



Captivating Namibia | 14 – 25 May 2019

Few countries can match Namibia's sheer natural beauty. The country's name derives from the world's oldest desert, the Namib. Sand, sea, dead valleys, the Skeleton Coast, Damaraland and the jaw-dropping Fish River Canyon, rivers and wetlands & the endless gold-grass plains of the Kalahari... it's difficult to think of an iconic African landscape that Namibia doesn't possess.

Namibia Itinerary | May 2019

14 May | Depart South Africa – Windhoek | (1 night) | D

Depart Cape Town/Johannesburg for our direct flight to **Windhoek**. On arrival we will be met & transferred to our hotel. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

15 May | Namib Desert (2 nights) | BD

We will travel via the beautiful Spreetshoogte Pass where the views from the top of the escarpment are breath-taking. At an elevation of 1.780m above the sea level, it is one of the **steepest passes** in Southern Africa. Arrive at our lodge in the desert in the afternoon. Dinner and overnight at our lodge.

16 May | Namib Desert | BD

After an early breakfast we will travel to **Sossusvlei**, through the Sesriem gate. The whole day is spent in the beautiful Sossusvlei area – a perfect specimen of Namibia’s unspoilt **desert beauty**. It is a salt and clay pan situated in the largest conservation area in Africa, famous for its large, red sand dunes – some of the tallest in the world. Here we will experience the **Dead Pan**, **Hidden Vlei**, as well as **Dune 45** and the Sesriem Gorge. Dinner and overnight at our lodge.

17 May | Namib Desert – Swakopmund | (2 nights) | B

We travel north to Solitaire, then west crossing the Tropic of Capricorn, through the Gaub and Kuiseb Canyons, via the **Namib Gravel Plains** to the Namibian coastline, known as the **Skeleton Coast**. As per its name, the coast is littered with a variety of skeletons, both animal and ship – sometimes even whale skeletons. The coastline is known to be home of thousands of lost souls, one of the most prominent shipwrecks being the ‘Duned in Star’. Continue to **Swakopmund** & check in to our hotel.

18 May | Walvis Bay | B

The day is spend in **Walvis Bay**, a port town on the coast of Namibia. Sheltered by the Pelican Point sand spit, its tidal lagoon is home to abundant birdlife including flamingos, pelicans and Damara terns. The harbour is busy with fishing boats and ships. Dolphins, whales and Cape fur seals inhabit the Atlantic waters around the Pelican Point Lighthouse. East of the bay, coastal sand dunes like **Dune 7** mark the start of the Namib Desert. Return to Swakopmund for dinner & overnight.

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19 May | Damaraland | (2 nights) | BD

Today we head north along the Skeleton Coast, via Henties Bay to visit the **Cape Cross seal colony**. The Cape Cross Seal Colony, is the breeding place of the Cape Fur Seals, which are actually a species of Sea Lion. Along the Namibian and South African coast there are 24 colonies with a seal population of about 650 000 animals. About 80 000 to 100 000 seals inhabit Cape Cross.

En route, we will stop at the **Lichen Fields** as well as the **ship wreck** between the colourful small town of Vlotskasbaken and Henties Bay. It is estimated that some of these lichen fields are hundreds or even thousands of years old, as they can survive long periods of drought which makes the Namib desert their perfect home. We continue to Henties Bay and head inland through wide open plains to Uis, then north to the **Twyfelfontein area**. Dinner and overnight at our lodge.

20 May | Damaraland | BD

After breakfast we will visit Namibia's Open Air Museum, the **Twyfelfontein Rock Engravings** as well as the interesting **Organ Pipes** rock formations and **Burnt Mountain**. One of Namibia's most picturesque attractions, the rock engravings at Twyfelfontein date back between 2 000 to 10 000 years ago and provide wonderful insight into the history of the area and the people that lived there. It was declared Namibia's first World Heritage Site in 2007. The so-called Organ Pipes are situated near the small inselberg of Burnt Mountain.

They are a rock formation that comprises a group of columnar basalts which resemble organ pipes. The Organ Pipes were formed about 150 million years ago as the result of the intrusion of liquid lava into a slate rock formation, which was exposed over time by erosion. Dinner and overnight at our lodge.

21 May | Etosha National Park | (3 nights) | BD

After breakfast we continue east towards Khorixas, stopping at the **Petrified Forest**. We will arrive in the **Etosha area** in the afternoon & if time permits, will have an afternoon game drive. Dinner and overnight at our lodge.

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22 & 23 May | Etosha National Park | BD

Today is set aside for a full day of **game drives** as we drive slowly through the Park stopping at numerous waterholes along the way.

Etosha is one of Africa's great game parks. With 114 species of mammal and 340 species of birds you are sure to see a great variety of **wildlife on your safari**. During May, as Namibia heads into winter, the game tends to congregate around waterholes – providing spectacular wildlife viewing, whilst the surrounding areas overflow with springbok and zebra. Dinner and overnight at our lodge.

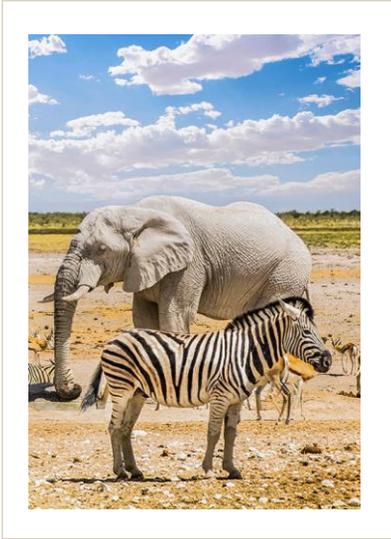
24 May | Windhoek | (1 night) | BD

After breakfast we will head back to Windhoek, which is approximately a 6 hour drive. Dinner & overnight at our hotel.

25 May | Depart Windhoek | B

After breakfast we will transfer to the airport for our flight home.

Information & Costs



You will visit all the places included in the following itinerary however, Titch Global Tours reserves the right to amend the itinerary according to conditions before, or at, the time of travel.

Where arranged, Breakfast (**B**), Lunch (**L**) or Dinner (**D**) is indicated below.

Per Person Sharing: R 39 900

Single Supplement: R 8 700

Based on 15 travellers

Excludes:

International & Domestic airfares.

Airfares:

(including taxes, on South Africa Airways)

EX Cape Town / Johannesburg from R6 000

Estimated costings & itinerary costed in June 2018 | Subject to change due to currency fluctuations.

Travel Information:

VISA & IMMIGRATION

- South African passport holders do not require a visa for Namibia.
- NON SA passport holders living in South Africa must travel with a valid passport displaying permanent resident stamp.
- British passport holders do not require a visa for Namibia.
- Passports need to be valid for at least 6 months after travel & have at least 4 blank pages.

PACKING ESSENTIALS

- Light cotton shirts & shorts
- Long trousers/slacks
- Lightweight but warm jacket for cool evenings
- Sun hat with wide brim
- Comfortable shoes / hiking boots
- Long cotton socks
- Swimming costume
- Mosquito repellent spray or cream
- Binoculars
- Malaria medication

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT NAMIBIA

- The colours
- The opportunity to breathe with so much space
- The contrasts of rugged landscapes & red dunes
- The charming German influence

WEATHER IN MAY

- May is classified as the winter dry season. The climate is generally dry and pleasant, receiving very little rain.
- There is less vegetation and wildlife in Etosha & this makes animals easier to spot.
- There are no clouds, it's sunny, and there is virtually no rain. It gets cold at night and in the mornings.

CURRENCY

- The Namibian Dollar is the same value as the South African Rand. NAD1 = ZAR1

Meet your Tour Leaders



Tour leading for his favourite tour company, Titch Global Tours is Michael's main retirement hobby and fun, assisting his daughter Mandi Aliverti.

Titch offers regular, fully-escorted tours to exotic destinations, catering for the "mature traveller". Michael has been leading tours for over 40 years, starting as early as his University days; that passion is still with him. He is fortunate to have his partner Linda Godlonton accompanying him, assisting him on most of the tours.

Michael loves life and seeks at all times to share his love of travel, as well as his travel brand of *joie de vivre*, with his fellow travellers, who become lifelong friends.



Mandi was born practically with a backpack on her back and a head filled with dreams of adventure. Given both her parents working in the industry, it's no surprise that Mandi went on to complete studies in travel and marketing before jetting off to explore the world.

She later returned to South Africa where she worked in the family travel business before being appointed as MD of Titch in 2008. In addition she holds the appointment as MD of Travel Concepts, as part of the Concepts Collection Group.

Mandi is married to her Italian husband Federico and they have 2 children, Gabriella and Claudio. Mandi promises to share her love of travel and all places foreign!

Titch Tours Booking Form | Namibia | May 2019

Please complete this booking form and return it with your deposit of R 10,000 and photo-copy of your passport to Travel Concepts.

Name as per passport:		Title:	
Name you wish to be called:		Maiden name (if applicable):	
Address:			
Telephone:		Work -	Cell -
Home -			
Fax:		Email:	
Nationality:		Id no:	
Passport no		Date of birth:	
Date of issue:		Date of expiry:	
Alt passport no:		Nationality:	
Date of issue:		Date of expiry:	
If you have two passports, which one will you be travelling on:			
Smoking:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Special meal requests:
Seating request (on flight):			
Please note that we can only request your choice of seating and cannot confirm it.			
Accommodation - I would like to share with:			Single <input type="checkbox"/>
In the case of passengers travelling alone who wish to share twin accommodation, we endeavour to fulfil these requests. however, should this not be possible, a single room supplement will be payable.			
Name of next of kin /friend:		Relationship:	
Address:		Tel:	Email:
<p>I enclose my cheque for the deposit of R 10,000 (or will do so, or have done so by eft) to secure a place on the tour. Furthermore I confirm I have read, understood and accept the terms & conditions of travelling on tour with Titch Tours, a division of Travel Concepts. I also note that the balance of the cost of the tour is payable 6 weeks before departure; costed June 2018, based on 16 full paying passengers. If you are over 85 at time of travel please speak to us about your travel insurance before booking.</p>			
Signed this.....day of.....201 Signature			
Method of payment: tick applicable one			
Air ticket: Bank transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/>			
Credit card <input type="checkbox"/> No. _____ Expiry date: _____ 3 digit code: _____			
Card type: _____ Bank name: _____			
Land & Deposit (no credit card): bank transfer <input type="checkbox"/> cheque <input type="checkbox"/>			
Bank details:		Name: Travel Concepts Bank: Standard Bank Cape Town Branch Code: 051001	
		Account no.: 0624830802 Swift Code: SBZAJJ	
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Terms & Conditions | Titch Global Tours

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Accommodation | Hotels & lodges generally of 4 star category.

Airline Clause | The carrier(s) concerned will not be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not aboard the aircraft or conveyance. The passenger ticket in use by the airline concerned, when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airline(s) concerned and the purchaser of this tour and/or the passengers.

Baggage | One piece of luggage per person not exceeding 20 kilograms (on an exceptional basis this may be increased to 23 kilograms) plus one piece of cabin luggage/carry-on, not exceeding a total length of 115cm.

Cancellation | All cancellations must be made in writing. Titch Global Tours reserves the right to claim all or a portion of the fares paid by passenger(s) who cancel(s) reservations. In accordance with standard procedures adopted by tour operators worldwide, Titch Global Tours reserves the right to cancel the tour prior to departure without any further liability to Titch Global Tours, other than making an appropriate refund, at the discretion of Titch Global Tours, of amounts paid to Titch Global Tours in respect of the tour.

Fares/Flights | The tours are generally costed excluding international airfares. Accordingly Titch Global Tours recommends the air carrier, according to the destination of the tour, based on convenience of the flights/connections recommended and competitive pricing.

Gratuities | Tips for personal services are not included. Tips for the guides and drivers are not obligatory, but are customary and are left to the discretion of the travellers; ideally these are collected by the tour leader at the beginning of the tour.

Insurance | Comprehensive insurance cover is strongly recommended and is obtainable through Titch Global Tours, which constitutes an additional expense.

Itinerary | The itinerary is subject to alteration, without notice, where necessary, according to the conditions en route.

Meals | Breakfast, Lunch and/or Dinner daily shall be supplied, as specified in terms of the itinerary and subject to clause 8 above, by the symbol B, L or D.

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Liabilities | Titch Global Tours, its employees, the Tour Operators and/or their agents, in making arrangements for the tour, act as agents only and on condition that they shall not be held liable for injury, damage or any loss arising in respect of their services. Participation in the tour is strictly undertaken at the traveller's own risk. Titch Global Tours warrants that whilst it will use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that the services are carried out timeously, and accordingly it cannot warrant such services and cannot be held liable for any claims of whatsoever nature by any person whatsoever, arising directly or indirectly out of, or in consequence of its services.

Not included in tour price | The tour specifically excludes all entertainment not shown in the itinerary, insurance cover, flights/fares, gratuities, meals or food purchased over and above the tour menus, morning and afternoon teas, beverages, wines, spirits, laundry, optional tours, additional portorage, telephone calls or any other incidental expense etc.

Passport and Visas | Travellers will be advised of visa requirements, if any, in relation to the destination(s) of the tour. Travellers are furthermore requested to ensure that their passports are valid for at least 6 months after the end of the tour, and that there are a minimum of 2 (two) blank and consecutive pages in the passport still unused for the purpose of applying for a visa, if required.

Payment | A deposit of R10, 000.00 is required at the time of booking. The cost of the tour in question will be based on the advertised minimum full-paying passengers. In the event that less than the minimum number of full-paying passengers are on the tour, the tour cost may change, in which event the traveller will be entitled to withdraw from the tour if desired, and will be refunded any monies paid for the tour, provided the payment for the tour has not already been remitted to the destination country/countries in question.

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