

NAMIBIA SOUTHERN ODYSSEY SWS7



ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

DATE	ROUTING
DAY 1 - Monday	WINDHOEK – KALAHARI DESERT
DAY 2 - Tuesday	KALAHARI DESERT – FISH RIVER CANYON
DAY 3 - Wednesday	FISH RIVER CANYON – AUS
DAY 4 - Thursday	AUS – MALTAHOHE
DAY 5 - Friday	MALTAHOHE – NAMIB NAUKLUFT PARK
DAY 6 - Saturday	NAMIB NAUKLUFT PARK – SWAKOPMUND
DAY 7 - Sunday	SWAKOPMUND - WINDHOEK
	END OF TOUR

Meal Key

BB	Bed and Breakfast
DBB	Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
DBB+	Dinner, Bed and Breakfast plus one additional activity
DBB++	Dinner, Bed and Breakfast plus two additional activities
FB	Full Board (includes 3 meals per day)
FB+	Full Board (includes 3 meals per day) plus one additional service
FB++	Full Board (includes 3 meals per day) plus two additional services
FI	Fully Inclusive (includes all meals and local drinks), plus all activities
LP	Lunch Pack
BP	Breakfast Pack

Minimum 2 guests / Maximum 12 guests

Selected departure dates

DURATION:

7 Days/6 Nights

ROUTING

WINDHOEK - WINDHOEK

DEPARTURE DATES

	Nov17	Dec17	Jan18	Feb18	Mar18	Apr18	May18	Jun18	Jul18	Aug18	Sep18	Oct18
Ger/Eng	13	11	15	5;19	5;19	9;23	7;21	4;18	2;9;23;30	6;20;27	3;17	1;8;22

INCLUDES

6 breakfasts, 6 dinners, accommodation, bottled water on board, transport in air-conditioned vehicles, portorage, entrance fees and sightseeing as specified.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Please check visa requirements, as certain nationalities may require visas in order to travel through Namibia

LANGUAGE

All departures are in dual language German/English commentary

Highlights: Kalahari Desert, Quiver Tree Forest, Fish River Canyon, Feral Horses of the Namib, Namib Desert, Sossusvlei, Moon landscape and Swakopmund.

Rates valid 01/11/2017 - 31/10/18

NAD 23 800.00 per person sharing

NAD 25 680.00 per single person

Accommodation used:

Kalahari Anib Lodge or similar x 1 night

Cañon Roadhouse or similar x 1 night

Klein Aus Vista - Desert Horse Inn or similar x 1 night

Hammerstein Rest Camp or similar x 1 night

Namib Naukluft Lodge or similar x 1 night

Brigadoon Guesthouse or similar x 1 night

DAY 1 - MONDAY

Depart Windhoek and drive to the Kalahari Desert, via the small town of Rehoboth, a community that still lives according to their paternal laws dating back to 1872. The Kalahari Desert is not a desert in the strictest sense of the word, as it receives too much rainfall. It's only the vast expanses of sand, through which precipitation filters rapidly, leaving nothing on the surface, that have made the Kalahari into the "thirst land" that early European settlers described. Enjoy a scenic, sunset nature drive in an open safari vehicle before dinner. [Dinner]

DAY 2 - TUESDAY

After breakfast, drive through the Kalahari region and visit the Quiver Tree Forest near Keetmanshoop. The forest was declared a national monument of Namibia and comprises of about 250 specimens of Aloe dichotoma, from which the San people used to make quivers. A short stop will be made in Keetmanshoop, with lunch en route that will be for your own account. Visit the Naute Dam, Namibia's third largest dam. Stretch your legs with an easy walk to a nearby mountain and enjoy a complimentary drink as you watch the sunset. [Breakfast & Dinner]

DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY

This morning we travel to the spectacular Fish River Canyon, the largest canyon in Africa. It features a gigantic ravine, in total about 160km long, up to 27km wide and in some places 550m deep. Our journey continues to Aus with lunch en route (for own account). You might see the desert adapted Wild Horses of the Namib. These horses hold an irresistible fascination, as they managed to adapt to the harsh conditions of the desert. Enjoy spectacular scenery of the Aus Mountains on an unguided walk and a scenic sun downer drive in the afternoon (for own account). [Breakfast & Dinner]

DAY 4 - THURSDAY

Today you'll be spoilt with ever-changing vistas of the desert landscapes when driving along the most beautiful district road in Namibia, the D707 (road conditions permitting). Visit Duiseb Castle, a grand medieval fortress, built in the hills of the semi-arid Southern Namib region. Learn more about the Castle's fascinating history, before continuing to your lodge, arriving in the early afternoon. [Breakfast & Dinner]

DAY 5 - FRIDAY

Today will be an early start to explore the spectacular towering dunes of Sossusvlei and Dead Vlei, another pan where water once flowed, but all that remains today are the skeletons of trees that reach up out of the cracked earth. Enjoy a drive in 4x4 vehicles into the heart of the Namib Desert. Visit the rugged Sesriem Canyon where you can view millions of years of sedimentary layers in the ravine walls. Views from the top are breathtaking while walks through the canyon reveal distinct geographical layers which were laid down over centuries. Travel past the impressive Namib Naukluft Mountains to your lodge. [Breakfast & Dinner]

DAY 6 - SATURDAY

After breakfast, drive through Kuiseb Canyon and continue towards Walvis Bay, Namibia's largest commercial port. Enjoy an opportunity for lunch in Walvis Bay (for own account). The Walvis Bay Lagoon is considered one of the richest and most important wetlands in southern Africa, with prolific birdlife and diverse species. Our journey continues to Swakopmund, a city that resembles a small German town, with seaside promenades, restaurants, cafes and museums. Enjoy a sun downer drive to the Moon Landscape, a barren, undulating rocky desert which was formed by the valleys of the Swakop River. Enjoy a complimentary sun downer drink, whilst absorbing the rugged beauty of this lunar landscape. [Breakfast & Dinner]

DAY 7 - SUNDAY (unguided)

Explore the quaint town of Swakopmund (unguided) in the morning. After an early lunch (for own account), continue inland towards the towns of Usakos and Karibib. A short visit to a craft market in Okahandja is made. The tour ends on arrival in Windhoek during the late afternoon. Alternatively stay two additional nights in Swakopmund and join the Northern Namibia Odyssey. [Breakfast]

