

NEW AFRICAN FRONTIERS
NAMIBIA

TOUR CODE: NA0906

9 DAY – CANYONS & DESERTS

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

This tour is operated in two class & price categories:

Min 2 pax and Max 16 pax (BRONZE option)

Min 2 pax and Max 6 pax (GOLD option)

Vehicles used will be Microbus / Bus

Languages spoken are English

ROUTING HIGHLIGHTS:

Windhoek - Kalahari Desert – Quiver Tree Forest - Fish River Canyon – Lüderitz - Namib Naukluft Desert Park – Sossusvlei - Sesriem – Swakopmund - Windhoek

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Day 1

Windhoek – Kalahari Desert

Leaving Windhoek, travel into the largest sand mass on earth, the Kalahari Desert. The bushman refer to it as the "Soul of the World", an emotive description for this area! With its deep red sand dunes and endless grass plains interspersed with Acacia's and shrubs, it is the only form of survival for a vast amount of specially adapted wildlife. Enjoy the opportunity to experience the fauna and flora that has survived this desert environment for thousands of years.

Day 2

Kalahari Desert – Fish River Canyon

Today you will travel further south through expansive rocky plains, visiting the unique Quiver Tree forest. Nestled amongst huge dolerite boulders, stacked in such a mysterious way that it seems giants played here. Continue to your overnight lodge, situated in close vicinity to the Fish River Canyon.

Day 3 & Day 4

Fish River Canyon – Aus

This morning starts on the edge of the Fish River Canyon, where you gaze 550 meters into this magnificent geological phenomenon, the second largest of its kind on earth. Travel to the Succulent Karoo, one of the 20 most important biomes on earth. On the second day you drive 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 5

Aus – Southern Namib Desert

After breakfast you will travel north through the pre-Namib to your overnight lodge in the Namib Desert. This is the gateway to Sesriem Canyon and Sossusvlei, where some of the highest sand dunes on earth stand towering over the white desert plains. The afternoon can be spent relaxing at the pool, or taking part in optional activities offered at our lodge.

Day 6

Southern Namib Desert

This morning demands an early start. The first rays of sunrise paint the mountains of sand into a variety of apricot, red and orange, contrasted against a crisp blue skyline, entrapping your senses, and awarding us the opportunity to capture this awesome landscape on film and clambering some of the breath taking dunes to adore the sea of sand from above. Thereafter visit the Sesriem Canyon, a life sustaining natural phenomenon in the heart of the Namib Desert.

Day 7

Southern Namib Desert – Swakopmund

After breakfast you will drive via the desolate, rolling hills of the Kuiseb Moon Valley towards the Atlantic Ocean. In Walvis Bay visit the shallow lagoon, one of the most important wetland areas on the African continent and a RAMSAR world heritage site. Over 80% of the African flamingos feed in this lagoon and present a breath taking picture when they appear in groups counting a few hundred thousand. Arriving in the coastal town of Swakopmund, spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 8

Swakopmund

You have the entire day at your disposal in Swakopmund. Enjoy optional activities such as a marine cruise (included in gold option), a desert tour, scenic flight or a quad biking experience to name just a few. Alternatively, stroll through the historic streets of the coastal town while shopping, and enjoy excellent confectionaries in the relaxing street cafes.

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Day 9

Swakopmund – Windhoek

After breakfast travel back to Windhoek to your hotel or to the international airport for your return flight.

TOUR SUMMARY: GOLD TOUR

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEAL BASIS	ACTIVITIES	KM
Saturday	Intu Africa Zebra Lodge	Dinner	Nature drive in the Kalahari Desert	260
Sunday	Canon Lodge	Breakfast, Dinner	Quiver Tree Forest, sundowner walk	460
Monday	Klein Aus Vista Eagle's Nest	Breakfast, Dinner	Visit Fish River Canyon	345
Tuesday	Klein Aus Vista Eagle's Nest	Breakfast, Dinner	Visit Kolmanskop Ghost Town and Diaz Point, Wild Horses of the Namib Desert	280
Wednesday	Sossusvlei Lodge	Breakfast, Dinner	Visit Sesriem Canyon	360
Thursday	Sossusvlei Lodge	Breakfast, Dinner	Dead Vlei, Sossusvlei	120
Friday	Hansa Hotel	Breakfast, Dinner	Walvis Bay lagoon - RAMSAR World Heritage site	370
Saturday	Hansa Hotel	Breakfast, Dinner	Marine Cruise	80
Sunday	End of tour	Breakfast	Travel back to Windhoek	380

Alternative accommodation may be used

TOUR SUMMARY: BRONZE TOUR

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEAL BASIS	ACTIVITIES	KM
Saturday	Kalahari Anib Lodge		Optional dune drive in the Kalahari Desert	280
Sunday	Canon Roadhouse / Village	Breakfast	Quiver Tree Forest, sundowner walk	440
Monday	Klein Aus Vista Desert Horse Inn	Breakfast	Visit Fish River Canyon	345
Tuesday	Klein Aus Vista Desert Horse Inn	Breakfast	Visit Kolmanskop Ghost Town and Diaz Point, Wild Horses of the Namib Desert	280
Wednesday	Hammerstein Lodge	Breakfast	Optional experience with African big cats	295
Thursday	Namib Desert Lodge	Breakfast	Dead Vlei, Sossusvlei, Sesriem Canyon	280
Friday	Schweitzerhaus Hotel	Breakfast	Walvis Bay lagoon - RAMSAR World Heritage site	290
Saturday	Schweitzerhaus Hotel	Breakfast	At leisure, book activities with your consultant	80
Sunday	End of tour	Breakfast	Travel back to Windhoek	380

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Departure dates:

2011	
Nov	Dec
05	10
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Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
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