

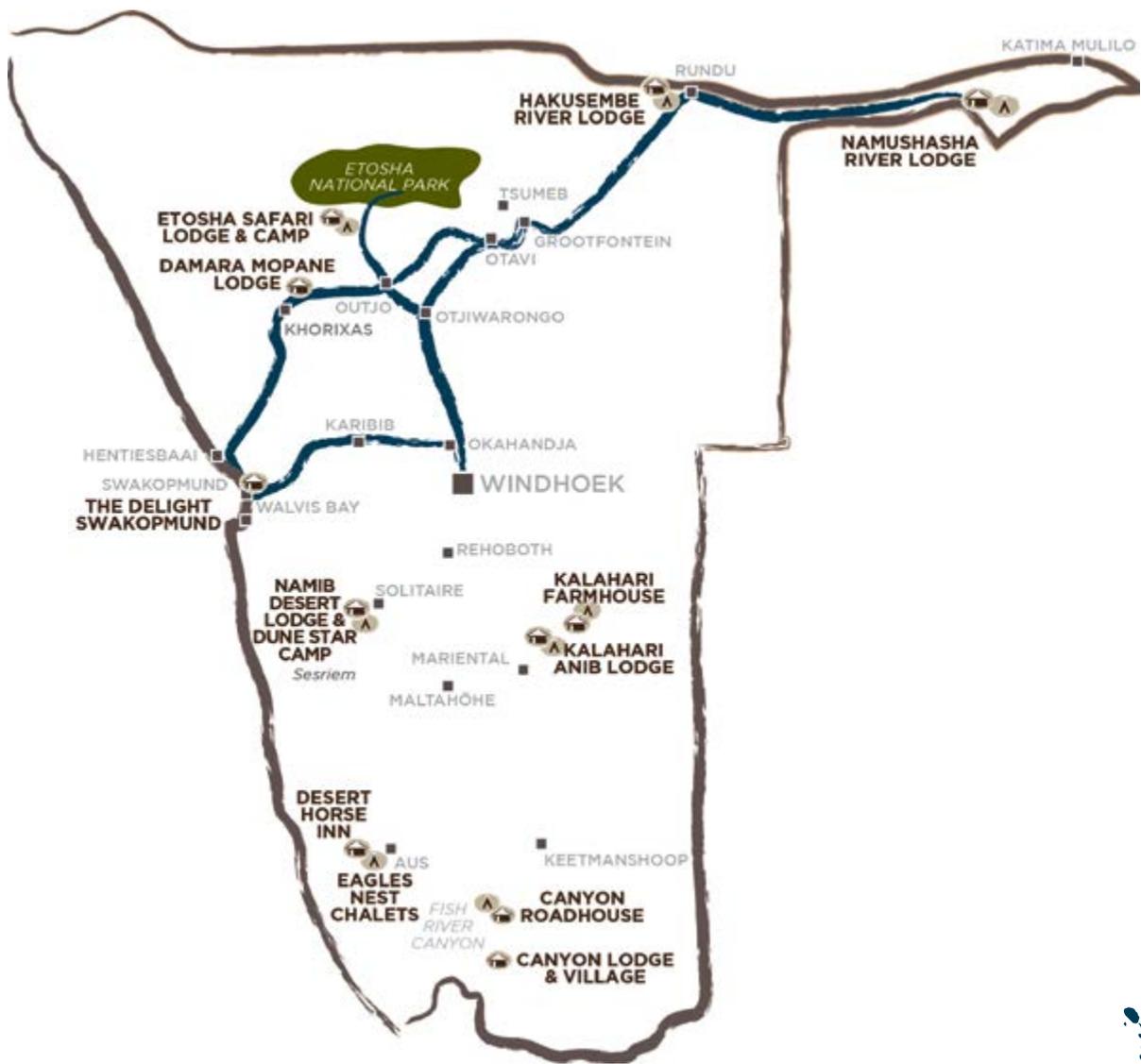
▶ GO ACTIVE

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.



ROUTE TABLES – DISTANCE & TIME

GO ACTIVE (+/- 3500km)			
Day	Destination	Accommodation	Distance/Time +/-
1	Swakopmund, Atlantic Coast	The Delight Swakopmund	365km/4h
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3	Damaraland, Twyfelfontein	Damara Mopane Lodge	330km/5h (480km/8h)*
4	Damaraland, Twyfelfontein	Damara Mopane Lodge	
5	Etosha National Park	Etosha Safari Camp	200km/2h
6	Etosha National Park	Etosha Safari Camp	
7	Okavango River, Rundu	Hakusembe River Lodge	665km/7h (615km/9h)
8	Kwando River, Zambezi Region	Namushasha River Lodge	430km/5.5h
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10	Okavango River, Rundu	Hakusembe River Lodge	430km/5.5h
	Windhoek		730km/8h

* (Alternative routes)



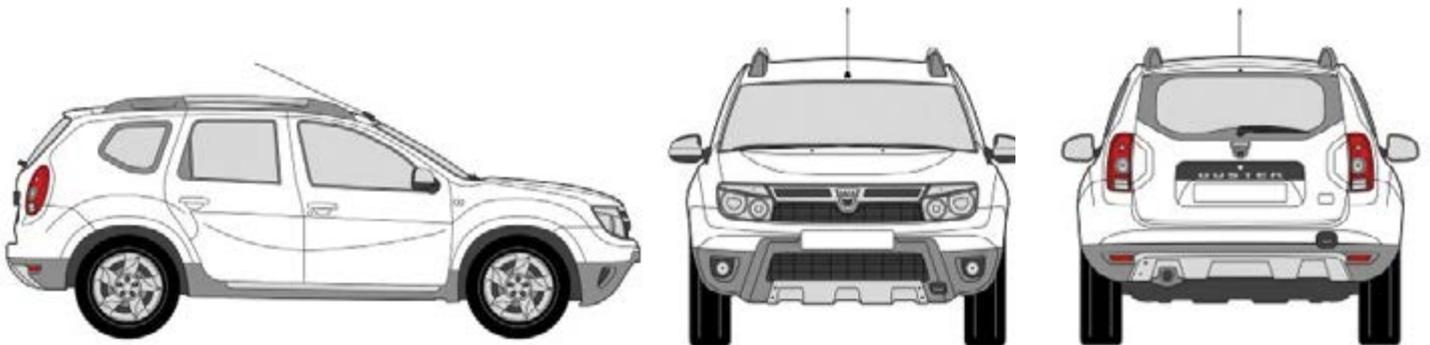
Self-drive Information in brief

Departure	The departure date is set according to the tour you have reserved. Please consult the list of dates, where all tours are listed. We suggest a one night stay over in Windhoek, before and after the tour.
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. Accommodation includes bed and breakfast, including VAT and Tourism Levy.
Locations	Swakopmund, Damara Land, Twyfelfontein, Etosha National Park, Okavango River, Kwando River, Zambezi Region.
Vehicle	Renault Duster, 4x4 capable
Insurances	Upon collection of the vehicle the Renter can choose from the following two options: Standard Excess or Excess Cover *See under Insurances for additional information
Tour Style	All tours are self-drive. The tours are set and cannot be changed. Consult the Tour Authority at namibia2go@gondwana-collection.com or +264 81 1461325 regarding special requests. .
Emergency Services	In the event that the authorized drivers sustain serious injuries, emergency services are available. 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.

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.



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 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.

Recovery of the vehicle and/or roadside mechanical assistance due to driver negligence will require additional charges to be billed to the renter.

In the event where a replacement vehicle is issued, a new Excess Fee and new agreement needs to be authorised, this is in no way linked to the previous excess fee charged for damaged vehicle.

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.

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.

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/she 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

Standard Excess: N\$ 21 000.00 deposit which will be deducted from your credit card, alternatively can be presented in cash to the Company, to be held by the Company as provided for hereinafter. This amount will be authorized from credit card (Master or Visa) only, debit cards are not accepted. In the event that there are no damages to the vehicle the holding fee / deposit will then be refunded to the renter.

Excess Cover: A charge of N\$ 295.00 per day allows the renter a zero excess fee. This fee is payable on the date the renter receives the vehicle. This is a non-refundable daily fee. Both credit and debit cards are accepted.

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.

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 within the boot/trunk of the vehicle.

The Self Drive Safari Package does 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
- Fuel costs for duration of tour
- Airport transfers
- Excess deposit

Use of Vehicle

No vehicle may be taken out of Namibia. Vehicles are not to be driven at night or faster than 80km/h on gravel roads, 120km/h on tarred roads outside urban areas and 60km/h inside urban areas – a warning buzzer will be activated automatically. It remains the driver's responsibility to reduce the vehicle's speed to the road conditions, regardless of above mentioned speed allocations. 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, it is prohibited to pick up any parties along your tour.

Valet

The car wash is included in the price of the self-drive safari. However, 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.

**These terms and conditions are a mere indication,
for concrete conditions please consult the contract.**

Vehicle specifications

Renault Duster Specifications		
engine	1.5 litre	
fuel	Diesel (50 liter tank - range of about 450km))	
safety	Driver/Passenger Airbags	✓
	ABS Brakes (Emergency Brake Assist)	✓
	Electronic Stability Programming	✓
	Alarm System with Central Locking	✓
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 Ûiba-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 night-cap 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:

On your way to your next destination, take a detour to your right on the D2743 to visit the Vingerklip. 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:

Today is meant for exploration of the Etosha National Park. Enjoy the opportunity to explore the many waterholes throughout the park in your own time. Keep an eye out for the variety of animal visitors, large and small at the waterholes. After full day of animal viewing, return to the warm hospitality of Etosha Safari Camp.

Day 7:

Head down to Outjo – a good place to refuel – and take the C39 to Otavi, from here you will head north east to the Hakusembe River Lodge along the Kavango River. Between Otavi and Grootfontein you have the option to make a small detour and veer left on the D2860 to visit the Hoba Meteorites. Once you reach the Hakusembe River Lodge you can settle in and relax for the evening.

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. You will need an early rise and breakfast packs for the road, as your journey to Windhoek will be an eight hour drive.

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.

BOOK YOUR TRIP NOW!

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