



SAMPLE

# Self-Drive Itinerary

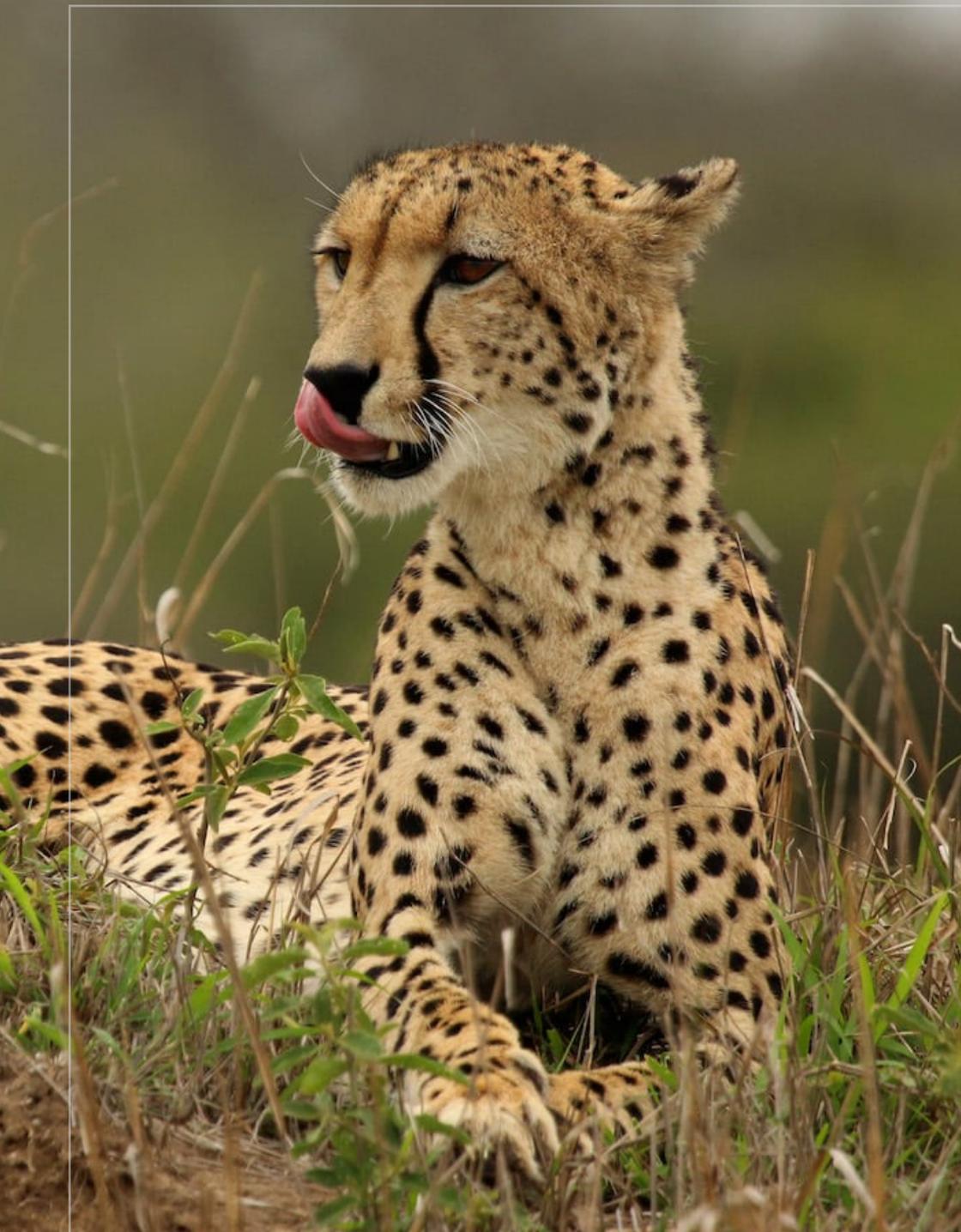




This is an example of a classic two-week Namibia self-drive safari.

As you'll see, the circular route means no long distances between attractions and no backtracking.

Let's go!



## **Day 1: Windhoek**

Arrive in Namibia's capital, check into your guesthouse and then head over to the famous Joe's Beer House for some delicious game steaks, including kudu, zebra and springbok, and wind down with an ice-cold Windhoek lager.

## **Day 2: Central Highlands**

Get up close with some of Namibia's big cats by paying a visit to our renowned conservation organizations, AfriCat and the Cheetah Conservation Fund.

## **Day 3-5: Etosha National Park**

The famed Etosha National Park is your next destination. Spend your days taking leisurely drives through park, with frequent stops at waterholes along the way to sit and watch the animals in this magnificent setting.

## **Day 6: Twyfelfontein**

Leave Etosha through the Andersson Gate and head west for a visit to Twyfelfontein, Namibia's only UNESCO World Heritage Site. Twyfelfontein hosts some of Africa's largest and most important rock-art concentrations — some date back 6,000 years!

## **Day 7: Damaraland**

Explore the magic of Damaraland, including the Burnt Mountain, the Petrified Forest and the Organ Pipes — a mass of basalt slabs in a ravine. Here, you also have the opportunity to experience local culture at the Living Museum of the Damara.

## **Day 8: The Skeleton Coast**

Drive through the desert landscape of northwestern Namibia to the cool and often foggy Skeleton Coast. Visit one of the many famous shipwrecks which give the area its name, and see thousands of seals laying upon the rocks at Cape Cross Seal Reserve.

## **Day 9: Swakopmund**

Spend the day in the coastal town of Swakopmund with its distinctive German character rooted in the German colonial era of the previous century. This is your chance to take on Namibia's towering dunes on a quad bike, go shark fishing, beach angling, sky diving or sand boarding.

## **Day 10: Walvis Bay**

Further adventure awaits, with options for kite surfing; kayaking; 4x4 trips into the dunes; angling from a boat; day trips to visit the Topnaar people by the Kuiseb River; township tours; day visit to Sandwich Harbour; dolphin cruises in the bay; or bird watching on the lagoon.



## Day 11: Namib Naukluft Park

Head south on the C14 towards Sossusvlei through the Namib-Naukluft National Park. Stop at Solitaire for coffee and a slice of Moose's famous apple pie before spending the night at the foot of the petrified dunes.

## Day 12: Sossusvlei

Awake before sunrise and enter the park at Sesriem for the 64km drive between the high, red dunes of Sossusvlei. Hike up the famous Dune 45 or even taller Big Daddy, and continue into Deadvlei with its photogenic camelthorn tree skeletons. Return to Sesriem for a stroll into Sesriem Canyon and a desert sundowner.

## Day 13: Sossusvlei

Start your last day on safari with an iconic balloon trip over the dunes as the sun rises, followed by a champagne breakfast in the middle of nowhere. Take in the vastness of the landscape, spot desert dwelling animals, and take your last 100 photos for the family back home.

## Day 10: Spreetshoogte pass

Take the scenic Spreetshoogte pass back to Windhoek. Relish in the memories of your amazing trip and use the plane ride home to start planning your next one!





## How to Choose a Vehicle

Car rental companies are frequently asked which vehicles are the most suitable for Namibia. Below are some important factors to consider when renting a vehicle:

- 4WD vehicles cost more to hire and run, but have good ground clearance and are normally fitted with tires that are better suited to Namibia's roads.
- 2WD vehicles have less ground clearance and carry less.
- 2WD camping cars come equipped with everything you'll need.
- 4WD camping cars come equipped with everything you'll need and are more versatile than normal sedans or other two-wheel-drive vehicles equipped for camping.
- Motor homes are usually better suited to tarred roads as they tend to be top heavy and have poor ground clearance.

Conclusion: I would recommend choosing a 4WD vehicle. Check out Advanced Car Hire [here!](#)

You can also contact [CARAN](#), the Car Rental Association of Namibia, which is a non-profit association of 18 members that was established to protect tourists and the car-rental industry against sub-standard service. Car rental companies must subscribe to minimum standards before they can be accepted as members of the Association.

*That wraps up the Sample Self Driving Itinerary. I hope this will be a great resource in helping you plan your trip!*