

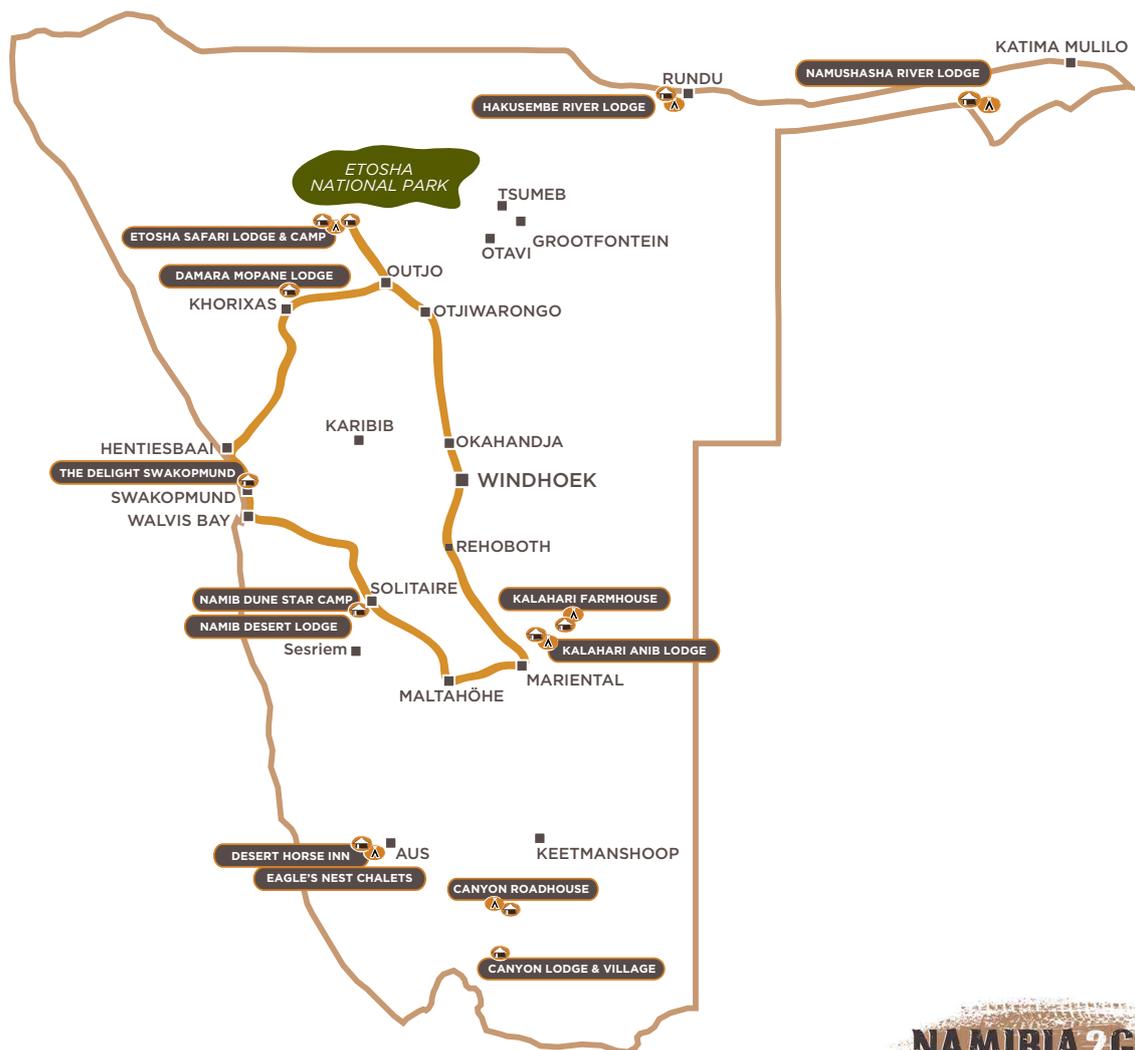
▶ GO EPIC

10 Day Namibian Self-Drive Safari

Take ten days to discover Namibia in an Epic way. Join the Gondwana Collection and take Namibia2Go. And what better way than to Go Epic. This ten day trip – which includes a four-wheel drive vehicle – will take you to the famous Namibian locations that will make you long for the vast open spaces long after you return home. Starting in Windhoek you will head south and into the Kalahari Desert for two days. From there head over into the silence of the Namib Desert where the highest dunes in the world reign supreme at Sossusvlei, and follow their lead all the way to Swakopmund where delightful moments await you.

From here on out you will head north-east, into Damaraland. Watch the sunset over the Petrified Forrest and be awed by the San artistry that fills Twyfelfontein, before you move on to the Etosha Safari Camp. Embrace the wildlife by day at the Etosha National Park and enjoy the authentic Shebeen culture by night where our Etosha Boys will keep you entertained.

Have the Epic experience that Namibia is uniquely suited to offer you. Enjoy every moment at your own pace through this self-drive touring experience.



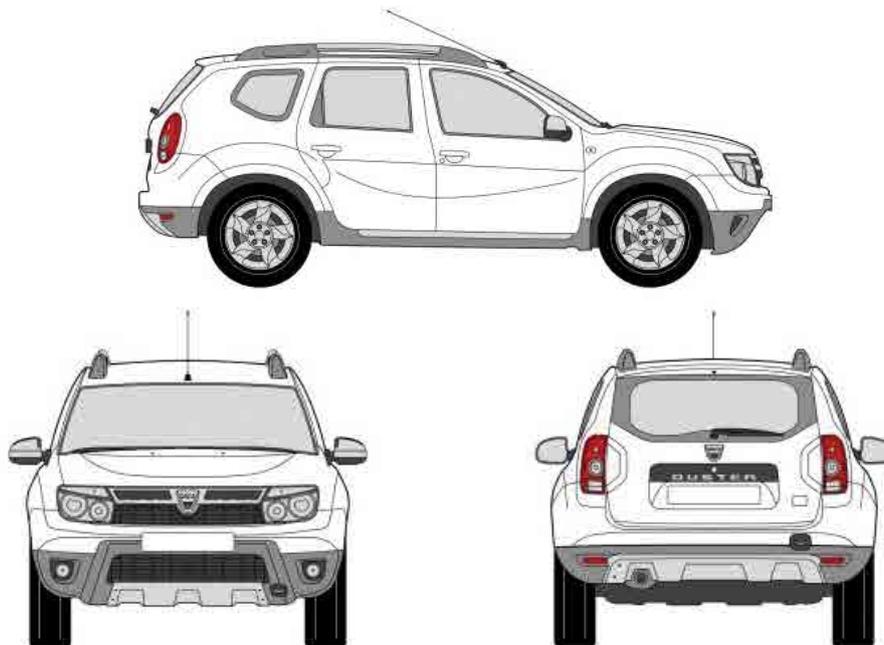
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Self-drive Information in brief

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.



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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 EPIC – Itinerary

This 10 day Epic safari takes you through two of Africa's great deserts – the Kalahari and the Namib, and their dramatic desert scenery. Midway through your travels, the intriguing town of Swakopmund, nestled between desert and sea, guarantees to delight with its charming curio-shops, restaurants and not to be missed excursions for both the adventurer and more gentle nature lover alike. Rock engravings at Twyfelfontein and the wildlife haven of Etosha National Park complete this epic journey with ancient discoveries and unforgettable wildlife sightings to enjoy.

Day 1:

Start by heading south through the hills of Windhoek towards Mariental. An optional gravel route at Kalkrand, via the back-roads and gentle hills, gives you a sample of the Kalahari. Travellers opting for the tar can continue southwards, turning off to the east towards Stampriet and the easy 30km drive to Kalahari Anib Lodge. The lodge celebrates the natural elements of earth, wood and fire in an elegantly stylish display.

Day 2:

After a leisurely morning, enjoy a drive to Kalahari Farmhouse to visit the Self-Sufficiency Centre, which supplies Gondwana's lodges with 70% of its fresh produce, all cultivated in the unusually lush setting. Treat yourself to a wholesome and delicious lunch in the Farmhouse's peaceful garden. A highlight of a stay at Kalahari Anib is a wonderfully relaxing afternoon nature drive into the Kalahari. Later, toast life from the top of a dune as the sand turns a fiery red.

Day 3:

To the Namib! Cut across the width of the country from east to west via Maltahöhe and Büllsport (or take the more scenic route from Maltahöhe via the Tsaris Pass), and make your way to Namib Desert Lodge at the foot of a range of impressive 20-million-year-old fossilised dunes. Don't miss the afternoon drive to a pristine spot on the crest of a fossilised dune for a view of the awe-inspiring desert landscape.

Day 4:

This relaxed lodge is the perfect base from which to explore the area around Sesriem, 60km to the south. Leave early, to be at the Sesriem gate at sunrise to catch the cooler weather and magnificent morning light. Entrance fees can be paid at the office. Sesriem is the gateway to the famed star dunes of Sossusvlei, a further 60km into the desert. The road crosses over the Tsauchab riverbed, marked by lush camelthorn trees, and continues through a corridor of majestic dunes to the parking area. Park your car and catch a ride on the shuttle. A short walk leads to the vlei, where ancient skeletons of camelthorn trees reach heavenwards from the chalky pan. Dead Vlei is one of the most striking sites in Namibia and a photographer's dream. Be sure to wear closed shoes and take a small bottle of water with you – for your own comfort on this incredible walk through the dunes. Sossusvlei is best appreciated from a height, so take a stroll a few paces up the dune. If you're feeling energetic, climb the adjacent Big Mama dune to best appreciate the beauty of the incredible otherworldly surroundings.

Day 5:

First stop after you leave Namib Desert Lodge is Solitaire to fill up with fuel and sample a slice of their popular apple pie. Then it's a desert drive through the fascinating scenery of the Gaub and Kuiseb canyons before you reach the palm trees of Walvis Bay. Once back on the tar, the 30km drive to Swakopmund takes you on a mesmerizing journey between the icy Atlantic Ocean and Namib Desert dunes. Unwind and refresh at the end of the day in the warm and uplifting atmosphere of The Delight Hotel, before savouring some of Swakopmund's fine cuisine.

Day 6:

The Delight's mouth-watering breakfast feast is the very best way to start your day in Swakopmund. Stroll through the town, visit the museum, pop into coffee shops and browse the selection of African curios. Or take a scenic flight, join a living desert tour or a dolphin cruise. Swakopmund is the activity playground of Namibia. Activities range from sky-diving and sand-boarding to the more peaceful desert trips. Enquire about your options from the hotel's activity desk on your arrival and select your favourites for the day. Before you go, reserve a table at one of the many restaurants for dinner and if back in time, walk along the wooden jetty to watch the sun sink into the sea.

Day 7:

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. Built in a semi-circular labyrinth design with a turquoise pool at its centre, the lodge is a lovely and charming surprise. Each chalet has its very own garden with fresh vegetables, sunflowers and the occasional scarecrow peeking out. Stroll up the koppie in the late afternoon to watch the sun set and appreciate the expansive view over the mopane woodland before the inviting aromas of dinner call you back to the lodge. An alternate tarred route from Swakopmund leads inland from the desert and northwards to Damaraland via Karibib, Otjiwarongo and Outjo.

Day 8:

This is a day to enjoy the ancient rock engravings at Twyfelfontein and to explore the surroundings. Here, 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 a stop at the Petrified Forest to view ancient fossilised tree trunks. After a full day of memorable discovery, make your way back to the warmth and comfort of Damara Mopane Lodge.

Day 9:

In the heart of the country, Etosha National Park is reached via Outjo, a convenient place to stop for fuel, coffee and snacks. Don't linger too long though, 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 take a drive to the surrounding waterholes. For those just wanting a siesta, put your feet up and relax with a book at the lodge pool. Etosha Safari Camp's colourful Shebeen restaurant has become a highlight on travellers' itineraries. Modelled on Namibia's 'shebeens' (informal township bars) of old, it's an enjoyable lively venue. The dinner feast is enjoyed outside in the courtyard to the sounds of the musicians strumming their guitars and singing local melodies.

Day 10:

Explore Etosha at your leisure, visiting the many waterholes throughout the park. After experiencing the incredible and renowned wildlife sightings Etosha has to offer, return home to the easy going warmth and friendliness of Etosha Safari Camp for your final night's stay. Guaranteed to be the perfect end to a fulfilling trip.

ONLINE REFERENCES

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