



Destination: The Namib and the Private Nature Reserve

The **Namib Desert** – unique – with a variety of desert landscapes, gives Namibia its essential character.

The **Namib Desert** – the oldest on earth – is a living desert! Flora and fauna are perfectly adapted to this harsh environment.

The **Namib Desert** – hosts some of the highest accessible dunes in the world – the dunes at **Sossusvlei**, attracting more visitors every year.

The **Namib Naukluft Park** – is the largest Nature Reserve in Namibia and many private nature reserves are nestled at its borders to form a unity for wildlife and people alike.

Namib Naukluft Lodge is located on such a unique 25,000 ha **Private Nature Reserve** which stretches from the **Namib Desert** to **the Naukluft Mountains**, bordering to the **Namib Naukluft Park** on both sides. Thus it is giving the most of a great desert experience from the relaxed holidaymaker to the enthusiastic desert explorer.

Since 1993 the animals may roam freely and undisturbed. The nature reserve hosts a variety of game like the Oryx antelope, Kudu, Springbok, Steinbok, Klipspringer, Mountain Zebra, Ostrich and Baboon.

During the evenings, the bat-eared fox and the 'Aardwolf' are common visitors. Sometimes a spotted or brown hyena may be seen. On some occasions, predators like African wildcat, leopard and cheetah have been spotted walking freely over the vast plains.

A bird-hide in walking distance from the lodge invites the guests for some bird viewing. Especially in the early morning hours flocks of Namaqua sand grouses gather at the nearby waterhole. Two black-breasted snake eagles often sit on top of the granite rocks and watch their prey. The 'Ludwigs' and the 'Ruppel's' Bustard are also common visitors and even vultures can sometimes be seen.

The Nature Reserve would not be complete without reptiles. Snakes and scorpions are hardly ever seen, but the barking gecko is one, that should be noted. Its clicking sound during the evenings is a concert never to be forgotten.

The beautiful desert sky, so clear, that you can easily spot the Milky Way and the Southern Cross. It invites not only the eager astrologist.