Namibia Birding Tour

16 Days

Price per person on request

2 Guests:
4 Guests:
6 or more Guests:

Single supplement:

Included in price:

All accommodation and all meals
Activities as described
Professional Tourguide, 4x4 Landcruiser
Diesel/Fuel, Entrance fees to Parks

Not included in price:

Flight
Tips and alcoholic drinks

Itinerary

Day 1: International Flight

Day 2: Arrive in Windhoek
Comfortable Guesthouse in Windhoek
Excursion to Daan Viljoen Game Park. Superb dry country birding can be found just a short drive from downtown Windhoek. Situated in the rugged Khomas Hochland Mountains that overlook the city, this park provides an excellent introduction to the birds of the dry west including Monteiro's Hornbill, Rockrunner, Long-billed pipit, black-faced waxbill and orange River Francolin

Day 3: Namib Naukluft Park
Overnight in Walvis Bay
Drive through the Khomas Hochland over the great escarpment down into the Namib desert. On the hilly edges of the escarpment some rare endemic species such as the Drosselwurger, Rotbauchwurger, Lerchenammer and Kurzzehenrotel can be found. We continue onto the great desert plains, home to springbok, Ostrich, warthog and many other larger mammals. Birds of interest are the Damarasegler, the Halsband Zwergfalke and the elegant Sekretar.

Day 4: Namib Desert and Atlantic Coastline
Overnight in Walvis Bay
With its extensive mudflats, salt pans and marine coastline, and over 100000 water birds present every year, the Walvis Bay area is Southern Africa's premier coastal wetland for birds. A few kilometers away the Namib desert with its huge sand dunes are home to unique variety of desert birds including the endemic Dune Lark and some fascinating reptiles, including the sand diving lizard and Namaqua chameleon

Day 5: Spitzkoppe – Erongo Mountains
Lodge west of the Erongo Mountains, not far from the Spitzkoppe
We depart inland on the famous Welwitschia drive into the moon landscape of the Namib Naukluft Park. Apart from the numerous species of this ancient and remarkable plant, Grays Lark and Tractrac Chat can also be seen here. One of Nambia's premier sites for the localised Herero-Chat, the Spitzkoppe also offers a superb supporting cast of dry west specials and some of Namibia's most spectacular scenery. The massive granite inselberg, Namibia's matterhorn, towers above the surrounding landscape

Day 6: Erongo Mountains near Omaruru
Lodge in the Erongo Mountains
The magnificent granite domes of the Erongo Mountains lie 60 km east of the Spitzkoppe and offer quality endemics in one of Namibia's most beautiful settings. The area around the lodge is a true bird paradise with rare and endemic birds such as the Hartlaub's Francolin, Rosy faced Lovebird, White-tailed Shrike and the Rockrunner. A special area to walk, we take the opportunity to find the various birds found here, on foot, both evening and morning

Day 7: Drive to the Etosha National Park
Restcamp at Okaukuejo
Namibia's most famous game reserve and the subject of many wildlife documentaries, Etosha is also a superb birding destination. The arid woodlands and grassy plains surrounding the vast pan are home to a wide variety of northern Namibian specials and provide excellent, easy birding in one of Africa's top game parks

Day 8: Etosha National Park
Restcamp in Halali
Etosha means the Great White Place and refers to the over 4000 sq km pan in the centre of this huge park. After good summer rains, the pan fills with water and is a haven for thousands of water bird species. We embark on a number of game drives in search of Etosha bird specials including the Common Ostrich, Violet Wood-Hoopoe, Ruppels Parrot, Kori Bustard, Blue Crane, Caspian Plover, African Pygmy and Red-necked Falcons, Black-faced, Southern Pied and Bare-cheeked Babblers and Pink-billed Lark

Day 9: Eastern Etosha National Park
Private lodge on game farm, eastern Etosha
Etosha is justly famous as one of the greatest game reserves in Africa. The concentration of animals around the waterholes, in October, at the end of the dry season has to be seen to be believed. Burchells Zebra, Blue Wildebeest, Springbok and the handsome Oryx all occur in large numbers, forming the main prey base of the parks' large predators, Lion, Leopard, Cheetah and Spotted Hyaena

Day 10: Drive to Rundu, northeastern Namibia
Lodge on the Okavango River
Northeastern Namibia is the gateway to true Africa, an area with traditional villages and kraals, many villagers and children greeting us along the way. Our lodge lies directly on the Okavango We are booked on a late afternoon scenic boat cruise in search of the Black-crowned and White-backed night herons and other birds found along the river bank. The woodlands and wetlands around Rundu, a small town on the Okavango River, are home to a number of northern specials including the Rufous-bellied Tit, Bradfields Hornbill, Lesser Moorhen, Dwarf Bittern, Swamp Boubou, Hartlaub's Babbler and three species of Coucal, the giant Coppery-tailed, Senegal and White-browed Coucal

Day 11+12: Drive through the Kavango Region
Lodge along the Okavango near the Mahango National Park
This magnificent game reserve, stretching along the Okavango River flood plain in the western Caprivi Strip, is one of southern Africa's top birding spots. Although it covers only 25000 hectares, it boast a bird list of over 400 species. The presence of lion, elephant and buffalo add to the excitement of birding in this flood plain. There are also a number of rare antelope to be found including the Sable, Roan and aquatic Sitatunga. A sundowner boat cruise brings us within meters of a number of different Kingfisher and Heron species

Day 13: Dornhügel Guestfarm
Overnight at a traditional Namibian Farm
We break the long journey to the Waterberg with a visit to a traditional Namibian farm. Here we have the opportunity to meet farmer Max, enjoy great hospitality and to find out first hand what life is like on a 10000 hectare cattle ranch in Africa. On the way, we stop at Roy's Camp to look for the special Black-faced Babbler that occurs in a large family group here. A wide variety of seed-eaters drink at the birdbath and the surrounding woodland holds a good selection of many different species

Day 15: Waterberg Plateau park
Waterberg Restcamp
The Waterberg is a nature paradise boasting a large proportion of the plants and animals found in Namibia. Cliffs, boulder strewn slopes, tall acacia woodland along the base of the sandstone plateau, and adjacent thorn thickets are the major habitats of interest to the birder. Most of the Waterberg's special birds are conspicuous and easily located around the restcamp and include the Hartlaub's Spurfowl, Bradfields and Monteiro's Hornbill, Violet Wood-hoopoe, Ruppells Parrot, Rosy-faced Lovebird, Bradfields Swift, Freckled Nightjar, Short-toed Rock-Thrush, Carp's Tit and Rockrunner

Day 16: Drive to Windhoek for flight back home
We travel via Okahandja where we can stop to visit the vibrant woodcarvers market, to the cosmopolitan capital city of Namibia, Windhoek. We may have time to do a short tour through this interesting town before we drive to the airport

Day 16: Arrive back home

Please note:

If certain lodges are fully booked, we will find suitable alternative accommodation.