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Wild Namibia Desert Safari

Search for Desert Rhino & Other Rare Wildlife on an Exclusive Fly-In Adventure

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Trip Details:

Days
9 Days / Jun–Oct

Price
From $14695 (+Air)

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Namibia is soul-stirring. Here on the southwest edge of Africa, burnt-orange dunes rise a thousand feet high against a cobalt sky. Inside are diamonds, tucked into the mountains of sand by waves and wind. The coastal desert is washed by the relentless ocean, while inland, the sun bakes the plains into a cracked puzzle of dried mud, pocked with enough grass and thornbush to sustain desert rhinoceros and other rare species uniquely adapted to survive in these daunting environs. Raptors survey arid canyons that slice through vast plateaus, and dry riverbeds run like veins across the landscape. There is water here, too, although its presence is subtle. At times, life is sustained merely by remnants of fog that drift in from the sea. In the stark Etosha salt pan, waterholes attract game pursued by feline predators. Springbok, oryx, kudu and dik-dik run to elude them in a great and ancient desert dance.

Trip Highlights

Explore Exclusive Private Wildlife Reserves

Delve into the vast nature reserves of Kulala, Palmwag and Ongava, filled with rare and endemic wildlife, though never with crowds

Track Rare Desert Rhinoceros

Track rhinos on foot from Desert Rhino Camp in the remote Palmwag Concession, and search for other uniquely desert-adapted species

Fly Between Remote Camps to Maximize Safari Time

Fly between luxury camps enveloped in silent wilderness, extending your time for wildlife viewing and exploring the desert landscape

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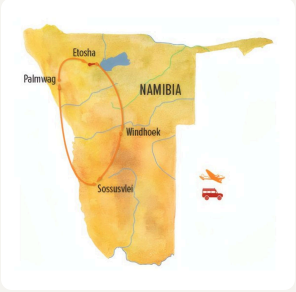


Wild Namibia Desert Safari Itinerary

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Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1	Windhoek
Days 2–3	Kulala Wilderness Reserve
Days 4–5	Palmwag Concession
Days 6–8	Etosha National Park / Ongava Private Reserve
Day 9	Windhoek



Day 1

Windhoek

Arrive in Windhoek before your desert wildlife adventure

- Take in Windhoek's blend of colonial and contemporary architecture during your transfer
- Join your Expedition Leader for a welcome dinner and preview of the safari ahead

Our Namibia wildlife safari begins on arrival in Windhoek. Namibia's capital is a modern, walkable city with an eclectic urban skyline featuring both contemporary and colonial architecture, from German castles and cathedral spires to glass skyscrapers. There's time to relax this afternoon at our boutique hotel in a tranquil neighborhood before a welcome dinner with our Expedition Leader.

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Days 2–3

Kulala Wilderness Reserve

Stand among some of the world's tallest dunes in the Namib Desert

- Fly into the private 90,000-acre Kulala Wilderness Reserve
- Explore Sossusvlei at dawn beneath towering dunes
- Look for oryxes, ostriches and springboks crossing the desert sands

Fly by light aircraft to Little Kulala, a luxurious retreat inside the private 90,000-acre Kulala Wilderness Reserve on the edge of Namibia's great sand sea. The word *namib* in the Nama language means "vast," an apt name for this ancient arid expanse—the world's oldest desert. Early morning game drives take us into Sossusvlei, a salt and clay pan surrounded by shape-shifting sand dunes. Framed by intense blue skies, the world's tallest dunes glow deep carnelian at dawn, changing minute by minute as the sun climbs, to rose, burnt orange and ochre. Inside are diamonds, tucked into the sand mountains by currents, waves and wind. Remarkably, these dunes are home to a host of desert species, including oryx, ostrich, springbok, spotted and brown hyena, aardwolf and bat-eared fox. The rare dune lark's entire habitat is confined to this area. Discover the desert's subtle magic on short walks and safari drives. From Little Kulala's profoundly secluded vantage point, experience some of Africa's most arresting vistas, including vermilion sunsets and unparalleled stargazing.

Days 4–5

Palmwag Concession

Track endangered black rhinos on foot in remote Damaraland

- Search for free-roaming black rhinos with Save the Rhino Trust experts
- Look for desert-adapted elephants and Hartmann's mountain zebras on 4x4 wildlife drives
- Stay at a remote camp surrounded by ancient riverbeds and granite mountains

Fly north to the private million-acre Palmwag Concession. Our destination, Desert Rhino Camp, lies at the heart of this vast reserve in Damaraland, one of Africa's last great wildernesses. Few safari locales offer the level of isolation found here. The raw landscape is defined by ancient riverbeds, open plains, stacked granite rocks and deep gorges. Within these stark environs, freshwater springs support healthy numbers of wildlife, including Africa's largest population of free-roaming black rhinos. We'll track this endangered icon in the company of rhinoceros experts from Save the Rhino Trust. To search for rhinos on foot is a rare and exhilarating experience. Taking care to stay downwind, silent and hiding behind scrub bushes, we hold our breath in anticipation of spying this ancient desert dweller. On 4x4 drives, look also for desert-adapted elephant, endemic Hartmann's mountain zebra, giraffe, oryx, springbok, greater kudu and possibly even predators. Birds are abundant, with a number of southern African endemics.

Days 6–8

Etosha National Park / Ongava Private Reserve

Watch wildlife gather at Etosha's famed waterholes

- Look for elephants, lions and rhinos across Etosha National Park
- Explore Ongava on guided walks and night drives unavailable inside the park
- Retreat each evening to a secluded camp bordering Etosha

Today we fly to the Ongava Game Reserve bordering Etosha National Park. Within this private concession, wildlife thrives while visitors are few. Our focus is the Etosha Salt Pan, the remnant of a huge lake that existed here 2 million years ago. Bare and dry today, the depression offers Namibia's best wildlife viewing, with elephant, black and white rhinoceros, lion, leopard, cheetah, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, hartebeest, springbok, oryx, kudu and the diminutive dik-dik drawn to the many life-sustaining waterholes. Birdlife is prolific, and we may see ostrich and raptors. From camp, take guided walks (safety permitting) and night drives on the reserve, traveling into the adjacent national park by day, then retreating to solitude each evening.

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Day 9

Windhoek

Fly across Namibia’s desert landscapes before departing

- Travel from Ongava to Windhoek by light aircraft
- Connect with homeward flights

Our Namibia safari concludes as we fly from Ongava back to Windhoek for onward travels.

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Olive Grove Guest House

This intimate guesthouse enjoys a tranquil location close to the city center of Windhoek, offering 11 guest rooms with lavish bathrooms and private verandas incorporating extensive local stone.



Little Kulala

Inside a private reserve with direct access to the towering sand dunes of Sossusvlei, 11 thatched villas offer magnificent scenery, private plunge pools and rooftop skybeds for stargazing.



Desert Rhino Camp

This simple yet comfortable camp, run in conjunction with Save the Rhino Trust, offers a thrilling location from which to track rare desert-adapted black rhinos alongside community trackers.



Ongava Tented Camp

Built of stone, canvas and thatch, eight Meru-style tents feature earth tones in harmony with the surrounding environs—the private Ongava Reserve, where wildlife abounds apart from crowds.

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/africa/the-great-namibia-wildlife-safari/accommodations.

You'll Find No More Distinctive Namibia Safari

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Namibia's dramatic desert landscapes and uniquely adapted wildlife make for an especially intriguing safari experience. But less-informed safari-goers can easily end up in large impersonal lodges, viewing wildlife in public parks from tarmac roads alongside many other vehicles. With our focus on personalized wildlife encounters and our long history in Namibia (our founder performed one of Namibia's first ecotourism surveys in 1990), we are uniquely qualified to show you Namibia's vast and mesmerizing wilderness. Here's how we promise a truly exceptional Namibia safari:

1 **Maximum Group Size Is Just Seven Travelers**

An authentic encounter with nature is hard to achieve outside of a small group. While Namibia's paved road system encourages a more "bus-like" safari approach in many popular places, we limit our groups to *just seven guests,* allowing us to access remote areas that mini buses can't get to.

2 **Chartered Flights Maximize Your Time on Safari**

We opt for light aircraft transfers to maximize your time with wildlife, rather than negotiating rough and dusty roads between destinations. And from the air, you'll gain a whole different perspective on Namibia's stunning landscapes.

3 **Private Reserves Offer Seclusion & Exclusive Activities**

Private reserves are essential to an optimal Namibia safari. From the million-acre Palmwag Concession to the Ongava and Kulala wilderness reserves—private concessions adjacent to national parks—we view abundant wildlife away from crowds (since most visitors are traveling on paved and gravel roads inside the parks). When we do visit the national parks, we enter prime wildlife-viewing areas quickly and return to our private reserves for a much quieter experience. We also enjoy exclusive activities not permitted in the parks, such as safari walks and night drives. And from fly-in Desert Rhino Camp, we have the rare chance to track endangered desert rhinos alongside conservation experts and researchers.

4 **Exclusive Opportunities to Explore on Foot, Including Rhino Tracking**

Guided bush walks are available on private reserves—rare opportunities to stretch your legs while on safari. Track rhino on foot during our stay at exclusive Desert Rhino Camp, a remote outpost that gives you the best access in Namibia to view this endangered species. And consider an optional climb up the sand dunes at Sossusvlei for a perspective on the landscape that most safari-goers confined to vehicles miss.

5 **An Open "Window" Seat for Everyone**

We limit our capacity to just seven travelers per vehicle on wildlife drives, assuring unimpeded views, maximum comfort and the best photo opportunities. In the Sossusvlei region, we explore in spacious closed vehicles that provide protection from wind and sand, with eight cushioned seats plus ample room for your gear. In less-sandy regions, our private chartered safari vehicles have open sides (no glass to interfere with your view) and 10 cushioned passenger seats—one in front next to the driver, followed by three rows of three seats each...lots of extra room for all!

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6 **Remote Accommodations in Harmony with the Landscape**

The isolated luxury camps we've chosen are truly exceptional. Each is seamlessly integrated into the natural environment in a way that allows you to be fully absorbed in the landscape. Each tent or chalet also has a private veranda for personal wildlife viewing opportunities. We are proud to include a stay at rarely visited Desert Rhino Camp, located within the distant wilderness of the Palmwag Concession where many of the world's last desert rhinos still roam free.

7 **Africa's Most Outstanding Safari Guides**

We provide the personalized service of Namibia's top naturalist guides. We employ only the most highly trained and experienced Expedition Leaders, who accompany your group from start to finish. Rather than relying on less-qualified local camp guides at each stop, our Expedition Leaders are the best-trained safari guides in Africa, averaging 15 years' experience, with additional resources provided by WWF's leading scientists. **See Expedition Leader bios** with traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

8 **Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Superior Namibia Safari**

With Natural Habitat Adventures, you receive our exclusive guarantee, which clearly states that we will meet the lofty expectations we set in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company. **Read our important promise.**

9 **Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey**

We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.

10 **Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner**

Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel, as well as the exceptional quality of our adventures, World Wildlife Fund—the world's leading environmental conservation organization—has named Natural Habitat Adventures as its worldwide travel partner, a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!



Dates & Pricing Summary:

Price
From $14695 (+Air)

Group Size
Limited to 7 Travelers

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2027 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
May 4 - May 14, 2027	**$19995** +internal air	Photo Expedition
Jun 8 - Jun 16, 2027	**$14695** +internal air	
Jul 8 - Jul 16, 2027	**$14695** +internal air	Natural Habitat Explorers Pricing Available
Jul 23 - Jul 31, 2027	**$14695** +internal air	
Aug 8 - Aug 16, 2027	**$14695** +internal air	
Aug 23 - Aug 31, 2027	**$14695** +internal air	
Sep 16 - Sep 24, 2027	**$14695** +internal air	
Oct 4 - Oct 12, 2027	**$14695** +internal air	

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Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Oct 25 - Nov 4, 2027	**$19995** +internal air	Photo Expedition
Nov 15 - Nov 25, 2027	**$19995** +internal air	Photo Expedition

2028 Departures

Departure – Return Prices not confirmed for 2028	Pricing	Notes
May 5 - May 15, 2028	**From $19995** +internal air	Photo Expedition
Jun 6 - Jun 14, 2028	**From $14695** +internal air	
Jun 22 - Jun 30, 2028	**From $14695** +internal air	
Jul 6 - Jul 14, 2028	**From $14695** +internal air	
Jul 21 - Jul 29, 2028	**From $14695** +internal air	
Aug 6 - Aug 14, 2028	**From $14695** +internal air	
Aug 21 - Aug 29, 2028	**From $14695** +internal air	
Sep 14 - Sep 22, 2028	**From $14695** +internal air	
Oct 4 - Oct 12, 2028	**From $14695** +internal air	
Oct 21 - Oct 31, 2028	**From $19995** +internal air	Photo Expedition
Nov 16 - Nov 26, 2028	**From $19995** +internal air	Photo Expedition

See https://www.nathab.com/africa/the-great-namibia-wildlife-safari/dates-fees for the latest pricing details.

Included

Trip price includes: Accommodations in luxury safari camps, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s), camp staff, premier open-sided 4-wheel drive Land Cruisers or Rovers, rhino tracking with Save the Rhino Foundation rangers, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.

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Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees (if any), optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry, etc.), airline baggage fees, airport and departure taxes (if any), required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

Internal air: All light aircraft flights within the itinerary (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

Important Information About This Trip

This adventure encompasses the magic of Namibia's vast and varied landscape, from the world's tallest sand dunes to wildlife-rich Etosha National Park, without having to make long, hot, dusty drives that have traditionally been a part of a Namibia safari. A major benefit of this flight-based safari is the unbelievable view from the air. Towering dunes, endless desert, and rocky coastlines reveal Namibia's natural diversity. Also by flying, we maximize our time on safari, rather than in transit. While the scenery - and the entire experience - is tremendous, the animal encounters here tend to be somewhat less plentiful than in some other safari destinations (though the Etosha portion is fantastic for wildlife!).

Mandatory Insurance

Since the areas we travel to on this trip are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require medical evacuation insurance for our guests' safety. If you decline the medical evacuation insurance coverage offered by Natural Habitat, we request that you send us documentation of the independent coverage you have selected. We will add the cost of a medical evacuation policy to your tour invoice until you provide our office with proof of coverage including your insurance company's name, contact number and your individual policy number. Thank you for understanding that our policy exists exclusively in the interest of our guests' safety.

Getting There & Getting Home

This trip begins and ends in Windhoek, Namibia. Because this is a long international journey, **we recommend that you arrive at least one night prior to Day 1** to rest from your travels and begin the trip refreshed. For guests who come in early, recommended hotels will be included in your pre-departure materials. You must arrive in Windhoek by 5 pm on Day 1 in order to join the group for the first scheduled activities.

You may depart Windhoek anytime after 5 pm on the final day.

Our Natural Habitat Adventures Travel Desk can best assist with your travel reservations, as our staff is familiar with the specific requirements of this program and can help arrange the most efficient itinerary. Please call us at 800-543-8917. While we offer the best available rates to us on airfare and additional nights' accommodations, you may occasionally find special web rates or lower fares online.



Wild Namibia Desert Safari Extensions

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Secluded Botswana Safari

Our flagship Botswana safari—for just seven guests! A truly exclusive wilderness immersion in the Okavango Delta's best private wildlife reserves and beyond, plus Victoria Falls.

$19995 (+air)



Okonjima AfriCat Extension

Join the AfriCat Foundation for close-up photography and interactions with Namibia's wild felines on this private 55,000-acre wildlife sanctuary dedicated to carnivore rehabilitation.

$3295



Madagascar Explorer

Look for rare and endemic flora and fauna on a compact itinerary revealing a mix of contrasting ecosystems—primary rainforest, pristine beaches, ancient baobabs and coastal mangroves

$13895 (+air)



Sabi Sand Extension

An exclusive safari experience on a 160,000-acre private reserve that's one of Africa's best places to spot the famous Big Five—choose among intimate luxury camps and secluded boutique lodges.

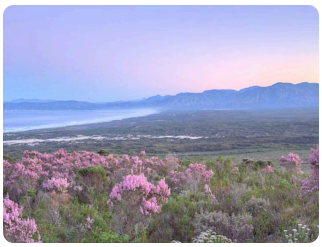
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Cape Town Extension

Discover one of the world's most entrancing cities and its natural environs. Survey the view from Table Mountain, explore the Cape Peninsula, visit Cape Point Nature Reserve, see penguins at Boulders Beach, and tour the Winelands.

$2495



Wild Cape Coast Extension

From our luxury ecolodge base on the Grootbos Private Nature Reserve, explore pristine coastal wilderness including the rare Cape Floral plant kingdom and Stony Point penguin colony.

$3595

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