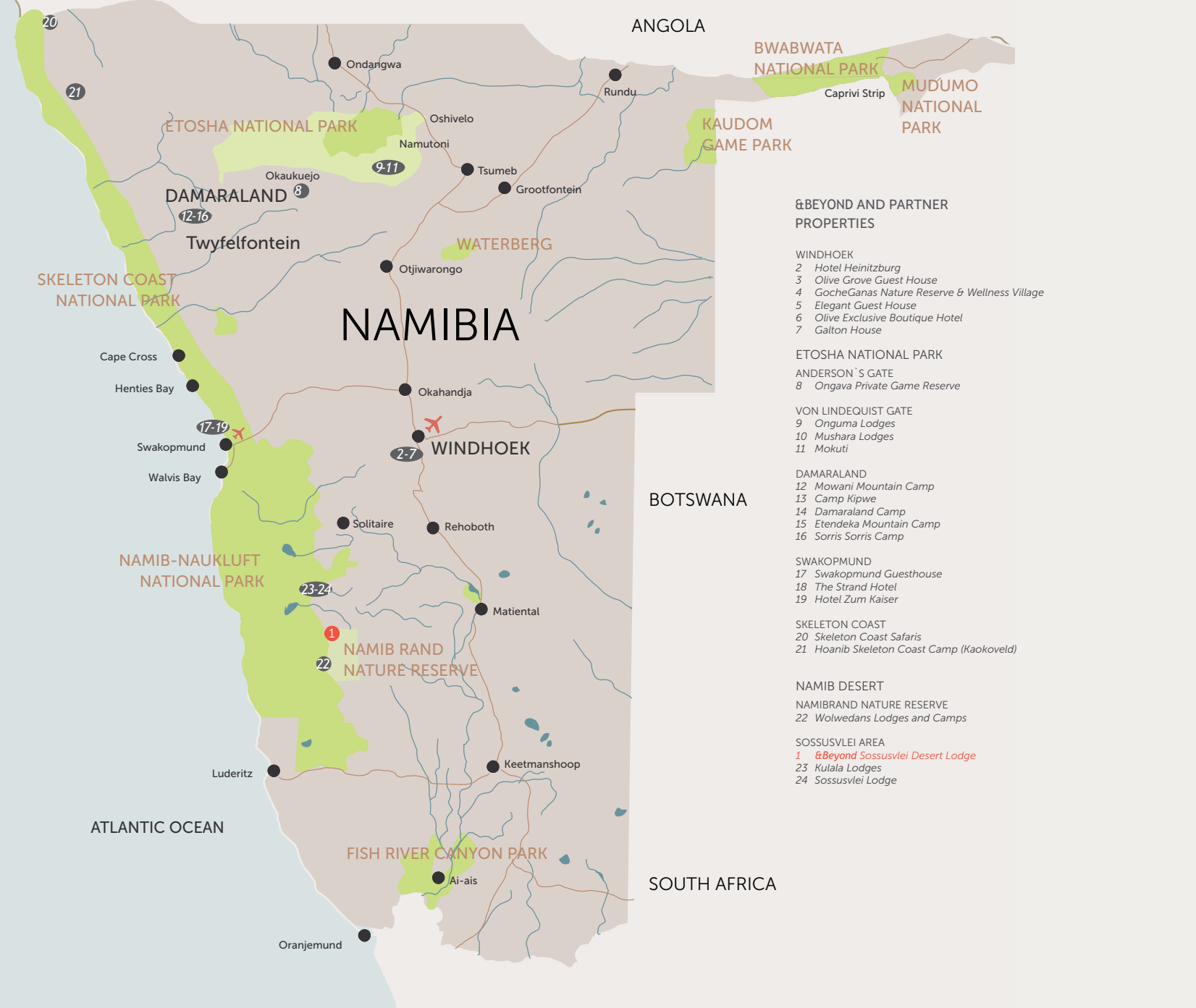




DISCOVER...

NAMIBIA

Namibia is the soul of Africa, characterised by vast open spaces, breathtaking scenery and great contrasts - ocean, dunes, mountains and deserts. This vast country of rolling dunes and swirling mists stirs the spirit and moves the heart. Namibia is so large and sparsely populated that it is possible to discover enormous open spaces without roads, towns, trees or even stones; just the lonely desert wind passing through one of the most enchanting corners of the earth. Africa's largest game park, the Namib-Naukluft Park, is a must see when on safari in Namibia, with its magnificent sea of rolling red dunes at Sossusvlei. Etosha National Park is one of Africa's great parks in both size and diversity of wildlife. In the country's far north eastern pocket is the captivating and largely unexplored Caprivi Strip.




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FAST FACTS

Currency

Local Currency: NAD
 Accepted Currency: USD or ZAR
 Accepted Credit Cards: Visa, Mastercard




How to Spend it

Windhoek Lager
 Namibia's famous beer

Namibian biltong
 Made from venison or beef

Himba bracelet
 Hand-carved with designs inspired by the animals, landscape, and rich history of Namibia

Vellies
 Boots made from kudu or gemsbok leather



In Numbers

Population: 2.3 million

80% of the country is made up of desert.

The Namib Desert is the world's oldest desert and has been arid for more than 55 million years.

Namibia is the world's 5th largest supplier of diamonds.

2 spectacular deserts can be found in Namibia; the Kalahari and the Namib.

Namibia is bordered by 4 countries: South Africa, Zambia, Botswana and Angola.

2nd lowest population density in the world.

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Did You Know?

Capital city: Windhoek (which means windy corner)

Namibia hosts the highest sand dunes in the world at Sossusvlei and in the Namib-Naukluft.

The Namib Desert is home to the first African Dark Sky Reserve.

Namibia's landmass is equivalent to that of Germany and Spain combined.



Food

Sample a Namibian wine at a local winery, on the outskirts of Omaruru. Making wine in the middle of the desert is certainly possible.

Namibia produces prime, free range beef, which is exported to the global market.

Shuck on Namibia's famous farmed oysters – which are renowned as some of the best in the world.



TRAVEL TIMES

NAMIB DESERT				
5hrs 1hr 15min	SWAKOPMUND AND SKELETON COAST			
11hrs 2h 25min	5hrs 1h 20min	DAMARALAND		
9hrs 3hrs 20min	7hrs 2hrs 10min	5hrs 1hr 40min	ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK	
6hrs 1hr 15min	4hrs 1hr 15min	7hrs 1hr 40min	6hrs 1hr 45min	WINDHOEK
12hrs 3hrs	7hrs 1hr 40min	5hrs 1hr	8hrs 2hrs 15min	9hrs 2hrs 45min
KAOKOVELD				

Disclaimer: All flights may include multiple stops and scheduling is a guideline – times will vary and scheduling is coordinated mainly by operations teams on the ground. Flight schedules are more limited in off-peak periods. Above times are based on best-practice logistics and exclude transfers to and from lodges.

Care of the Land, Wildlife and People

In Namibia, proceeds generated from the sale of solar lamps, at &Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge's Safari Shop, support a nearby Orphanage through a "feeding scheme in the desert". Additionally, we collaborate with like-minded travel partners, whose ethos also extends to the preservation of Africa's wild areas and its vibrant people; such as Wolwedans, who are committed to the conservation of the Namib Desert and its surrounding communities. Another such example is the AfriCat Foundation, a carnivore conservation project that offers visitors the opportunity to experience first-hand the vital efforts of the foundation and gain valuable insight into carnivore conservation.



Caught on Film

Snap away at dune #45 (en route to Sossusvlei), one of the largest and most photographed sand dunes in the world.

Capture the eerie atmosphere of the Skeleton Coast on an early morning excursion. The rusted remains of a shipwreck enshrouded by mist makes for great photography.



LEGENDARY LANDSCAPES

NAMIB DESERT

The Namib Desert is a world of vast spaces, endless horizons, dramatic desert scapes and jagged mountain heights. One of the oldest, driest and most pristine areas on earth, the Namib Desert plays host to the largest private nature reserve in Southern Africa, the NamibRand Nature Reserve, which spans 180 000 hectares (445 000 acres) of unspoiled desert wilderness. The spectacular dunes at Sossusvlei, arrayed in magnificent hues of orange, tower over a vast, dry pan. Over 230 metres (750 feet) high and constantly shaped by the wind, these breathtaking dunes are among the highest in the world.



NAMIB DESERT

SWAKOPMUND AND SKELETON COAST

Namibia's western coast plays host to an array of popular destinations – most notably, Swakopmund and the Skeleton Coast. The charming town of Swakopmund retains a strong German flavour – from its cobbled streets and picturesque buildings to typical German restaurants and pubs. Further along the coastline is the atmospheric Skeleton Coast, named after the many ships that sank here over the past few centuries. The rusted remains of wrecked ships are often surrounded by swirling mists, and make for moody and dramatic visuals. The Skeleton Coast is home to the flourishing Cape Cross seal colony – one of the largest breeding colonies of Cape fur seals.



SWAKOPMUND AND SKELETON COAST

DAMARALAND

The breath-taking mountainous region of Damaraland is home to an assortment of desert-adapted wildlife such as elephant, rhino, zebra and lion, which eke out an existence in this near-barren landscape. A not-to-be-missed attraction is the picturesque Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain, which is home to thousands of ancient rock paintings – most notably the White Lady. The rocky outcrops of Twyfelfontein feature exceptional Bushmen engravings, which are considered to be some of the best preserved etchings on the continent. Visit the Petrified Forest, which dates back millions of years and offers a haunting landscape of gigantic fossilised trees.



DAMARALAND

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Etosha is one of Africa's great wildlife parks and Namibia's prime wilderness conservation area. Spanning a vast 22 300 square kilometres (8 610 square miles), it consists mostly of grassy plains around a huge salt pan, which becomes a beautiful lake after heavy rains and attracts large flocks of pink candy-floss-coloured flamingo. Etosha hosts a vast array of animals, including the Big Five, as well as giraffe, and rare and unusual species like the black-faced impala, Hartmann's mountain zebra or the smallest antelope in the world, the Damara dikdik.



ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

WINDHOEK

Namibia's capital, Windhoek is a bustling metropolis that is unexpectedly neat and orderly, though this is perhaps less surprising when one considers it was a German territory for many years. This is the main port of call for most tourists, and all travellers pass through the city at least once. Situated in a pretty valley, Windhoek boasts buildings very much in the German architectural style. The German presence can be strongly felt in the food, restaurants – and, of course, the beer. The Namibian beer is said to be the best in Africa and is brewed in Windhoek.



WINDHOEK

BEYOND COMPARE

		NAMIB DESERT	SWAKOPMUND AND SKELETON COAST	DAMARALAND	ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK	WINDHOEK
Why we Love it	Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Known as the "Living Desert", the dunes of the Namib abound with desert-adapted creatures - Take to the skies for an unforgettable hot air balloon journey over the desert's dramatic landscapes - Witness the highest dunes in the world at Sossusvlei - Marvel at the clear night skies on a stargazing adventure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Embark on a half-day Cape Cross tour that also covers the seal colony - Visit the charming town of Swakopmund and sample utterly delicious Swakopmund oysters - Explore the Skeleton Coast, named after the many ships that sank here over the centuries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Embark on a thrilling tracking safari in search of desert-adapted elephant and rhino - Discover ancient rock paintings – most notably the White Lady - View the petrified forest, dating back millions of years - Visit a Himba village and learn interesting facts about the Himba people and their way of life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discover the famous "white elephants" of Etosha, renowned for taking white clay baths - Photograph the large flocks of flamingoes that visit the park after heavy rains - Search for the Big Five as well as rare and unusual species like the black-faced impala, Hartmann's mountain zebra or the Damara dikdik 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Namibia's gateway and capital city - Renowned for the strong German presence found in the architecture, food, restaurants – and, of course, the beer - Discover the heritage and sites on a city tour
	Getting There	<p>International Flights: International flight access into Hosea Kutako International Airport (Windhoek). Direct flights into Windhoek from Johannesburg and Cape Town (South Africa), Lusaka (Zambia) and Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe).</p> <p>Domestic Flights: Eros Airport is Windhoek's domestic airport. Light aircraft flights link Windhoek to major tourist areas such as Swakopmund, The Skeleton Coast, Damaraland, Etosha and Namib Desert; and are operated on a scheduled seat-on-plane or private basis.</p> <p>Gateway Airport: Eros Airport / Hosea Kutako International Airport (Windhoek) Hosea Kutako International Airport (Windhoek) / Swakopmund Airport Eros Airport / Hosea Kutako International Airport (Windhoek) Eros Airport / Hosea Kutako International Airport (Windhoek) Eros Airport / Hosea Kutako International Airport (Windhoek)</p> <p>Self Drive: Namibia is an ideal self-drive destination, although distances between major centres are considerable. All &Beyond guests begin their self-drive journey in Windhoek, and are given a comprehensive briefing by knowledgeable staff regarding road conditions, suggested sightseeing along the route and other relevant information.</p>				
Where to Stay*	\$\$\$	Sossusvlei Lodge Kulala Desert Lodge	Swakopmund Guest-house Hotel Zum Kaiser Strand Hotel		Mokuti Lodge Onguma Etosha Aoba Lodge The Mushara Outpost	Galton House Olive Grove Guest House
	\$\$\$\$	Wolwedans Lodges and Camps		Camp Kipwe Mowani Mountain Camp Etendeka Mountain Camp	Onguma - The Fort Ongava Lodge	Hotel Heinitzburg Olive Exclusive Boutique Hotel
	\$\$\$\$\$	Little Kulala &Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge	Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp Skeleton Coast Safaris	Damaraland Camp Sorris Sorris Lodge	Ongava Tented Camp Little Ongava	

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ACTIVITIES

		NAMIB DESERT	SWAKOPMUND AND SKELETON COAST	DAMARALAND	ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK	WINDHOEK	BEST KEPT SECRETS
SAFARI	Morning & afternoon game drives	○		●	●		Explore Namibia with a private guide throughout your tailor-made journey. Our expert guides offer a wealth of knowledge on Namibia's best loved destinations — perfect for families, first-time visitors and repeat guests.
	Night game drives	○			○		
	Nature walks	○		●	●		
	Photographic safaris	○		●	●		
	Elephant & Rhino tracking			●			
	Birdwatching	○	●	●	●		
ADVENTURE	Catamaran cruise		●				Set out on a quad bike trail through the dunes, led by an experienced guide. Enjoy the solitude and majesty of the desert as the trail winds over the dunes and rocky outcrops. As the day comes to an end, stop to enjoy a chilled sundowner as a blanket of stars slowly comes to life in the velvety sky.
	Hot Air balloon safaris	●					
	Stargazing	●					
	Scenic flights	●	●				
	Horse-riding	●	●				
	Sandboarding		●				
	Shipwreck adventure		●				
	Hiking	●	●	●			
	Boat cruises		●				
	Quad bike trips	●	●				
CULTURAL	Rock art	●		●			Venture to the ancient rock art engravings at the World Heritage Site of Twyfelfontein, with an archaeologist.
	Village visits & community trips	●	●				
	History		●			●	
	Beerhouse tour					●	
GAME DRIVE CHECKLIST	Lion	●	●	●	●		Embark on a "Living Desert Adventure" into the dunes between Swakopmund and Walvis Bay, where an interpretive nature experience showcases the region's desert-adapted wildlife.
	Leopard	●		●	●		
	Elephant			●	●		
	White rhino				●		
	Black rhino			●	●		
	Cheetah	●		●	●		
	Small desert animals	●	●	●			
	Cape Seals, penguins & marine life		●				

● National Park and Private Concession ○ Private Concession

TIMING IS EVERYTHING

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
TEMPERATURE HIGH*	88°F	84°F	83°F	79°F	75°F	70°F	69°F	75°F	81°F	85°F	87°F	89°F
TEMPERATURE LOW*	64°F	63°F	61°F	56°F	51°F	44°F	43°F	48°F	55°F	59°F	62°F	63°F
RAIN FALL*	0.14"	0.13"	0.12"	0.07"	0.02"	0	0	0	0	0.02"	0.02"	0.09"
VALUE**	\$\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$	\$\$

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
PHOTOGRAPHY	Capture the starry nights skies in the Namib desert					●	●	●	●			
	Cloud formations, thunderstorms and softer light - excellent for scenic photography	●	●	●								●
	Ideal time to capture the starkly beautiful, red dune silhouettes of Sossusvlei					●	●	●	●	●		
	Photograph the "white elephants" of Etosha					●	●	●	●	●		
ACTIVITIES	Clearlest skies for stargazing					●	●	●	●			
	Excellent game-viewing at Etosha as animals congregate around waterholes during the dry season				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
	Embark on a Namib dune and desert adventure	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	Dry season and comfortable temperatures make this the best time for hiking and nature walks					●	●	●				
	Windhoek's vibrant Oktoberfest									●		
	View San Rock Art paintings at Twyfelfontein	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
WILDLIFE AND VEGETATION	Opportunity to see many baby animals on safari	●							●	●	●	●
	Excellent bird wathcing as migratory species arrive	●	●	●	●					●	●	●
	Whale watching season along Namibia's coastline						●	●	●	●	●	
	Flamingos congregate at Walvis Bay in Swakopmund						●	●	●	●	●	
	Flamingos gather in Etosha	●	●	●							●	●

* Temperature and rainfall based on Windhoek. Source: Accuweather. Climate varies regionally and according to altitude - measured in farenheit and inches.

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ITINERARIES

MOST POPULAR



Enchanting Namibia Safari - 11 days / 10 nights

- 1 night Windhoek
- 2 nights Sossusvlei in the Namib Desert
- 2 nights Swakopmund
- 2 nights Damaraland
- 1 night Central outskirts of Etosha National Park
- 2 nights Eastern outskirts of Etosha National Park

TIME-STARVED



Namibia Dunes & Desert Safari - 4 days / 3 nights

- 3 nights Namib Desert

REPEAT



Romantic Namibia Tour & Safari - 10 days / 9 nights

- 1 night Windhoek
- 3 nights Skeleton Coast
- 2 nights Swakopmund
- 3 nights Sossusvlei (Namib Desert)

IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



Add to Your Experience . . .

- 4 nights Cape Town (South Africa)
- OR
- 3 nights Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)