



Namibia

Wildlife and Landscapes 2024

Photo Safari

Letter From the Team

At Tusk Photo, we pride ourselves on providing exceptional safari experiences, where every detail is carefully curated to ensure your journey is nothing short of extraordinary. Our team of expert guides, who possess an intimate knowledge of the local wildlife and ecosystems, will be by your side, ready to share their insights and help you capture unbelievable photos.

Imagine exploring the vast savannahs, witnessing the majestic herds of elephants in Amboseli, or immersing yourself in the remarkable biodiversity of the Serengeti. Picture yourself standing in awe as you witness the raw power of lions on the hunt, or capturing the elegance of a leopard as it prowls through the golden grasslands. With Tusk Photo, these extraordinary moments will become a reality.

We understand that photography is more than just a hobby for you; it's a way to express your creativity and preserve memories that will last a lifetime. That's why we go the extra mile to ensure that you have the best opportunities to capture those unique shots. From providing expert guidance on camera settings and composition to positioning our vehicles strategically for the perfect angle, we are dedicated to helping you achieve your photography goals.

But a Tusk Safari is not just about wildlife and photography; it's about creating cherished memories and forging lifelong connections. Our team is committed to providing you with personalized attention, exceptional service, and a warm and welcoming atmosphere throughout your journey. We want you to feel like part of our Tusk family, sharing laughter, stories, and the sheer joy of exploring the best that nature has to offer.

Allow us to take you on a journey of discovery, where you will witness nature's wonders, capture breathtaking photographs, and create memories that will stay with you forever.

Please feel free to reach out to our friendly team for any further information or to discuss your specific requirements. We are here to assist you every step of the way. We can't wait to welcome you to the Tusk Photo family and share this incredible experience with you.



The Tusk Team



Overview

Join us on an extraordinary photographic adventure as we explore the captivating landscapes and abundant wildlife of Namibia.

From the mesmerizing dunes of the Namib Desert to the rugged mountains of Damaraland and the wildlife-rich Etosha National Park, this tour offers a truly immersive experience in one of Africa's most diverse and breathtaking destinations.

Capture stunning images of iconic landmarks such as the towering Sossusvlei dunes, encounter unique desert-adapted wildlife including desert elephants and oryx, and witness the vibrant birdlife that graces the country's waterholes.

Led by our expert Tusk Photo hosts, this tour provides unrivalled opportunities for photographers of all levels to hone their skills, discover hidden gems, and create extraordinary memories amidst Namibia's awe-inspiring natural wonders.

Don't miss the chance to be part of this unforgettable journey.



What You Can Expect

Embark on an extraordinary Namibia landscapes and wildlife photography expedition with Tusk Photo, where every moment is a visual masterpiece waiting to be captured. This immersive journey takes you through the breathtaking landscapes and iconic destinations of Namibia, offering a unique blend of adventure and artistic exploration.

Some of the destinations on this safari includes:

- Keetmanshoop: Explore Quiver Tree landscapes by day and night, specializing in Milky Way and Star photography.
- Luderitz: Visit Kolmanskop Ghost Town for Landscapes and Architectural photography.
- Sossusvlei: Take exhilarating helicopter flights for Aerial Landscapes and Wildlife photography. Capture stunning views from above.
- Sossusvlei: Immerse yourself in Landscapes and Wildlife photography, including unlimited opportunities to photograph the iconic Dead Vlei.
- Walvisbay: Enjoy a chartered boat tour to target Bird Photography, such as capturing Pelicans in flight and more.
- Walvisbay: Discover the marine and bay area, where you can photograph Cape Fur Seals, Flamingos, and other wildlife and birds.
- Swakopmund: Experience the desert for Macro photography, focusing on subjects like Palmato Geckos, Desert Chameleons, and more.
- Etosha: Encounter a wide range of Wildlife and capture landscapes by day and night, providing endless photography opportunities.

Wildlife photography takes centre stage in Namibia, with its abundance of unique species. From the majestic elephants and lions to the elusive desert-adapted wildlife, you'll have the chance to capture these incredible creatures in their natural habitats.

Our Tusk Photo vehicles are specifically designed to cater to the needs of photographers. Bean bags provide stability for your cameras, ensuring steady shots. Plus, you can enjoy free Wi-Fi (dependent on cellular reception) to share your images and stay connected with fellow photography enthusiasts.

Our expert guides and hosts will ensure that you have a seamless and comfortable photography experience, providing assistance and guidance along the way.

This Namibia landscapes and wildlife photography safari offers a diverse range of photographic opportunities. From vehicles and boats to helicopters and on-foot exploration, you'll have access to various vantage points to capture the perfect shot.



Where You Will Stay

SOSSUSVLEI DUNE LODGE:

Nestled amidst the majestic dunes of the Sossusvlei region, our lodge offers comfortable and stylish accommodation. With well-appointed rooms, a swimming pool, and a welcoming lounge area, guests can relax and unwind in the heart of the Namib Desert.

LUDERITZ NEST HOTEL:

Located in the charming coastal town of Luderitz, our hotel provides a cozy and inviting atmosphere. Guests can enjoy comfortable rooms, a restaurant serving delicious seafood, and panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean. With friendly staff and a range of amenities, your stay at Luderitz Nest Hotel will be memorable.

BEACH HOTEL SWAKOPMUND:

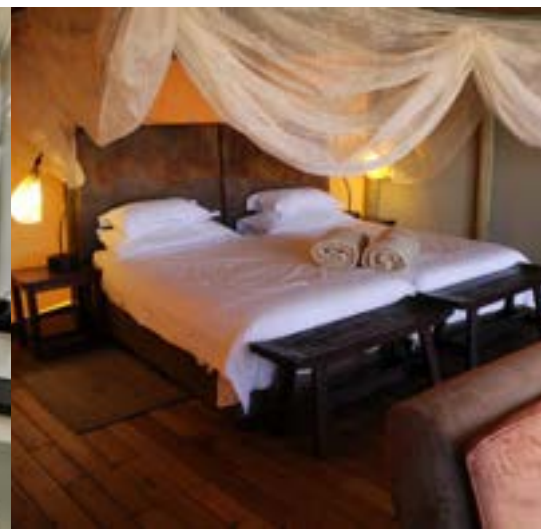
Situated in the picturesque town of Swakopmund, our beachfront hotel offers a perfect blend of comfort and convenience. With well-appointed rooms, stunning ocean views, and direct access to the beach, guests can enjoy a relaxing coastal getaway. Our friendly staff and excellent facilities ensure a memorable stay.

OKAUKUEJO LODGE:

As the oldest tourist camp in Etosha National Park, Okaukuejo Lodge provides a unique and authentic wildlife experience. The lodge offers comfortable accommodation, a swimming pool, and a popular waterhole where guests can observe a variety of animals. Immerse yourself in the beauty of Etosha at Okaukuejo Lodge.

QUIVERTREE FOREST LODGE:

Set in a tranquil and picturesque location, Quivertree Forest Lodge offers a peaceful retreat in the Namibian countryside. The lodge features comfortable and spacious chalets, a swimming pool, and stunning views of the surrounding quivertree forest. Enjoy the serenity and natural beauty of Namibia at Quivertree Forest Lodge.



Dates | Costs | Prices

Dates	Cost	Spaces	Nights
1 June - 15 June 2024	US\$ 8890	8	14
17 June - 1 July 2024	US\$ 8890	8	14

Cost:

Our safari experience is priced at US\$ 8890 per person sharing. US\$ 2000 Single Supplement. Please note that any bank charges incurred during the payment process are not covered by Tusk Photo. We kindly request the full amount indicated on the invoice, including any fees imposed by Paypal if you choose to use this payment method.

Deposit:

To secure your reservation, a 50% deposit of the full price is required within 14 days of making your booking. Once we receive your deposit, your booking will be confirmed. Please make sure to complete this step within the given timeframe to secure your spot.

Balance:

The remaining balance is due at least 9 weeks prior to the safari. If you are making a booking within 9 weeks of the safari, the full price will be payable at the time of booking.

Cancellation Policy:

We understand that plans can change, and in the event of a cancellation, the following fees will apply unless Tusk Photo is able to fill your safari space:

- Cancellation more than 120 days prior to departure: 10% of the full price
- Cancellation 90 - 119 days prior to departure: 40% of the full price
- Cancellation 60 - 89 days prior to departure: 70% of the full price
- Cancellation less than 60 days prior to departure: 100% of the full price

Please note: Your travel plans are made entirely at your own risk, and Tusk Photo cannot be held responsible for any flight cancellations, disruptions, or delays that may occur. We recommend considering travel insurance to protect your investment and provide peace of mind.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Windhoek, check-in at River Crossing Lodge.

Day 2: Drive from Windhoek to Keetmanshoop for a photo session of Quiver Trees.

Day 3: Depart Keetmanshoop for Luderitz, accommodation at Luderitz Nest Hotel.

Day 4: Explore the Kolmanskop Ghost Town.

Day 5: Travel from Luderitz to Sossusvlei, overnight at Sossusvlei Dune Lodge.

Days 6 & 7: Enjoy a helicopter ride and capture desert landscapes and wildlife at Sossusvlei.

Day 8: Drive to Swakopmund, check-in at the Strand Hotel.

Day 9: Morning charter boat tour in Walvisbay, followed by afternoon photography at Pelican Point or Flamingos.

Day 10: Morning desert experience, followed by photography at Pelican Point or Flamingos.

Day 11: Depart for Etosha, stay at Okaukuejo.

Days 12-14: Wildlife game drives and night photography at Etosha National Park.

Day 15: Return to Windhoek, allowing time for international flights home. End of the tour.



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What You Get

INCLUDED:

- 14 nights' accommodation
- Luxury 4x4 vehicles
- Free Wi-Fi available in Tusk Photo vehicles (dependent on cellular network coverage)
- Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Private desert experience tour in Swakopmund exclusively for our group
- Private chartered bay cruise tour in Walvisbay exclusively for our group
- All soft drinks, mineral water, and snacks
- 2-hour helicopter ride in the Sossusvlei area
- Local beers and wines
- All park fees

EXCLUDED:

- Visas and cross border costs
- Telephone calls
- Gratuities
- Purchases of a personal nature

Flights and Transport

- To reach Windhoek, the capital city of Namibia, there are two primary options: self-driving or flying. If you choose to embark on a self-drive adventure, you'll have the flexibility to explore the picturesque landscapes along the way. The journey to Windhoek typically involves crossing the border from neighboring countries, such as South Africa or Botswana. Ensure you have the necessary documents, including valid passports and driver's licenses, as well as any required permits for your vehicle. Familiarize yourself with the local road regulations and be prepared for long stretches of driving.
- Alternatively, flying to Windhoek is a convenient and time-efficient option. Numerous airlines offer flights to Windhoek, and it is advisable to book a flight departing after 3 pm on the day your tour ends to allow ample time for any unforeseen delays or last-minute activities. Whether you choose to self-drive or fly, Windhoek awaits with its vibrant culture and natural wonders.



Photography and Gear

It is not advisable to take photographs of border posts or military/ police posts. Doing so can lead to an unpleasant situation and even arrest. Always ask permission before taking a photograph of the local and any Namibia residents; it is a sign of respect. In some cases a small payment is expected. However some cultures believe that the camera steals their soul and we request that you respect and understand their beliefs.

It is advisable to bring the following camera equipment:

- 2 or 3 Camera bodies (a backup will mean peace of mind) with spare batteries.
- Long telephoto lens 400/500/600
- Medium telephoto lens 70-200 or equivalent
- Wide angle lens(es) for landscapes and hide photography
- A good sturdy tripod for landscapes and use around waterholes etc. in Etosha.
- Ground pod / Skimmer plate for low angle and star trail work is very handy.
- For long lenses we recommend using a Wimberley Gimbal head (or equivalent) and for landscapes a good ball head.
- Flash (Optional: Off-shoe cord / flash bracket / Better Beamer especially for Etosha waterholes)
- For some of the more difficult shots & flash work we will be using remote triggers. We recommend Pocket Wizard Plus III with
- camera and flash cables. The PW Plus III will trigger both camera and flash and therefore is our recommended choice here.
- Release cable and or intervalometers Canon TC80N3 for Star trail work. Nikon's have built-in intervalometers.
- Notebook or additional storage device.



Tour Info

INSURANCE

- **Travel Insurance:**

While it is highly unlikely, there is a possibility of scheduled flights in and out of your destination being delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. To provide peace of mind and cover any potential flight disruptions or missed connections, we strongly recommend purchasing additional travel insurance.

- **Medical Insurance:**

For your safety and well-being, we highly recommend having medical insurance that covers unforeseen medical emergencies and evacuation. Please let us know in your booking form whether you have taken out any medical insurance for this safari.

PASSPORTS AND CUSTOMS

- Passports are required by all foreign visitors and must be valid for 6 months after the intended length of stay. Please ensure that there are two blank pages per country to be visited.
- South African citizens require no visas to enter Botswana and Namibia.
- It is advisable to declare any cameras, lenses, laptops and other valuable items when leaving your country of origin. We recommend keeping a detailed list of all items including serial numbers & descriptions. This makes the customs process that much quicker as all that is generally required is for the customs official to stamp the document. This is important when returning to your country of origin or home country

MONEY AND CURRENCY

- The currency of Namibia is the Namibia Dollar - N\$
- In Namibia you will be able to use South African Rand (ZAR) as legal tender. The exchange rate is 1:1 with the ZAR
- Banks and foreign exchange bureaux are available at all international airports and in all main towns.
- Credit card payments can be processed at most places in Botswana and Namibia.
- US dollars are widely accepted; however, notes dated before 2003 are no longer accepted. Also, high denomination notes may not be accepted.

HEALTH

- Namibia is a low-risk Malaria area.
- Please consult your physician or local travel clinic before you travel for advice on precautions against malaria and other possible diseases

LANGUAGES

- The national languages in Namibia is English and Afrikaans. However German is also widely spoken.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

We understand the importance of accommodating diverse dietary needs, and our team is dedicated to ensuring that we can cater to most dietary requirements. Please provide us with any specific dietary needs in your booking form.

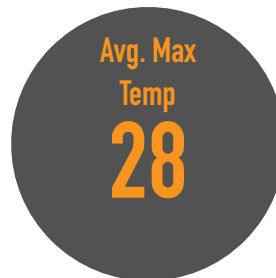
POWER AND ELECTRICITY

220v plugs available in each tent / room for the charging of batteries – These plug points are rounded 3 point such as South Africa's standard.



CLIMATE

The climate in Namibia is hot and pleasant during the summer months. Rainfall peaks between Nov ember to March. Winters are generally mild with cool mornings and evenings



CLOTHING AND WHAT TO PACK

For a memorable safari experience, we suggest opting for comfortable, casual wash-and-wear attire. To enhance your game-viewing experience, it is advisable to choose muted colors. Keep in mind that game-drives are typically conducted during the early morning and late afternoon, which can be quite cold, particularly in winter.

To ensure you are well-prepared, we recommend packing the following practical items for your safari:

- Comfortable, casual wash-and-wear clothes in muted colors.
- Long-sleeved shirts for sun and mosquito protection.
- T-shirts for layering.
- Shorts or light skirt for warmer days.
- Jeans or safari trousers for cooler evenings.
- Bring a jacket and sweater for chilly morning and evening game drives.
- Pack a lightweight, waterproof jacket for potential afternoon showers.
- Wear comfortable walking shoes.
- Essential items: sunblock, sunglasses, hat, insect repellent, moisturizer, lip balm.
- binoculars and camera equipment.
- Good quality safari clothing (we opt for Craghoppers Nosilife)

GRATUITIES

Please note that the following gratuity amounts are provided as a minimum guideline, and you are welcome to increase them if you wish:

- Ranger / Guide N\$/ZAR120–250 per person per day
- Camp staff N\$/ZAR50–150 per person per day

CONNECTIVITY & EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

There is good cellular and data coverage in Botswana and Namibia.
Wi-Fi access cannot be guaranteed at all the lodges / hotels and camps we stay at.
Free Wi-Fi will be available on the Tusk Photo vehicles for all guests (Network dependant).

Tusk Photo PTA Office
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Indemnity

Tusk Photo and its staff prioritize your safety and wellbeing during your safari; however, please be aware that we cannot accept liability for any incidents, including but not limited to accidents, loss, or property damage. By completing the Safari Booking form, you acknowledge the inherent risks associated with travel and agree to indemnify Tusk Photo against any claims or liabilities that may arise.

While this document provides comprehensive information, it is not exhaustive. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office. Please note that the information contained herein is correct at the time of compilation to the best of our knowledge.



**We Are Excited To Host You on Your
Dream Photographic Safari!**

