

# NEW AFRICAN FRONTIERS NAMIBIA

**TOUR CODE: NC0501**

## **5 DAY – NAMIB DESERT & COAST TOUR**

**SAFARI TYPE:** Scheduled Tour – Camping – Guided Safari  
**DUARTION:** 5 Days / 4 Nights  
**DEPARTURE DAYS:** Mondays (weekly)  
**DEPARTURE LOCATION:** Windhoek – Namibia  
**TOUR ENDS:** Windhoek – Namibia

### **ROUTING HIGHLIGHTS:**

Windhoek – Namib Naukluft Desert Park - Sesriem – Sossusvlei – Swakopmund – Windhoek

This tour has been designed for those who want to experience some of the pleasures of Namibia's Atlantic coast after a tour to the desert.

### **ITINERARY:**



### **Day 1**

#### **Windhoek – Sesriem (400 km)**

Collection time is between 08:00 and 08:30 from anywhere within Windhoek. Windhoek is surrounded by mountains and we have to pass both the Eros Mountains and the Khomas Hochland Range. As we come through the mountains we drop down from the central plateau to grassy desert savannah. We stop at Solitaire for petrol and perhaps also afternoon tea before we continue to our first night at Sesriem. We aim to arrive at our camp during the late afternoon. We will make a short excursion to the nearby sand dunes to enjoy the sunset over the dunes and watch the colours glow and change on the mountains before going back for dinner around the campfire.

**Overnight Camping in the Namib Desert, including Lunch & Dinner**

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### **Day 2**

#### **Sesriem and Sossusvlei**

Early start to catch the soft light of the sunrise over the desert. After passing through Sesriem we continue towards Sossusvlei along distant sand dunes on both sides of the road. We will stop at the famous Dune 45. Those who feel fit may climb the dune and get a breathtaking view of the surrounding desert and dunes. After breakfast we will take a desert walk in the cool of the morning, with chance to see gemsboks, springboks, black-backed jackals and ostriches. As the day cools off in the afternoon we will make a short excursion to Sesriem Canyon.

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### **Day 3**

#### **Sesriem – Swakopmund (350 km)**

Namibia is a country of contrasts. Today we will move from desert to sea. On our way we will cross the Tropic of Capricorn and transverse the Gaub and the Kuseb passes, driving down to the dry river bed at the bottom of the Kuseb Canyon before climbing up the other side, watching the spectacular desert landscape unfold before us. Having arrived at the coast, we will make a stop in Walvis Bay to enjoy the view of birds in the lagoons and to visit the salt works. Dinner tonight is on the client's own expense in a local restaurant.

**Overnight in Chalets, including Breakfast and Lunch**

### **Day 4**

#### **Swakopmund**

In the morning we will make an excursion to the seal colony at Cape Cross north of Swakopmund where we will be able to experience thousands of fur seals at close range. The rest of the day will be free with plenty of time to explore the town. Swakopmund is a very pleasant seaside town with lots of shops, a good stretch of beach (although the Atlantic is quite cold here) and an open-air curio market. There is also a very good museum and the Namibian National Marine Aquarium is located in Swakopmund. Alternatively, there are various optional activities that can be arranged. These include a boat-tour (with oysters and champagne!), scenic flights and micro-light flights over the desert, fishing trips (either from the beach or in a boat), quad-bike trips into the desert and over the sand dunes around Swakopmund, sand boarding, skydiving and many other activities. Your guide will discuss all the possible optional activities with you and offer to make pre-booking in advance. (N.B. all extra activities in Swakopmund are subject to availability and are made at the client's own risk and expense). Dinner today is not included in the price of the safari and will be on the client's own expense.

**Overnight in Chalets, including Breakfast and Lunch**

### **Day 5**

#### **Swakopmund – Windhoek (350 km)**

Today we will return to Windhoek, passing by marble and gold mines and Namibia's largest craft market in Okahandja, the administrative centre of the Herero people. Back in Windhoek you will be dropped off at your accommodation.

**Breakfast and Lunch**

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### **Includes:**

1. All transport
2. Three meals a day (unless differently specified)
3. Tap drinking water
4. Tea & coffee in camp
5. All camping equipment
6. Park entrance fees
7. Camping fees
8. Professional guide
9. Pick up & drop off from accommodation in Windhoek

### **Excludes:**

1. Sleeping bag (can be hired)
2. Alcoholic beverages
3. Soft drinks
4. Personal travel insurance

### **Useful items to bring with you:**

1. Two litre water bottle
2. Torch
3. Towel
4. Sun hat
5. Pillow

Clients are limited to one soft, barrel type bag per person with maximum weight of 15kg, one medium sized hand luggage bag, one medium sized camera bag and a sleeping bag.

We suggest a sleeping bag range of "3 – 4 season". Sleeping bags can be hired by prior arrangement for the trip. When packing your clothing please be aware that Namibian summer temperatures (December - March) can reach 45°C, and winter temperatures (June - September) can be as low as -5°C. The rainy season is between December and April.

All evening meals on camping safaris, (unless stipulated), are cooked on an open fire by your guide. Salads and fresh vegetables will be served where possible, but please note in some areas this is not necessarily every day. Fresh fruit will also be supplied when possible. Vegetarians can be catered for but please notify us prior to safari departure.

Namibia is a low risk malarial destination but we recommend that seek professional medical advice to enable you to make decisions on personal malaria protection.

All tap water in Namibia has been purified or comes directly from boreholes and is safe to drink. We supply tap drinking water but bottled mineral water is easily available at shops and rest camps should you prefer to drink this.

Electrical plugs are 220 V and are 3 pin (round pin as opposed to square pin). Adaptors can be purchased in Windhoek. It is possible to re-charge batteries at some campsites.

It is customary to tip in Namibia, usually, around 10% at restaurants. Your guide and assistant can be tipped at your own discretion but we ask that the guide be tipped separately from your assistant.

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**GENERAL NOTES:**

**PASSPORTS** must be carried with you at all times whilst on safari and in the vehicle. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your safari finishes/you leaving the country. You may not be allowed into Namibia if your passport does not have the required 6 months; we cannot accept any responsibility or refund on a safari in this scenario.

**CURRENCY** – The Namibian Dollar (N\$) is tied permanently 1-1 to the South African Rand (SAR). SAR notes and coins are legal tender in Namibia. Credit cards are widely accepted at ATM's. Traveller's cheques can be changed only in major towns but it is advisable to carry a limited amount of cash with you.

**PERSONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE** is not included but is compulsory when travelling on any safari. Travel insurance is for your own protection and we consider it to be an essential part of modern international travel. Please consult your travel agent prior to leaving home or contact us.

**VISA REQUIREMENTS** – Visas are your own responsibility; persons arriving without the relevant visa for their safari will not be refunded in this scenario.

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