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## ICAR 2021 ETOSHA TOUR





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## ICAR ETOSHA TOUR Our Itinerary

**Day 1:** 09.07.2021 Swakopmund – Etosha National Park

At 08h30 we are met by your English-speaking guide at the Strand Hotel. Our journey begins! We drive eastwards from the coast, past some impressive inselbergs and granite landscapes via Usakos to Karibib where we turn northwards. Via Omaruru, Otjiwarongo and Outjo we drive to our establishment which is situated a few kilometres outside of the Etosha National Park, approximately 1,200 m in elevation. After Lunch our guide takes us on our first ‘exploration’ of the Etosha National Park. Etosha is most famous for its wildlife, and on our first trip into the park we should, with some luck, see some elephants, giraffe and maybe even lions. From an aeolian perspective, it is dominated by a salt pan (or playa) called Etosha Pan. This is the biggest single dust source area in Namibia and one of the bigger dust sources in the Southern Hemisphere. Dust season is typically May to October, so, if we are lucky, we may get to see some dust emission during the trip. In the town of Okaukuejo we will have time to climb a tower with excellent views of the edge of the salt pan in the distance. We leave the park in the late afternoon and return to the lodge.

**Lunch, Dinner and Breakfast included.**

**Overnight at the Etosha Safari Lodge.**

**Day 2:** 10.07.2021 Etosha National Park

Another day is spent exploring the Etosha National Park with our guide. The Etosha National Park is one of Southern Africa's finest and most important game reserves. Etosha Game Park was declared a national park in 1907 and covering an area of 22 270 square km, it is home to 114 mammal species, 340 bird species, 110 reptile species, 16 amphibian species and, surprisingly, one species of fish. En-route we have lunch at the Halali Camp. One of the highlights on Day 2 will be a chance to drive up to the edge of the pan, where you can see the crusted surface of this dust source.

**Lunch, Dinner & Breakfast included.**

**Overnight at the Etosha Safari Lodge.**

**Day 3:** 11.07.2021 Etosha National Park

A full day is spent in the Etosha National Park again with our guide as we hopefully get to see four of the “Big Five”.

Etosha, meaning "Great White Place", is dominated by a massive mineral pan. Etosha pan is part of the Kalahari Basin, the floor of which was formed around 1000 million years ago. The Etosha Pan covers around 25% of the National Park and is approximately 120 km long and 72 km wide. It is visible from most of the main tourist road on the southern side of the pan. The pan was originally a lake fed by the Kunene River. However the course of the river changed thousands of years ago and the lake dried up. The pan now is a large dusty depression of salt and dusty clay which fills only if the rains are heavy and even then



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only holds water for a short time. This temporary water in the Etosha Pan attracts thousands of wading birds including impressive flocks of flamingos. The perennial springs along the edges of the Etosha Pan draw large concentrations of wildlife and birds.

**Lunch, Dinner & Breakfast included.**

**Overnight at the Etosha Safari Lodge.**

**Day 4:** 12.07.2021 Etosha National Park – Okonjati Private Game Reserve

After a hearty breakfast and check-out, we depart with our guide to the Okonjati Private Game Reserve. Relax with a cold drink at the waterhole where many animals come to quench their thirst in the midday heat. In the afternoon, we take part in a sundowner game drive on the property of the lodge before heading back for dinner. After dinner, we depart on a lion feeding excursion with a guide from the lodge.

**Lunch, Dinner & Breakfast included.**

**Overnight at the Mount Etjo Safari Lodge.**

**Day 5:** 13.07.2021 Okonjati Private Game Reserve – Hosea Kutako International Airport

Today it is time to say good-bye. Your guide takes you to the Hosea Kutako International Airport in time for your international departure flight.

**No Day room included.**

**No Lunch and Dinner included.**



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**PRICE PER PERSON:**

PRICE PER PERSON IN A DOUBLE / TWIN ROOM SHARING:	NAD 20,600.00 per person sharing
PRICE PER PERSON IN A SINGLE ROOM:	NAD 21,700.00 per person
<b>MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>6 CLIENTS</b>

**Amount of rooms available:** 17 Double / Twins

**MAXIMUM OF 32 CLIENTS ON THE TOUR**

**Included Services:**

- 02 x Accommodation including Lunch, Dinner and Breakfast
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- 02 x Lunch in the Etosha National Park
- Day 1: Entrance Fee to Etosha National Park
- Day 2: Entrance Fee to Etosha National Park
- Day 3: Entrance Fee to Etosha National Park
- Day 4: Sundowner Drive and Lion feeding at Mount Etjo Safari Lodge
- English Driver & Guide from Day 1 – Day 5
- Vehicle for a group of maximum 32 clients
- Fuel for above mentioned Tour
- Travel documents
- Tips & Porterage for Lodges & Hotels (excl. Driver-Guide)

**Services exclude:**

- Expenses of any personal nature
- Meals not mentioned in the Itinerary,
- Drinks and meals in Restaurants,
- Optional activities & excursions,
- Telephone calls, Tips and gratuities,
- Visa payments, etc.
- Transfers not mentioned
- Entrance Fees not mentioned
- Activities not mentioned
- Any VISA fees required
- International and local flights



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

"Take only memories, Leave nothing but footprints."

*Chief Seattle*

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All visitors from abroad must be in possession of a passport, which must be valid for at least 6 months after end of journey and there must be at least 3 empty pages in the passport.

Tourists from Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Ireland, Austria, Italy, France, the Scandinavian Countries, the Netherlands, the UK, United States of America, Canada, Japan, Tanzania, Angola, Zambia, Botswana and Mozambique do not need a visa for Namibia, provided that they are in possession of a valid air ticket for their return or onward-travel and do not stay in Namibia for more than 90 days. As these requirements may change, we ask you and your travel agent to make sure that the 'valid' requirements are observed.

Please check at passport control at the port of entry whether the validity of your residence permit is correct. It often happens that this does not correspond with your departure date (too short). Please have this sorted out immediately with passport control. Important: SWA Safaris cannot be held responsible for documents not being in order.

### EXCURSIONS

Excursion cannot be guaranteed during the Rainy season (October – April), as strong rainfall occasionally makes passing of riverbeds impossible. Also the road conditions can change drastically due to the rain. Should for any reason, the safety of the passengers be at risk, SWA Safaris reserves the right to change its routing on a short notice.

Price changes due to unforeseen increase in Performance tariffs and taxation rates as well as Fuel increase are reserved. Should the prices change, e.g. Hotel rates, NWR, Entrance fees, etc. SWA Safaris reserves the Right to change the prices accordingly.

At our disposal we have an occupant insurance to the value of N\$ 50.000.00.00 and an Emergency Evacuation Insurance within SADC to the value of N\$ 600.000.00.

Please be so kind and fill out the attached Booking Form if you wish us to proceed to convert the quote/Provisional booking into a CONFIRMED BOOKING.



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## PLEASE ALSO NOTE THE FOLLOWING IN SWA SAFARIS OR SUB HIRED VEHICLES

Due to the Namibian Road conditions, a large portion of the gravel roads, the Air-conditioning in the vehicle may fail to work during the tour. We would like to advise that a repair of the Air-conditioning during the duration of the tour will not be possible, as in Namibia there are not many workshops which repair this and the refill of the gas can take up to 24 hours.

This means, that SWA Safaris and the sub hired vehicle company cannot take responsibility if the Air-conditioning fails to work during the tour.

Also it is a proven fact that air-conditioning is not healthy in our country is not healthy, as at times the vehicle is being stopped and guests get in and out of the vehicle. This intense change of temperature, inside the vehicle and outside, is often the cause of a cold or Bronchitis. The vehicles are thus also equipped with fresh air ventilation and sliding windows.

## HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

At present no vaccinations are required. Malaria Prophylaxis is recommended. All persons entering Namibia may only carry medicine for their own use. This can be done by presenting an invoice. If proof cannot be provided, it might happen that the medicine will be confiscated.

## CURRENCY

N\$= Namibia Dollar (NAD)

ZAR= South African Rand

The Namibian Dollar and the South African Rand (ZAR) have the same currency rate. For ZAR travellers cheques there is no restriction as well as for foreign currencies. Foreign currency travellers cheques must be cashed at the bank, whereas ZAR travellers cheques will be accepted nearly everywhere.

Credit cards are widely accepted in Namibia.

## ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

All run on 220/240 volts. Outlets are of the 3-pin, 15 amp type.

## BAGGAGE

Winters are normally mild to warm, so pack light summer clothes for the middle of the day, but as it could become very cold at night - and even during the summer at the coast - warm clothes should be included.



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**Include:**

- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Bathing costumes
- Cameras
- Binoculars
- Torches
- Alarm clocks

Also film material should be brought along.

Evening dresses are not necessary. In the bigger hotels gentlemen may wear a jacket for dinner.

**PAYMENT**

Due to Currency Fluctuations, the differences are not carried by SWA Safaris.

The amount due to SWA Safaris must reflect 100% on the Bank account.

SWA Safaris does not carry any Bank Charges in Namibia and that of the Payee.

The Namibian Dollar is not an internationally recognised currency and is thus not indicated and accepted by Banks.

The amount due on the Invoice must be paid in South African Rand into the account. (Exchange Rate ZAR to NAD = 1:1)

**Credit Card Payments**

Virtual Card Services (VCS) has become a recognized player in the online payment gateway solution market enabling the e-commerce web site to deal with credit card payments effectively, securely and in real-time.

**Please note: Only Visa and Master Cards are accepted. Kindly add 3% to your invoice for bank commission fees.**

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

In case of a cancellation of our **tours**, the following fees will apply:

- 90-61 days before departure 10%
- 60-22 days before departure 25%
- 21-15 days before departure 50%



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- 14-08 days before departure 75%
- 07-00 days before departure 100%

In some instances higher cancellation fees may apply, should the tour operator decide thereupon.

## LIABILITIES / RESPONSIBILITIES

SWA Safaris is member of the **South African Tourism and Safari Association (SATSA)** and the **Tour and Safari Association of Namibia (TASA)** and carries an all risk and comprehensive motor accident collision damage waiver insurance policy, which includes a cover for passengers.

SWA Safaris, as well as cooperating agents, only act in the capacity of agents for passengers in all matters and will under no circumstances whatsoever be responsible and exempt from any liability for any accidents, injury, delay, loss or damage to property or any other loss or damage from whatever it may arise.

All tours are subject to the conditions of the concerned airlines, hotels, restaurants and other contractors involved.

## ITINERARY CHANGES

SWA Safaris reserves itself the right of alteration or cancellation of all arrangements of routings on all scheduled and unscheduled tours as well as accommodation, land arrangements or transport without prior notice and stating no reasons. This might be caused through **unforeseen circumstances and is for the benefit of the travellers.**

## CELLPHONE RECEPTION

We would like to inform you, that there are some areas in Namibia where there is no Wi-Fi and mobile phone reception.

Even in places where there is usually reception, disturbances can occur and SWA Safaris or the establishments cannot be held liable.