Namibia Private Guided Family Safari

This special family-first itinerary of Namibia affords you the chance to experience this magnificent and memorable country in a very personal way. You will have your own professional and experienced safari guide who will enhance your enjoyment of this unique country by making it a fascinating and stress-free journey of discovery amidst very dramatic scenery.

Duration: 14 Days
Arrival City: Windhoek
Activities and Interest: Trekking, Wildlife
Countries: Namibia

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Price Includes:
Accommodation as stated, 4x4 Vehicle with air conditioning, excursions as described in itinerary, professional guide, all meals, airport transfers.

Price Excludes:
Airfare, visas, drinks, curios, tips and optional excursions.

Itinerary

Day 1 : Windhoek
Upon your arrival at the Windhoek International Airport, you are met by our representative who will assist you onwards for your transfer to the Naankuse Wildlife Sanctuary where you will stay for your first night in Namibia. This afternoon can be spent on one of the scheduled activities on offer at the lodge (at additional costs) or just spend the afternoon relaxing after your long travels.

Accommodation Na'an ku se Lodge
Meal Basis Dinner, Bed, Breakfast And Lunch

Day 2 : Okonjima
After breakfast you have a choice of activities that may be suitable for children. You will then have sufficient time to freshen up before you are collected by your naturalist guide from the lodge this morning, and set off on your private family safari in Namibia, which today takes you through Okahandja to Okonjima, the home of the AfriCat Foundation. Here you can enjoy the welcoming atmosphere, superb accommodation and fantastic activities; starting with a guided afternoon excursion.

Accommodation Okonjima Plains Camp
Meal Basis Dinner, Bed, Breakfast And Lunch

Day 3 : Etosha
This morning is spent on an exciting activity before returning for hearty brunch. After brunch and freshening up you will depart and head for the Etosha National Park in the late morning. You should arrive at the Mushara Bush Camp in the mid afternoon and time allowing you can enter the Etosha National Park for some exciting game viewing (or else just have the kids enjoy the little playground at the Mushara Bush Camp and get rid of some energy). You return to Mushara Bush Camp for dinner.

Accommodation Mushara Bush Camp
Day 4 : Etosha

Today is available for a full day of exciting game viewing within the eastern section of Etosha National Park. After discussion with your guide you can either opt to go into the Park in the morning and the afternoon and return to the Camp for lunch and an early afternoon rest; or you can head back west across to spend more time in the area around Halali; or you can head north past Fischer’s Pan and up into the Andoni Plains if you prefer. Either way, you will return to the comforts of Mushara Bush Camp before sunset. As you have the full time services of your own private guide, in your own 4x4, the day’s activities are scheduled around the specific interests of the family and the endurance of the children.

Accommodation Mushara Bush Camp

Meal Basis Dinner, Bed, Breakfast And Lunch

Day 5 : Etosha

Today your game-viewing adventures consist of travelling through the breadth of the Etosha National Park, stopping at selected waterholes to observe the game gathered there along the way, enjoying lunch at one of the rest camps inside the park, and then leaving the park through the southern Andersson Gate to arrive at the Etosha Mountain Lodge in the mid to late afternoon. The rest of the afternoon can be spent relaxing at the camp, which is usually welcome after a long day of game driving. There is a range of optional activities available at additional costs. These are conducted with the Etosha Mountain Lodge guides in their vehicles.

Accommodation Etosha Mountain Lodge

Meal Basis Dinner, Bed, Breakfast And Lunch

Day 6 : Damaraland

Today after breakfast you set off on your journey to the Damaraland region. The Damaraland is typified by displays of colour, magnificent table topped mountains, rock formations and bizarre-looking vegetation. The present day landscape has been formed by the erosion of wind, water and geological forces which have formed rolling hills, dunes, gravel plains and ancient river terraces. It is the variety and loneliness of the area as well as the scenic splendour which will reward and astound you, giving one an authentic understanding of the word ‘wilderness’. You arrive at your exclusively set up Under Canvas camp in time for sundowners around the camp fire. The camp is specially set up for the family, so it’s the ideal space for children to be children again, run around barefoot, and explore crevices for little critters. There are plenty of advantages to stay in a private camp set up for the family, such as dining times arranged around the needs of the family (which often require early dinners), no concern about disturbing other guests with the excitable laughter of kids and enjoying the attention of your own camp team to cater to all the specific interests of the family.

Accommodation Huab Under Canvas

Meal Basis Dinner, Bed, Breakfast And Lunch

Day 7 : Damaraland

Today you explore the Damaraland, enjoying the freedom to explore the fascinating landscapes with your private naturalist guide both by vehicle and on foot. Damaraland is a surprising refuge for desert adapted wildlife that may include giraffe, oryx, springbok and even some predators such as lion. However, as with any wildlife sightings in Namibia, this depends on many factors including seasonality so specific sightings are never guaranteed. The wildlife roams large tracks of unfenced desert landscapes and finding game can be challenging, but this is all part of the adventure of exploring this wild untouched gem of Namibia. For the afternoon you have the option for a sleep out or sky bed. Our STELLAR ESCAPE is set in an ancient dry riverbed on our private concession in the //Huab Conservancy, offering crystal clear skies with nothing between you and the brilliant stars of the Namibian night sky, where satellites, galaxies, shooting stars and the occasional significant meteor can all be seen with the naked eye. Guests are escorted on their Stellar Escape by their guide, normally starting with a leisurely late afternoon walk, arriving in time for a cocktail or two while enjoying the sunset. A sumptuous bush dinner is prepared on an open fire by one of our magicians, and this can be enjoyed whilst the night sky comes into full splendor. After an astronomy tutorial by your guide, and once you are ready to retire for the night, your crew will leave you with a radio (for communication in case of an emergency) and leave you for an enchanting night under a billion stars, in complete privacy - although your guide can spend the night a discreet distance away if so desired. You will be woken in the morning by a spectacular sunrise and your favourite hot beverage, before returning to camp to freshen up and have breakfast.

Accommodation Huab Under Canvas

Meal Basis Dinner, Bed, Breakfast And Lunch
Day 8: Damaraland
You return to the camp where a hearty brunch awaits you. Today’s adventures include an exciting 4x4 scenic excursion to explore this remarkable region and to search for game, including the elusive desert adapted elephants if they are in the area. Damaraland is home to a variety of desert adapted wildlife and hidden desert treasures. Later in the afternoon you head out again for a scenic nature drive or walk to explore this vast and astounding ecosystem. You can wander barefooted in camp and close the day’s adventures by reconnecting as a family playing board games available at camp.

Accommodation Huab Under Canvas
Meal Basis Dinner, Bed, Breakfast And Lunch

Day 9: Swakopmund
The drive today takes you south past Namibia’s highest mountain, the Brandberg which peaks at 2,573 m above sea level and west to meet the coast at Henties Bay. You then continue south to the coastal town of Swakopmund where you can enjoy the pleasant seaside location and cooler coastal air for two nights. There will be time this afternoon to wander around town and along the waterfront on foot if appeals, before heading off for dinner at the popular Tug Restaurant by the jetty which specializes in fresh Namibian seafood. Swakopmund is a charming family friendly destination, offering a choice of things to see and do including camel rides, collecting seashells on the coast and go shopping at colourful craft markets. The ocean however is quite rough and the sea quite cold, so Swakopmund is not a traditional seaside resort but offers plenty of adventure for the entire family. The peculiar little Swakopmund museum is well worth a visit, exhibiting some really curious artifacts.

Accommodation Sandfields Guesthouse
Meal Basis Dinner, Bed, Breakfast And Lunch

Day 10: Swakopmund
After an early breakfast your guide will drive you along the scenic coastal road to Walvis Bay for a memorable seal and dolphin cruise within the outer lagoon and harbour. This is an ideal way of seeing Cape fur seals, Heaviside and bottlenose dolphins, pelicans, flamingos and a wide variety of other sea birds. If you are lucky, there is also a chance of seeing whales, leatherback turtles and sunfish. During the course of the cruise a scrumptious brunch will be served along with local sparkling wine and fresh oysters, but a very kiddie friendly menu is on offer for the family at no additional cost. You will return to the jetty at roughly 12h30 after which you may like to explore Walvis Bay further before returning to Swakopmund for an afternoon at leisure at your guesthouse or in town.

Accommodation Sandfields Guesthouse
Meal Basis Dinner, Bed, Breakfast And Lunch

Day 11: Sossusvlei
The fascinating drive today takes you south-east through awesome and ever changing desert landscapes via the impressive Gaub and Kuiseb canyons to meet the dunes at the settlement of Solitaire. A picnic lunch will be had en route and you will continue onto the Namib Tsaris Conservancy, where you will spend your final two nights of your safari at the exclusive-use Sossus Under Canvas. Arrival should be in the mid to late afternoon with enough time to acquaint yourself with the camp and enjoy a hot bucket shower before dinner. NOTE: As an alternative to the drive from Swakopmund to Sossusvlei you may like to take a scenic light aircraft flight over Sossusvlei and along the Diamond Coast (optional extra at additional cost), allowing you a bird’s eye view over the Sandwich Harbour and salt pans, the Namib Sea Sand, abandoned mining camps and two shipwrecks,. Your guide will drive to meet up with you in Sossusvlei later in the day. This helps managing any fatigue that kids may start feeling after the many hours in recent days on the road.

Accommodation Sossus Under Canvas
Meal Basis Dinner, Bed, Breakfast And Lunch

Day 12: Sossusvlei
This morning you will rise early for a magical excursion with your guide in the Namib Naukluft National Park setting off from the lodge. As a result, you can be on your way at sunrise to capture the dunes whilst the light is soft and shadows accentuate their towering shapes and curves. This area boasts some of the highest free-standing sand dunes in the world. Your guide will give you an insight on the formation of the Namib Desert and its myriad of fascinating creatures and plants that have adapted to survive these harsh environs. Especially Children will enjoy the giant sand box of Sossusvlei, attempting to race up the dunes, and then jump down again to try to make the dunes roar, or discover the many little tracks left overnight by little critters living in the desert, and just enjoy being able to explore freely the area on foot, out of the vehicle, since there are no predators of concern in the area. Once you have explored to your hearts content you can enjoy a relaxing picnic breakfast under the shade of a camel thorn tree. Return to Sossus Dune Lodge in

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the early afternoon for a late lunch, stopping off to view Sesriem Canyon en route if this wasn’t done the previous day. The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure (from experience, this is usually welcomed after an exhilarating morning in the dunes). But you can also explore the Namib Tsaris reserve on bike and discover surprise farm pools to splash about in the middle of your private desert retreat.

Accommodation Sossus Under Canvas

Meal Basis Dinner, Bed, Breakfast And Lunch

Day 13 : Windhoek

This morning, after breakfast up you will depart for Windhoek, having a picnic lunch en route. You arrive in Windhoek in the late afternoon to spend the last night of your safari at the Galton House. You enjoy a farewell dinner this evening at the guesthouse with your guide, reminiscing about the adventures just passed.

Accommodation Galton House

Meal Basis Dinner, Bed, Breakfast And Lunch

Departure Day

Should you have time this morning, you can explore Windhoek, if you have any last minute shopping to be done, before being transferred to the Windhoek International Airport for your flight home.

Meal Basis None

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