



## Namibia Photographic Safari Southern Namib

### Travel time

This tour is from Windhoek( or any other place depending on clients) to Sossusvlei. You will be travelling approximately 850 km's in 5 days.

The tour will take us through desert dunes, to the Atlantic Ocean and back into the Desert. We will be travelling in 4x4 vehicles.

The cost of the tour package will be **USD \$ (USD \$)** per person sharing. **This price is based on 2 people. Group prices available on request.**

### Included in package price:

- all transportation within the tour
- accommodation
- documents, visa's, park entrance fees
- some day activities, (noted in day description)
- all meals and assorted beverages,

### Excluded in package price:

- flights to Windhoek, Namibia
- gratuities for tour guides in parks and day activities (your own discretion)
- other day activities, (noted in day description)
- expenses of personal nature

Note: Accommodation is subject to availability.

A **deposit** will be required to secure your reservations at the lodges and activities. Details on deposit to follow

## Itinerary

### **Day 1; Arrival in Windhoek- travel to Mariental**

On the Eastern fringes of Namibia, the red sands of the Kalahari beckon. Let us introduce you to the place of burnished sands at Kalahari Anib Lodge. Easily accessible by sedan car and 30km from Mariental, this Kalahari lodge is a good overnight stop if travelling between Windhoek and the south or continuing to the Kgalagadi. There's nothing like feeling the good earth underfoot, so stretch legs on the trails around the lodge, keeping eyes open for springbok, zebra and wildebeest and take the chance to breathe in the character and energy of this distinctive area, feeling closer to the land.

<https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/kalahari-anib-lodge>

#### **Included in package:**

- transfer to Mariental
- park entrance fees
- accommodation
- all meals
- Soft drinks, beer and selected wine.

#### **Excluded from package:**

- All alcohol beverages( Except for Beer and wine)
- other activities

### **Day 2; Transfer to Fish River Canyon**

Fish River Lodge was built in 2009 and designed by Namibian-born architect Andy Chase from the Windhoek-based architectural firm Stauch & Partners. The natural environment served both as stylistic reference as well inspiration for the colour palette. Even the trying entry road to the lodge mirrors the isolation of the lodge while the dry-packed stone wall that runs the length of the lodge guards the natural spectacle that awaits you.

[www.fishriverlodge-namibia.com](http://www.fishriverlodge-namibia.com)

#### **Included in package:**

- transfer to Fish River canyon
- park entrance fees
- accommodation

- all meals
- Soft drinks, beer and selected wine.

**Excluded from package:**

- All alcohol beverages( Except for Beer and wine)
- other activities

## Day 3, Transfer to Lüderitz

The Namib horses, most easily observed at the Ganub waterhole on the road between Aus and Lüderitz have fascinated tourists and scientists alike because not only have they adapted to desert conditions but are considered to be the only real herd of feral horses residing in Africa. Genetic testing indicates that these horses are one of the most isolated equine populations in the world. To see the horses run wild and free in this hostile and unlikely desert environment is an amazing testimony to the determination of man and beast to adapt and survive. There are various theories about their origin, including that they are descendants of the horses the German Schuztruppe brought in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Other theories suggest that they there were imported between 1904 and the first world war by the Germans whilst other suggest that they escaped from the South African cavalry during World War

The Lüderitz Nest Hotel enjoys a superb on the rocks and sea location, with far reaching uninterrupted views. The hotel's private tidal beach with walk-on jetty, unique in Namibia, allows the guest to get close-up to the sea. All rooms and suites have direct sea views. The outdoor sparkling resident's pool with sun-loungers and parasols is surrounded by verdant gardens. The sea-facing sauna extends relaxation opportunities. The two on-site restaurants serve international and South African cuisine, as well as delicious Lüderitz oyster and west coast rock lobster. Facilities include FREE Wi-Fi throughout, complimentary full-buffet breakfasts as well as free secure parking. The hotel delivers a friendly service in a relaxed environment.

<http://www.nesthotel.com/>

**Included in package:**

- transfer Lüderitz
- accommodation
- all meals
- Soft drinks, beer and selected wine.

**Excluded from package:**

- All alcohol beverages( Except for Beer and wine)
- other activities

## Day 4 and 5; Stay at Lüderitz

Visit Kolmanskop ghost town - A diamond – timeless beauty... But what makes this stone so precious that men give their lives for it? That they steal, lie and cheat for it? What makes thousands of fortune seekers live in the desolate Namib in search of its wealth? Here amongst the windswept houses of Kolmanskop lies the key to a past long gone, the remains of an era where diamonds sparkled and sustained life along the coast of Namibia. Let us take you on a historic journey into the harsh world of diamonds. . .

<http://kolmanskuppe.com/>

Join us for an unforgettable trip on the Penguin catamaran to Halifax Island, home of a colony of African penguins. Passing the old whaling station at Stromvogelbucht, we cruise through Shearwater bay and around Diaz Point, on route to Halifax Island. On the trip, expect to see a host of marine wildlife which includes-heavy side dolphins, birds, seals and on occasion, whales. The luxury catamaran offers shelter from the wind and is the perfect ride for the whole family.

<https://penguincatamarantours.com/>

“[Bogenfels](#)” is the famous, approximately 60 meters high Rock Arch that juts into the Atlantic Ocean south of Lüderitz town in extreme south of Namibia. Coastways Safari is the only tour operator in Namibia conducting tours in the diamond area.

Coastways' day tour leads us into the “Sperrgebiet” (forbidden diamond area), where mining activities are still taking place, through breathtaking desert landscapes with an incredible variety of desert plants. The tour includes a visit to the old “ghost” mining town of Pomona where some of the mining equipment dating back to 1910 to 1930 is still reasonably well preserved. The visit to Pomona feels like a journey into the past - when the Germans discovered the first diamond, their harsh living and difficult working conditions.

<http://www.namibweb.com/coastways.htm>

### **Included in package:**

- Transport around Lüderitz
- accommodation
- all meals
- Soft drinks, beer and selected wine.

### **Excluded from package:**

- All alcohol beverages( Except for Beer and wine)
- other activities
- Day activities

## Day 6; Transfer to Sossusvlei

Sossusvlei happens to be a vast clay pan, surrounded by gigantic sand dunes. Some of the spectacular sand dunes reach up to a height of 300 metres, the highest in the world. The word 'Sossus' is from Bushman and Nama origin and it means: '**A gathering place of water**'. The word "Vlei" is Afrikaans meaning a shallow area that becomes flooded during the rainy season.

Le Mirage Resort & Spa is one of the most unique establishments in the Sossusvlei area. It is situated approximately 21 km from the Sesriem gate to Sossusvlei. This makes it one of the lodge's closets to the Sossusvlei and the ideal place to stay when you want to visit the highest dunes.

[www.mirage-lodge.com](http://www.mirage-lodge.com)

### Included in package:

- transfer to Sossusvlei
- accommodation
- all meals
- Soft drinks, beer and selected wine.

### Excluded from package:

- All alcohol beverages( Except for Beer and wine)
- other activities

## Day 7, 8 Stay at Sossusvlei

**Dune 45** - Only a few kilometers before the end of the road you will find Dune 45, one of the more accessible dunes in Sossusvlei.

You are free to climb this dune, it is not an easy task but the view from the top will make it worth your while. Don't forget to wear closed shoes and take enough water before to commence this journey!

**Dead Vlei** - The Dead Vlei is probably one of the most magical places in the world. This pan used to be a lake that dried out hundreds of years ago.

**Sesriem Canyon** - The canyon is carved by the Tsauchab river in the local sedimentary rock. It is about a kilometer (0.6 mile) long and up to 30 meters (100 feet) deep. The canyon is located close to the Sesriem gate. This makes it a nice extra to visit after coming back from the Sossus trip.

**Hot air ballooning** over the Namib Desert or Sossus . One of the most wonderful experiences in the world is drifting in a hot air balloon over the majestic sand dunes of the Namib Desert.

**Go on an Adventurous Quad-Bike** tour and experience the amazing nature that surrounds this lodge. Take a drive on one of our Quad-Bikes following the trails in the desert with a guide and experience the breathtaking nature and surroundings of Le Mirage. The trails will take you to some unique spots and

our guide will inform you on the hidden secrets of the desert like the fairy circles. Your afternoon quad-bike tour will end with a striking sun-downer overlooking the Namib Desert.

**Included in package:**

- transport in and around Sossusvlei
- Sossusvlei park fees and activities - Dune 45, Dead Vlei and Sesriem Canyon
- accommodation
- all meals
- soft drinks, beer and selected wine

**Excluded from package:**

- All alcohol beverages( Except for Beer and wine)
- Other activities( Hot air Balloon, Adventurous Quad-bike tour)

## **Day 9 Transfer to Sesembo Hunting safaris or next destination**

This Transfer depends on the clients. Normally this tour is added to the beginning of the hunting safari and transfer will be done to Sesembo hunting safaris bush camp or Drive back to Windhoek if it is the last part of the unforgettable journey.