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Namibia Self-Drive: Dunes, Coast & Etosha

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Indicative from A$8,000 per person

The journey

NOTE	The great Namibian road trip
DAY 1 TRANSFER	Road: WDH (Windhoek, Namibia) to Ti Melen Boutique Guesthouse, Windhoek, Namibia Note: Collect your hire car
DAY 1 STAY	Ti Melen Boutique Guesthouse, Windhoek, Namibia · 1 night How to book: Book online through NightsBridge. The standard rate includes breakfast. · Website: https://book.nightsbridge.com/22340
DAY 2 TRANSFER	Self-drive: Windhoek, Namibia to Desert Homestead Lodge, Sossusvlei, Namibia
DAY 2–3 STAY	Desert Homestead Lodge, Sossusvlei & the Namib, Namibia · 2 nights How to book: Book online directly with the lodge, or by phone or email. · Website: https://book.nightsbridge.com/18596
ACTIVITY	Guided Sossusvlei and Deadvlei excursion How to book: Book with the official operator or ask Explore Africa to include this in a tailored itinerary. · Website: https://ondili.com/en/activities/sossusvlei-excursion/
DAY 4 TRANSFER	Self-drive: Sossusvlei, Namibia to Swakopmund Hotel, Swakopmund, Namibia
DAY 4–5 STAY	Swakopmund Hotel and Entertainment Centre, Swakopmund, Namibia · 2 nights How to book: Book online through the hotel's reservation engine. The Daily Rate includes breakfast and requires full prepayment. Cancellation within 48 hours of arrival costs one night's accommodation. · Website: https://booking.legacyhotels.co.za/en/swakopmundhotelandentertainmentcentre/home?currency=NAD
DAY 6 TRANSFER	Self-drive: Swakopmund, Namibia to Onduli Ridge, Damaraland, Namibia

DAY 6–7 STAY	Onduli Ridge, Damaraland, Namibia · 2 nights How to book: Book online through NightsBridge for stays of at least two nights. Online bookings close 14 days before arrival. · Website: https://book.nightsbridge.com/35217
DAY 8 TRANSFER	Self-drive: Damaraland, Namibia to Etosha Oberland Lodge, Etosha, Namibia
DAY 8–9 STAY	Etosha Oberland Lodge, Etosha, Namibia · 2 nights How to book: Book online through NightsBridge. The standard rate includes full board and local drinks, excluding premier and imported brands. · Website: https://book.nightsbridge.com/29266?lang=en
ACTIVITY	Game drives How to book: Book with the official operator or ask Explore Africa to include this in a tailored itinerary.
DAY 10 TRANSFER	Self-drive: Etosha, Namibia to WDH (Windhoek, Namibia) Note: Return your hire car

When to go

May to October is cool and dry, and the best time for game at Etosha's waterholes. November to April is hotter, with summer storms in the north.

Country information

Namibia is wide open and made for a road trip: red dunes at Sossusvlei, the cool Atlantic coast at Swakopmund, the desert-adapted wildlife of Damaraland and the waterholes of Etosha.

What to know from the start:

• Entry requirements: confirm passports, visas, digital entry forms and transit rules at smartraveller.gov.au and Namibia's official immigration website before travel.

• Health: seek route-specific advice from a travel-health professional and smartraveller.gov.au; vaccination and malaria guidance varies by itinerary.

• Currency: Namibian Dollar (NAD), pegged to the South African Rand, which is also accepted.

• Getting around: self-drive on long gravel roads; a 4x4 or high-clearance vehicle and unhurried days are best.

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