YOUR ROADBOOK

Namibia self-drive: 10 days

Windhoek · Sossusvlei · Swakopmund · Damaraland · Etosha

DATES	LENGTH	TRAVELLERS
Thu 10 – Sat 19 June 2027	10 days · 9 nights	2 adults
VEHICLE	**PACE**	**STAYS**
4×4 (not booked yet)	Balanced · max ~6 h a day	Camping & lodges · US$100–200/night

YOUR MUST-SEES
Sossusvlei & Deadvlei at sunrise · Swakopmund · 3 nights in Etosha

June is Namibia's dry winter: clear, mild days and cold nights (Sesriem averages about 26°C by day and 8°C at night). Days are short, so this plan is built around daylight: in mid-June the sun rises at about 07:35 and sets at about 18:15–18:25 depending on where you are. Distances and times are approximate.

Your trip at a glance

DAY	DATE	ROUTE	DISTANCE	DRIVING	OVERNIGHT
1	Thu 10 Jun	Arrive Hosea Kutako Airport → Windhoek. Car, shopping, cash, SIM	~45 km	~45 min	Windhoek
2	Fri 11 Jun	Windhoek → Sesriem (tar, then gravel)	~330 km	5–6 h	Inside Sesriem gate
3	Sat 12 Jun	Sossusvlei & Deadvlei at first light · Sesriem Canyon	~130 km	2–3 h	Inside Sesriem gate
4	Sun 13 Jun	Sesriem → Solitaire → Gaub & Kuiseb passes → Swakopmund	~350 km	5–6 h	Swakopmund
5	Mon 14 Jun	Swakopmund: free day, restock, tyre check	—	—	Swakopmund
6	Tue 15 Jun	Swakopmund → Uis → Twyfelfontein area	~330–360 km	5–5.5 h	Damaraland
7	Wed 16 Jun	Twyfelfontein → Khorixas → Outjo → Etosha	~330 km	4.5–5 h	Etosha (south)
8	Thu 17 Jun	Etosha game drives	self-paced	—	Etosha (south)
9	Fri 18 Jun	Etosha game drives	self-paced	—	Etosha (south)
10	Sat 19 Jun	Etosha → Outjo → Otjiwarongo → Windhoek → airport (all tar)	~480 km	5–5.5 h	Fly home

Day 10 is your longest drive and ends at the airport. Book a flight leaving no earlier than about 17:00, and leave Etosha when the gate opens. If your flight is earlier, move your last night to Windhoek or Otjiwarongo (email us and we'll adjust).

Book in this order

Dry-season demand is highest for the few beds *inside* the parks, so lock those in first.

1. **Etosha, Days 7–9 (three nights).** Okaukuejo Resort, run by Namibia Wildlife Resorts (NWR), has a floodlit waterhole and camping and chalets: nwr.com.na. NWR lists camping for Nov 2026–Jun 2027 at about NAD 460 per person per night.
2. **Inside the Sesriem gate, Days 2–3 (two nights).** Only stays inside let you use the inner gate before sunrise: Sesriem Campsite or Sossus Dune Lodge (both NWR).
3. **Your 4×4.** Dry-season fleets fill up. Ask for two spare tyres, a compressor, and the gravel-road insurance terms in writing.
4. **Damaraland, Day 6.** Limited beds near Twyfelfontein.
5. **Swakopmund and Windhoek.** The most choice, so book these last.

Pay NWR only through official channels. In November 2026 NWR warned customers about scam messages pretending to be from them. Never pay into "new" bank details sent by email or WhatsApp without confirming directly with NWR: reservations@nwr.com.na · +264 61 285 7200.

Day by day

Day 1 Arrive Windhoek

THU 10 JUNE

~45 km from the airport · no long drive today

Arrival Collect your 4×4 at Hosea Kutako Airport. Check both spares, jack, compressor and pressure gauge, and photograph any damage with the agent.

Afternoon In Windhoek: local SIM, some cash, water, snacks and firewood. Don't drive out of town today.

WHERE TO SLEEP · CHOOSE ONE

CAMPING & TENTS

Urban Camp

Pool and restaurant, close to the centre.
urbancamp.net

GUESTHOUSE

Eros or Klein Windhoek

Many guesthouses in your budget. Book direct.

Day 2 Windhoek → Sesriem

FRI 11 JUNE

~330 km · tar out of Windhoek, then gravel · 5–6 h with stops

07:45	Leave with a full tank. Carry cash: card machines aren't reliable outside the larger towns.
Gravel	**80 km/h is the ceiling, not the target.** Slow down early for bends, dips and loose patches. Headlights on.
~14:00	Arrive Sesriem. **Buy your park permit this afternoon**, so tomorrow you drive straight through.
~17:30	Optional sunset at Elim Dune near camp (sunset ~18:15). Be back before the gate closes.

WHERE TO SLEEP · CHOOSE ONE (INSIDE THE GATE)

CAMPING · NWR

Sesriem Campsite

nwr.com.na/resorts/sesriem-campsite

CHALETS · NWR

Sossus Dune Lodge

May be above budget. nwr.com.na/resorts/sossus-dune-lodge

Day 3 Sossusvlei at first light

SAT 12 JUNE

~130 km return · tar inside the park, then a sand section

> **Why you're inside the gate:** the outer gate opens at sunrise (~07:35); the inner gate, for guests staying inside, opens about an hour earlier.

~06:30	Be at the inner gate as it opens. The first ~60 km are tar.
~07:35	Sunrise at Dune 45, about 45 km from camp.
Morning	The last stretch to Sossusvlei is deep sand: drive it with tyres let down, or park and take the NWR shuttle. Walk to Deadvlei (~1 km each way) with at least a litre of water each.
~11:00	Head back before the heat. Re-inflate tyres before the tar. Sesriem Canyon late afternoon.

WHERE TO SLEEP

Same as Day 2.

Day 4 Sesriem → Swakopmund

SUN 13 JUNE

~350 km · mostly gravel, tar from Walvis Bay · 5–6 h

08:00	Depart. Refuel at Solitaire (known for its bakery).
Passes	Gaub and Kuiseb: slow, winding gravel with dips. Take them carefully.
Afternoon	Join the tar at Walvis Bay and follow the coast road. Expect cool, foggy weather: bring a warm layer.

WHERE TO SLEEP · CHOOSE ONE

CAMPING & UNITS

Alte Brücke Resort

Private bathrooms per site, near the beach.
altebrucke.com

CAMPING

Tiger Reef Campsite

By the Swakop river mouth. Book direct.

Day 5 Swakopmund free day

MON 14 JUNE

No driving

Options	Walvis Bay lagoon or Sandwich Harbour tour (book locally), the jetty, cafés.
Prep	**Check all tyres, including spares, and refuel today.** Day 6 has long stretches with few services.

Day 6 Swakopmund → Twyfelfontein

TUE 15 JUNE

~330–360 km · tar, then gravel north of Uis · 5–5.5 h

08:00	Depart full. Refuel in Uis, then gravel north.
Optional	Spitzkoppe detour adds ~1–1.5 h. Only if you're on schedule.
~16:30	Arrive well before sunset (~18:25). Twyfelfontein rock engravings (UNESCO, guided only) now or first thing tomorrow.

WHERE TO SLEEP · CHOOSE ONE

LODGE

Twyfelfontein Country Lodge

~4 km from the engravings. Book direct. *Check June rate vs budget.*

CAMPING

Aba-Huab valley campsites

Several community and private sites. *Confirm locally.*

Day 7 Twyfelfontein → Etosha

WED 16 JUNE

~330 km · gravel to Khorixas, then tar · 4.5–5 h

Morning	Engravings if you didn't go yesterday (~1 h).
Midday	Refuel and shop in Outjo.
~16:00	Through Andersson Gate. Be inside your camp before the gate closes at sunset.
Evening	The floodlit waterhole at Okaukuejo: rhino are often seen after dark.

WHERE TO SLEEP, DAYS 7–9 · ONE BASE FOR ALL 3 NIGHTS

INSIDE THE PARK · NWR

Okaukuejo Resort

Best for sunrise starts.

nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort

10 KM OUTSIDE · GONDWANA

Etosha Safari Camp / Campsite

Rooms and camping. gondwana-collection.com

Days 8–9 Etosha game drives

THU 17 – FRI 18 JUNE

Self-paced · park speed limit 60 km/h

~07:30	Out as the gate opens. The first and last hours are best for wildlife.
Morning	June is dry, so animals gather at waterholes. Pick a loop and sit 20–30 min at each.
Midday	Rest at camp. Consider one guided morning or night drive, bookable at camp.
Sunset	**Be back inside before the gate closes.** Stay in your vehicle except in fenced areas.

Day 10 Etosha → airport

SAT 19 JUNE

~480 km · all tar · 5–5.5 h

~07:30	Leave as the gate opens. Refuel in Outjo or Otjiwarongo.
Afternoon	Skip central Windhoek; the airport is ~45 km east of the city. Allow time to return the car and check in.

Trip budget

An estimate for 2 adults, 10 days, in Namibian dollars (N$) and euros. Ranges run from careful to comfortable within the budget you gave us. International flights and travel insurance are not included.

ITEM	WHAT IT'S BASED ON	N$	EUR
Fuel	~2,250 km in a diesel 4×4 double cab at 11–13 L/100 km on gravel; diesel at N$31–34 a litre	7,700–9,900	€405–520
Car hire	9 days, 4×4 double cab with or without camping gear, about N$2,100–3,900 a day in June	18,900–35,100	€995–1,850
Accommodation	9 nights for 2: mostly camping at the low end, lodges at the top of your US$100–200 budget at the high end	8,000–31,000	€420–1,630
Park fees	5 days in Namib-Naukluft and Etosha: N$280 per adult plus N$60 per vehicle per day	3,100	€165
Deadvlei shuttle	Optional if you drive the sand yourself; about N$250–260 per adult return	0–520	€0–27
Food & drinks	Allowance for 2: self-catering to eating out, N$500–1,200 a day	5,000–12,000	€265–630
Optional extras	Guided drives and tours, e.g. an NWR guided drive at about N$750 per person	0–3,000	€0–160
Total	**For 2 adults**	**42,700–94,600**	**€2,250–4,980**
	Per person	21,350–47,300	€1,120–2,490

Exchange rate: 1 EUR = N$19.00 (Google Finance, 27 November 2026). The Namibian dollar is pegged 1:1 to the South African rand, and rand is accepted everywhere in Namibia. Fuel: Namibia's official pump price for November 2026 (diesel N$30.86 at Walvis Bay, slightly higher inland), with headroom because the price is reviewed monthly. Park fees: the national park fees in force since 1 April 2026. Lodge and car-hire rates are typical published ranges; your actual quotes decide the final figure.

> **Money tips:** card machines are common in towns and at NWR camps, but carry cash for fuel stations and small campsites in Damaraland. Park fees can be paid at the gate or at the camp office.

Vehicle advice

- **A 4×4 is right** for the Sossusvlei sand and Damaraland gravel. In a 2WD you'd need the shuttle at Sossusvlei.
- Let tyres down for deep sand (ask your rental company for their pressure) and re-inflate before gravel or tar.
- Ask: two spares? Tyre and windscreen cover? 24-hour breakdown number?
- Check tyres every morning and before each transfer day.

Road rules

- Speed limits: 120 km/h tar, 80 km/h gravel, 60 km/h towns and most parks.
- Headlights on at all times.
- **Never drive after dark.** Every day in this plan arrives with daylight to spare.
- Refuel at every reasonable chance.

To confirm locally

- [ ] Sunrise, sunset and gate times for your dates (posted at each gate and camp).
- [ ] Current park fees and NWR rates (from NWR's 2026–27 tables; may change).
- [ ] NWR notices on road works in Etosha or Sesriem: nwr.com.na.
- [ ] Rates and availability for Twyfelfontein-area stays.
- [ ] Your Day 10 flight time.

Emergency numbers

Save these in every phone in your group before you leave Windhoek. Signal is patchy in remote areas, so note where you last had coverage.

WHO	NUMBER	WHEN TO CALL
Police (all emergencies)	**10111**	24/7, free. Accidents, crime, or if you can't reach anyone else. Outside Windhoek, also ask them for an ambulance.
Ambulance, Windhoek	**061 211 111**	Public ambulance and fire in Windhoek (+264 61 211 111 from a foreign phone).
E-Med Rescue 24 (private)	**924** +264 83 924 9111	Road and air medical rescue nationwide. Dial 924 from a Namibian SIM, the +264 number from a foreign phone. It's a paid service, so call your travel insurer too.
Police Tourist Protection Unit	+264 61 209 3111	Help for visitors who have been victims of crime.
Your car-hire company	see your contract	Breakdowns, punctures you can't fix, accidents. Save their 24-hour number when you collect the car.
Your travel insurer	see your policy	Call before any non-emergency treatment, and as soon as possible after an emergency.
Your embassy	look it up now	Lost passport, arrest, or a serious incident.

Nearest hospitals on your route

- **Windhoek:** Mediclinic Windhoek, 24-hour emergency unit: +264 61 433 1109
- **Coast (Swakopmund / Walvis Bay):** Welwitschia Hospital, Walvis Bay: +264 64 218 911

112 may work from a mobile phone, but don't rely on it. Numbers checked November 2026.

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