



19 Southern Namibia Hiking Self-drive Safari Tour (Lodging)

Physical fitness required





AUS



FISH RIVER CANYON



ORANGE RIVER



KEETMANSHOOP



KALAHARI NAMIBIA

Introduction

This 19 day tour will give you an opportunity to discover the deserts of Namibia on a decelerated safari through the southern parts of the country packed with hikes and excursions through breathtaking landscapes. This active safari emphasises on the Namib, Naukluft, Fish River Canyon and Kalahari and allows plenty of time to absorb the impressive and diversified Namibian nature. The safari stands in contrast to many other Namibian safaris, which focus more on ticking off as many touristic highlights as possible.

You'll spent much less time driving than on the usual Namibia tour. The guided and un-guided hiking trails are diverse and can be classified as easy to moderate it mainly focuses on hiking so you need to be physically fit and have hiking experience because you will be walking long distance, climbing mountains and trekking wildlife.

Highlights

- Sundowner walks, hiking, whole day walking excursions to the rock paintings of the San (Bushman)
- Wildlife game drives.
- Visits to historical places

DEPARTURE: This tour departs from Windhoek

• COUNTRY ('S): Namibia

• DESTINATIONS: Sossusvlei Safari Namibia

• TOUR CODE: 19A-NAM-SOS-SW

• RETURN: Back to Windhoek in the Afternoon

• PASSENGERS: Minimum 1 Traveler and a Maximum of 14 Travelers per group

• STYLE: LODGING

• MEALS: BB: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner

• VEHICLE: 2-3: Double Cab 4x4/ SUV

4 - 7 guests: Toyota Quantum/Landcruiser with a purpose-built trailer

8-14 guests: Toyota Dyna truck (a modified safari vehicle) / Iveco Daily 24-Seater

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Haus Sonneneck or similar	Windhoek	B&B	1 Night
Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge or similar	Solitaire	B&B	2 Nights
Namib Naukluft Lodge or similar	Solitaire	B&B	2 Nights
Sossus Dune Lodge or similar	Sesriem	B&B	2 Nights

Tok Tokkie Trails or similar	NamibRand Nature Reserve	B&B	2 Nights
Klein-Aus Vista Eagle's Nest Chalets Gondwana Collection Namibia or similar	Aus	B&B	2 Nights
Fish River Lodge or similar	Fish River Canyon	B&B	2 Nights
Felix Unite Provenance Camp or similar	Orange River	B&B	2 Nights
Schützenhaus Guesthouse or similar	Keetmanshoop	B&B	1 Night
Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge or similar	Kalahari Namibia	B&B	2 Nights
Windhoek City	Windhoek	B&B	1 Night

Key
 B&B: Bed and Breakfast

Day 1: Haus Sonneneck, Windhoek (45km)

After your arrival at the Hosea Kutako International Airport approx. 45 km east of Windhoek, you will be welcomed by the car rental company and taken to Windhoek where you will take over your vehicle with all the necessary instructions and information. Afterwards you will drive to your accommodation where you are able to freshen up and rest. In the afternoon you will be picked up by your guide from Bwana Tucke-Tucke for an interesting Windhoek city tour, during which you will get to know historical buildings and the township of Katutura. In the evening you can go out for a relaxing dinner. We can recommend Joe's Beerhouse, Cape Town Fish Market or The Stellenbosch

Included activities

- Visits to the historical buildings and the township of Katutura

Overnight & Haus Sonneneck

Windhoek

Situated in Central Namibia, the cosmopolitan city of Windhoek serves as the capital of the country. It is home to an international airport and a plethora of restaurants, shops, entertainment venues and accommodation options. The city is clean, safe and well-organised, with a colonial legacy that is reflected in its many German eateries and shops, and the widespread use of the German language. Windhoek has an interesting mix of historical architecture and modern buildings, many of which are worth a look, including the Alte Feste an old fort, the 1896 Christuskirche Christ Church, and the more contemporary Supreme Court.

Overnight: Haus Sonneneck

Situated in the Eros Hills, it enjoys proximity to Restaurants, a Shopping Centre and the City, while retaining the quiet of a country estate.

The spotless rooms are spacious and include every possible comfort for your personal freedom and relaxation.

All rooms have en-suite facilities with a cosy and comfortable atmosphere, making your stay most enjoyable.

The heart of Sonneneck is the area around the sparkling swimming pool, surrounded by large, shady trees and a lush garden, where you can absorb the warmth of the Namibian sun.

Whether you are visiting our capital for business or pleasure, Haus Sonneneck is the perfect stop-over prior to your excursion into our beautiful country.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 2: Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge, Solitaire (230km)

After breakfast you can buy some supplies at the supermarket. Through the rugged Khomas Highland (Road C26) you drive westwards to the Namib Desert. A little picnic for lunch can be held at one of the viewpoints on the way to the Gamsberg Pass. Via the picturesque pass you'll descend to the lower plains of the Namib Desert. After a few kilometres you turn left onto the C14 in a southern direction. After a short drive you'll reach Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge. A one-hour sundowner walk will top off your day.

Included activities

- Sundowner walks, hiking to the natural springs in the Gaub and Ubib canyons,

Overnight & Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge

Solitaire

Situated in the Khomas region of Central Namibia, the desert town of Solitaire serves as an oasis in the Namib Desert. The town provides an important stop on the way to the ancient dunes of Sossusvlei, allowing travellers to stock up on essentials as they make their way further into the wilderness. Solitaire also has a small bar and is renowned for its famous apple pie - said to be the best in the country. Enjoy a scenic sundowner with views of the spectacular Namib Desert, hike and bike through the unspoilt natural surroundings, or visit the wonderful local Cheetah Sanctuary.

Overnight: Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge

The Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge, located on a 12,000-hectare property on the edge of the Namib Desert, consists of unique, semi-subterranean rock "igloos" aesthetically integrated with the natural surroundings. Accommodation consists of 16 fully equipped standard double rooms and 3 suites with views over the desert. Aside from lying by the pool and enjoying the spectacular view activities include hiking to the natural springs in the Gaub and Ubib canyons, 4 hour 4 x 4 drives to the rock art cave paintings or simply enjoying a 2 hour sundowner drive.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 3: Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge, Solitaire

Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge offers many different walking trails, varying from one-hour, light trails to whole day walking excursions to the rock paintings of the San (Bushmen). At the reception you will receive all information regarding length, difficulty and routing of the trails. We recommend to do the early sunrise trail followed by a lovely breakfast. Afterwards you are free to do one of the longer hikes. The afternoon can be spent at the refreshing pool with grand views.

Included activities

- Whole day walking excursions to the rock paintings of the San (Bushmen).

Overnight & Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 4: Namib Naukluft Lodge, Solitaire (130km)

The journey continues along the scenic C14 through the Namib Desert. In the little one-horse-town Solitaire you can get fuel and basic stuff from the little shop. Solitaire's apple crumble is quite popular and people liking apple crumble claim "rightly so". Strengthened and satisfied you'll continue on good gravel road until you reach Naukluft Rest Camp. The contrast between the never-ending expanse of the desert and the ruggedness of the Naukluft Mountains couldn't be bigger.

After a lunch break there is enough time to hike the "Olive Trail", which takes about 4 hours. The level of difficulty is rated medium to difficult. One should definitely be free from giddiness and physically fit. Breath-taking views, impressive landscapes and a very special surprise guarantee an unforgettable experience. Please note: If you don't feel like climbing along a chain over a relatively steep cliff, you can also take a walk to a natural swimming pool up in the mountains (approx. 1,5 hours there and back). Here you have several superb swimming possibilities in crystal clear mountain spring water – unique in Namibia!

Included activities

- Walk to a natural swimming pool up in the mountains, hike to the "Olive Trail",

Overnight & Namib Naukluft Lodge

Solitaire

As previously described

Overnight: Namib Naukluft Lodge

The Namib Desert – unique, with a variety of desert landscapes, gives Namibia its essential character. The Namib Naukluft Park is the largest Nature Reserve in Namibia and many private nature reserves are nestled at its borders to form a unity for wildlife and people alike. Namib Naukluft Lodge & Soft Adventure Camp is located on a unique 25,000 ha Private Nature Reserve which stretches from the Namib Desert to the Naukluft Mountains, bordering to the Namib Naukluft Park on both sides, East and West. This unique and peaceful place has been carefully developed by its nature loving owners Friedolf and Barbara Sturm and offers a great desert experience for the relaxed holidaymaker and the enthusiastic desert explorer.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 5: Namib Naukluft Lodge, Solitaire

Today a whole day hike, the "Waterkloof Trail" is on the program. Along perennial streams of the Naukluft Mountains the trail takes you 17 km through beautiful, diverse nature with several opportunities to take a quick refreshing dip in between. The trail takes about 6-8 hours and is rated medium to difficult. You should have endurance, be physically fit and have hiking experience.

On the trail you can not only enjoy wonderful landscapes, but with some luck – especially when you walk quietly – you can spot different wildlife. The Naukluft Mountains are home to mountain zebras, klipspringers, kudus, baboons and rock hyraxes. Numerous species of birds can be found including raptors and owls.

Included activities

- Climb the Naukluft Mountain

Overnight & Namib Naukluft Lodge

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 6: Sossus Dune Lodge, Sesriem (100km)

In the morning you bid farewell to the Naukluft and take a relaxing one-and-a-half-hour drive to the Sossusvlei. It is advisable to pay the entrance fee for next day's excursion into the Namib Naukluft Park upon arrival and to enjoy the sundowner from the first dune to the right of the road – the Elim Dune. Here you have beautiful vistas of the sea of dunes to the west and the mighty Naukluft Mountains to the east.

Included activities

- Enjoy the sundowner at Elim Dunes

Overnight & Sossus Dune Lodge

Sesriem

As there is no accommodation at Sossusvlei, visitors to this desert wilderness are likely to end up staying at Sesriem, 65 kilometres away, where camps and lodges serve as a base from which to explore the dunes. Sesriem Canyon, a deep chasm carved through the rocks by water, is a striking natural feature of the area that is best explored on foot. Stony walls rise up sharply on both sides of the canyon, while birds roost in its crags and lizards dart along the ledges. The canyon's name was coined when early settlers used it as a water source, using six lengths of leather ('ses riem – six thongs) tied together to lower buckets into the water at the base of canyon.)

Overnight: Sossus Dune Lodge

Namibia Wildlife Resorts launched the first lodge in the Namib-Naukluft Park, the Sossus Dune Lodge, in June 2007. Built in an environmentally sensitive manner, primarily from wood, canvas and thatch, in an attractive 'afro-village' style, Sossus Dune Lodge offers guests an evocative and life changing experience. Situated within the park, guests benefit from being able to reach Sossusvlei before sunrise, and stay until after sunset, and on their return after an exhilarating day, relax in the tranquillity and splendor of the Namib Desert, under the spectacular African sky. Sossus Dune Lodge offers professional guided tours, fully unleashing the beauty and biological diversity of the desert environment to visitors, and offers the best beds in the desert.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 7: Sossus Dune Lodge, Sesriem (130km)

Today an early rise (approx. 1 hour before sunrise) is advisable. Guests of the Sesriem Camsite, Dead Valley lodge and Sossus Dune Lodge are able to drive to the Sossus and Dead Vlei earlier than guests staying outside the park. The spectacle of colours of this natural wonder is best seen during sunrise with the additional advantage of cooler temperature than later in the day. You drive 80 km through dune landscapes on good tar road. The last 4 kilometres take you through thick sands where you will have to engage your 4x4.

The Dead Vlei with its numerous dead camelthorn trees as well as the famous Sossusvlei offer an unbelievable impressive natural setting. Take your time to just let your soul stray whilst climbing the Big Daddy, the tallest dune in the surrounding. Depending on your state of fitness and sand conditions the climb will take about 1 – 2 hours. The way down is usually much quicker and the more adventures can run down the steep slip face into Dead Vlei – this takes less than a minute.

Before the heats starts burning your soles away you should start to make your way back. At the park entrance we recommend a visit to the Sesriem Canyon before returning to your accommodation to spend the afternoon in the cool swimming pool.

Included activities

- Drive to the Sossus and Dead Vlei, dune landscapes

Overnight & Sossus Dune Lodge

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 8: Tok Tokkie Trails, NamibRand Nature Reserve (130km)

After breakfast you continue south out of the state owned Namib Naukluft Park and into the private NamibRand Nature Reserve. More breathtaking landscapes and numerous wildlife species await you.

You will be introduced to your desert guide, who will accompany you the next two days. A short introduction to the trail is given after lunch before starting your hike in the early afternoon.

The Tok Tokkie Trail is easy to walk, as you only have to carry a day pack – all other luggage is transported by car to the overnight camp – and the speed of walking is adjusted according to the group. The maximum number of participants is eight, so that the groups are always small and that the guide is able to individually respond to the guest's preferences.

In the evening you'll enjoy the obligatory sundowner. You'll sleep on cosy field beds amidst the dunes underneath a million stars – a very special experience included activities see various wild cats

Included activities

- Tok Tokkie Trail walk
- See various wild cats

Overnight & Tok Tokkie Trail

NamibRand Nature Reserve

Spanning an area of 172,200 hectares and encompassing four distinct ecosystems, the NamibRand Reserve of southern Namibia is among the largest privately owned game parks in Southern Africa. Founded to conserve the unique environment and wildlife species of the Namib Desert, the park's mix of dunes, mountains, rocky outcrops, sandy flats, and gravel plains provides habitats for a diversity of mammals, including hyenas, jackals, foxes, antelopes, and various wild cats. A plethora of bird species, reptiles, insects, and frogs also have their home here, alongside an array of plant species. Discover the mysterious 'fairy circles', unexplained bare patches in the sand, or enjoy a night of sublime stargazing - having been named Africa's first International Dark Sky Reserve, it is one of the least light-polluted areas in the world.

Overnight: Tok Tokkie Trails

Tok Tokkie Trails takes you close to the desert's stunning beauty. Is there a better way to immerse in nature than on foot? Whilst walking, you will discover many secrets of the Namib that cannot be experienced when driving and you will get to feel different aspects of the desert – from mountainous terrain to sandy dunes. Let your experienced guide explain all this to you, relax with a sun downer and enjoy a three-course dinner before falling asleep under the stars...



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 9: Tok Tokkie Trails, NamibRand Nature Reserve

After breakfast we start with the reading the morning “newspaper”, which means that your guide will explain the fresh tracks in the sand left by the desert inhabitants to you as you go along

These inhabitants of the Namib, the oldest desert in the world, have adapted to the arid climate in an astonishing way. Your experienced guide will tell you a lot about the mammals, birds, reptiles and insects found here and will probably be able to lure one or the other desert inhabitant in front of your camera.

The hot midday hours are spent at the shady lunch spot. Here you have time to relax, to have a bite for lunch and to reminisce about the last days. Once the temperatures cool down a bit towards the afternoon you embark on the last leg of the second day. The route takes you pass fairy circles and over small hillocks with unbelievable views onto the gras-covered, orange-red dunes of the Namib.

At the dune camp you can free yourself from the desert sands under a rustic bucket shower. Your guide will take you on a short astronomy journey of the southern night sky once the sun has set and the sky is clear (i.e. nearly always).

Once more you'll sleep in warm field beds right amidst the dunes!

Included activities

- Visit the oldest Namib Desert

Overnight & Tok Tokkie Trails

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 10: Klein-Aus Vista Eagle's Nest Chalets Gondwana Collection Namibia, Aus (280km)

Once more you awake with the rising sun surrounded by a sea of dunes. The hike today is easy going and you will arrive around 10:00 at the Tok-Tokkie farm house. Time to say good-bye to your guide and the friendly Tok-Tokkie staff.

You still have a fairly long way ahead, always continuing south along one of the country's most beautiful scenic roads – the D707. Here the route becomes the destination, so take your time and enjoy the unspoilt nature. In the late afternoon you'll arrive at Klein Aus Vista, a beautiful accommodation set in a scenery of rugged mountains at the northern border of the Nama-Karoo.

Included activities

- Hiking in the Sukkulent Karoo around Klein-Aus Vista

Overnight & Klein-Aus Vista Eagle's Nest Chalets

Aus

Perched above the plains of the Namib Desert in the rocky Aus Mountains, the small village of Aus lies at the heart of phenomenal botanic diversity. Aus serves as an excellent base from which to see the area's major attraction: the feral horses of the Namib Desert, which run wild and free in the sparsely vegetated plains. The best place for viewings is at the water trough at Garub, which lies just twenty kilometres away from Aus. Visitors can gain insight into the Succulent Karoo by visiting beautiful Gondwana Sperrgebiet Rand Park, home to the most biodiverse desert in the world. Don't miss the opportunity to camp under the famously clear Namibian night sky and experience the desert landscape on horseback.

Overnight: Klein-Aus Vista Eagle's Nest Chalets Gondwana Collection Namibia [View](#)

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Forever landscapes, solitude, silence and sunsets. Klein Aus Vista's Eagle Nest is a self-catering getaway with eight individually-built rock chalets. Keep to yourself or drive to Desert Horse Inn's restaurant for delicious fare and congenial company. Return to dream of peace and wake to magnificent sunrise scenery.

Location: 2 km west of Ausm on the B4 (Aus/Wild Horses/Kolmanskuppe/Lüderitz)



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 11: Klein-Aus Vista Eagle's Nest Chalets Gondwana Collection Namibia, Aus (0/260km)

Today you can choose between two alternatives:

Day visit to the harbour town Lüderitz (there and back 260 km tarred road) with a visit to the ghost town Kolmanskop or

Hiking in the Succulent Karoo around Klein-Aus Vista

Option 1: The 1883 founded town Lüderitz in the Restricted Diamond Area offers a rustic Atlantic charm and has a very interesting story to tell about the diamond rush of Namibia at the beginning of the 20th century. A visit to the diamond ghost town Kolmanskop (last guided tour starts at 11 am) is just as recommendable as a stroll to the harbour and the „Felsenkirche“ (Church on the rocks) as well as an excursion to the always windy Diaz Point, where the Portuguese sailor Bartholomeus Dias erected a stone cross in the year 1487. In the late afternoon your return back to Klein-Aus Vista. On the way you can visit the feral horses of the Namib at Garub.

Option 2: Klein-Aus Vista offers six marked hiking trails between 4 and 20 km long and with different levels of difficulty. Here you can explore the fauna and flora of the private "Gondwana Sperrgebiet Rand Park" on your own. The easy, medium and difficult hikes in the Succulent Karoo of Namibia's south are well worth it and set contrast to the previous hikes in the Namib Desert. After the hike we recommend a visit to the feral horses of Garub close by.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 12: Fish River Lodge, Fish River Canyon (230km)

You leave Klein-Aus Vista in the early morning and drive along the B4 in an easterly direction. In the small village Goageb you turn onto the D463, a good gravel road leading through beautiful landscapes. You should reach the Fish River Lodge situated directly at the fringe of the Fish River Canyon, the second largest canyon worldwide, no later than 2pm.

Between April and September guided hikes into the Fish River Canyon are offered.

After arrival and a welcoming drink you will receive a short briefing. Canvas bags are distributed to all hikers. All items needed for the hike are packed into the bags. These will be transported to the camp by car. An open vehicle will take you on a leisurely drive to the starting point of the hiking trail.

After a 2 km walk you will reach the first overnight camp, where you have enough time to settle in your tent and make use of the camp facilities. Enjoy a beautiful and relaxing sundowner, followed by a 3 course menu under the stars.

Included activities

- Hiking

Overnight & Fish River Lodge

Fish River Canyon

Carving out an epic rocky wonderland in the south of Namibia, the Fish River has created Africa's largest and the world's second-largest canyon. Hot, dry and stony, the Fish River Canyon measures a whopping 160 kilometres in length, at times 27 kilometres in width and 550 metres in depth. The awe-inspiring natural beauty of this ancient geological marvel draws visitors from around the globe. For those looking for adventure, the intense 85 kilometre Fish River Hiking Trail through 1.5 billion years of geological history will definitely thrill avid adventure enthusiasts, and for visitors looking to relax, head over to the canyon's southern end to enjoy a soak in the mineral waters of the renowned hot springs of Ai-Ais, or take in the spectacularly scenic views from Hobas Restcamp as well as numerous other viewpoints along its rim. Other popular activities include: scenic chartered flights, horse riding, nature drives and seasonal kayaking.

Overnight: Fish River Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Fish River Lodge in southern Namibia is the only lodge perched directly on the rim of the Fish River Canyon offering guests breathtaking views of the canyon from sunrise to sunset.

Experience first hand the geological forces that unfolded 300 million years ago, when the Fish River began to etch its way through hard quartzite forming a Canyon 90 kilometers long, 549 meters deep and 28 kilometers wide in some places, making it the world's second largest Canyon. The 45 000 hectare Canyon Nature Park is a natural sanctuary for Karoo succulent flora and endemic wildlife.

Incredible hiking trails meander down into the heart of the canyon affording guests spectacular scenery combined with 75 km river frontage made up of permanent water holes and rock pools that attract Hartmans Zebra, Kudu, Oryx, Springbok and many other smaller wildlife species and endemic bird life.



Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 13: Fish River Lodge, Fish River Canyon

After a healthy breakfast the descent into the canyon begins. At the famous rock pools we take a break, relax and take a refreshing swim. Lunch packs are served, before we continue our hike. Upon arrival at the second camp we are welcomed with a refreshing drink. Another breath-taking sundowner and delicious dinner will round off this special day.

Between October and March, it is mostly too hot to do the hike. A whole-day canyon drive can be booked alternatively, which will take you right into the canyon.

Included activity

- Swimming, sundowner

Overnight & Fish River Lodge

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Hiking in the Sukkulent Karoo around Klein-Aus Vista Enjoy a scrumptious breakfast prepared by the chef and continue hiking back to the lodge. Arrival at the Lodge is between 11:00 and 12:00.

You leave Fish River lodge and continue through rugged, incredibly impressive landscapes further south to Rosh Pinah and further to the South African – Namibian border (Orange River). Once you've reached the Orange River you drive through the /Ai /Ais Richtersveld Transfrontier Park in an easterly direction. The road meanders along the river until you reach your accommodation close to a big vineyard in the late afternoon.

Orange River

Rising from the beautiful Drakensberg Mountains in Lesotho, forming part of the international border between South Africa and Namibia, the Orange River is the longest river in South Africa. The Orange River Basin extends into Namibia and northern Botswana. The river snakes its way through one of Southern Africa's harshest environments bringing life to an area of sheer rugged beauty. Aside from vineyards in the desert the river also creates a mobile playground from which to explore the area. This spectacular river created the diamond dune fields along Namibia's coast, by washing diamonds downstream from the Kimberly region over millions of years. Visitors can look forward to excellent

whitewater rafting, canoeing, and kayaking, as well as wonderful river cruises which allow excellent views of the surroundings.

Overnight: Felix Unite Provenance Camp

Camp Provenance boasts comfortable accommodations with excellent views of the Orange River. The beautiful African-style cabanas feature air-conditioning and en-suite bathrooms. Guests can enjoy delicious dishes at the on-site restaurant. Additional amenities include a swimming pool.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 15: Felix Unite Provenance Camp, Orange River

Today you have an unguided half-day canoe tour on the picturesque Orange River on your program, organized by Amanzi Trails. The Orange River is one of the View Rivers in Namibia, which does not have crocodiles nor hippos. The canoe tour is hence not dangerous and meanders through the breath-taking gorges of the South African / Namibia border area. There are lots of swimming possibilities.

Other than the multi-day tours, which Amanzi Trails also offers, the half-day tours are organized individually. After receiving an introduction, you are simply put into the river and are free to climb out again a few kilometres downstream – a contemplative, amusing river ride. Don't forget to take sun protection and hats!

You'll return to your accommodation in the early afternoon. Enough time to let the adventurous of the past few days sink in.

Included activities

- Canoe tour

Overnight & Felix Unite Provenance Camp

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 16: Schützenhaus Guesthouse, Keetmanshoop (300km)

In the morning your journey takes you up north. A short detour to the main view point of the Fish River Canyon is well worth it and for lunch we recommend a stop-over at the superb Canyon Roadhouse. Afterwards you continue to Keetmanshoop, your stop-over route to the Kalahari.

Optional activities

- Visit the German colonial architecture and the local museum, visit the Quiver Tree Forest and 'Giant's Playground' is an evocative expanse of strange rock formations. Both offer superb opportunities for photography, particularly at sunset.

Overnight & Schützenhaus Guesthouse

Keetmanshoop

Set on the Trans-Namib Railway in the IlKaras region of southern Namibia, the town of Keetmanshoop is known as the capital of southern Namibia. Founded in 1860, the quaint oasis is a living slice of history. German colonial architecture is dotted around the town and the local museum, housed in an old church, provides interesting insight into the town's heritage. Just a short drive out of town, the Quiver Tree Forest is a sea of spikes and twisted trunks, while the neighbouring 'Giant's Playground' is an evocative expanse of strange rock formations. Both offer superb opportunities for photography, particularly at sunset.

Overnight: Schützenhaus Guesthouse

Schützenhaus Guesthouse was established in 1907 and is the oldest German Club in Southern Africa. It was privatised after 98 years and is now a prestigious guesthouse in Keetmanshoop. Its tranquil surroundings are a true resting place for the weary traveller and the ideal base for guests wishing to explore the Mesosaurus Fossil Trail, Quiver Tree Forest, Fish River Canyon, Giant's Playground, and other nearby tourist attractions. The accommodation boasts a selection of 26 en-suite rooms, each equipped with Wi-Fi, a TV, and a coffee/tea station. Additional on-site amenities include an à la carte restaurant, a private bar, and barbecue facilities for the self-catering guest. The property also offers 4 camping facilities with ablutions and a swimming pool.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 17: Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge, Kalahari Namibia (300km)

Today you should make an early start to at the Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge be in time. The last highlight of your journey, the Trans Kalahari Hike is awaiting you. Check in is from 2 pm and your guide is already awaiting you with the necessary information. The evening is spent at the Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge.

Included activities

- Trans Kalahari Hike and nature walks

Optional activities

- Game Drive

Overnight & Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge

Kalahari Namibia

Spreading across Botswana, South Africa and Namibia, the Kalahari meaning 'the great thirst' is an exceptionally beautiful living desert. The landscape is characterised by a large semi-arid sandy savannah draped over a gently rolling inland sea of sand covering most of Botswana and large parts of Namibia and South Africa. It is also the last bastion of the indigenous San people with the modern world having enveloped all the other areas they once roamed. The Namibian portion is made up of red sands covered in thin, wispy, mostly golden grass and dotted with acacia trees and wide-ranging wildlife including gemsbok, impala, jackals and cheetah.

Overnight: Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

KALAHARI RED DUNES LODGE, a lodge designed with a lot of passion for details, is located in the impressive Kalahari landscape characterized by red sand dunes and camel thorn trees. Its "Luxury of Solitude", offers ample space and privacy.

The main house, consisting of reception, lobby, restaurant and bar, pool and shaded deck is situated in a dry lake (vlei). A wooden boardwalk connects the main building with the chalets which are nestled around the 'vlei', where often animals can be observed. Each chalet has a thatched roofed tented and a stoned section as well as a private terrace. During the Nature/ Game Drives and nature walks guests can experience the breathtaking beauty of the Kalahari with it's up to 30 m high red dunes and a huge variety of game.

The suites with their thatched roofs are each decorated in an individual style and are connected to each other by a paved walk-way.

The vastness of the African Savannah can be experienced on the 2-day TRANS KALAHARI WALK. This guided hike leads through desert-like sceneries and their habitat of giraffes, zebras and antelopes and offers one overnight stay in a luxury tented camp in the dunes.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 18: Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge, Kalahari Namibia

An early rise allows you to enjoy the sunrise on a Kalahari dune with a hot cup of coffee. Afterwards the hike commences. Experience the orange-red dunes of the Kalahari and the bush and tree savanna so typical for Namibia. After a picnic lunch you will reach the exclusive, luxurious Kalahari Dune Camp with shady Lapa and view deck in the afternoon. The camp's waterhole is often visited by giraffes and antelopes. A small pool is at your disposal to clean yourself from dust and sweat of the hike. Most of the time a clear sky allows a fabulous starry sky. You overnight in tents, each with own bathroom and hot shower.

Included activities

- Hike

Overnight & Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 19: end of Itinerary, Windhoek (200km)

The Trans Kalahari Walk ends around noon at the Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge. It is the last day of your safari. Bid farewell to the Kalahari and to Namibia! Depending on your return flight you can plan a bit of time for souvenir shopping in Windhoek.

The drive to Windhoek takes about two hours. You return your vehicle in Windhoek at the car rental and are transferred to Hosea Kutako Airport, as agreed upon at the beginning of your safari already.

SELF-DRIVE INFORMATION:

Emergency Services: Emergency evacuation services are included.

Drivers: A valid and unendorsed license must be produced by all drivers. The minimum age for authorized drivers is 23 years.

Fuel: The renter will receive the vehicle with a full tank of fuel. Upon the return of the vehicle/termination of the hire, the vehicle will be refilled at the renter's expense.

Insurances: The rental vehicle includes Zero Excess

Rental Agreement: Upon renting the vehicle the renter and additional drivers will be required to complete a standard rental agreement with the car rental company. A valid credit card is required for the rental deposit.

Health: It is the client's responsibility to ensure that he/she is medically fit and able to embark on the tour.

Force Majeure: We do our utmost to conduct the tour as described in the program; however, we cannot guarantee it. Unfavorable weather conditions, rivers in flood, organizational problems, unforeseen events, or other factors may force us to change the course of the tour. We apologize for the inconvenience.

INCLUDED

1. Toyota Hilux 4x4 DC/ Nissan NP300 4x4 D/C/ Ford Ranger 4x4
2. Zero Excess Fee
3. GPS & latest Track4Africa software
4. 12-220v inverter with USB
5. Fridge
6. Airport transfers
7. 24/7 Support
8. If Driver needed it can be arranged

EXCLUDED

1. Excludes International Flights
2. Excludes Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
3. Excludes Park Fees
4. Excludes Drinks
5. Excludes Upgrades on accommodations
6. Excludes Fuel
7. Excludes Park Fees

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Travel Information



Located in southwestern Africa, Namibia boasts a well-developed infrastructure, some of the best tourist facilities in Africa, and an impressive list of breathtaking natural wonders. Visitors can explore the capital of Windhoek and discover the lovely coastal town of Swakopmund boasting remnants of the country's German influence, reflected in the architecture, culture, cuisine and the annual Oktoberfest celebrations. To properly appreciate this extraordinary country, you will have to venture out of the cities to explore the remarkable natural landscapes Namibia has to offer. These include: the impressive Fish River Canyon; the vast Etosha National Park teeming with abundant wildlife, such as lions, desert-adapted elephants and the Hartmann's Mountain Zebra; the hauntingly beautiful Kalahari Desert; and of course the Namib Desert stretching for over 2000 km along the magnificent Atlantic Coast. Namibia is an ideal destination for travellers seeking an unforgettable African experience in a uniquely beautiful untamed wilderness.

Terms and Conditions

Safari World Tours Terms and Conditions

- ★ 1. A 30 % non-refundable deposit of the full amount due is required to confirm any reservation and is to be done by the agent or client by fax or e-mail.
- ★ 2. The Company must receive the balance of the contract price no later than 60 Days prior to departure.
- ★ 3. If the Company does not receive the full contract price 45 days before the departure date, the Company may cancel the reservation and retain whatever deposit or other funds it has already received from the client or his agent.
- ★ 4. The payment can be done via Bank Transfer or Paypal into Enrico's Tours and Safaris
- ★ 5. Differences due to currency fluctuations will not be accepted.
- ★ 6. Namibian Dollar is not an international trading currency and will encounter larger handling fees due to conversions
- ★ 7. Any cancellation of a confirmed booking must be done in writing (email) to the Company.
- ★ 8. If the booking is cancelled, the following fees apply relative to the amount of notice given:
 - ★ 60 Days before tour 80% refundable of amount paid
 - ★ 45 days before: 50% of invoiced amount refunded
 - ★ 15 or less days: No refund
- ★ 9. If a booking is changed to an earlier date than originally reserved, the Company will endeavour to change it. But if changed to a further date there will be a charge of 5% on invoice value.