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### **Namibia on a Shoestring**

#### **12 days/11 nights affordable self-drive or guided safari**

From/to Windhoek covering the most prominent spots all over Namibia on a self-catering or camping basis in order to reduce costs.

The Shoestring tour was named this way since it is a trip especially valid for students and young people but can at any time be upgraded for any other traveller who appreciates the route. During this safari Windhoek, the Kalahari, the Fish River Canyon, an ancient castle in the desert, Sossusvlei, Swakopmund as well as Etosha are on the menu so it includes the best of everything.

#### **Day 1**

##### **Windhoek**



Upon arrival at Windhoek's International Hosea Kutako Airport, take over your rental vehicle or meet your guide and proceed to your first accommodation amidst the African bushveld, just outside Windhoek. The rest of the day is spent at leisure. Whether you prefer lazing in the African sun or want to visit Windhoek for some sightseeing or shopping is up to you

**Windhoek – Khomas District**  
**Selfcatering or Camping**

#### **Day 2**

##### **Windhoek - Mariental**



Leaving Windhoek after a delicious breakfast handmade or catered for in one of the many cafes your road takes you south into the outskirts of the Kalahari Desert. Reaching the vicinity of Mariental via Rehoboth, home of the Basters, you can spend the rest of the day relaxing at the pool, hiking in the surrounding of the lodge or even joining the lodge on an afternoon nature drive.

Enjoy dinner in the lodge or prepare your own dinner over the fire with the tune of the desert in your ears and a more than splendid stary sky watching you

**Mariental – Hardap District**  
**Bed & Breakfast or Camping**



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### Days 3 + 4

#### Mariental - Fish River Canyon



Today might be the first morning to get in contact with the Namibian alarm clock which will wake you even before sunrise  
After a relaxed breakfast it is time to head further south reaching the second largest canyon of the world and the largest canyon in Africa by the end of the day  
During your trip to the canyon you might want to pay a visit to Giants playground, a deposit site of huge granite boulders, or Quivertree Forest, a forest like vegetation of quivertrees.  
Enjoy a day trip to the canyon on your own or join the lodge on their daily excursion

**Fish River Canyon – Karas District**  
**Selfcatering or camping**

### Day 5

#### Fish River Canyon – Duwisib



Leaving the canyon your road starts climbing northwards again unless you have decided to add a couple of days at the first European settlement in Namibia, Lüderitz.  
If not your route leads you via Seeheim and Helmeringhausen towards Maltahöhe where you will spend the night with a relic of the past right in front of your window.  
Prepare a sumptuous meal over the fire or join your hosts for a farm style dinner  
**Duwisib Castle – Karas Region**  
**Selfcatering or camping**

### Days 6 + 7

#### Duwisib - Sossusvlei



The next highlight is on the menu leading you to one of the most well known sightseeing spots of Namibia, Sossusvlei.  
Just outside the gates of the Namib Naukluft Park, that hosts Dead Vlei and Sossusvlei as well as Sesriem Canyon, you spend two nights marvelling on breath taking vistas over wide stretched desert plains.  
If you are still energetic on the day of arrival climb down into the Sesriem Canyon enjoying the coolness near the water pools that stay filled during most of the year.  
On the morning of day two it is rising early, before sunrise, so that you can enter the park when the gates open to experience the colour play on the dunes as the sun rises.  
If doing Hotair ballooning has always been a dream for you, this is the perfect surrounding to make your dream come true.  
**Sesriem/Sossusvlei – Hardap Region**  
**Selfcatering or camping**



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### Day 8 + 9

#### Sossusvlei - Swakopmund



Via Solitaire, the scenic Ghaub and Kuiseb pass, as well as the harbour-town of Walvis Bay you reach Namibia's premier coastal holiday resort, the small historic town of Swakopmund

With your accommodation being situated close to the town centre and the beaches, you are also in walking distance of many good restaurants, places of interest for sightseeing, and shopping/banking facilities

Enjoy delicious seafood in one of the extraordinary seafood restaurants and marvel at the picturesque sunsets over the Atlantic Ocean

**Swakopmund – Erongo Region**  
**Selfcatering**

### Day 10 + 11

#### Swakopmund - Etosha National Park



Travelling through the northern centre of Namibia with its photogenic landscapes, you reach the famous Etosha National Park your last highlight of this tour.

Enjoy the splendid surroundings of your lodge, with a perfectly relaxed atmosphere should you want to enjoy dinner in the restaurant and breathe this real African feeling being produced by locals singing and dancing in the course of the evening.

Take a breakfast basket on the morning of day two to enjoy while watching game at a waterhole of your choice

**Etosha National Park – Kunene Region**  
**Bed & Breakfast or Camping**

### Day 12

#### Windhoek/Departure



Driving back to Windhoek on good tar roads you still have some time to bid your farewell to Namibia for this time.

Travel via Outjo, Otjiwarongo and Okahandja, not missing the woodcarvers market in Okahandja for some last minute souvenir and gift shopping.

Well in time for your afternoon flight return to the International airport, return your rental vehicle and check-in for your outbound flight.