



## ITINERARY

### NAMIBIA SAFARI PRETORIA - WALVIS BAY 9 NIGHTS · 3450KM



<p>11:00 13:00 16:30 19:30</p>	<p><b>DAY 1: PRETORIA</b></p> <p>Depart from <b>Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria</b>. Travel south via the goldfields of the Witwatersrand. Guests may freshen up in their suites before joining fellow travellers in the lounge car or observation car at the rear of the train.</p> <p>Lunch is served in the dining cars.</p> <p>Tea in the lounge and observation cars.</p> <p>Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i></p> <p><b>Please ensure that the Train Manager or Administration Deputy is in possession of your passport.</b></p>
<p>07:00 09:45 13:00 16:30 19:30</p>	<p><b>DAY 2: KIMBERLEY</b></p> <p>Breakfast is served in the dining cars.</p> <p>Enjoy a tour of Kimberley's <b>Diamond Mine Museum</b> and the <b>Big Hole</b>. Capital of the Northern Cape, Kimberley is well known for the discovery of diamonds that led to its establishment in 1871.</p> <p>Lunch is served in the dining cars. The observation car will be leading the train until after tea. Travel through the <b>Karoo</b>, a vast semi-desert region that was once an enormous inland sea. Over millions of years, volcanic matter was ground down and deposited as silt upon the seabed to form what geologists call the Karoo system.</p> <p>Tea in the lounge car and observation car, which is at the front of the train.</p> <p>Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to De Aar, an important railway junction. <i>Dress: Formal</i></p>
<p>07:00 09:00 13:00 16:30 19:30</p>	<p><b>DAY 3: UPINGTON</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>BORDER: NAKOP, SOUTH AFRICA / ARIAMSVLEI, NAMIBIA</i></span></p> <p>Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00.</p> <p>Disembark the train for an optional two-hour walking tour of <b>Upington</b>.</p> <p>Lunch is served in the dining cars. Border formalities with Namibia.</p> <p>Tea in the lounge car and observation car, which is at the rear of the train.</p> <p>Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Holoog. <i>Dress: Formal</i></p> <p>Attorney General of the Cape, Sir Thomas Upington was principally responsible for liquidating the business activities of all the Orange River pirates and capturing their leader, Klaas Lucas. When the desperadoes were finally chased away in 1884, the town was founded on the banks of the Orange River and named in his honour.</p>
<p>06:00 08:00 13:00 15:00 16:30 19:30</p>	<p><b>DAY 4: FISH RIVER CANYON &amp; GARAS PARK</b></p> <p>Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.</p> <p>Board vehicles for the one-hour drive to the <b>Fish River Canyon</b>. Return to the train at 11:00.</p> <p>Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train travels along the southern reaches of the Kalahari Basin.</p> <p>Visit <b>Garas Park</b> (Quiver Trees), home to roughly 300 specimens of the Aloe dichotomy. The prehistoric trees have forked branches that reach up to 5m making for great photographic opportunities.</p> <p>Tea in the lounge and observation cars.</p> <p>Dinner is served in the dining cars. The train travels north through the <b>Kalahari</b> to Mariental. <i>Dress: Formal</i></p>

	The Fish River rises in the centre of the country before flowing south into the Orange River on Namibia's border with South Africa. It has formed the great Fish River Canyon – the largest canyon in the southern hemisphere and probably only second to Arizona's Grand Canyon in terms of size. The vast rocky landscape breaks up into a series of spectacular cliffs. Its size is impressive: 161km long, up to 27km wide and almost 550m at its deepest.
07:00 10:30 12:00 16:30	<p><b>DAY 5: SOSSUSVLEI</b>  <b>Please pack a small overnight bag for the stay in Sossusvlei. Tog bags have been placed in your suite for your convenience. See below for inclusions/exclusions.</b></p> <p>Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00.  Transfer to the airstrip. Depart in a light aircraft for a one-hour flight to Sossusvlei.  After check-in, enjoy lunch at the restaurant.  Afternoon desert drive and a bush dinner after sunset. Overnight at the lodge. <i>Dress: Casual</i></p> <p>The dunes of the Namib were created by sand carried by the wind from the coast. The sand here is over 5-million years old and is red due to its iron-oxide content. As the light changes during the day so does the appearance of the dunes' characteristic colour allowing for interesting photographs at any time. The wind in the Sossusvlei area blows from all directions causing the sand to form a star shape with multiple arms, hence the name "star dunes".</p>
12:00 18:00 19:30	<p><b>DAY 6: SOSSUSVLEI &amp; WINDHOEK</b>  <b>Please ensure your overnight bag is ready to be collected from your suite before the drive. Time of drive to be confirmed. Bags will be stored in the lodge's baggage area before being loaded into the aircraft.</b></p> <p>An early wake-up call with tea and coffee. Enjoy a <b>desert drive</b> with breakfast in the vlei.  Return to the lodge to use the facilities, check-out and transfer to the airstrip.  Depart in a light aircraft for the one-hour flight to <b>Windhoek</b>. Enjoy lunch and visit the <b>Transport Museum</b>.  Depart Windhoek.  Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Kranzberg. <i>Dress: Formal</i></p> <p>Situated in Namibia's central highlands, Windhoek is an attractive city surrounded by clusters of hills and the impressive Auas and Eros Mountains. The Trans-Namib Transport Museum outlines Namibian transport history, particularly that of the railway. The Independence Memorial Museum focuses on the anti-colonial resistance and the national liberation struggle of Namibia.</p>
07:00 12:30 14:00 19:30	<p><b>DAY 7: CHEETAH CONSERVATION PROJECT</b></p> <p>Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00.  Lunch is served in the dining cars.  Visit a <b>cheetah conservation project</b>. Founded in Namibia in 1990, the Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF) is dedicated to saving the cheetah in the wild. <b>TIME MIGHT BE EARLIER</b>  Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Otavi. <i>Dress: Formal</i></p>
07:00 10:30 15:00 19:00	<p><b>DAY 8: ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK</b>  <b>Please pack a small overnight bag for the stay in Etosha. See below for inclusions/exclusions.</b></p> <p>Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00.  Transfer (120 min) to an Etosha lodge. Check-in and enjoy lunch.  Afternoon game drive (approximately 3 hours).  Dinner at the lodge and overnight. <i>Dress: Casual</i></p> <p>Etosha National Park (22270km<sup>2</sup>) offers great game viewing. It gets its name from the Etosha pan (4760km<sup>2</sup>), a large salt pan forming part of the Kalahari Basin. Etosha means 'Great White Place'.</p>
06:00 16:30 19:30	<p><b>DAY 9: ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK</b>  <b>Please ensure your overnight bag is ready to be collected from your suite and proceed to checkout before the game drive. Your bag will be loaded into the vehicles.</b></p> <p>Enjoy an early breakfast followed by a game drive at 07:00 in the <b>Etosha National Park</b>.  Return to the lodge for lunch.  Transfer (120 min) to the train.  Tea in the lounge and observation cars.  Dinner is served. The train travels southwest towards the Atlantic Ocean. <i>Dress: "Africa" Theme or Smart Casual</i></p>
07:00 12:00	<p><b>DAY 10: WALVIS BAY</b>  <b>Please ensure luggage is ready for collection 15 minutes before arrival and that you have your passport.</b></p> <p>Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. Traverse the <b>Namib Desert</b> towards Walvis Bay. The observation car will be at the front of the train for last stretch – a different aspect that our rail enthusiasts enjoy.  Arrive at journey's end in <b>Walvis Bay, Namibia</b>.</p> <p>The Namib Desert stretches for more than 2000km along the Atlantic coasts of Angola, Namibia and South Africa. The name is of Khoekhoegowab origin and means "vast place". Having endured arid or semi-arid conditions for roughly 55-80 million years, the Namib may be the oldest desert in the world. The geology consists of sand seas near the coast while gravel plains and scattered mountain outcrops occur further inland.</p>

Please dress accordingly for game drives: mornings can be cool then warm up considerably; afternoons can be warm then cool down considerably. Warm clothing, hats, comfortable shoes and sun protection are advised (season dependent). Rain capes are available.

**Excursions may be changed according to schedule achieved. Times are approximate and cannot be guaranteed.**

**Please check with the Train Manager or reservations@rovos.co.za for any updates or changes to the itinerary.**

**In your suite you will find the *Journeys* magazine that features articles of interest related to the route.**

**We strongly discourage giving any form of handout to children while travelling. This action may have detrimental consequences to local communities. If you would like to give responsibly, we support many local charities and would be happy to assist.**

**INCLUDED:** Accommodation; all meals; all beverages on board; room service; limited laundry; excursions with a qualified guide (where applicable); entrance fees as per itinerary; government tax. **EXCLUDED:** All off-train beverages; international sparkling wine; gratuities; personal expenses; visas; travel insurance; pre- and post-tour transfers, accommodation and flights.

**INCLUDED in off-train accommodation:** Flights to/from Sossusvlei; overnight bag; accommodation; meals, water, tea/coffee and breakfast juices. **EXCLUDED from off-train accommodation:** All other beverages; laundry; personal expenses.

**MEALS ON BOARD** (unless adjusted) Breakfast 07:00-10:00 • Lunch 13:00 • Tea 16:30 • Dinner 19:30.