



Itinerary for Namibia Tour

Tuesday – Depart OR Tambo at 12.00am on British Airways. I will pick you up at a time that will ensure we are all at the airport two hours before departure. Flight time is two hours and we will arrive at Windhoek International at 14.00pm, Namibia time. We will board our own mini-bus and drive into Windhoek and check into the Villa Violet Guest House. We will be having dinner at Joe's, a Windhoek favourite.

Wednesday – Depart Windhoek for Swakopmund. This is a four hours and a bit drive, including stops. We will stop at Okahandja and Usakos on the way for comfort and petrol. The last 80 kms is in the Namib Desert which is quite an experience. When we arrive in Swakopmund we will check in to the Hotel Europa Hof. If you are feeling energetic we can take our first look around Swakomund. When we are all settled in and feeling hungry, we will go to one of the great restaurants in Swakopmund for supper.

Thursday – Today we explore Swakopmund and the desert. We visit an excellent little museum on the seafront and there is a famous old coffee shop, Café Anton, opposite the light house where we can stop for refreshment. Then on to the Kristal Galerie which houses the biggest crystals on earth besides many beautiful small ones. After being dazzled, we travel into the desert and see the famous Welwichia plants, some 2500 years old. We can have a late light lunch at an oasis before we head back to Swakopmund arriving at 3.30/4.00pm. At about 7.00pm we can head out for dinner.

Friday – We take a short drive to Walvis Bay, only 35km, stopping at a Guano platform at Longbeach to see thousands of birds. Walvis itself has 80 species of waterbirds and is an excellent natural harbour. We might even see whales. We will certainly see pelicans, flamingos and a variety of gulls, gannets and such like. It has a waterfront with a number of restaurants, some built on stilts in the sea as there are no waves to speak of. After a light lunch we will drive back to Swakopmund via Dune 7, a monstrous dune. Once again you will have a few hours at your leisure before we go for dinner.

Saturday – Our flight home departs at 14.55pm and arrives at OR Tambo at 16.45pm. We need to get there two hours before which is 12.55am. So best we leave at 8.00am to allow for any unforeseen delays and to avoid our getting panicky!

Namibia has a different cell phone system, so you can either set up "Roaming" with your provider or buy a Namibian sim card and airtime.