

NEW AFRICAN FRONTIERS
NAMIBIA

TOUR CODE: NA0904

9 DAY – FOUR DESERTS TOUR

SAFARI TYPE: Scheduled Tour – Accommodated – Guided Safari
DURATION: 9 Days / 8 Nights
DEPARTURE DAYS: Mondays (see departure dates below)
DEPARTURE LOCATION: Windhoek - Namibia
TOUR ENDS: Windhoek – Namibia

Vehicles used will be Microbus / Coach
Min 2 Pax and Max 10 Pax
Languages spoken are English & German

ROUTING HIGHLIGHTS:

Windhoek - The Kalahari Desert - the Fish River Canyon in the Nama Karoo Desert - the Succulent Karoo Desert - as well as Sossusvlei in the Namib Desert - Windhoek



ITINERARY:

Day 1
Monday
Kalahari Desert

You are collected from your guesthouse this morning for a short orientation of the city of Windhoek. We travel south over Namibia's second highest mountain range to the edge of the Kalahari Desert. We travel to our lodge, situated amidst the red dunes of the Kalahari Desert. The rest of the day is spent at leisure.

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Day 2

Tuesday

Kalahari Desert

After an optional morning walk enjoy breakfast. In the afternoon we embark on a sundowner drive into the Kalahari. Green acacias and swaying grass contrast starkly against the red sand of the Kalahari Dunes. A variety of antelope, smaller mammals, insects and reptiles inhabit this desert- explore this specialized ecosystem with your experienced guide. After a sundowner on one of the dunes return to the lodge for dinner.

Day 3 & Day 4

Wednesday & Thursday

Fish River Canyon, Nama Karoo Desert

This morning we travel further south into the Nama Karoo Desert, a primordial environ isolated by mountain massifs. Here the second largest canyon on earth divides one of Namibia's most pristine landscapes into seeming eternity. On a nature drive in the afternoon of the second day we observe the fragile desert ecosystem and the plant life that thrives there, while a part of the morning is utilized to visit the daunting Fish River Canyon.

Day 5 & Day 6

Friday & Saturday

Succulent Karoo Desert

After breakfast we travel to the Succulent Karoo Desert. After winter rains, this desert unfolds in a carpet of flowers and an explosion of bright colours. It is one of the 20 most important biomes in the world and counts as the most specie diverse desert on earth. We will explore the sweeping desert plains with its miscellany of organisms on a nature drive in the late afternoon, the next day we travel to Lüderitz and visit a ghost town that was left to the hands of the relentless and unforgiving desert. Other attractions visited consist of the Wild Horses of the Namib Desert, Diaz Point and the coastal town of Lüderitz itself.

Day 7 & Day 8

Sunday & Monday

Namib Naukluft Desert

We travel north into the oldest desert on earth. Due to early morning fog, this arid desert becomes a life supporting structure for all its living organisms. Our lodge is situated at the foot of unique petrified dunes, which we will explore on a nature drive in the afternoon of the second day. That morning we travel to the highest dunes on earth, experiencing this soulful, awe-inspiring place at sunrise. At Sossusvlei and Dead Vlei we clamber the magnificent dunes to admire the ageless desert from above. We will also visit Sesriem Canyon, before traveling back to our lodge.

Day 9

Tuesday

Return to Windhoek

After a relaxed breakfast we travel up the steep Namibian escarpment back to Windhoek, situated in a valley of the Auas Mountains. Here we get dropped off at our accommodation of choice, and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Tour ends.

TOUR SUMMARY

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	ACTIVITIES	MEALS	KM
Monday	Kalahari Anib Lodge	Visit to Hardap Dam	Dinner	260
Tuesday	Kalahari Anib Lodge	Sundowner Kalahari dune drive	Breakfast, Dinner	
Wednesday	Canon Lodge	Sundowner mountain walk	Breakfast, Dinner	480
Thursday	Canon Lodge	Visit Fish River Canyon,	Breakfast,	

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		Sundowner nature drive	Dinner	
Friday	Klein Aus Vista	Sundowner Nature Drive	Breakfast, Dinner	300
Saturday	Klein Aus Vista	Kolmanskop ghost town, Diaz Cross, Lüderitz, Wild Horses of the Namib	Breakfast, Dinner	
Sunday	Namib Desert Lodge	Optional activities at the lodge	Breakfast, Dinner	420
Monday	Namib Desert Lodge	Sossusvlei, Dead Vlei, Sesriem Canyon, Sundowner dune drive	Breakfast, Dinner	
Tuesday	Windhoek	Travel up the Namibian escarpment to Windhoek	Breakfast	300

Alternative accommodations may be used

Departure dates:

2011

Nov	Dec
07	05
14	
21	
28	

2012

Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
16	13	12	16	14	11	16	13	10	01
30	27	26	30	28	25	30	27	17	08
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Private Group departures: any departure on request.