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SAMPLE ITINERARY

Highlights of Namibia

Sossusvlei · Kaokoveld · Ongava Private Game Reserve

8 NIGHTS · LUXURY

Namibia at its most elemental — the red dunes of Sossusvlei, the desert-adapted wildlife of the Hoanib and the Skeleton Coast, and rhino country on the edge of Etosha. Short flights between three very different landscapes.



9 Days / 8 Nights

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Trip summary

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DAYS	ACCOMMODATION	AREA	BASIS
Day 1 – 4	Wilderness Kulala Desert Lodge (3 nights)	Sossusvlei	B&B
Day 4 – 6	Wilderness Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp (2 nights)	Kaokoveld	B&B
Day 6 – 9	Anderssons at Ongava (3 nights)	Ongava Private Game Reserve	B&B

What's included

- 8 nights accommodation on bed & breakfast
- All road transfers from Windhoek Eros
- Nature drives in the Hoanib river valley
- Charter flights between camps
- Private dune tours at Sossusvlei
- Game drives, night drives & walking safaris at Ongava

Day by day

DAY 1 – 4

Sossusvlei

3 nights · Wilderness Kulala Desert Lodge

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Day 1

Sossusvlei

Deep within Namibia's Namib Desert, Sossusvlei is a striking landscape of towering red sand dunes, pale salt pans and immense open skies. Climb Big Daddy or Dune 45 at sunrise, when the sand glows orange and shadows stretch across the valley floor. Nearby Deadvlei, with its blackened camel thorn trees standing against white clay, is one of southern Africa's most distinctive desert scenes.

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Wilderness Kulala Desert Lodge



At the foot of the Sossusvlei dunes with a private entrance into the Namib Naukluft National Park — the closest location to Sossusvlei. Twenty-one thatched and canvas tents on raised wooden platforms, each with a rooftop area for sleep-outs under the stars, a pool for the heat of the afternoon and a wraparound deck overlooking a waterhole. Insider's tip: try your hand at desert photography, from the red dunes at first light to the tree skeletons of Deadvlei.

B&B: BED AND BREAKFAST

PLANNED WHILE HERE

Private guided tour of Sossusvlei and Deadvlei · sunrise dune climb · desert photography.

DAY 4 – 6

Kaokoveld

2 nights · Wilderness Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp

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Day 4

Kaokoveld

Stretching from the Skeleton Coast inland towards the Angolan border, Kaokoveld is a vast and remote wilderness of rugged mountains and ancient desert valleys. It is home to small Himba communities, free-roaming desert-adapted wildlife and some of Namibia's most spectacular scenery — Hartmann's Valley, Marienfluss, the Kunene River and Epupa Falls among them.

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Wilderness Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp



The dry bed of the Hoanib River supports a thin green ribbon of vegetation, and the wild Atlantic beaches are within reach with their noisy seal colonies and quiet shipwreck remnants. Eight large en-suite tents, shaded viewpoints in the main area, and nature drives that reveal desert-adapted elephant, lion and brown hyena in a vast but far from lifeless landscape.

B&B: BED AND BREAKFAST

PLANNED WHILE HERE

Nature drives tracking desert-adapted wildlife · researcher-led talks. On stays of three nights or more a coastal excursion to the Skeleton Coast is included — down by road, back by air.

DAY 6 – 9

Ongava Private Game Reserve

3 nights · Anderssons at Ongava

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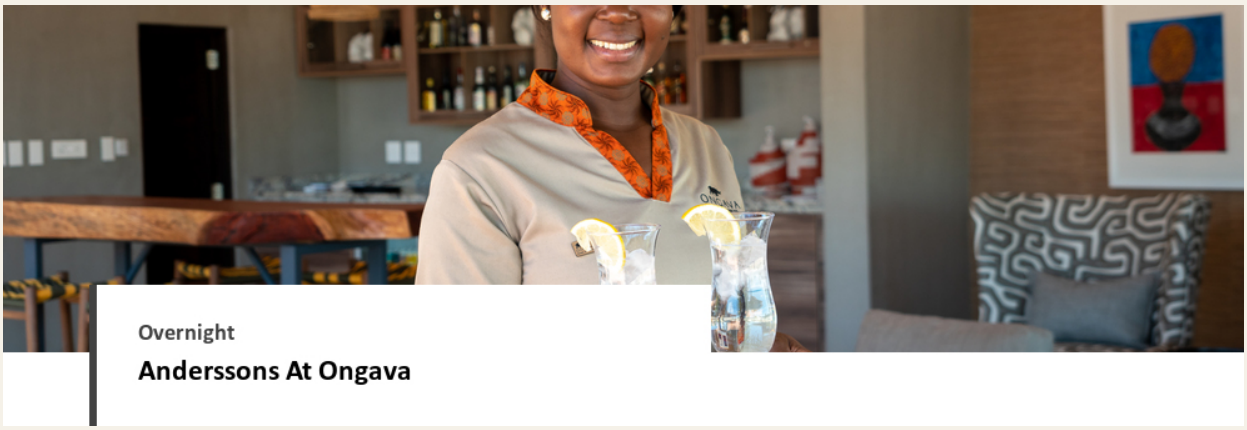
Day 6

Ongava Private Game Reserve

Ongava shares its southern boundary with Etosha National Park and is widely regarded as one of Namibia's premier private reserves. Some 30,000 hectares of open savannah plains and scattered salt pans, internationally recognised for its conservation and research work, with a healthy population of both black and white rhino and easy access into Etosha through Andersson's Gate.

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Anderssons at Ongava



Built alongside the Ongava Research Centre, Anderssons is an interactive hub where guests can be part of conservation science — cutting-edge technology meeting hands-on field research — or simply enjoy the guest suites, waterhole, viewing hide and pool. Seven contemporary luxury units and one family unit, for a maximum of 18 guests.

B&B: BED AND BREAKFAST

PLANNED WHILE HERE

Guided game drives · night safaris · walking safaris · birdwatching · time with resident scientists at the Ongava Research Centre.

Getting around

DAY	ROUTE	MODE
Day 1	Windhoek Eros Airport (ERS) → Wilderness Kulala Desert Lodge	Road transfer
Day 4	Kulala Desert Lodge → Doro Nawas Airstrip	Road transfer
Day 4	Doro Nawas Airstrip → Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp	Charter flight
Day 6	Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp → Doro Nawas Airstrip	Road transfer
Day 6	Doro Nawas Airstrip → Ongava Airstrip	Charter flight
Day 6	Ongava Airstrip → Anderssons at Ongava	Road transfer
Day 9	Anderssons at Ongava → Ongava Airstrip	Road transfer

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Your consultant

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Born in 1985. Wife to Jake and mother of three — a son and two daughters. I have a passion for travelling, especially in Africa; my best adventure ever was seeing the gorillas in Rwanda, and I love being on an open vehicle surrounded by the Big Five in the African bush. My favourite part of the job is the customer service and the marketing. I look forward to meeting you soon.

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Travel information

Suggested packing list:

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- Long and short sleeved shirts and T-shirts — comfortable cotton clothing in neutral tones works well in the bush
- Long trousers for early mornings, evenings and cooler days
- Comfortable walking shoes or sneakers with thick socks
- A pair of comfortable sandals for around the lodge or hotel pool between game drives
- Jackets: windbreaker, fleece or sweaters for early morning and late afternoon game drives
- Swimsuit, shorts, sun hats (cap and wide brim) and sunglasses
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- Binoculars and a bird book if this interests you — though the lodge will often provide a local bird list to tick off
- Phone chargers and international plug adaptors
- Workout gear and sneakers

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Terms and conditions

An African Array C.C. trading as The Safari Index Africa ("Safari Index Africa"). By making a deposit and/or full payment towards this or any subsequent itineraries, the Client hereby agrees to the following terms and conditions.

Payment

- In order to confirm a client's reservation, Safari Index Africa requires a minimum 30% deposit payment at the time of booking. Failure to do so will result in the reservation automatically being cancelled.
- The balance of payment is due 8 weeks (60 days) prior to the commencement date of the client's itinerary. Bookings made within 8 weeks (60 days) prior to departure are subject to full prepayment at the time of confirming the reservation.
- Safari Index Africa accepts credit cards and electronic fund transfers as methods of payment.
- Credit card payments incur an additional fee of 3.8%.
- Cash and traveller's cheques are not accepted.
- All rates provided are based upon external supplier costs such as air fares, airport taxes, fuel surcharges, transfers, accommodation, activities, car hire, park fees and gate fees which are outside of the control of Safari Index Africa. These supplier costs are therefore subject to change until final payment has been received or, in the instance of air travel, until air tickets have been issued.
- The client agrees that should any such costs increase, such an increase will be for their account and shall be payable to Safari Index Africa or as otherwise instructed by Safari Index Africa.
- Should the client have been quoted in foreign currency and wish to settle payment by credit card, the quotation will be converted to South African Rand prior to the transaction being processed, due to foreign exchange regulations of the South African Reserve Bank. The rate of exchange on the day the transaction is processed will determine the equivalent Rand amount, with any resulting foreign exchange differences or bank charges being for the client's account.

Travel documents

The client must ensure that they meet the necessary travel documentation, permit and/or visa regulations of the countries they intend entering, transiting or visiting. Safari Index Africa can provide guidelines in this regard; however, the client remains responsible for ensuring that they meet any regulations.

- The client's passport must have sufficient blank visa pages available in accordance with the regulations of various African countries. A minimum of 6 adjacent blank pages per country to be entered, transited or visited is recommended.
- The client's passport must be valid for the prescribed period contained in the applicable regulations of the countries being entered, transited and/or visited. A minimum expiry date of 12 months after the travel date is recommended.

- If travelling alone with minor children, the client will need to provide a letter of consent from the absent parent(s) that the children are allowed to travel with them. If travelling to South Africa, parents are to carry each child's birth certificate and their marriage certificate.

Inoculation, immunisation and medication

- The client must ensure that they meet the immunisation, inoculation and medication regulations of the countries they are to visit. Safari Index Africa provides guidelines when requested; however, the client remains ultimately responsible for meeting the requirements of each country visited.
- Safari Index Africa recommends visiting an appropriate medical practitioner prior to travel.
- It is the client's obligation to ensure that they are medically fit to travel.

Flights

- In the event of flights being booked and secured by Safari Index Africa on behalf of the client, payment is usually required by credit card, because of the time delay in securing funds when paying by bank transfer.
- A 3.8% fee will be charged for all card transactions.
- Changes in the cost of flights between the time of quote and payment being received by Safari Index Africa will be for the client's account.
- Copies of passports are required when booking flights. Correct information must be provided by the client, and Safari Index Africa accepts no responsibility for incorrect information provided by clients.

Baggage rules

- The client must ensure that the baggage regulations of the airlines and charter companies they are using will be met. Safari Index Africa can provide guidelines in this regard; however, the client remains responsible for ensuring they meet these regulations.
- In particular, light aircraft flights have extraordinary baggage regulations which include but are not limited to weight, structure and shape.
- If the client does not adhere to the relevant baggage regulations, the transfer of baggage may be delayed and/or transferred at extra cost.

Cancellation policy and refunding of payment

- Cancellation prior to 60 days of travel — the full 30% deposit is forfeited, and 100% of total flight costs.
- Cancellation less than 60 days before travel — 100% of the total cost is forfeited.

Travel insurance

Safari Index Africa requires clients to purchase their own travel insurance at the time of booking. If they do not do so, they agree that they will be responsible for any costs arising from any emergency, cancellation or rescheduling during their trip, and they agree not to hold Safari Index Africa responsible for any harm or

loss suffered.

Third parties

- Airlines reserve the right to levy additional or increased airport taxes and fuel charges, without notice, at any stage prior to flight; any such increase will be for the client's account.
- Road transportation companies such as transfer and car rental companies reserve the right to levy additional charges due to fuel price increases and/or government road levies, without notice; any such increase will be for the client's account.
- Government and national bodies, concession owners and other parties involved in the running of private or public parks reserve the right to levy additional or increased park fees, without notice; any such increase will be for the client's account.

Changes to bookings

Safari Index Africa will make every effort to adhere to the confirmed itinerary. In the event of changes to aspects such as accommodation and transportation, Safari Index Africa will:

- Provide alternatives at no extra cost, subject to the supplier's terms and conditions.
- Should the alternatives not be found suitable, refund the client the money arising from the changes, subject to the supplier's terms and conditions.
- In the event of refunding the client, assist the client in identifying alternative services, subject to all additional costs for the alternative services being for their account.
- Should the client require any changes to be made to their booking, Safari Index Africa will do its best to assist and accommodate such changes. The client will be liable for any costs or fees charged for such changes.

Waiver, indemnity and liability

- All vouchers, receipts and tickets issued by Safari Index Africa to the client are subject to the various suppliers' terms and conditions.
- Participation in any tour or travel package arranged by Safari Index Africa and provided by any of its suppliers, including but not limited to transportation to or from any venue, is undertaken at the client's own risk.
- The client indemnifies Safari Index Africa and its directors, employees, assignees and/or agents against any claim arising for any damages or loss which might be instituted against it arising from or in connection with the services contemplated in these terms and conditions.
- The client, his/her heirs, dependants, agents, executors or their assignees hereby irrevocably waive any claims which they may have against Safari Index Africa for any form of compensation for damages which they may suffer due to injury or loss of any nature whatsoever, including accidents caused by the client's own actions, injuries or death while on the tour, in a transportation vehicle or at any place during the tour, or illness or death at any time after the tour.

- Safari Index Africa acts solely in the capacity of an agent for third parties and holds itself free of responsibility or liability for any delays, loss or damages from any cause whatsoever, including loss, delay, damages or dissatisfaction caused by third party products and services.

Applicable law

The Safari Index Africa site is created, maintained and controlled in the Republic of South Africa and, as such, the laws of the Republic of South Africa and the jurisdiction of the South African courts govern this user agreement and the use or inability to use the site.

This is a starting point, not a package.

Tell us what you'd change — longer here, softer there, different lodges, different months — and we'll rebuild it around you. We plan every trip ourselves, and we'd love to plan this one.

See you in the bush,

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