

NEW AFRICAN FRONTIERS
NAMIBIA

TOUR CODE: NA0502

5 DAY NAMIB DESERT, SOSSUSVLEI & SWAKOPMUND

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

ROUTING HIGHLIGHTS:

Windhoek – Namibia Naukluft Park - Sesriem – Sossusvlei – Swakopmund - Windhoek



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 lodge 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.

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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.

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 flamingoes and other birds in the lagoons and to visit the salt works. Overnight in chalets. Dinner tonight is on the client's own expense in a local restaurant.

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, sandboarding, 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.

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.

TOUR SUMMARY:

Day	Destination	Accommodation	Meals
1	Namib Desert	Lodge	L/D
2	Namib Desert	Lodge	B/L/D
3	Swakopmund	Guesthouse	B/L
4	Swakopmund	Guesthouse	B/L
5	Windhoek		B/L

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