



**Namab Desert Tours** operates an exclusive wilderness concession based at and surrounding the Meob Bay area on the Namib West Coast, situated within the famous Namib Naukluft National Park. We offer three unique tour routes which dissect the greater Namib Desert and its Dune Sea region; these include our Kanaan, Elim and Walvisbay eco-adventure routes.

The Kanaan route enters the Naukluft Park from a South-Eastern inland park boundary gate, while Elim access the park from a central gate on its Eastern boundaries and Walvisbay enters from the North on the coastal boundary.

### **Eco-Route 1: Kanaan**

Kanaan is a 5 day route.

The first evening we rendezvous in the deep south of Namibia and sleep over at the Betta Camp site, owned by Henry Vermeulen. The facilities offer decent bungalows and campsites that sport hot water and adequate ablutions. These accommodations are not included in the tour price and will be for your own account as our tour starts officially on departure after breakfast the following morning.

The overnight cost is N\$380 per person for the bungalows and N\$180 per person for those that would like to camp, this includes a delicious T-Bone dinner and bacon and eggs breakfast.

**Day 1:** After breakfast we do a short safety talk and get the vehicles kitted with two-way radios so we can start getting used to radio etiquette. From Betta we depart to the Kanaan entrance gate which is about 70km South West of Betta, we should enter the Park at approximately 10h00 the morning.

The first day is laid back driving and game viewing, such as Oryx and Springbuck, some Ostrich and if we're lucky maybe a Leopard. Depending on the day's activities and travelling the second evening we'll overnight at a granite outcrop or spectacular dune hole known as the "wakeup call", with a spectacular view, and daunting challenges.

**Day 2:** Up early we start with breakfast at 07h00 and within the first half an hour of driving we'll enter the dunes and get down to introducing everybody to dune driving techniques and general safety aspects. The first three hours is slightly uncomfortable driving as a result of the grass mounds, thereafter its clean dune driving. We'll be making regular stops to take photos and to get refreshments. We'll be visiting Witberg, an unforgettable sight. During this day everyone will be warming up for the big dunes ahead on day 3.

**Day 3&4:** We will start in "Eben se gat", it's a surprise and serious challenge!! On this day we won't cover much distance because of the extremely high dunes but be assured every kilometre will be adrenalin fuelled, testing each driver, passenger and vehicle's true grit. On the third night we will sleep wild amongst the highest dunes in the world and under the most magnificent night skies ever. We ever so slowly creep closer towards the Atlantic, where we will arrive at our oasis in the Namib Desert, our beloved Namab Oasis camp. Here we shake of the past days desert living with 2 hot water showers, 2 luxury toilets and a

kitchen with a boma large enough to cater for 30 people and for those that are in need of some pampering we have recently also added our luxury tented camp.

We spend in leisure at our camp and guests can choose from angling in one of Africa's best fishing spots, tackle the dunes some more or go explore some of the various abandoned mining camps or shipwrecks. Or simply just soak up the sun while relaxing with a good book at camp. After an exciting fishing day we like to spoil our guest with fresh fish prepared our secret way for supper. Every afternoon we enjoy sundowners as we welcome in the cool desert night and get cosy around the camp fire in our boma, sharing good food, fireside adventures and nursing new friendships.

**Day 5:** It is our last day and once again have an early start with breakfast at 7am and ready to depart at 10am. We bid farewell to our "desert oasis home away from home" and start a 6 hour drive up the coast where you will see various attractions like the greater Meob Bay, shipwrecks, plenty of cape fur seals and jackal.

We do offer the addition of one day to the tour in order to view the wide spread historical attractions of the abandoned diamond mining towns of Grillenberger, Holzhatia and Sarlotenvelde.

## **Eco Route 2: Elim**

Elim is a 5 day tour and perceived as our more extreme route best suited for the more experienced guests that have been on dune driving adventures before. These dunes are very challenging and extremely technical and will give any experienced off-road enthusiast a run for his money.

The first evening we rendezvous either at Sesriem or Solitaire in Southern Namibia as our adventure starts the next morning after breakfast. Accommodation on this evening is for your own account and must be booked well ahead of time as these are major tourism attractions and occupied during season. Accommodation ranges from luxury lodges, guest farms and camp sites, we can make recommendations if required.

**Day 1:** We get going early after breakfast at 08h00 and head 10 km north of Sesriem to the farm better known as Elim and on arrival immediately we thoroughly check our vehicles one last time and deflated our tyres to 0.8 BAR, as the big dune challenges starts right away.

White knuckled and adrenalin pumping we will stop at an adequate spot amongst these towering dune giants and get the nerves settled with a cold one while we prepare a scrumptious meal and enjoy camping wild in an awe-inspiring area.

**Day 2 & 3:** We are up early again and ready for another two days of rising to this ultimate 4x4 challenge as we continue to exceed personal boundaries and explore the oldest desert in the world. Two days we spend traversing these "mountains of sand", while we camp wild on this sea of sand until we reach the great Atlantic ocean, with amazing vistas and serious relieve we have a well deserved refreshment as you have just conquered one of the world's most challenging terrains, a feat worth celebrating. This route is truly a photographers and 4X4 enthusiasts dream. At the end of day 3 we arrive at our beloved Namab Oasis, our desert camp on the coast.

**Day 4 :** We spend in leisure at our camp and guests can choose from angling in one of Africa's best fishing spots, tackle the dunes some more or go explore some of the various abandoned mining camps or shipwrecks. Or simply just soak up the sun while relaxing with a good book at camp. After an exciting fishing day we like to spoil our guests with fresh fish prepared our secret way for supper. Every afternoon

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**Day 5:** It is our last day and once again have an early start with breakfast at 7am and ready to depart at 9am. We bid farewell to our “desert oasis home away from home” and start a 6 hour drive up the coast where you will see various attractions like the greater Meob Bay, shipwrecks, plenty of cape fur seals and jackal.

### **Eco Tour 3: Walvisbay**

Our Walvisbay tour is essentially a very relaxed tour where we spend less time navigating the desert and more time is spend in leisure at our Namab Oasis camp and can be booked for any duration from 3 to 6 night periods. This is the perfect option for those interested in photographing of the desert, ship wrecks and old mining towns. It is also our best option for the serious fishing enthusiast as our camp is located on Meob Bay one of the best rock and surf fishing spots on the African west coast. We angle strictly according to our concession rules and offer an amazing catch and release opportunity to hook some of the biggest specimen of Atlantic fish species. For the 4x4 enthusiast we do still have plenty of opportunity to test grit and brawn with some serious dune driving areas near our camp location.

The Walvisbay option is the most versatile and flexible tour option we have and guest groups can really tailor their program as they see fit and according to their personal interest, also perfect for corporate get away that can offer many options to our guest.

The evening before departure guests have to arrange accommodation in either Swakopmund or Walvisbay, we can advise on accommodation options if need be. On the evening according to where the majority of the group stays we will arrange to meet up at a local restaurant for introduction to the crew and to confirm our departure rendezvous the next day. Kindly note accommodation and dinner on the evening will be for your own account.

The next morning we get together at about 07h00 depending on the tides for that particular day or season. We will navigate a coastal route with some challenging dunes and various places of interest for about 5 to 6 hours until we reach our beloved Namab Oasis camp. The remainder of the days we spend in leisure at our camp and guest can choose from angling in one of Africa’s best fishing spots, tackle the dunes some more or go explore some of the various abandoned mining camps or shipwrecks. Or simply just soak up the sun while relaxing with a good book at camp. After an exciting fishing day we like to spoil our guest with fresh fish prepared our secret way for supper. Every afternoon we enjoy sundowners as we welcome in the cool desert night and get cosy around the camp fire in our boma, sharing good food, fireside adventures and nursing new friendships.

### **Other important aspects to consider:**

Please note all tours are self drive 4X4 guided tours. If professional drivers, guides, camping gear and vehicles are required we can arrange it at extra cost.

There is an unlicensed air strip at Meob Bay and arrangements can be made to use this air strip if the client wants to fly in to our NAMAB Oasis camp.

The tour tariffs are set per person and include 3 meals a day including coffee, tea and fruit juice. On the 1<sup>st</sup> we only cater for lunch and dinner and on the last day we only provide breakfast and lunch respectively.

Also includes professional guides and tour assistance, our Namab Oasis Camp facilities and all other required equipment and safety requirements.

For your own account, will be your own vehicle & adequate fuel, camping equipment as required, fresh water, beverages and x2 large bags of fire wood, recovery fee if vehicle brakes down and must be towed to the nearest town.

We can arrange with transport of gear if space becomes an issue on your vehicle.

Regards:

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