

DETOUR AFRICA



3 Day Sossusvlei Desert Adventure Tour

This safari is designed to offer a quick “snapshot” of Namibia's world renowned Namib-Naukluft National Park and the giant sand dunes at Sossusvlei. There is no single supplement, and the price is virtually fully inclusive of everything you will need whilst travelling for six days. The style is limited participation, assisted camping. Collection time is between 08:00 & 08:30 from anywhere within the Windhoek city limits.



ITINERARY

**3 Days
Namibia**

This Safari is run as a camping tour however, we do have an accommodated option. Enquire with your consultant upon booking as this is subject to availability.

DAY 1 Windhoek – Sesriem area



You will be collected at your Windhoek accommodation between 08:00 & 08:30

We travel out over the Eros Mountains and along scenic roads on our way south-west to the desert. We also pass



over part of the Naukluft Mountains, which are of particular interest for the ancient geological history of this part of the country. Heading down from Namibia's central plateau by way of the beautiful Remhoogte Pass, we reach open plains and the tiny settlement of Solitaire.

We cross some open grass savannah and farmlands before the terrain gives way to the immense red sand dune desert of the Namib. We aim to arrive at our camp during the late afternoon and watch the colours glow and change on distant mountains to the east.

Accommodation: *Sesriem Camping (Sharing - 2 Man dome tents with shared facilities)*

Meals included: *Lunch, Dinner.*

DAY 2

Sesriem area – Sossusvlei – Sesriem area



A pre-dawn start is essential this morning as we want to catch the soft light of the sunrise on the desert. After passing through Sesriem, the gateway to the dunes, we head into the heart of the dune field, reaching Sossusvlei on foot, trekking the last 5 km through the dunes.

Landscape photo opportunities abound in the cool of the morning, with dawn's soft light first illuminating the dunes from crest down the back slope, then blazing orange everywhere, creating a powerful contrasting vista across the whole desert.

Ancient mineral pans, stunted camel thorn trees and the chance of seeing a gemsbok or ostrich makes it essential to remember your camera!

We spend the morning in and around Sossusvlei, also visiting dune 45. As the day wears on we return to Sesriem for lunch, escaping the heat of the afternoon. As the day cools off in the late afternoon we will take a short excursion to the Sesriem Canyon.

Accommodation: *Sesriem Camping (Sharing - 2 Man dome tents with shared facilities)*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.*

DAY 3

Sesriem area - Windhoek

After breakfast we begin our journey back to Windhoek following a different route, ascending the massive Gamsberg Pass in the Khomas Hochland Mountain Range on our way back to civilization.

We are due back in Windhoek in the late afternoon and you will be dropped off at your accommodation on our return. Your accommodation tonight is not included in the price of the safari.

Accommodation: *End of tour – own arrangements*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch*

Tour Information

PARTICIPANTS

Maximum group size is 14 people, with a minimum of 2 participants. Transport for up to 5 people will be in a minibus and for 6 people and more in a specialised vehicle.

TOUR STYLE

The style of safari is limited participation, you will be asked to assist in pitching and striking down your own tent. There will be a camp assistant to complete all the other campsite chores. Your tour guide will do all the shopping, cooking and day-to-day organization of the safari. Unless otherwise specified, all safaris will be conducted in English.

SAFARIS INCLUDE

1. All transport
2. Three meals a day (unless differently specified)
3. Tea & coffee in camp
4. All camping equipment
5. Park entrance fees
6. Camping fees

Useful items to bring with you:

7. Professional guide
9. Pick up & drop off from accommodation in Windhoek

SAFARIS EXCLUDE

1. Sleeping bag (can be hired)
2. Alcoholic beverages
3. Soft drinks
4. Personal travel insurance

USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING WITH YOU

1. Two litre water bottle
2. Torch
3. Towel
4. Sun Hat
5. Pillow

GEAR PROVIDED

The tents are canvas dome type, which are easy to assemble. Your mattress is approximately 5 cm thick with its mattress cover and each client has a camp chair with backrest.

LUGGAGE AND SLEEPING BAG

Clients are limited to one soft, barrel type bag per person with maximum weight of 15kg, one medium sized hand luggage bag, one medium sized camera bag and a sleeping bag.

We suggest a sleeping bag range of "3 – 4 season". Sleeping bags can be hired by prior arrangement for a cost of N\$: 100.00 per 6 day trip. When selecting your clothing please be aware that Namibian summer temperatures (December - March) can reach 45°C and winter temperatures (June - September) can be as low as -5°C. The rainy season is between December and April.

MEALS

All evening meals on camping safaris (unless stipulated) are cooked by your guide on an open fire. Salads and fresh vegetables will be served daily where readily available. Fresh fruit will also be supplied when possible. We cater for vegetarians, but please notify us prior to departure.

NAMIBIA GENERAL

Namibia is a low risk malarial destination, but we recommend seeking professional medical advice, enabling you to make informed decisions on personal malaria protection.

All tap water in Namibia has been purified or comes directly from boreholes and is safe to drink. In some areas

the water can be brackish, your guide will advise you daily on this and where to purchase bottled mineral water.

Electrical plugs are 220 V and are 3 pin (round pin as opposed to square pin the same as South Africa). Adaptors can be purchased in Windhoek. It is possible to re-charge batteries at some campsites.

The Namibian Dollar (N\$) has a fixed 1-1 exchange rate to the South African Rand (ZAR). ZAR notes and coins are legal tender in Namibia.

Airport transfers and pre-and-post safari accommodation can be arranged on request.

INSURANCE

It is strongly recommended that you purchase comprehensive personal travel insurance before you embark on your safari. Travel insurance is for your own protection and we consider it to be an essential part of modern international travel.

Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact us on the below details.

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