

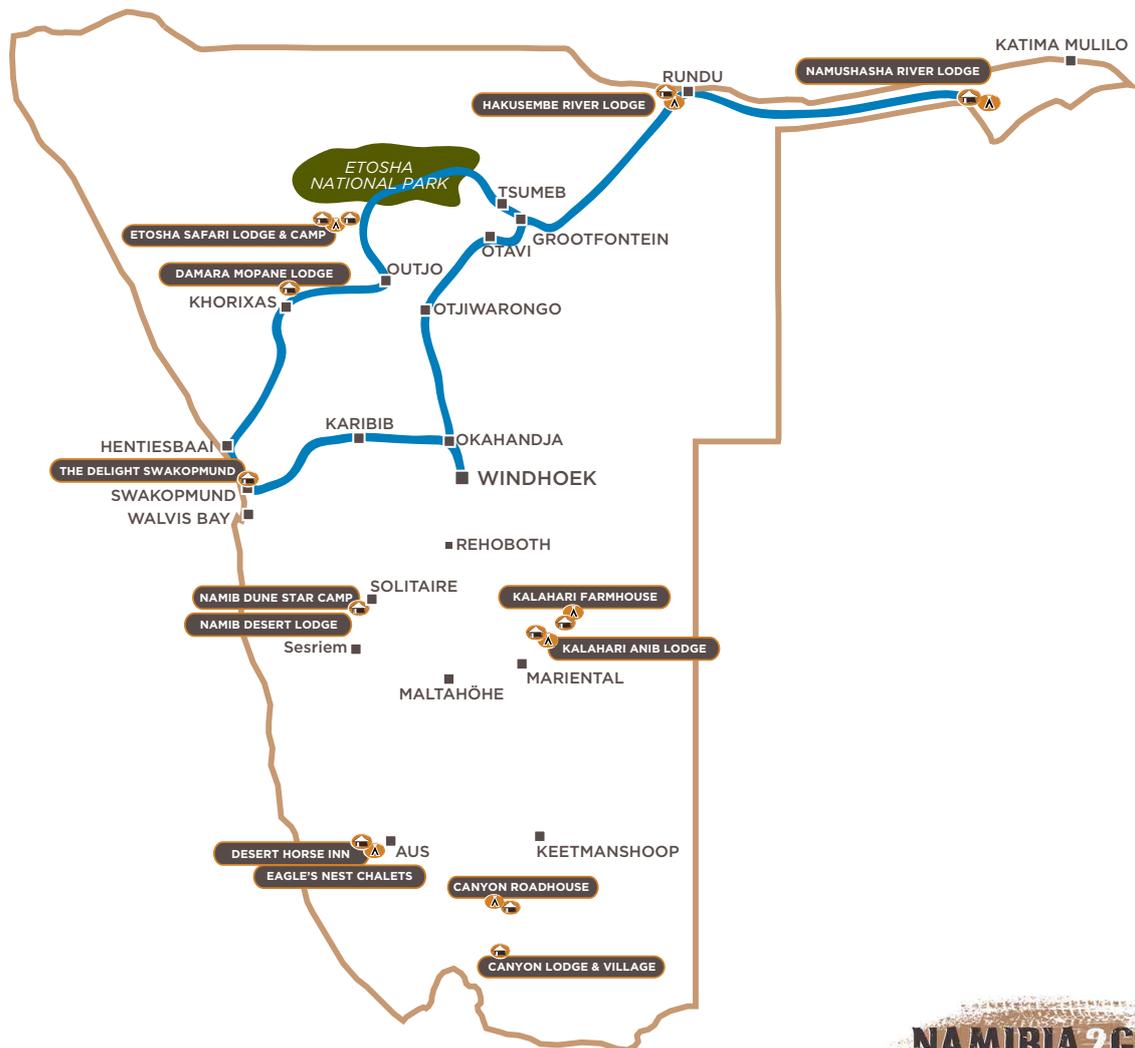
▶ GO ACTIVE

10 Day Namibian Self-Drive Safari

Have an active adventure in Namibia with this ten day trip by joining the Gondwana Collection and taking Namibia2Go. See a new side of Namibia that includes a wide variety of activities, both exhilarating and soothing. All from the comfort of a four-wheel drive vehicle that is included in the package. Starting in Windhoek you head west toward the coastal town of Swakopmund where The Delight and adventure awaits. From there head back inland to the land of the Damara's, and make sure you see Twyfelfontein with its unique rock art and the popular Petrified Forrest while you're there. From there you move north to the Etosha Safari Camp and the famous Etosha National Park, stretching all the way to the Zambezi Region in the far north eastern side of the country.

Along the Kwando River you will find a treasure-trove of wildlife, bird watching and preservation of local tradition at the Namushasha Heritage Centre. This fast paced trip allows for incredible moments and authentic Namibian experiences. And will keep you busy throughout your journey through the Namibian landscapes.

Have an active experience of Namibia, where adventure, beauty and excitement come together.

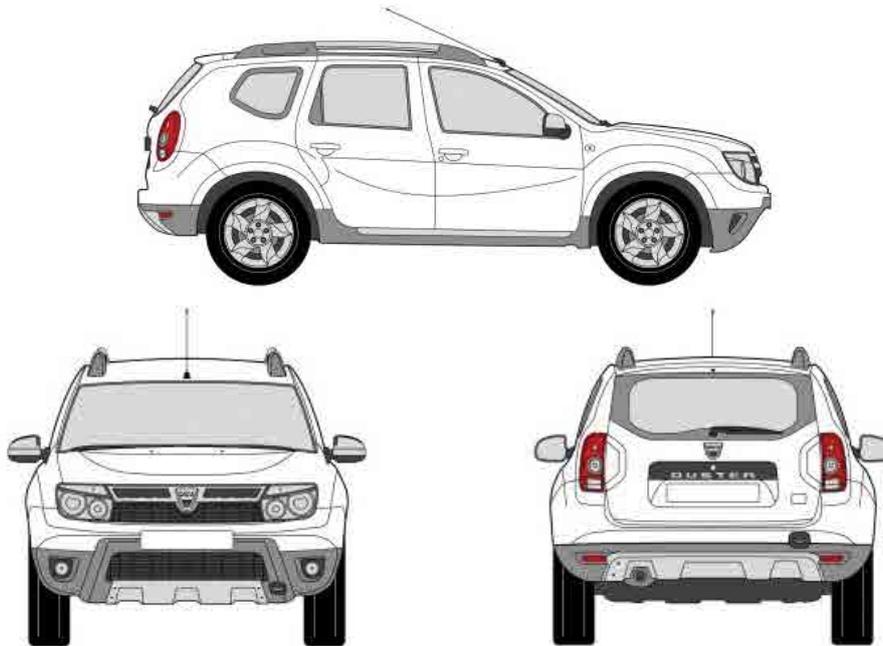


Self-drive Information in brief

Departure	The departure date is set according to the tour you have reserved. Please consult the list of dates, where all tours are listed.
Return	The tour returns to Windhoek, at the Gondwana Travel Centre Offices. 42 Nelson Mandela Ave. Klein Windhoek. Please note that the entrance to the offices can be accessed from Dr Kwame Nkrumah street.
Passengers	A maximum of 2 persons per tour.
Accommodation Style	All accommodation during the tour has been reserved at the Gondwana properties. These include a variety of lodges and a city hotel.
Vehicle	Renault Duster, 4x4 capable A vehicle excess of N\$21 000.00 will be reserved on day of vehicle collection.
Locations	Kalahari Desert, Fish River Canyon, Luderitz and Kolmanskop, Sossusvlei, Namib Desert, Swakopmund, Damaraland, Twyfelfontein, Etosha National Park, Okavango River, Kwando River, Zambezi Region.
Tour Style	All tours are self-drive
Changes	The tours are set and cannot be changed. Consult the Tour Authority at namibia2go@gondwana-collection.com or +264 81 1461325 on special requests.

All rates are quoted in Namibian Dollars per tour for two people including vehicle, bed and breakfast. Please note that Gondwana Card rates cannot be applied to this package.

Smoking in the vehicles is strictly prohibited.



Accommodation

Accommodation includes bed and breakfast, including VAT and Tourism Levy. However, the above mentioned costs do not include:

- Meals other than breakfast
- National Park entrance fees
- Porterage and Gratuities
- Travel/Medical Insurances
- International/National Flights and Airport Taxes
- All items of a personal nature
- Visas – please be sure to obtain all necessary visas prior to arrival. The Gondwana Travel Centre will not be held responsible for arrangements of guests arriving without the required visas.
- Fuel costs for duration of tour

Force Majeure

It goes without saying that we do our utmost to conduct the tour as described in the programme; however we cannot guarantee it. Unfavourable weather conditions, rivers in flood, organisational problems, unforeseen events or other factors may force us to change the course of the tour. We apologise for the inconvenience.

Terms and Conditions

Accident, Breakdown and Roadside Assistance

In the event of an accident/breakdown or any road side emergency, contact the Gondwana Travel Centre immediately. Assistance will be provided by our representatives authorized to do so. Where a vehicle cannot be repaired the Gondwana Travel Centre will arrange that a new vehicle be delivered to you.

If an accident/breakdown or road side emergency is caused by negligent driving, all costs for vehicle recovery and/or roadside mechanical assistance will be charged to the renter's account.

Delivery & Collection Fees are subject to change with fuel price fluctuations.

In the event where a replacement vehicle is issued, a new excess fee and new agreement will come into play. This is in no way linked to the previous excess fee charged.



Cancellation

Cancellations are to be received in writing. Upon receipt of the written notification, the Gondwana Travel Centre will confirm receipt thereof and this date will determine the following charges.

- More than 28 days before arrival: 10%
- 22 to 28 days before arrival: 20%
- 15 to 21 days before arrival: 30%
- 8 to 14 days before arrival: 50%
- 4 to 7 days before arrival: 75%
- 1 to 3 days before arrival/ no show: 90%

It is mandatory for the renter to be in possession of a cancellation insurance policy. Please note that if the reason for cancellation falls within the terms of any holiday insurance policy, which the renter is required to hold, then any such charges would normally be refunded to the renter by the insurance company, subject to the terms of the insurance.

Additionally, this policy only covers payments made directly to the Gondwana Travel Centre, and as a result of a cancellation, the responsibility rests on the renter to recover any fees paid to any third party.

Changes and Delays

By the company: The Gondwana Travel Centre reserves the right to change any tour due to unforeseen circumstances. Gondwana will try to provide adequate alternatives, but will not be held liable whatsoever.

By the renter: In case the renter changes the dates of his/her tour, the Gondwana Travel Centre will try to accommodate the renter. However cancellation fees may be charged. This accommodation is subject to a new booking request, which will be provided to the renter in writing.

Checklist

A checklist will be present and the renter should check the vehicle thoroughly before leaving the Gondwana Travel Centre premises and inform the lessor of any obvious damage, so that it can be noted before departure. Damages not noted will be deemed as new damages. Once both parties are satisfied that the checklist is correct, the checklist will be signed by both parties.



Deposits and Payment

To confirm the tour a deposit of 10% of the total amount is to be paid, this deposit is non-refundable. The total balance is to be paid 30 days prior to the departure date. In the event of a booking being cancelled less than 30 days before the tour departure, the cancellation policy will be implemented.

Drivers

- A valid and unendorsed license must be produced by all drivers.
- The minimum age for authorised drivers is 23 years.
- Maximum 2 drivers allowed per vehicle.

Emergency Services

In the event where emergency services are needed, the Gondwana Travel Centre will make arrangements for services to be sent to the vehicle's location. However we cannot be held liable for delays in emergency services' arrival.

Excess Fees

Upon collection of the vehicle, an excess fee of N\$ 21 000.00 will be reserved on the renter's credit card to cover traffic fines, damages and negligence. In the event where this amount cannot be reserved on the credit card, the payment will be required in cash. If the vehicle is returned in accordance with the set regulations, the reserved funds will be released. However the Gondwana Travel Centre reserves the right to hold the excess fee for 7 working days after the tour has ended. In the event where damages' costs exceed the excess, the renter will be held liable for the outstanding charges.

Fuel

The renter will receive the vehicle with a full tank of fuel. For the duration of the tour the renter is to refuel as often as possible. Upon the return of the vehicle / termination of the hire, it is the renter's responsibility to refuel the vehicle.

Health

It is the renter's own responsibility to ensure that he is medically fit and able to embark on the tour. We recommend vaccination against Hepatitis before travelling. If travelling to the northern regions of the country, anti-malaria precautions should be started prior to departure and renters are advised to bring insect repellents on the tour, these can also be purchased in Namibia.



Insurance

- Prior to arrival we will email you* a soft copy of the rental/package agreement for your personal perusal. This covers a broad spectrum of information.

The Gondwana Travel Centre strongly recommends that all renters take out insurance for medical expenses, baggage loss, cancellation/restriction, default and personal injury or death due to an accident.

Instances where a single vehicle accident takes place, the renter will be held liable for the full charges of vehicle replacement and all recovery costs.

***Factors that will negate all cover**

- Gross or criminal negligence.
- Unauthorized drivers.
- Not reporting an accident or loss to the Namibia Police immediately.
- Not reporting an accident or loss to the Gondwana Travel Centre immediately.
- Not adhering to traffic, road and driving rules and regulations.
- Driving under the influence of alcohol or any illegal substance.
- Unsuitable or reckless driving.
- Road conditions not suitable for the type of vehicle used.
- Unauthorized cross border entry.
- Not being able to produce keys in case of theft.
- Not reporting exact details of last known location of vehicle prior to theft.

Passports and Visas

Travel agencies and renters must ensure that passports and visas are valid for the country. The Gondwana Travel Centre will not be held liable or responsible should the renter be refused entry into the country for any reason.

Rental Agreement/Package Agreement

The rental agreement is between the renter and the Gondwana Travel Centre. In terms of this rental agreement the booking is defined as a reservation, which is done by the renter or the renter's travel agency.

- 'Renter' is defined as the person who accepts and is responsible for the booking.*
- 'Travel Agency' is defined as any agency or operator that places or accepts a booking for or on behalf of any person/couple.

*Should the 'payee' not participate in the actual tour and is only facilitating the tour for a third party, a certified letter of authorisation is required from the 'payee' stipulating that they are aware of the financial transaction.



Rental Rates exclude the following

- Excess deposit
- Airport transfers
- Information tablet

Safety precautions

Please keep in mind that theft is a problem all over the world, so ideally try to keep purse, wallet and cameras concealed. Be careful of walking alone in deserted areas after dark. Lock suitcases and valuables in the boot / trunk of your car. Preferably use Lodge Security for storage of valuables, air tickets and excess cash.

We suggest that when you are not in the vehicle itself, tablets should be concealed inside the boot/trunk of the vehicle.

Use of Vehicle

No vehicle may be taken out of Namibia. Vehicles are not to be driven faster than 80km/h on gravel roads, 120km/h on tarred roads outside urban areas or 60km/h inside urban areas. The vehicle will also not be used for conveyance of any kind, other than that of the two individuals listed on the rental agreement.

Please note that for insurance purposes, picking up any parties along your tour is strictly prohibited.

Valet

In the event where the vehicle is returned in a condition that necessitates a valet, the cost of said valet will be charged to the renter.

Vehicle Management Systems

All tour vehicles are fitted with tracking systems. This is to ensure the safety of the renter and to enable the Gondwana Travel Centre to track the vehicles in the event of an emergency.



Vehicle specifications

Renault Duster Specifications		
engine	1.5 litre	
fuel	Diesel	
safety	Driver/Passenger Airbags	✓
	ABS Brakes (Emergency Brake Assist)	✓
	Electronic Stability Programming	✓
	Alarm System	✓
steering & wheels	Power steering	✓
	spare wheel	✓
visibility / lighting	Fog lights	✓
comfort	Manual Air-conditioning	✓
	Electric Windows	✓
	Electric Mirrors	✓
	Adjustable Steering wheel	✓
	Adjustable driver seat	✓
	Leather seats	✓
intelligent technology	Bluetooth connectivity	✓
	USB/Auxiliary port	✓
	Cruise control	✓
	Rear park sensors	✓
	Central locking	✓
	Transmission Mode Selector for 4WD	✓

Vehicle Standard Accessories

The vehicle is provided complete with:

- Radio/CD Player/GPS/Tablet
- Air Conditioner
- Spare wheel, jack and spanner
- 2 reflective triangles and a reflective jacket
- Medical Kit
- Fire extinguisher

For further vehicle specifications, please consult list provided.

GO ACTIVE - Itinerary

The Go Active Safari offers a 10 day tour of Namibia packed with exciting activities. Starting off in Swakopmund, Namibia's adventure playground, your journey begins with an endless variety of unforgettable experiences to choose from, ranging from skydiving and sandboarding to dolphin cruises and living desert tours. This lively start is followed by a visit to the thousands-of-years-old Twyfelfontein rock engravings and a day exploring the wildlife sanctuary of Etosha National Park. The final leg of the trip is spent in the north-eastern corner of Namibia where there's opportunity to explore this water-rich area and its abundance of wildlife.

Day 1:

From the capital city, drive northwards to Okahandja where you can visit the woodcarving market, refuel and pick up snacks for the road. Turn westward from there to the coast and the desert via the small towns of Karibib and Usakos. The landscape transforms along the way from a tree-filled expanse to the gravel plains of the Namib Desert. If you have an eye for gemstones, don't miss the Üiba-Ôas Crystal Market at the turnoff to Spitzkoppe and Henties Bay. The Delight Hotel is an uplifting and warm welcome to Swakopmund, and the perfect end to your first day's journey. Spend the afternoon exploring the desert town, with its many coffee and curio shops, and choose your activities for the following day. (Enquire about the many options at the hotel's activity desk.) At the end of the day, take a stroll on the wooden jetty to watch the sun set into the sea before savouring some of Swakopmund's fine cuisine.

Day 2:

This is your day to enjoy the many exciting activities Swakopmund has to offer. The desert town has something for everyone, whether you prefer to paddle in the Walvis Bay lagoon or take a trip into the Namib Desert. Activities are either half or full day and many operators will collect you from the hotel in the morning, and return you in the evening. After another night out on the town, unwind with a final nightcap in The Delight's cosy lounge, as you reflect on the wonderful experiences enjoyed during your day.

Day 3:

After the delicious breakfast spread at The Delight, follow the salt road along the coast northwards towards Henties Bay, before heading inland on the gravel to Damaraland via Uis and the Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain. As you near the Ugab River, look out for the striking Herero women with their colourful stalls. Your overnight stop, Damara Mopane Lodge, is 30km east of Khorixas. Set amongst the mopane trees, the chalets are built in a semi-circular labyrinth design with a turquoise pool at their centre. Each chalet has its own veranda and small garden planted with a selection of fresh vegetables. Scarecrows peek out between the sunflowers and spinach, adding extra charm to this unexpected oasis in the middle of the sandy plains. At the end of the day, don't miss the walk up the koppie for sundowners and a sensational view of the lodge and surrounding mopane savannah before returning to the comfort of the lodge and the enticing aromas of dinner. An alternate tarred route from Swakopmund leads inland from the desert and northwards to Damaraland via Karibib, Otjiwarongo and Outjo.

Day 4:

Explore the ancient rock engravings at Twyfelfontein. Here, thousands of years ago, hunter-gatherer traditional healers spoke to their gods asking for healing, rain and luck for the hunt. The Organ Pipes



and Burnt Mountain are other interesting sites to visit in the area, as is the Damara Living Museum for some local culture. On your return journey, consider making a stop at the Petrified Forest to view ancient fossilised tree trunks. After a full day of exciting discovery, make your way back to the warmth and comfort of Damara Mopane Lodge.

Day 5:

In the heart of the country, Etosha is waiting. After checking in to Etosha Safari Camp, if time allows, drive the 10km into the national park to sit at the large Okaukuejo waterhole, which is often frequented by wildlife, or visit the surrounding waterholes. For those just wanting a siesta, put your feet up and relax with a good book at the lodge pool. Etosha Safari Camp's Shebeen restaurant has become a highlight on travellers' itineraries. Modelled on Namibian 'shebeens' (informal township bars) of old, it is a colourful, lively venue. The dinner feast is enjoyed outside in the courtyard to the accompaniment of the musicians strumming their guitars and singing local melodies.

Day 6:

Explore Etosha at your leisure, visiting the many waterholes dotted throughout the park. After experiencing the incredible wildlife sightings Etosha has to offer, return home to the friendliness of Etosha Safari Camp.

Day 7:

Ensure an early start to drive the length of Etosha to Namutoni, visiting the waterholes in the east and exiting Etosha by lunchtime. The towns of Tsumeb and Grootfontein are good places to pick up any personal items you may need, visit banks or refuel. From here, continue in a north-easterly direction to Rundu. Halfway between Grootfontein and Rundu, the character of the land changes and you enter a more rural African setting. Welcome to the Kavango region. Before you reach Rundu, veer left to Hakusembe River Lodge. The lodge is a green oasis set alongside the Okavango River and provides a peaceful escape from the road.

Day 8:

The drive today is eastward, towards the north-eastern corner of Namibia. Once known as the Caprivi, now renamed the Zambezi region, it is a tree-filled expanse divided by waterways. It is also home to a fascinating group of people and an abundance of wildlife and birds. Bwabwata National Park runs from the Okavango to the Kwando rivers and, unusually, is home to both people and wildlife living side by side. Slow down as you pass through settlements and keep eyes open for elephant and wild dogs! At Kongola, turn right towards Namushasha River Lodge, a lodge of true Zambezi character. Set on the riverbank, the lodge is alive with the sound of hippos and birds and is an absolute wonderland. It is the perfect place to immerse yourself in the beauty of the area.

Day 9:

Savour a relaxing morning boat trip on the Kwando River as you uncover the many riches of this unique water-oasis. Spot the abundant bird species, crocodiles sunning themselves on the banks or pods of hippos amongst the waterlilies. Take a stroll along the riverbank or a short drive to the Namushasha Heritage Centre for a taste of the intriguing culture of the Eastern Zambezi region.

Don't miss the guided trip into the Bwabwata National Park in the late afternoon, beginning with a boat cruise on the Kwando River. Downriver, guests alight on to the river bank where a game-viewing vehicle



awaits for exploration into the national park. This includes a drive to the popular elephant-viewing spot at Horseshoe, an oxbow lake surrounded by Zambezi teak woodland. The afternoon is celebrated with drinks and snacks before heading back to the riverbank to board the boat as the sun begins to set.

Day 10:

Retrace your steps to spend your final night at Hakusembe River Lodge once more. Enjoy a relaxed evening reflecting on your journey as you dine on the deck overlooking the river, before a sound night's sleep to the gentle sounds of the river.

Due to the distance between the Hakusembe River Lodge and Windhoek, we suggest that you book an additional night in Windhoek, scheduling your flight for the following day to ensure that flights are not missed.

ONLINE REFERENCES

Website:		http://gondwana-collection.com
Brochures:		http://issuu.com/gondwana_collection_namibia
Blog:		http://gondwana-collection.com/blog
Facebook:		http://facebook.com/gondwana.collection.namibia
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