



6 Day Best of Namib Desert & Fish River Canyon Camping Tour



This 6 day tour is the perfect overview of Southern Namibia. Starting in Swakopmund we head south to explore the breath-taking Namib Desert crossing the Tropic of Capricorn. Our next stop is Sossusvlei in the Namib Desert, home to some of the world's highest sand dunes. Continuing on to Namibia's deep south where breath taking landscapes abound, we visit the ghost town of Kolmanskop, spot the wild horses of the Namib Desert, gaze over the Fish River Canyon, before ending an incredible 6 day trip with the last night at the impressive Quiver Tree Forest before returning to Windhoek. This is the ultimate Namibian adventure for the budget traveller!

INCLUDES:

- ✓ Transport in a custom-built safari vehicle with pop up roof (no air-conditioning)
- ✓ Services of a professional English-speaking guide & camp assistant
- ✓ Camping Equipment (excluding sleeping bag which can be hired)
- ✓ Meals as per full itinerary
- ✓ National park entry fees (Sossusvlei)
- ✓ Activities including:
 - Guided excursion to Sossusvlei including 4x4 shuttle
 - Guided tour at Kolmanskop
 - Visit to Diaz Point
 - Visit to Fish River Canyon view point



- Visit to Quiver Tree Forest & Giants Playground
- ✓ Pick up within Swakopmund city limits
- ✓ Drop off within Windhoek City limits
- ✓ Single travelers will be matched with another traveller of the same sex

ITINERARY

6 Days Namibia

DAY 1 SESRIEM OSHANA CAMPSITE, SESRIEM



Today we leave Swakopmund at 11h15 as we leave Swakopmund around 11h30 so we have the time to enjoy an optional activity. We drive through the Namib Desert via the Kuiseb Pass, crossing the Tropic of Capricorn, stopping briefly in Solitaire and arriving at our camp late afternoon. We set up our tents, and enjoy the sunset over the Namib Desert while listening to the barking geckos. There is a pool and bar available, dinner is prepared by our guide. An early night is recommended. *(Distance: approx. 350km)*

Accommodation: Camping in tents on a twin share basis
Meals: Lunch, Dinner

DAY 2 SESRIEM OSHANA CAMPSITE, SESRIEM



A pre-dawn departure from camp this morning means we can enjoy the dunes at first light. We drive down an ancient river bed, surrounded by towering dunes and our first stop is at the famous Dune 45 where we have the chance to climb to the top to enjoy the sunrise. On descent we replenish our energy and enjoy breakfast before continuing on into the Sossusvlei area. We explore this unique area on foot, heading into Dead Vlei with its large expanse of bleached cracked clay and skeletal camel thorn trees, contrasting with a backdrop of huge dunes with their ever-changing colours.

We have the opportunity to climb the dune at Sossusvlei before we return to Sesriem for lunch and a swim or siesta



during the heat of the day. Mid-afternoon we visit the Sesriem Canyon before your guide drops you at Elim's Dune for a short and educational sunset walk back to camp through the desert. Dinner tonight is prepared by our guide. *(Distance: approx. 150km)*

Accommodation: Camping in tents on a twin share basis
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3 KLEIN AUS VISTA CAMPSITE, NAMIB DESERT



We pack up camp and enjoy breakfast before heading south through some of the most spectacular desert landscapes in Southern Namibia. Our destination today is the small outpost of Klein Aus, nestled in the Gondwana Sperrgebiet Rand Park. We arrive early afternoon and set up camp. For the active there is a short optional unguided hiking trail. Permits and a map are available at reception. We enjoy a beautiful sunset and dinner prepared by our guide over an open-fire. *(B/L/D) (Distance: approx. 380km)*

Accommodation: Camping in tents on a twin share basis
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 KLEIN AUS VISTA CAMPSITE, NAMIB DESERT

After an early breakfast we make our way from Klein Aus to the ghost town, of Kolmanskop, situated 15km outside of Luderitz. During a diamond boom in 1910 Kolmanskop quickly became one of the richest towns in Africa boasting the southern hemisphere's first X-ray machine, a bowling alley and luxury housing. As the diamond boom came to an end and the town's inhabitants abandoned the area Kolmanskop became a ghost town. After our tour we continue our adventure to the small town of Luderitz, situated on the rocky shores of the Atlantic Ocean and well known for its unique and colourful colonial-style buildings. We stop at Diaz Point, the famous site of the Original Diaz Cross and enjoy a picnic lunch. On return to Aus, we keep our eyes peeled for the wild horses of the Namib Desert that roam between Luderitz and Klein Aus. While the details of how these horses came to live in the desert are still a mystery, the mere fact that they have survived in the harshest of conditions is impressive, and any sighting of them is one to celebrate. We arrive back at camp late afternoon and can relax before enjoying another incredible sunset over the Aus Mountains. Dinner tonight is prepared by our guide. *(Distance: approx. 260km)*

Accommodation: Camping in tents on a twin share basis
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



DAY 5
QUIVER TREE FOREST, KEETMANSHOOP



We enjoy another early start this morning as we pack up camp and head east. Our first official stop is at the well-known Hell's Bend viewpoint of the Fish River Canyon. Here we have the opportunity to overlook the second largest canyon in the world. The Fish River Canyon was formed millions of years ago by water erosion and the collapse of the valley due to movements in the earth's crust. After lunch we continue our adventure heading to our last destination; The Quiver Tree Forest. It is located just north-east of Keetmanshoop and here approximately 250 quiver trees can be found. The forest grew spontaneously and the oldest trees are estimated to be around 200-300 years old. The Quiver tree (*Kokerboom in Afrikaans*) is also Namibia's national tree, and the forest was declared a national monument in 1995. The last night on our adventure is spent camping under the stars with meals prepared by our guide. This is an excellent location for photographing the stars should you be an avid photographer (permits are available for night photography of the quiver trees at additional cost). (*Distance: approx. 480km*)

Accommodation: Camping in tents on a twin share basis
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6
WINDHOEK – END OF THE SAFARI



After a tasty cooked breakfast, we start the day with a chance to really explore the Quiver Tree Forest and Giants Playground, a geological phenomenon of dolerite rocks that appear to have been stacked by giants. From here we begin our journey back to Windhoek passing Brukkaros Mountain, an extinct volcano which is 650m above the surrounding area. We pass through the small towns of Mariental and Rehoboth before arriving at the Backpackers in Windhoek late afternoon. There is a shuttle option for those staying elsewhere within the city limits. No flights recommended on this day. (*Distance: approx. 500km*)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



Tour Information

Accommodation

Accommodation is spent in small dome style tents for 2 persons sharing.



What's excluded

All items of a personal nature, alcohol, snacks, souvenirs, tips and optional activities.

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 reservations agent to make these bookings.

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

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