

NAMIBIA SOUTH 13 DAY GUIDED SAFARI

for 4 – 8 guests



Namibia's south extends from **Windhoek** right down to the **Orange River** which forms the border with South Africa. The south is characterised by two deserts, the **Kalahari** in the east and the **Namib** in the west. Lots of **desert sand**, **fascinating geology**, the **wild horses** of the Namib, **fairy circles** and so much more will create lasting memories for you on this 13-day tour. And, of course, the route also includes the **Fish River Canyon**, the largest canyon in Africa. The south is malaria-free all year round, which makes this trip ideally suited for families with smaller children.



Itinerary

Day 1

Arrival in Windhoek

We will be met, at the airport, by our guide. We travel the short distance to the lodge in the Auas Mountains. In the afternoon we enjoy a game drive to view a large variety of animals and birds.

Auas Safari Lodge south of Windhoek

Day 2

Journey to the Kalahari semi-desert

In the morning we travel south, via Rehoboth, to a lodge on the edge of the Kalahari. Red sand dunes and the endemic Camelthorn trees form the landscape. We are taken on a game drive, in an open game drive vehicle, to view the many desert adapted antelope and birds including the giant sociable weaver nests.

Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge in the Kalahari



Day 3

Drive via Keetmanshoop to the Fish River Canyon

Today we cover a longer stretch. Geologically interesting Karoo landscape with interesting desert flora including the majestic tree aloes, Quiver Tree. The dead branches, of the quiver tree, were used by the bushmen as quivers to store their arrows. If we want to see these tree aloes up close, we can visit the Quiver Tree Forest. Close to the Quiver Tree Forest is also the fascinating "Giants Playground". These 180-million-year-old dolerite and basalt rocks look like they have been stacked by giants to form geometrical puzzles.

Canyon Lodge at the Fish River Canyon

Day 4

Sightseeing at the Fish River Canyon

The Fish River Canyon is the world's second largest canyon. The canyon is about 160 km long, 27 km wide at some places and up to 550 m deep. The Fish River doesn't carry water continuously, but in the rainy season the river can turn into a torrent, flowing into the Orange River, the border to South Africa. At the lodge as well as the canyon there are a few hiking trails.

Canyon Lodge at the Fish River Canyon



Day 5

Journey along the Orange River to Aus

Today's scenic route takes us first south and then along the Orange River. The Orange River forms the border with South Africa and flows through a beautiful desert landscape. Alfalfa and wine are grown along the Orange River. The glowing green provides a welcome change from the otherwise extremely dry environment.

Klein-Aus Vista, Desert Horse Inn Lodge

Day 6

Drive to Lüderitz

We drive through the Namib desert to Lüderitz at the Atlantic Ocean. Discovering Lüderitz and surrounding also includes a visit to the ghost town of Kolmanskop. The diamond boom began 1908 with the find of the first diamond while building the railway line. This caused fortune hunters to converge in droves on Kolmanskop in hope of quick fortune. The Town degenerated after World War 1, when diamond prices crashed.

Nest Hotel Lüderitz, on the beach



Day 7

Drive along the Tiras Mountains, and NamibRand Nature Reserve

The drive back to Aus and along the Namibrand is one of the most beautiful and impressive. The Tiras Mountains to the right of the road and to the left the red-yellow dunes of the Namib.

The Dunes Lodge is perched on top a dune plateau with a panoramic, breath-taking view in all direction.

Exclusive Wolwedans Dunes Lodge

Day 8

Wolwedans Dunes Lodge

The Namib Rand Nature Reserve is a highlight for avid photographers and nature lovers. Game and Nature drives are on offer in the morning and the afternoon. We drive across the seemingly endless grasslands, studded with the legendary fairy circles, over small dunes and mystical mountain formations. Oryx, ostriches and springbok have developed the ability to survive in this arid desert area. These landscapes are beautiful and radiate a special peace, soothing the soul.

Exclusive Wolwedans Dunes Lodge



Day 9*Sesriem/Sossusvlei*

Enjoy the morning at the Dune Lodge, since we have only a short distance to drive to the next lodge. Our lodge overlooks the massive sand sea to the west and the Naukluft mountains in the east. Drive to Sossusvlei, deep into the heart of the dunes ending at the world famous Dead Vlei. A lovely area to walk amongst the highest dunes in the world and the dead tree trunks of the Dead Vlei. Since the sun is already quite low, the high sand dunes shimmer golden, yellow and reddish on one side, but are dark and shady on the other side. As a result, the ridge stands out sharply. On the way back to the lodge we view the Sesriem Canyon.

Sossusvlei Lodge close to the park entrance

Day 10*Drive via Gaub Pass into the Gamsberg*

Via Solitaire, where we can taste the legendary apple pie, we drive to the Corona Guest Farm. This lodge is located at the foot of the Gamsberg, which is the third highest mountain in Namibia with 2347m. It is famous for good service and delicious cuisine.

After tea and cake, we go on a farm tour in the rough and rugged landscape of the area. Selecting a particularly beautiful vantage point we enjoy the sunset with a drink.

Corona Guest Farm at the Gamsberg

**Day 11***Drive close to Windhoek*

Our journey is slowly coming to an end. We travel over the Gamsbergpass and the Khomas Hochland to the GocheGanas Game Reserve. About 25 different wildlife species call the private Nature reserve of about 6000 ha their home. We say farewell to our guide.

You can relax in the lovely gardens and at the pool.

GocheGanas Nature Reserve close to Windhoek

Day 12*Gocheganas Nature Reserve*

We can relax or take a game drive or visit the tastefully decorated wellness centre where massages, sauna and much more is offered (all activities optional).

Gocheganas Nature Reserve close to Windhoek (DBB)

Day 13*Flight Windhoek – Europe*

We can still enjoy the last morning in the Namibian bush. Then transfer to the airport, and outbound flight from Namibia in the afternoon or evening.

Price on request

Included in the price:

Full board
Activities as indicated
Professional tour guide with a 4x4 Landcruiser or VW Crafter
Entrance fees, permits, drinks and fuel

Not Included:

Flights
Tips and drinks

Note:

Guests can request alternative accommodation or change the itinerary to their individual requirements. Should some of the lodges be fully booked, we will be able to find suitable alternatives. This could have an effect on the final price of the tour.

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