

*Penduka mobile safaris – see, hear and feel Africa – under canvas and close to wildlife  
A true safari – moving as you explore*



## 16 Day Namibia Safari

**1 night Waterberg Plateau Park, 3 nights Etosha National Park (1 night Namutoni, 2 nights Okaukuejo), 1 night Ombonde, 2 nights Epupa Falls, 1 night Sesfontein, 2 nights Twyfelfontein, 1 night Pro Namib/Brandberg (Ugab River), 2 nights Swakopmund, 2 nights Sossusvlei**

This breathtaking safari takes you from the Waterberg National Park through Etosha and north to Epupa Falls on the Kunene River. Traversing Kaokoland and Damaraland, visiting the Ovahimba. The safari then continues to the west coast and the coastal town of Swakopmund and the tall dunes of Sossusvlei.

<b>Program</b>	Start Windhoek, 1 night Waterberg, 1 night Namutoni, 2 nights Okaukuejo, 1 night Ombonde, 2 nights Epupa Falls, 1 night Sesfontein, 2 nights Twyfelfontein, 1 night Ugab, 2 nights Swakopmund on BB basis, 2 nights Sossusvlei, end Windhoek
<b>Duration</b>	15 nights / 16 days
<b>Classification</b>	fully serviced mobile camping
<b>Pax</b>	Min 4 participants, max 12
<b>Accommodation</b>	Tented accommodation, 3 x 3 m Dome Tents
<b>Private Safari - on request</b>	Can be booked as a private safari in standard accommodation Cost on application.
<b>Activities</b>	Nature walks, Game drives, cultural interaction
<b>Included</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Penduka customized 4 x 4 game viewing vehicle</li> <li>• Penduka mobile tented camp – fully serviced (non-participation) with mess tent, supply truck</li> <li>• Comfortable tented accommodation in Dome tents (3 m x 3 m) with beds, bed linen and towels, bedside table &amp; lamp, paraffin lamp, canvas 'bush bathroom' consisting of bucket shower and toilet (usually a chemical toilet) for parts of the safari, other sections we will make use of the ablution facilities at the respective properties</li> <li>• Services of a professional guide, safari chef, waiter and safari crew</li> <li>• Game drives and park fees</li> <li>• Activities specified in the itinerary</li> <li>• All meals and drinks while on Penduka mobile tented safari (water, soft drinks, tea &amp; coffee, local wine &amp; beer)</li> <li>• 12% VAT</li> </ul>
<b>Excluded</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel insurance</li> <li>• Medical insurance</li> <li>• Staff gratuities</li> <li>• Optional safari extensions</li> <li>• Optional activities and additional meals in Swakopmund</li> <li>• Meals and drinks at hotels unless specified otherwise</li> </ul>

## **Day 1 Waterberg Plateau Park**      Drive Windhoek – Waterberg (280 km, 3 hour drive)

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PENDUKA meet group at Windhoek International Airport or at a guesthouse in Windhoek and we commence our safari to drive north to Okahandja. We will continue further until we will reach the Waterberg Plateau Park just 60km east of Otjiwarongo. The Plateau rises some 200 m above its surrounding area of African bush and savannah. The vegetation changes dramatically from acacia savannah at the foot of the plateau to lush-green sub-tropical dry woodland with tall trees and grassy plains at the top. Ten fern species have been recorded here, one being endemic to Namibia and Angola. The Resort has a well-equipped camping site and there is also a restaurant, kiosk, museum and a swimming pool.



**Accommodation:** Waterberg Plateau Park campsite

**Activities:** nature walk

## **Day 2 Etosha National Park**      Drive Waterberg - Etosha (385 km, 5 hour drive)

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Our route continues north through Otjiwarongo, Otavi and Tsumeb to arrive at the eastern gate into Etosha National Park. We reach our campsite at Namutoni with its historic fort, and catch the first glimpse of the vast Etosha Pan stretching out to the horizon. The Etosha National Park owes its unique landscape to the Etosha Pan, a vast shallow depression of approximately 5 000 km square. Of the 114 mammal species found in the park, several are rare and endangered, such as black rhino and black-faced impala. The elephant in this park is reputed to be of the largest in Africa, the tallest ones measuring up to 4 m at the shoulder. Their tusks, on the other hand, are relatively small, due to genetic defects and mineral deficiencies in their diet. Enjoy sundowners before dinner.



**Accommodation:** Namutoni Resort campsite

**Activities:** game drive

## Day 3 & 4 Etosha National Park

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Leaving Namutoni after an early breakfast we take a daylong game drive to observe spectacular wildlife activity around waterholes where game concentrates during the dry season. Lunch stop en route. We travel along the edge of the Etosha Pan and along famous and varied game routes before reaching Okaukuejo campsite. The waterhole at Okaukuejo is floodlit at night and spectacular sightings are almost guaranteed. Lions, elephants and black rhino come to quench their thirst almost every night.



**Accommodation:** Okaukuejo Resort campsite

**Activities:** game drives

## Day 5 Ombonde

Drive Okaukuejo - Ombonde **(250 km, 6 hour drive)**

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We leave the Etosha National Park along densely populated game routes to reach the exit gate at Otjavasondu in the extreme west of the park. Camp in the wilderness at the confluence of the Otjavasondu and Ombonde Rivers in the wild. A game walk to look for springbok, gemsbok, kudu, giraffe and elephants, and we can climb a hill in this area to watch the sun set over Koakoland.

**Accommodation:** Ombonde in the wild

**Activities:** game drive, game walk

## Day 6 & 7 Epupa Falls

Drive Ombonde – Epupa Falls **(415 km, 7 hour drive)**

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An early breakfast and we depart on a day's drive north through Koakoland. Our route takes us far north via Opuwo to the breathtaking Epupa Falls on the Kunene River. Set up camp for two nights at the falls. We visit Himba villages to observe the lifestyle of this friendly, once nomad people. The falls are a series of cascades where the Kunene River drops a total of 60 m over a distance of about 1.5 km. The area with its richly-coloured rock walls, wild fig, baobabs and multitude of birds promises to be a rewarding experience.



**Accommodation:** Epupa Falls campsite

**Activities:** cultural experience

## Day 8 Sesfontein

Drive Epupa Falls – Sesfontein (320 km, 6 hour drive)

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We leave the falls and we travel south through the heart of Koakoland. There may be a chance to swim at the Ongongo Falls. The Fort at Sesfontein has been a ruin for many years has only been reconstructed almost a 100 years after it was first built. It also at some stage posed as a police station for the Schutztruppe.



**Accommodation:** Ongongo campsite

**Activities:** nature walk

## Day 9 Twyfelfontein

Drive Sesfontein - Twyfelfontein (215 km, 3 hour drive)

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An early start in search of desert elephants, which are occasionally seen in this region. Back to camp for brunch, before our journey takes us further south via Palmwag into the changing landscape of Damaraland to reach the Aba-Huab River. Find a good place to set up our wilderness camp.



**Accommodation:** Aba-Huab River wild camping

**Activities:** nature drive

## Day 10 Twyfelfontein

Spend the morning exploring one of the largest collections of rock engravings discovered as yet, at Twyfelfontein and visit Burnt Mountain as well as other places of interest in the area. In the afternoon a drive along the Aba-Huab River bed in search of desert elephant and rhino. Return to camp to relax in our wilderness campsite.



**Accommodation:** Aba-Huab River

**Activities:** nature drive, Bushman paintings

## Day 11 Brandberg area

Drive Twyfelfontein - Brandberg (150 km, 2 hour drive)

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Leave the Twyfelfontein area to continue our journey through the vast Pro Namib to reach the Ugab River near Brandberg West. An area where we hope to see the desert elephant and where we can photograph the oldest of desert plant life, the Welwitschia Mirabilis.

**Accommodation:** Ugab River camping

**Activities:** nature drive

## Day 12 Swakopmund

Drive Brandberg - Swakopmund (225 km, 3 hour drive)

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After an early breakfast we pack and leave Ugab camp to continue our journey towards the coast. We visit the historical site of Cape Cross, home to some 80,000 seals and drive south viewing some of the largest lichenfields worldwide. Reach the quaint and historic town of Swakopmund. Swakopmund is known as Namibia's seaside resort on the West Coast and is a place of singular charm and resembles a small Bavarian village nestled between the desert and the sea. It has a relaxing atmosphere with promenades, palm trees and beautiful tended public gardens.



**Accommodation:** Swakopmund (Bed & Breakfast)

**Activities:** Cape Cross visit

## Day 13 Swakopmund

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An early start to this day, to make the most of the various options available in the coastal towns of Walvis Bay and Swakopmund. We drive to Walvis Bay to see the bird life, flamingos and pelicans in the harbour. An **optional** boat cruise into Walvis Bay Harbour gives you a chance to see the Cape fur seals and Bottle nose or Heavy side dolphins. In the afternoon you can visit the Museum, rug making industry and other places of interest in Swakopmund or we can drive up the spectacular Swakop River.

**Accommodation:** Swakopmund (Bed & Breakfast)

**Activities:** at additional cost

## Day 14 Sossusvlei

Drive Swakopmund - Sossusvlei (345 km, 4.5 hour drive)

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Leave the coast to drive through the Namib Naukluft Park and observe the rich diversity of desert adapted fauna and flora, including the Welwitschia plant. Stop for lunch en route. Passing through Solitaire we reach Sesriem campsite situated on the edge of the Namib Naukluft Park. Time to relax, rest and shower. Campfire dinner.

**Accommodation:** Sesriem campsite

## Day 15 Sossusvlei

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Early morning visit Sossusvlei. This is the top destination in the Southern Region, with its towering dunes, the highest of which has been measured from its base as being 325 m. The dunes have been formed through natural forces. Visit the Sesriem Canyon in the afternoon. Farewell dinner.



**Accommodation:** Sesriem campsite

**Activities:** Sossusvlei & Sesriem Canyon visit

## Day 16 Depart

Drive Sossusvlei – Windhoek **(350 km, 4.5 hour drive)**

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Depart as early as possible for Windhoek and ascend the Spreetshoogte Pass leaving the low-lying Namibian plains behind. We reach Windhoek International Airport in time for late afternoon outbound flights. (Alternatively overnight in Windhoek guesthouse to connect with outbound flight the following day).

**End of the safari**

## **Please note**

- Penduka Safaris reserves the right to amend itineraries last minute if it is to the benefit of the clients. Amendments can also be necessary subject to the availability of campsites.
- Bookings are confirmed upon receipt of 20% non-refundable deposit, the balance is due 6 weeks before departure.
- Prices are subject to alteration if the Botswana Government increases park fees,

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**Additionally to our set-departure mobile safaris in Botswana and Namibia we also offer special interest mobile safaris (photography, birding, cultural, desert expeditions), private or tailor-made mobile safaris, luxury mobile safaris and private guided fly-in safaris throughout Southern Africa – Zambia, Namibia, Botswana and South Africa. The pilot-guide on the private guided-fly in safaris is Willem Barnard of Penduka Safaris.**

**Set-departure safaris can also be booked for private groups on exclusive basis either in standard or luxury tented accommodation. Cost on application.**

## **Penduka Safaris Est. 1963**

Safari pioneers by nature, Penduka Safaris was established back in the 1960s by Izak Barnard and is the oldest mobile safari operator in Southern Africa. After 50 years in business the company remain true spirited pioneers and worthy leaders in mobile safari expeditions and Transfrontier safaris through Southern Africa. Penduka specialises in expedition-style mobile safaris to more remote and off-the-beaten-track destinations such as Zambia, Namibia, Central Kalahari, Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park and Botswana and is renowned for their desert and cultural safaris (Kuomboka, Bushmen and Himba safaris). Over 8 decades of accumulated hands-on know-how, history, intimate knowledge, passion and appeal for the bush, the people, fauna and flora have been passed on through each generation as the family has been involved in wildlife since the early 19th century.



Today Willem Barnard and his British wife Sally are running Penduka Safaris and the company is based in Maun. Having guided safaris in Southern Africa for over 30 years, Willem is not only a safari guide of note but also a charismatic host, raconteur, hands-on-owner, experienced bush pilot, photographer and avid birder.

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