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**Rooisand can serve as your "headquarters" for daytrips to the following destinations** (click on the thumbnails for more pictures and details):



**Windhoek** : Namibia's capital is the starting point for most visitors to the country. Situated on a plateau at about 1700 m above sea level, Windhoek is an airy city with some 200 000 inhabitants. It is the seat of government, administrative centre and showpiece of an aspiring, independent society. The city offers a surprising mix of old and new, of respectable European ambience with an African flair.

distance approx. 170 km,  
travelling time 2,5 hours

**Namib Wüste :**

The Namib is one of the most arid deserts on earth and part of Namib Naukluft National Park, Namibia's largest National Park with a total area of 49 000 square kilometres.

**Sossusvlei** is a popular tourist destination. It is a huge clay pan resembling an oasis amidst the world's highest dunes (up to 300m). This is one of the most well-proportioned and most colourful dune landscapes in Namibia!



distance approx. 170 km,  
travelling time 2,5 hours



**Walvis Bay und Swakopmund :**

Swakopmund has retained more of its original German character than any other town. Seafront promenades, the historic jetty, the lighthouse and many other well-kept buildings from the German colonial era are symbols of a journey through time. Due to the cold Benguela Current temperatures are pleasant throughout the year. Both coastal towns are the Namibians' most popular summer holiday resorts.

distance approx. 190 km,  
travelling time 3 hours

### Cape Cross :

The largest seal colony in the world is situated about 120 km north of Swakopmund. Cape Cross is home to some 200 000 Cape fur seals (note that Windhoek has roughly the same number of inhabitants).



### Etosha-Nationalpark :

This national park with famous Etosha pan in its centre is probably the country's premier tourist attraction. It is a paradise of nature with large numbers of different animal species, e. g. lion, elephant, giraffe, zebra, gnu, rhino, springbok, ostrich and many others... Etosha is open throughout the year.

See [self-drive excursions](#) for more detailed descriptions of the above destinations.

distance approx.  
600 km

**This is not a daytrip!**



### PLEASE NOTE:

There is no danger in renting a car for self-drive in Namibia, as long as you keep on the left-hand side of the road and bear the following rules in mind:

- plan your excursions in such a way that you do not have to drive at dusk and never after dark, otherwise you are in acute danger of colliding with large animals;
- drive at moderate speeds on Namibia's gravel roads; if you do more than 80km/h, braking sharply or swerving becomes very dangerous because the car will probably start skidding.



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