

NAMIBIA

Ultimate Off Road Expedition
For the more adventurous

26 Days

May 18 - 12 Jun 2027

Namibia is one of the few places left on earth where "off the grid" isn't just a marketing buzzword—it's a physical reality.

Great Divide Tours and Self Drive Adventures have teamed up to bring you a one-of-a-kind journey through Namibia's wildest and most remote areas.



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The Route

This isn't a holiday, it's an expedition into the silent corners of the map.

By leveraging an exclusive network of experienced guides, we take you behind the gates of restricted conservancies and forbidden coastlines that remain off-limits to the general public.

Experience the raw beauty of the Namib Desert with the peace of mind of expert navigation. You will also enjoy catered wilderness dining for 13 days of the adventure.

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime adventure!



Please Note: The route is approx. 3,700km. Your guide decides on final route as per current conditions on day of travel.

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Highlights

Sossusvlei: Stand at the foot of the largest free-standing sand dunes on the planet. Whether you're climbing the spine of "Big Daddy" (325m - yes you can climb it if you are game and fit) or capturing the skeletal camel thorn trees of Deadvlei against a cobalt sky, the sheer scale of these crimson giants is a humbling masterclass in nature's artistry. You can also visit Sesriem Canyon, a natural gorge featuring distinct sedimentary rock layers.

The Forbidden Coast (Lüderitz to Swakopmund): Cross the legendary "Sperrgebiet" on a 6-day odyssey through a shifting sea of sand. This isn't a public road, it isn't a road at all! It's an exclusive passage through the oldest desert in the world in a restricted conservancy accessible only via a handful of elite guides. Wake up to catered breakfasts and end your days with tasty dinners under a canopy of stars that feels close enough to touch.

The Skeleton Coast's Hidden North: Venture into the "Land God Made in Anger" for 4 days of pure, untamed wilderness. This remote stretch is a graveyard of shipwrecks and whale bones, protected by exclusive access permits. Desert meets the Atlantic in a haunting, beautiful silence that few humans ever witness. Breakfast and dinners catered along the way not only for the 4 days along the coast but for 7 days in total through the remote north west.

The Marienfluss & Kaokoland: The "Edge of the Map Journey" to the most isolated corner of Namibia, if not the world! The Marienfluss Conservancy in Kaokoland. This is remote defined. A vast, golden valley tucked between rugged mountains and the Kunene River, which forms a natural border with Angola. It offers a profound sense of solitude and a rare encounter with the soul of the ancient Namib Desert.

Etosha National Park. "The Great White Place": Cap off the adventure at Namibia's premier wildlife sanctuary. Centred around a massive salt pan visible from space, Etosha offers world-class game viewing. From the "ghost" elephants coated in white dust to lions prowling the waterholes, it's a high-definition wildlife spectacle. There are both black and white rhino, over 340 bird species and the park is teeming with springbok, oryx, blue wildebeest, impala and zebra as well as the tiny Damara dik-dik.





The Itinerary

1 Windhoek

Arrive in Windhoek, the capital of Namibia. You will be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel. The international airport is 40 km east of Windhoek. Afternoon briefing followed by a welcome dinner at the famous "Joe's Beer House".

Dinner & accommodation included



2 Windhoek

Transfer to collect our 4x4s and purchase provisions for the road. Your car will be fully camping equipped. There could be time to explore Windhoek, which is a cosmopolitan city with an abundance of restaurants, shops, entertainment venues and accommodation.

Breakfast & accommodation included



3 Windhoek to Isabis

Leaving the city limits of Windhoek behind, the adventure begins as we engage 4WD for the rugged Isabis 4x4 trail. After navigating the private tracks, we'll head to Namibgrens, a scenic working farm, where our camp is tucked away among dramatic rock formations for the night. Breakfast included & camping, shared amenities



4 Namibgrens to Sossusvlei

Experience a breathtaking transition from the highlands to the desert as we navigate the Spreetshoogte Pass, a dramatic descent that drops nearly 1,000 meters down the Great Escarpment. We'll make a brief pitstop at the quirky, isolated outpost of Solitaire, famous for its legendary apple crumble before continuing through the vast landscapes until we arrive at Sesriem. This is the official gateway to the towering dunes of the Namib-Naukluft National Park. Camping, with shared amenities

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Betta

Morning to explore Sossusvlei, famous for its mesmerising and otherworldly landscapes, characterised by red sand dunes, vast salt pans, and unique desert vegetation. These are the largest free standing dunes in the world with "big Daddy" the largest at 325m. These dunes get their striking red colour from the iron oxide in the sand. It is the most visited place in Namibia and you will understand why when you visit. It is a 65km drive each way from our campsite at Sesriem. It's only 140km to our camp for the night near the town of Betta.

Camping, with shared amenities



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Luderitz



We will travel scenic backroads today to Lüderitz, a charming coastal town located in the southwestern part of Namibia on the Atlantic Ocean. On the way we may see the "Aus wild horses" or the "Namib Desert horses," which are a unique and iconic feature of the region. We stay two nights while we explore the area.

Guest house accommodation included

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Luderitz

Just a short drive from Lüderitz is the famous Kolmanskop Ghost Town. This abandoned diamond mining town, with its sand-filled buildings and eerie atmosphere, is a popular tourist attraction and a photographer's paradise. Definitely worth joining their morning tour (optional) or explore the town with its unique blend of German colonial architecture, stunning coastal landscapes, and a rich history.

Breakfast and guest house accommodation included



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Forbidden Coast



Cross the legendary "Sperrgebiet"! Expect to see shipwrecks, massive dunes with steep slip faces, sand colours shifting from deep, fiery reds and oranges inland to paler, bleached yellows, and Oryx and Springbok silhouetted against the dune crests. Near the coast, you'll most likely see massive Cape Fur Seal colonies and black-backed Jackals prowling the shoreline for scraps. Breakfast in guesthouse before departure, then catered breakfast and dinner, concession fees & camping included, "bush" amenities

Forbidden Coast



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Swakopmund

Our last day in the dunes will end at the small coastal town of Walvis Bay. From there it is just a short drive to Swakopmund. Enjoy the mix of Namibian influences with picturesque buildings from the German colonial era, palm-lined streets and seaside promenades, craft markets, interesting shops and a laid-back holiday atmosphere.

Guest house accommodation included on a B&B basis



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Swakopmund

This is the perfect place for a "rest day". There are many optional activities which include seeking out the "small five" in the desert, visiting the local museums or strolling the streets. Specialist shops sell hand-made leather work, art & crafts, hand-woven carpets and wall hangings, hand-embroidered bed and table linen and other items proudly made in Namibia.

Guest house accommodation included on a B&B basis

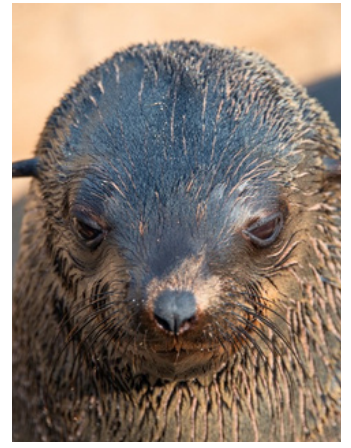


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Skeleton Coast's Hidden North

We continue north past the small towns of Henties Bay and Wlotzkasbaken before entering the Skeleton Coast concession. Möwe Bay marks the "end of the road" for most travelers, but not for us! We'll explore this section of the coast to the Kunene River which is the border with Angola. The landscapes change every day on this leg of the adventure.

Breakfast in guesthouse before departure, then catered breakfast and dinner, concession fees & camping included, "bush" amenities



Skeleton Coast-Kunene



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Kaokoland

Journey to the most isolated corner of Namibia—the Marienfluss Conservancy in Kaokoland. This is remoteness defined. The wildlife here is sparse but specialised. desert-adapted Elephants move through the dry riverbeds, Hartmann's Mountain Zebras roam rocky ridges and Oryx and Springbok are often seen across the vast, open plains.

We will camp in community and wild camps with breakfast and lunch provided by our support team until Kaoko Otavi.

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Hobatere

After our last catered breakfast we will take a short side trip to Opuwo to refuel and shop for provisions before continuing to our campsite on the western border of Etosha National Park.

Catered breakfast and campsite with shared amenities included.



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Etosha



We will enter Etosha National Park from the Galton Gate and travel eastwards across the park game viewing on route. There are many waterholes along the way to our camp at the Okaukuejo Waterhole. You may see a variety of wildlife including: lion, giraffe, elephant, white and black rhino, and a multitude of plains game.

Etosha Park fees and camping with shared amenities included. No meals included. Accommodation upgrades available

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Etosha

Free day. Venture out on your own game viewing at your own pace, take a dip in the resort pool or relax by the waterhole where the game wanders in and out throughout the day and night.

Etosha Park fees and camping with shared amenities included. No meals included. Accommodation upgrades available



Etosha





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Windhoek

An easy drive back to Windhoek on the tar where we will drop off the 4x4s pack up and enjoy a farewell dinner. Dinner & accommodation included

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Depart

Transfer to airport for departure flights. Breakfast included

Itinerary is subject to change. The final route may change due to weather, road conditions, decisions by authorities or the local guide.

Your Guide...

Simon Wearne is a highly regarded expedition leader and private tour guide in Namibia, known for his logistical expertise and deep knowledge of the Southern African wilderness. He has been described as the "heart and soul" of the tours he leads, blending technical outdoor skills with a calm, personable leadership style.

- Industry Veteran: Simon has over 17 years of experience in adventure tourism and expedition leading.
- Logistical Specialist: He is frequently the lead for complex, remote journeys, including 4x4 expeditions through the Namib Desert and the Skeleton Coast.
- Multi-Talented: Beyond navigation, he is well-known for his skills as a "chef extraordinaire" in the bush and managing mobile camps in the middle of nowhere.



Pre & Post Tour Accommodation...

If you'd like arrive a day or two early to acclimatise and get over a long flight or stay longer, we can arrange additional nights in the same hotel. Prices to be advised closer to the date.

Special Terms & Conditions...

Dune driving is subject to some special terms and conditions. Although the vehicles are authorised to drive in the dunes, recovery from the dunes is at the renter's expense. This is not a common occurrence, but renters need to be aware of the risks. We will provide more information about this at the time of booking when 2027 rates are finalised.

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Prices, Dates....

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AUD*17,300 per person

- Prices are based on 2 people per 4x4 on a double/twin share basis where available
- Single supplement: we can provide pricing for when single rooms available

*The above pricing is estimated only and will be confirmed approximately July 2026. Price subject to exchange rate variance. Prices assume a minimum of 5 vehicles and maximum of 7 vehicles (plus support vehicles). Please see terms and conditions for all booking conditions.

Inclusions...

Arrival and departure transfers, vehicle hire (Toyota Hilux auto or similar), rooftop or ground tent, bedding, linen, towels, fridge, water tank, cooking and camping equipment, spare tyre, vehicle insurance (standard), two way radio in vehicle, conservancy entrance fees for the 6 day Lüderitz to Swakopmund and 4 day Skeleton Coast sections, 2 day park entrance fees Etosha and 1 day at Sesriem, 1 day entry fee Isabis 4x4 trail, accommodation (7 nights total: 3 nights Windhoek, 2 nights Lüderitz, 2 nights Swakopmund) and camping (18 nights total) as per itinerary, meals include breakfast when in accommodation, and during the 6 day Lüderitz to Swakopmund and 7 day Skeleton Coast sections breakfast and dinner included, support vehicle(s) guide and staff and Great Divide Tours escort.

Exclusions...

Airfares, arrival/departure transfers, fuel (budget approx. AUD1,100 per 4x4), meals or beverages other than stated in the above inclusions, optional tours and activities (e.g. Kolmanskop ghost town or Swakopmund activities), travel insurance, visas (if required), vaccinations (if required), vehicle excess, local tips, any service not specifically listed under "inclusions".

Dates...

26 Days

18 May - 12 Jun 2027

Camping Based





Other Information

Accommodation & Campsites...

Mostly camping. You must have camping experience to join this adventure. Some campsites are in organised sites with facilities but many will be "wild" camping.

We do stay in some hotels and guest houses and there are accommodation upgrades available in Etosha additional cost.

When we "wild camp" we have a a toilet tent that can be set up.

Vehicles...

The standard vehicle is fully camping equipped and chosen for its specifications making it ideal for this adventure. Fuel not included. Although this vehicle comes with a hard shell roof top tent, a ground tent can be provided as an alternative. However, the roof top is recommended for this route. Please discuss with us your needs.

VEHICLE DETAILS	
Vehicle Make	Toyota
Vehicle Model	Hilux XC 2.8 GD6 4x4 Legend AT
ENGINE & TRANSMISSION	
Engine Capacity	2.8 l
Fuel System	Diesel
Fuel Consumption	9 /100 km
Transmission	6-Speed Automatic
Driven Wheels	4WD
COMFORT & CONVENIENCE	
Seats	2 (2 Adults)
Cruise Control	Adaptive
Air Conditioner	Yes
Electric Windows	Front All One Touch
Multi-Information Display	Yes
Bluetooth	Yes
Android Auto & Apple Car Play	Yes
USB Port	1 x Front
Power Socket	2 x Front 12V
SAFETY, SECURITY & DRIVER SUPPORT SYSTEMS	
Airbags	Driver, Front Passenger, Side, Curtain & Driver-Knee
Reverse Camera	Yes
Park Distance Control	Front & Rear

Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS)	Yes
Traction Control (TRC)	Yes
Hill Assist Control	Yes
Vehicle Stability Program (ESP)	Yes
Differential Lock	Limited Slip Differential
DIMENSIONS & CAPACITIES	
Height (mm)	2300
Length (mm)	5325
Width (mm)	1900
Ground Clearance (mm)	450
Fuel Tank Size (Ltr)	80 l
Second Fuel Tank Size (Ltr)	65 l
WHEEL & TYRE SIZE	
Wheel & Tyre Size	265/65R18
Spare Wheel	2



Driving Ability...

The skills required are a driver's license and a good dollop of common sense. Some 4x4 experience would be recommended or you might consider attending a driver training course with Great Divide Tours. The route is planned largely avoiding main roads with extensive travel off road and on rarely used tracks, dunes, trails and in river beds. Your guide is experienced in dune driving and you must be prepared to listen to and take his advice as the dunes can be high and steep descents are common (32 degrees) and can initially be intimidating. After you have driven a few it is fun and exciting.



Other Information

Convoy Size...

The minimum number of 4x4s in our convoy is 5, unless a small group surcharge is added, and the maximum is 7. This excludes support vehicles. The convoy does travel together for most of the journey, so you need to be willing to be flexible to fit in with the determined start time each day, stops for breaks etc. We try to allow breaks for photos, toilet stops, sightseeing, activities, wildlife viewing, lunch, morning and afternoon tea. In some places part of the day may be "free" where we will give a certain meeting point to regroup.

Food & Drinks...

During parts of this adventure you will have catering provided for breakfast and dinner (see inclusions). In Namibia you can find food of excellent quality and variety. When meals are not included you will plan your own and shopping list to stock your vehicle. You will have all your own cooking equipment, fridge etc in your vehicle so you can be self-sufficient. There are opportunities to eat out for dinner in some places along the route.

Weather...

The weather will typically range from cool to cold at night, 5-10 degrees C and from 20—35 degrees C during the day depending on the location. We can expect some windy and misty conditions on along the coast which may make the temperatures seem quite cold.

Guide & Support Team...

You will have a Self Drive Adventures guide as well as Great Divide Tours escort. There will be a support/catering team for the catered sections of the adventure. The decision of Self Drive Adventures is final on all matters likely to affect the safety or well-being of any person participating in the trip.

Wildlife...

The wildlife ("game") will be in pockets along the route. The main game viewing area is Etosha National Park where we stay for two nights at the famous Okaukeujo waterhole.