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Wild Namibia Photo Expedition

Photograph Namibia's Unique Desert Wildlife & Stunning Landscapes in Remote Seclusion

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Trip Details:

Days
11 Days / May, Oct–Nov

Price
From $19995 (+Air)

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Namibia is one of Africa's best-kept secrets for photographers. Less well known and less visited than the game parks of East and South Africa, Namibia's treasures remain more hidden, revealed to those in search of a truly distinctive safari adventure. Here amid one of the world's greatest deserts, we find a surprising collection of hardy wildlife that has managed to adapt to its harsh environs. Yet this is also an arrestingly beautiful land. From soaring sand dunes to broad, dry rivers, from jumbled rocky mountains to lonely beaches, photographers will find Namibia profoundly alluring. A more civilized highlight is our luxury camps, replete with amenities and enveloped by silent wilderness.

Trip Highlights

Expert Photography Coaching from Top Naturalist Guides

With guidance from our Expedition Leader, photograph desert-adapted wildlife, including elephants, against the varied backdrop of Namibia's striking topography

Remote Private Reserves—Including the Skeleton Coast

Capture scenic drama and unique wildlife in the vast, uncrowded realms of Kulala and Ongava—plus the rarely visited Skeleton Coast, where silence prevails

Sand Dune Photography at Sossusvlei

Photograph the world's tallest sand dunes in the ethereal light of early morning, as the rising sun plays on their surface, changing colors from carnelian to rose, rust and gold

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Wild Namibia Photo Expedition Itinerary

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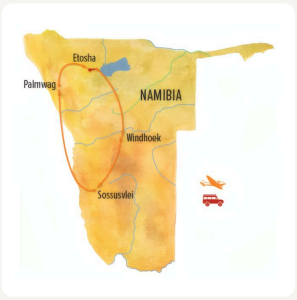
Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1	Windhoek
Days 2–4	Kulala Private Reserve / Sossusvlei Sand Dunes
Days 5–7	Palmwag Concession / Skeleton Coast
Days 8–10	Ongava Private Reserve / Etosha National Park
Day 11	Windhoek



Day 1

Windhoek

Arrive in Windhoek before your desert photo expedition

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

Our Namibia photo safari begins in Windhoek, the country's contemporary capital whose eclectic skyline is peppered with German castles, glass skyscrapers and cathedral spires. We meet our Expedition Leader on arrival and settle in to our boutique hotel in one of Windhoek's leafy and tranquil neighborhoods. Over a leisurely welcome dinner, get acquainted with fellow travelers and learn about the vast landscapes and wildlife we'll be photographing during an orientation overview.

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Days 2–4

Kulala Private Reserve / Sossusvlei Sand Dunes

Photograph some of the world's tallest dunes in the Namib Desert

- Capture images of Sossusvlei's towering dunes as dawn light shifts from red to gold, and opt for a sunrise hot air balloon flight
- Photograph oryxes, springboks and bat-eared foxes across the desert
- Frame star-filled skies from Little Kulala within Africa's first International Dark Sky Reserve

After breakfast on Day 2, a mid-morning flight by light aircraft lands us at Little Kulala, a luxury desert retreat within the private 90,000-acre Kulala Wilderness Reserve at 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. From this profoundly secluded vantage point, we'll have a chance to photograph some of Africa's most arresting vistas, including vermilion sunsets and black night skies glittering with stars.

Rise early each morning for excursions into Sossusvlei, the flat salt and clay pan surrounded by the world's tallest sand dunes. As the sun climbs higher into the sky, the changing light plays on the shape-shifting dunes at the Namib Desert's lonely center, providing entrancing opportunities for landscape photography. Framed by intense blue skies, the dunes change color as the morning sun rises higher in the sky, moving from deep red to burnished orange, then ochre and gold as the sun ascends. Inside are diamonds, tucked into the sand mountains by currents, waves and wind.

While wildlife is sparsely distributed in this austere landscape, we have a chance to capture photos of desert species including oryx, ostrich, springbok, spotted and brown hyena, aardwolf and bat-eared fox. The rare dune lark's entire range is confined to this habitat. Discover the desert's subtle magic on short walks and safari drives—plus there is an optional opportunity for an early-morning hot air balloon flight over the dunes, a thrilling chance for photographers to capture dramatic aerial views of this wondrous landscape in the rosy glow of sunrise.

Days 5–7

Palmwag Concession / Skeleton Coast

Capture images of desert-adapted wildlife in the remote Kaokoveld

- Photograph Namibia's largest population of desert elephants on 4x4 wildlife drives
- Frame giraffes, lions, oryxes and other wildlife from riverside hides
- Visit the Skeleton Coast to photograph Cape fur seals along the shore, weather permitting

Fly north toward Namibia's Skeleton Coast, whose evocative name references the dried bones of wrecked ships that lay half-buried on beaches battered by fierce Atlantic storms. Our destination, Hoanib Skeleton Coast, is a hospitable outpost amid one of Africa's last great wildernesses. Set in one of the most fragile ecosystems on Earth, the low-impact camp enjoys a scenic location at the confluence of two tributaries of the dry Hoanib River in the northern part of the private million-acre Palmwag Concession, next to Skeleton Coast National Park. Few safari locales offer the level of isolation found here in one of the most remote regions of the Kaokoveld.

We spend three days immersed in these rugged mountains, vast plains, dune fields and dry riverbeds, with one excursion to the coast itself. A range of activities is designed to maximize photography opportunities, and we explore via 4x4 drives and hides for wildlife viewing. Our bewitching environs are inhabited by a remarkable array of desert-adapted plants and animals, with surprising photo subjects at every turn. Almost miraculously, a multitude of species thrives in the stark inland environment, including Namibia's largest population of desert elephant. With cameras poised, we hope for sightings of giraffe and lion, oryx, springbok and steenbok. On a guided bush walk (safety permitting), look for scrub hare and inquisitive ground squirrels. During our stay we have one opportunity to visit the Skeleton Coast, driving out and flying back (weather permitting; coastal fog is a regular presence here). A colony of Cape fur seals is often present on shore, and we may spot black-backed jackal and elusive brown hyena near the beach. Birdlife is diverse, with many southern African endemics, and we're likely to spot jaegers and skuas.

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Days 8–10

Ongava Private Reserve / Etosha National Park

Frame wildlife at Etosha's famed waterholes from a private reserve

- Photograph elephants, lions and zebras gathering at Etosha's waterholes
- Look for black and white rhinos across the private Ongava Reserve
- Set out on guided night drives in search of nocturnal wildlife

Transfer by light aircraft to the Ongava Reserve on the border of Etosha National Park. The Etosha Salt Pan is the remnant of a huge lake that existed here two million years ago. Bare and dry today, the depression offers Namibia's best wildlife photography opportunities, with elephant, black and white rhino, lion, leopard, cheetah, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, hartebeest, springbok, oryx, kudu and the diminutive dik-dik drawn to its life-sustaining waterholes. Birdlife is abundant, and we may see ostrich and raptors. We stay on the private reserve adjacent to the park, far from any other accommodations. From camp we take guided walks (safety permitting) and night drives on the reserve, venturing into the park by day to photograph wildlife and scenery.

Day 11

Windhoek

Fly across Namibia's desert landscapes before departing

- Travel from Ongava to Windhoek by light aircraft
- Connect with onward flights from Namibia's capital

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

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Wild Namibia Photo Expedition Accommodations

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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.



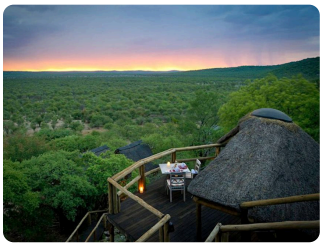
Little Kulala

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.



Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp

On the private Palmwag Concession in one of the Kaokoveld's most remote areas, understated elegance permeates the seven-tent camp in this tiny outpost overlooking a stark and mesmerizing landscape.



Ongava Lodge

Featuring 14 rock-and-thatch units inside a private game reserve home to resident white and black rhino, this luxurious hilltop lodge includes an inviting pool and meals in view of the busy waterhole.

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/africa/namibia-photo-tour/accommodations.

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Discover What Sets This Namibia Photo Safari Apart

Wild Namibia Photo Expedition

You won't find many dedicated photography safaris to Namibia. But of those you will find, few if any can match the slate of special features we include. Take a look at what sets this safari apart:

1 **Maximum Group Size Just 8 Travelers—4 Per Safari Truck!**

An authentic encounter with nature is hard to achieve outside of a small group. While Namibia's tarmac road system in developed areas encourages a more “bus-like” safari approach, we limit our groups to just eight guests, with *only four travelers per vehicle*, facilitating access to remote areas that mini buses can’t get to...as well as a more personalized safari experience with limited impact on fragile environments.

2 **Chartered Flights for More Time on Safari**

We arrange light aircraft transfers to maximize your time on safari with wildlife, rather than negotiating rough and dusty roads between destinations. Furthermore, from the air, you’ll gain a whole different scenic perspective on Namibia’s vast and dramatic landscapes.

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

Private reserves are essential to an optimal Namibia safari. From the remote and rarely visited Skeleton Coast to the Ongava and Kulala wilderness reserves (both are private concessions adjacent to national parks), we are able to explore in solitude and view an abundance of wildlife without the presence of other visitors. When we do visit the national parks, we can quickly enter prime wildlife-viewing areas and return to our private enclaves for a much quieter and more remote experience. We also enjoy exclusive activities not permitted in the national parks, such as safari walks, a wildlife hide and night drives in search of nocturnal animals.

4 **Exclusive Opportunities to Explore on Foot**

Guided bush walks are available on private reserves—rare opportunities to stretch your legs while on safari. An optional climb up the sand dunes at Sossusvlei offers for a whole different perspective on this dramatic landscape that most safari-goers confined to vehicles miss.

5 **Two Morning Excursions to Photograph the Sossusvlei Dunes**

Most Namibia safaris spend just one day at the magnificent dunes of Sossusvlei, the tallest sand dunes in the world. We have built in two full excursions here, for double the opportunity to photograph this iconic landscape in the early light of day.

6 **A Rare Visit to the Skeleton Coast**

Few Namibia safaris include this exceptionally wild and remote destination, one of the longest, loneliest and wildest stretches of ocean coastline on Earth. From Hoanib Skeleton Coast camp, we have unusual access to this region, with multiple possibilities (weather permitting, since fog frequently is present here) to photograph wildlife, including large colonies of Cape fur seals, jackals and hyenas that roam the shore; misty dunes that front the beach; and shipwrecks and relics left behind by ill-fated crews.

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7 **Remote Luxury Accommodations in Harmony with the Land**

The isolated luxury camps we've chosen for this safari are truly exceptional. Each is seamlessly integrated into the natural environment in a way that allows you to be fully absorbed into the stunning and diverse landscapes we visit. Each tent or chalet also has a private veranda, to maximize personal wildlife viewing opportunities. And from Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp, you'll be able to explore the wild and rugged terrain of Namibia's notorious northwest coast, and the wildlife that inhabits it, in superb comfort.

8 **Africa's Most Outstanding Safari Photography Guides**

We are proud to provide the personalized service of some of Namibia's most outstanding naturalist guides. We employ only the most highly trained and experienced Expedition Leaders, who will accompany your group from start to finish. Furthermore, your safari guide is also an accomplished photographer, whose expertise and tips will help you get superlative photos. Our NHA Expedition Leaders average 15 years' experience, with additional resources provided by WWF's leading researchers. **See Expedition Leader bios** and traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

9 **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.**

10 **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.

11 **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!

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Dates & Pricing Summary:

Price
From $19995 (+Air)

Group Size
Limited to 8 Travelers

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2027 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
May 4 - May 14, 2027	**$19995** +internal air	
Oct 25 - Nov 4, 2027	**$19995** +internal air	
Nov 15 - Nov 25, 2027	**$19995** +internal air	

2028 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Prices not confirmed for 2028		
May 5 - May 15, 2028	**From $19995** +internal air	
Oct 21 - Oct 31, 2028	**From $19995** +internal air	
Nov 16 - Nov 26, 2028	**From $19995** +internal air	

See https://www.nathab.com/africa/namibia-photo-tour/dates-fees for the latest pricing details.

Included

- **Trip price includes:** Accommodations in luxury safari camps, services of Nat Hab's professional Photography Expedition Leader(s), local guides and camp staff, premier open-sided 4-wheel drive Land Cruisers or Rovers, additional aircraft weight allowance for photo gear, 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.
- **Scenic hot air balloon excursion**, plus additional aircraft weight allowance for photo gear.

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 photo adventure encompasses the magic of Namibia's vast and varied landscape, from the world's tallest sand dunes to the stark Skeleton Coast 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 photo safari are the unbelievable views 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 in Namibia 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

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best available rates to us on airfare and additional nights' accommodations, you may occasionally find special web rates or lower fares online.



Wild Namibia Photo Expedition Extensions

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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



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.

$5495



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.

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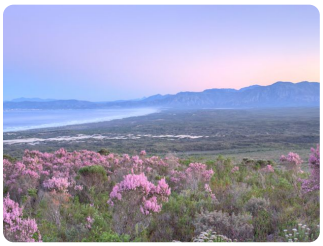

Wild Cape Coast Extension

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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