

3 Days Sossusvlei Guided Safaris

This is one of the best highlights of Namibia where you can explore the massive dunes at Sossusvlei at the Namib Naukluft Park. You can also partake in the hiking at Sesriem Canyon.

Day 1 (2024)

Windhoek to Namib Naukluft Park (Sossusvlei)

This morning Mhof Tour and Safaris representative which is your tour guide will collect you from your pre-booked accommodations in Windhoek or upon your arrival before 10h00am from Hosea Kutako International Airport. You then depart Windhoek in your safari vehicle with your private guide and drive southwest through the scenic Khomas Hochland highlands before heading down the Great Escarpment into the Namib Desert below. You will have lunch en route and continue with your scenic route. You arrive at Desert Quiver Camp in the mid-afternoon where you will stay for two nights whilst you explore the remarkable sights of the Namib Desert with your guide.

Depending on the time and if time allows, your guide will take you on afternoon hiking at Sesriem Canyon, a nearby geological attraction, or to explore Elim Dune. However, if you prefer, you can just relax in the scenic and tranquil surroundings at Desert Quiver Camp. You have time to freshen up after a long day for dinner and the rest of the night is spent at your leisure.

Sesriem Canyon:

Sesriem Canyon has evolved through centuries of erosion by the Tsauchab River which has incised a narrow gorge about 1.5 km long and 30 meters deep into the surrounding conglomerates, exposing the varying layers of sedimentation deposited over millions of years. The shaded cool depths of the canyon allow pools of water to gather during the rainy season and remain for much of the year round. These pools were a vital source of water for early settlers who drew water for their livestock by knotting six (ses) lengths of rawhide thongs (riems) together, hence the canyon and surrounding area became known as Sesriem.



Desert Quiver Camp:

Conveniently located just 5km from the gate to Sossusvlei, Desert Quiver Camp combines comfort and style with the flexibility of self-catering accommodation.

Leisure facilities available to guests at Desert Quiver Camp include a bar with a big screen TV, a sparkling swimming pool overlooking Elim Dune, two communal bomas and a reception area that has WI-FI connectivity. Utility boxes with most utensils needed are available at reception should guests require and fresh food supplies can be ordered daily.

For those in search of a cooked meal, delicious cuisine can be enjoyed at the nearby Sossusvlei Lodge restaurant. Activities in the area can also be arranged through their Adventure Centre.



Overnight: Desert Quiver Camp

Meal Basis: Dinner



Day 2 (2024)

Namib Naukluft Park (Sossusvlei)

This morning, after an early wake-up call, you will meet your guide at the camp for a cup of coffee or tea and rusks before you're off to your Sossusvlei excursion in the Namib Naukluft Park. You normally head out before sunrise to enter the park at sunrise and capture Dune 45 whilst the light is soft and shadows highlight the towering shapes and curves. This is also your first stop on your way to the vlei.

The Sossusvlei area has some of the highest free-standing sand dunes in the world. Your guide will give you more information on the Namib Desert and its fascinating creatures and plants that have adapted to survive this environment. Once you have explored Sossusvlei, Deadvlei and the surrounding dunes, you will enjoy your picnic brunch under the shade of camelthorn trees. You will be off on afternoon hiking to Sesriem Canyon if not done the previous day. You return to the lodge and relax before you freshen up for dinner. After dinner, the rest of the night is spent at leisure.

Sossusvlei:

This most frequently visited section of the massive 50,000 km² Namib Naukluft National Park has become known as Sossusvlei, famous for its towering apricot coloured sand dunes which can be reached by following the Tsauchab River valley. Sossusvlei itself is actually a clay pan set amidst these star shaped dunes which stand up to 300 meters above the surrounding plains, ranking them among the tallest dunes on earth. The deathly white clay pan contrasts against the orange sands and forms the endpoint of the ephemeral Tsauchab River, within the interior of the Great Sand Sea. The river course rises south of the Naukluft Mountains in the Great Escarpment. It penetrates the sand sea for some 55 km before it finally peters out at Sossusvlei, about the same distance from the Atlantic Ocean. Until the encroaching dunes blocked its course around 60,000 years ago, the Tsauchab River once reached the sea; as ephemeral rivers still do in the northern half of the Namib.

Sand-locked pans to the west show where the river previously flowed to before dunes shifted its endpoint to where it currently gathers at Sossusvlei. Roughly once a decade rainfall over the catchment area is sufficient to bring the river down in flood and fill the pan. On such occasions the mirror images of dunes and camel thorn trees around the pan are reflected in the water. Sossusvlei is the biggest of four pans in the vicinity. Another, famous for its gnarled and ghostly camel thorn trees, is Deadvlei which can be reached on foot over 1 km of sand. Deadvlei's striking camel thorn trees, dead for want of water, still stand erect as they once grew. They survived until about 900 years ago when the sand sea finally blocked the river from occasionally flooding the pan.





Deadvlei:



Overnight: Desert Quiver Camp

Meal Basis: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

+ AM Sossusvlei Excursion + PM Sesriem Canyon Hiking

Day 3 (2024)

Departure

After a leisurely breakfast this morning, you will depart from Sossusvlei to Windhoek, driving northeast up the Great Escarpment and through the scenic Khomas Hochland highlands.

You will arrive in the late afternoon when your guide will drop you off at your accommodation. Here, you also say your goodbyes to your guide.

Meal Basis: Breakfast

Bon Voyage



Price valid until 31st October 2024

Total travelling amount per person sharing: NAD/ZAR 23 300.00
Total travelling amount per solo traveler: NAD/ZAR 28 598.00

Price valid until from 01st November 2024 until 31st October 2025

Total travelling amount per person sharing: NAD/ZAR 25 977.00
Total travelling amount per single traveler: NAD/ZAR 32 634.00

INCLUDED/EXCLUDED

Includes:

- Accommodations
- Vehicle
- Tour Guide
- Activities & Entrance Fees as stated
- Meals as stated

Excludes:

- Local and International flights
- All expenses of a personal nature
- Visa Fees
- Tips and Gratuities
- Personal insurance



Travel Info

Namibia is situated in the South – Western corner of Africa and is a land of remarkable contrasts. Despite its size (four times the size of Great Britain), It is sparsely populated with an estimated population of 2.1 Million people. The small population is largely due to the arid conditions, with a national average rainfall of 270mm per year.

Visa:

It is advisable to double –check visa requirements for your country of origin prior to travelling Visas are valid for up to three months from date of entry.

Time Zone:

GMT+2 in the summer (the first Sunday in September to the first Sunday in April);
GMT+1 in the winter (the first Sunday in April to the first Sunday in September)

Electricity:

220volts AC50hz

Mobile Phones:

Mobile communication system is GSM, roaming agreements exist with most international mobile phone operators. Coverage is limited areas.

Internet:

There are internet cafes situated throughout the country and most hospitality establishments offer an internet service.

Shopping:

Windhoek and Swakopmund offer a selection of stylish shops. Local crafts are sold in specialised, shops, as well as at street markets, most shops are open from Monday to Saturday, with selected shops and street markets open daily.

Money:

The Namibian Dollar (NAD: symbol N\$) is the country's official currency.it is equivalent to the South African Rand which is also legal tender in Namibia.

Currency Exchange:

Traveller's cheques can be exchanged during normal banking hours at any of the commercial banks, or at bureau de change offices.

Credit Cards:

American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa are accepted. Check with your credit/debit card company for details of merchant acceptability and other services which may be available. Credit cards are not usually accepted at petrol station. ATM's for cash withdrawal are readily available in all towns.

Air Travel:

The National airline is Air Namibia, offering daily flights from Frankfurt to Windhoek. British Airways, South African Airways, Air Berlin and TAAG also fly to Namibia. Flying time from Frankfurt to Windhoek is 11 hours and flying time between Windhoek and Johannesburg/Cape Town is 2 hours. Departure taxes are levied but included in the ticket price.



Air Charter:

Visitors pressed for time may opt to travel from A to B by air. Planes can be chartered from several reputable charter companies.

Travelling by Road:

Namibia has approximately 5 450km of well-maintained tarred roads and 37 000km of gravel roads which differ in condition. Vehicles travel on the left-hand side of road. Self-drive visitors should exercise caution when driving on gravel roads. Do not exceed 80km/h.

Car Hire:

All major international car rentals are represented in Namibia. Vehicles are available at the Airport and Windhoek city centre, as well as some of the other major centres. An International Driving Permit is required.

What to Pack:

Namibia has typical semi-desert climate with hot days and cool nights. It is therefore advisable to include both summer and winter clothing.

Checklist:

A small first aid kit, sunglasses, sun protection cream, a hat, moisturizing lotion and lip balm, comfortable walking shoes, a swimsuit, binoculars, toiletries, a small torch, travel insurance documents, and a telephone list (of family/friends/medical practitioner back home to contact in case of emergency) are recommended.

Health:

Private medical care in major towns and cities is good, especially in Windhoek. There are several private clinics which maintain international standards. Most remote towns have a modest hospital or clinic.

Vaccinations:

Take the usual precautions and consult your doctor. There are no mandatory vaccinations for travelers from Europe. The risk of contracting malaria is restricted mainly to the northern parts of the country and is usually limited to the wet summer months.

Insurance:

It is advisable to take out foreign travel health insurance which includes cover for repatriation. When signing for insurance, ensure that the cost for emergency flights within Namibia is covered, as well as repatriation to your home country. Emergency air evacuation is generally reliable if all paperwork is available and in order. Ensure your contract and passport are easily accessible in case of an emergency.

Weather:

The Namib Desert coastline is usually cool with a thick coastal fog. The country has summer rainfall. Summer temperatures are high while the nights are cool. Winter nights can be very cold, but days are generally pleasant. In summer (September to April) the average interior temperature ranges from 20-34C during the day. Temperatures above 40C are often recorded in the extreme north and south of the country. The coast has a relatively stable range of 15-25C. In Winter (April-September) temperatures in the interior range from 18-25C during the day and can drop to below freezing at night.

