



Desert and Coast Safari

Windhoek – Namib Desert – Sossusvlei – Walvis Bay - Swakopmund – Windhoek

Short version of itinerary:

Day by day

Duration of safari:	5 days / 4 nights
Departure:	daily (ex Windhoek and return to Windhoek)
Min / max participants:	2/8
Vehicle:	Namib Desert: VW Microbus, 4x4 vehicle – all with air-condition Coast: unaccompanied program
Language:	English
Options:	standard and superior version
Rate per person:	as per current pricelist

Day:	Destination / Establishment:	Meals included:	Excursions included:
1	Windhoek Namib Desert	Dinner	13:00 / 14:00 Departure. Drive: Windhoek – via Spreetshoogte Pass (Driving time: app. 3.5 to 4 hours)
			<i>Standard Version: Overnight at the Soft Adventure Camp</i> <i>Superior Version: Overnight at Namib Naukluft Lodge</i>
2	Namib Desert	Picnic Breakfast Lunch Dinner	AM: Early morning Sossusvlei excursion (incl. Dune 45, 'Dead Vlei' & Sesriem) PM: sunset drive to the natural marble Mountains on the private nature reserve
			<i>Standard Version: Overnight at the Soft Adventure Camp</i> <i>Superior Version: Overnight at Namib Naukluft Lodge</i>
3	Namib Desert Swakopmund	Breakfast	08:00 / 09:00: Departure Drive: Namib Desert – Swakopmund via Gaub & Kuiseb Pass & Walvis Bay (Driving time: app 4 hours) Arrival at around lunch-time.
			<u><i>End of accompanied part of tour</i></u>
			PM: Rest of the day at leisure – time to explore the small town on your own.
			<i>Standard Version: Overnight in Pension Rapmund or similar</i> <i>Superior Version: Overnight at the Hansa Hotel or similar</i>
4	Swakopmund	Breakfast	AM & PM: Optional excursions can be booked (not included in rate)
			<i>Standard Version: Overnight in Pension Rapmund or similar</i> <i>Superior Version: Overnight at the Hansa Hotel or similar</i>
5	Swakopmund	Breakfast	07:30: You will be picked-up at your establishment and go on the scheduled bus service back to Windhoek. 13:00: Arrival time in Windhoek.
			<i>End of Program: Desert & Coast Safari</i>



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Departure on request: 5 days / 4 nights

Day 1: Windhoek – Namib Desert.

(app. 240 km on gravel road – ca 3.5 - 4 hours driving time)

You will be met at your establishment in the capital just before 14h00 (during Namibian wintertime – 13h00). Depart from Windhoek and we'll first pass the Kupferberg Pass. We drive along cattle farm land and see a few farmhouses along the way. The landscape is hilly and we can enjoy some nice views over fertile valleys. As we continue, the vegetation changes and the farmland is used for sheep and goat farming. We take the turn via the scenic and steep Spreetshoogte Pass. Enjoy an undisturbed view on top of one of the steepest passes in Namibia! We will stop at the small settlement Solitaire and continue to the beautifully set Namib Naukluft Lodge & Soft Adventure Camp. Both establishments are located on the private nature reserve: NamNau Habitat, which hosts a variety of desert adapted game like springbok, ostrich, earth wolf, bat-eared fox and many more.

Standard Version: Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Soft Adventure Camp.

Superior Version: Overnight on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis at Namib Naukluft Lodge.

Day 2: Namib Desert.

(Total km for excursion: app. 240 km – duration app. 7 hours)

An early morning rise with a snack before leaving enables you to arrive at Sesriem, the Park's gate at around sunrise. The route leads along and also across the Tsauchab dry riverbed, which has found a way through the dunes until it reaches the claypan – the Sossusvlei. After a good rainy season – about every 7 to 10 years – the Tsauchab River runs in full flood and fills the Vlei with water. For months it remains here and offers sensational scenery with a prolific birdlife.

The early morning sun offers spectacular pastel colours in the star-shaped dunes. This is the highlight for the keen photographer. Your first stop will be at Dune 45 before we continue to the Sossusvlei. Climb one of the dunes – there are plenty – and you might be overwhelmed by the sight of the dynamic and living desert!

Breakfast will be served in form of a picnic under one of the shady camelthorn trees, before you continue to the base of the 'Dead Vlei'. It is quite a walk over patches of dunes that are crossing your way. When you arrive you will be paid off for your efforts – the scenery is awesome!

We will visit the Sesriem Canyon, a 30 metre deep rift, before we return to our base Namib Naukluft Lodge and the Soft Adventure Camp for a late lunch.

During the late afternoon a sundowner-drive to the natural marble mountains on this 25,000 ha private nature reserve is included.

Standard Version: Overnight with full board at the Soft Adventure Camp.

Superior Version: Overnight with full board at Namib Naukluft Lodge.

Day 3: Namib Desert – Swakopmund.

(app. 270 km on gravel road – ca 4 hours driving time)

09:00 Departure (during Namibia's wintertime – departure from the lodge / camp at 08:00) and return to Swakopmund via Gaub & Kuiseb Pass. You will pass Namibia's largest nature reserve, the Namib Naukluft Park. We pass the Vogelfederberg and shall drive through Namibia's harbor town Walvis Bay, before we arrive in Swakopmund at around 12:30.

End of accompanied part of the itinerary

PM: The rest of the day is at leisure. Enjoy the afternoon on a walk through this premier coastal holiday resort by foot.

Standard Version: Overnight with bed and breakfast at Pension Rapmund or similar.

Superior Version: Overnight with bed and breakfast at the Hansa Hotel or similar.

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Day 4: Swakopmund.

You have the full day at leisure and we would suggest (excursions are not included) one of the following optional excursions in the morning: a catamaran boat cruise from the Walvis Bay yacht harbour or a quad-bike / sand-boarding experience in the dunes around Swakopmund. In the afternoon, the following optional excursions are very popular: An excursion to the highlights in the desert: The 'Moonlandscape', the Swakop river valley and the ancient and endemic plant: Welwitschia Mirabilis. Otherwise – join a scenic flight along the coastline. The choice is yours – please contact us for your individual excursion.

Standard Version: Overnight with bed and breakfast at Pension Rapmund or similar.

Superior Version: Overnight with bed and breakfast at the Hansa Hotel or similar.

Day 5: Swakopmund - Windhoek.

(app. 360 km on tarred road – app. 4.5 hours driving time)

At around 07:30 you will be met at your establishment and the scheduled bus service will bring you from Swakopmund to Windhoek. Arrival in Windhoek at around 13:00.

End of Desert & Coast Safari

Rate as per current price sheet

Included:

First part in the desert: Tour in a small group (2 to 8 passengers) with an English speaking driver – guide in a 4x4 Landcruiser or Double Cab, Landrover or a VW Microbus – all with air-condition.

Second part at the coast: unaccompanied.

Accommodation and meals: 4x overnight, 4x breakfast, 1x lunch, 2x dinner.

Excursions: Sossusvlei Excursion, sunset drive to the marble-mountains.

Extras: Park-entrance-fees, portorage, still and sparkling water on board the vehicle (first part), scheduled bus service from Swakopmund to Windhoek.

Excluded:

Any additional excursions or activities, beverages, tips, personal insurances and other personal items are excluded.

Accommodation in the Namib Desert:

Soft Adventure Camp



Namib Naukluft Lodge



Swakopmund:

Hansa Hotel



Swakopmund

