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## 3 Day Sossusvlei Camping Tour



Nestled in the heart of this extraordinary landscape is Sesriem Campsite, your home for two nights. Enjoy the comfort of this remarkable camp, offering panoramic views of the desert and surrounding mountains beneath a sprawling, ancient camelthorn tree. Delve into a full day of exploration, discovering the mesmerizing dunes, Deadvlei, Sossusvlei, Sesriem Canyon, and conquering iconic peaks like Dune 45 for sunrise and the formidable Big Daddy.

As your adventure unfolds, savor a stop at Solitaire on the final day before making your way back to Windhoek. Immerse yourself in the unparalleled beauty of Sossusvlei on this unforgettable camping safari.

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Elim's Dune  
Big Daddy Dune  
Dune 45  
Sossusvlei  
Deadvlei  
Sesriem Canyon



# TOUR ITINERARY

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## 3 Days| Namibia

Information is subject to change. Travel times and accommodation can change depending on road or weather conditions, etc. These are used as a guideline only.

### DAY 1:

Kickstart your adventure with a 9:00 AM pickup from your accommodation in Windhoek, followed by a short pre-departure meeting at Chameleon Backpackers. Revel in picturesque mountain scenery as we head towards Sesriem, making a pit stop in Rehoboth for essential supplies. Passing through the desert landscape and the quaint community at BüellsPort, we aim to reach Sesriem by mid-afternoon. Set up camp under an ancient camelthorn tree with breath-taking views of the world's oldest desert. A picnic-style lunch is provided on the road, and in the late afternoon, consider an optional visit to Elim Dune for the best golden light before sunset. Choose to embark on a short walk back to our camp through the desert.

<b>Overnight</b>	Sesriem
<b>Accommodation</b>	Twin Share Tents with shared ablution
<b>Meals</b>	Lunch and Dinner

### DAY 2:

This morning's highlight is capturing the sunrise amidst the dunes, requiring an early start before dawn. Our first stop is Dune 45, named for its location which is 45 km from Sesriem. The optimal times for photographing the dunes are sunrise and sunset. During these moments, the towering sand dunes are bathed in a radiant orange and red on one side, while the other side is veiled in shadows.

We climb Dune 45 to witness the sunrise. After this awe-inspiring experience, we return to the vehicle for a light breakfast.

After breakfast, we continue to the 2x4 car park as 2 wheel drives aren't able to traverse the sandy terrain.

To navigate these terrains, a 4x4 shuttles are provided to continue our journey through the Tsauchab Riverbed.

Sossusvlei, almost entirely surrounded by dunes, reveals a narrow path kept open by the Tsauchab River.

The Tsauchab River only flows seasonally with sufficient rain, and mostly remains dry. Millennia ago, during rare floods, the Tsauchab occasionally reached the Atlantic Ocean. Over the course of around five million years, wind-blown sand invaded the riverbeds, constraining the rivers until occasional floods couldn't breach the sand barriers. Although Sossusvlei still experiences occasional floods, happening roughly once a decade after substantial rains in the Naukluft Mountains, the river can no longer follow its original path to the Atlantic.

We explore Dead Vlei, an ancient pan surrounded by sand and adorned with dead, skeletal camelthorn trees, dating back over 1000 years. We explore this area on foot and ascend one of the world's highest dunes, towering some 300 meters above. Returning to Sesriem for lunch, and perhaps a refreshing dip in the swimming pool, our afternoon unfolds with a short excursion to Sesriem Canyon, just four kilometers from our campsite.

Carved by the Tsauchab River around two million years ago, Sesriem Canyon's length and water flow were influenced by an ice age in Europe, causing glaciers and a global drop in sea level. This transformed the canyon into the impressive sight we witness today. Easily accessible by foot, the canyon offers a cooler environment, allowing us to follow the river's journey toward Sossusvlei.

<b>Overnight</b>	Sesriem
<b>Accommodation</b>	Twin Share Tents with shared ablution
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



### **DAY 3:**

On our final day, we head to Solitaire for a taste of the famous apple pie before enjoying scenic mountain views on the drive back to Windhoek. Cross Namibia's central plateau, passing through BüellsPort and Rehoboth, with a mid-afternoon arrival in Windhoek.

Accommodation	None
Meals	Breakfast

## **TOUR INFORMATION**

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### **WHAT'S INCLUDED:**

- ✓ Transport in Toyota Quantum or similar
- ✓ Services of a professional English-speaking driver/guide
- ✓ 2 nights' camping
- ✓ Camping equipment (excluding sleeping bag which can be hired)
- ✓ Meals as per itinerary
- ✓ National Park entry fees
- ✓ Pick up and drop off within Windhoek
- ✓ Activities as per itinerary:
  - \*Early morning excursion to Dune 45, Dead Vlei & Sossusvlei
  - \*4x4 shuttle voucher 2x4 carpark to Sossusvlei & return

### **WHAT'S EXCLUDED:**

- ✓ All items of a personal nature
- ✓ Alcohol, snacks, souvenirs
- ✓ Optional activities & Tips
- ✓ Sleeping Bag (can be hired)

### **SINGLE TRAVELLERS:**

You will be matched with another traveller of the same gender on a twin share basis. Speak to your consultant if you prefer to have your own tent.

### **PARTICIPATION:**

Safari is on a full participation basis, meaning you have to put up and break down your own tent as well as clean your own dishes.

### **HEALTH:**

Please inform us of any pre-existing conditions such as diabetes or asthma and any prescription medicine you may be taking. We also need to know about any food allergies or physical disability that you may have.

### **VISAS:**

Please note that these are your responsibility. Some nationalities require visas for Namibia.

### **INSURANCE:**

All clients require adequate Travel Insurance. Medical Insurance is not sufficient. Activity providers can refuse participation of activities, if the correct valid Travel Insurance is not provided.

### **CLIMATE:**

The African sun is very strong. Please use a factor 30 sunscreen and wear a hat. You should drink at least 3 litres of water per day to avoid dehydration.



**VACCINATIONS:**

No vaccinations are prescribed by law for the countries being visited on this tour.

**PRE AND POST TOUR ACCOMMODATION:**

If you require accommodation before or after your tour we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers – contact your consultant to make these bookings.

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

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