

Leaflove self-drive Safari

to the southern sights and secrets of Namibia

„Southern Highlights“

12 PAGES - 15 DAYS

“Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all of one’s lifetime.”

- Mark Twain

Overview

The south of Namibia will enchant you! You will explore the southern highlights of Namibia on safe, well-thought-out routes and stay in carefully selected accommodations. You will experience the deep red dunes of the Kalahari, the playground of giants, beautiful quiver tree forests, and contrasting erosion landscapes of the Fish River Canyon (notably the second-largest canyon on Earth) and the accompanying valley of the Orange River. You will encounter Namibia's wild horses and hike in the granite boulders of the Tiras Mountains.

Sossusvlei and the world's tallest dunes will be visited intensively, including the very exclusive area of the Namib Rand Nature Reserve. We know where you can capture the best photos and where the "eye-catchers" grow.

On the southwest coast, you will experience a penguin colony and remote ghost towns from the colonial era, far from the usual tourist crowds.

Swakopmund is a vacation spot... enjoy a few days there and witness the rich marine life in the Atlantic, perhaps through a boat trip or kayaking with thousands of seals.



Self-driving yet well-informed:

We always put together our trips to be informative and enriching. While you'll drive the connecting routes yourself, we are happy to arrange the necessary locally guided game drives and activities for you on-site.

Logistics @ arrival

- * Locate you as you enter the airport's arrival hall – you're eager to assist you.
- * Our team at Leaflove Safari will efficiently manage and oversee the vehicle handover, including insurance logistics.
- * You'll receive your vouchers, maps, a detailed route description, and, of course, a warm welcome package.
- * Additionally, you'll equip you with a GPS device featuring pre-programmed routes in the 'Tracks 4 Africa' system!

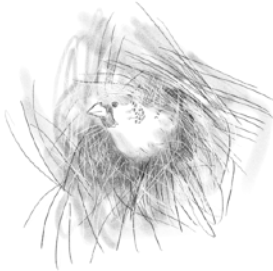
Day 1

First mammals, birds and a bit of time...

- * 1 night at a recreational lodge located near Windhoek.

inclusive:

- * Dinner, bed and breakfast



Acacia savanna of the central plateau called Khomas Highland

60 km - approx. 1 hour driving time

Welcome to Namibia! Long driving distances are not recommended after a tiring overnight flight, and you may want to do some shopping or sightseeing in Windhoek after picking up your rental car. Therefore, it is pleasant to reach the first overnight accommodation shortly after your arrival, considering Namibian distances.

A scenic drive through the central highlands, locally called the "Khomas Highland", opens up the wide geological variety found in Namibia. Most of southern Namibia is covered by enormous sandstone layers, ripped through by basaltic ridges and decorated by bulbous granite outcrops.

You can take wonderful short hikes or walks, or just enjoy the scenery by the pool. There is also the possibility to join a game drive in the afternoon, to enjoy your first African mammal and bird sightings.

natural: We have chosen a comfortable lodge with a quiet location in the middle of the acacia savannah for you. Game drives and nature walks are well possible or you can relax at the pool with a magnificent view into the acacia savannah.

classic: You will get south of Windhoek amidst a beautiful range of mountains at this beautiful lodge, with spa area and fantastic views, very comfortable to relax or even take your first game drive or hike in wildlife rich Africa.

luxury: On the small, but very fine, guest farm Voigtland, where the giraffes eat out of your hand while enjoying coffee & cake, you will be personally welcomed and cared for. Charmingly, the afternoon Coffee-time is now called "High Tea with Giraffes".



Days 2 & 3

ideal from February

- * 2 nights at a selected lodge in the middle of the linear dune landscape of the Kalahari.

inclusive :

- * Dinner, night and breakfast
- * 2 x game drives into the linear dunes where, besides beautiful scenery and diverse birdlife, some animals can also be observed.

Dune savannah of the Kalahari

240 km - approx. 3 hours driving time

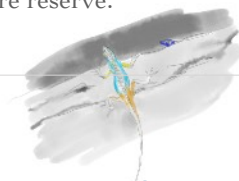
The Kalahari is an endless sea of red sand, carved up by ephemeral rivers with high camelthorn trees - beautiful! Kgalagadi means waterless, maybe that's why only the Bushmen dared to settle there. We drive through the acacia savanna of the central plateau until we reach the various linear dune landscapes, rough limestone reefs and wide salt pans of the Kalahari. The Kalahari is a paradise for photographers with its linear dune landscapes and camel thorn forests, especially sunrises and sunrises fascinate every nature lover. Gigantic Sociable Weaver nests literally cover ancient camel thorn acacias along the way - with a bit of luck you might even see a Cape Cobra, as they love to raid the nests of this communal bird.



natural: Rustic yet uniquely designed, you'll enjoy comfortable accommodations in a separate bungalow at this lodge. We chose this lodge because it's small and blends seamlessly with nature instead of cutting down trees – a delightful choice.

classic: The lodge offers various great accommodation options and excellent activities where you can spot a wide variety of animals. We've selected the Dune Bungalow for you, with a fantastic view of the Kalahari.

luxury: This lodge, known for its high quality and tasteful decor, is consistently highly recommended. You'll have truly impressive game drives in a vast nature reserve.



Extra night for photo enthusiasts?

This visit, however, in the light of noon, possible in transit

- * 1 night at a cozy guesthouse nestled in the charming town of Keetmanshoop, where personalized service awaits you.

inclusive :

- * Dinner, bed and breakfast

Remark:

Typically, we embark on the lengthy journey connecting the Kalahari and the Fish River Canyon, as the expansive asphalt road encourages brisk driving and the surrounding scenery remains rather unchanging. Consequently, pausing for a rest and photo opportunity amidst the captivating quiver tree forest near Keetmanshoop can be regarded as a delightful interlude along our route.

Quiver trees & the playground of giants

300 km - approx. 3 hours driving time

The Giants' Playground is a natural wonder featuring basaltic dolerite boulders, covering the southern plains like black warts. Marvel at the surreal rock formations and their intriguing piled-up shapes while finding Agamas and a few birds. People here still firmly believe in the existence of the giant snake that can devour sheep and the „tokoloshe“, a dwarfed creature which bewitches you at night. This would be the reason why many Nama people only live in round huts, as the latter can hide in corners. You have plenty of time to photograph the numerous quiver trees, these are great big Aloes, while we point out a few other species of Aloe and Euphorbia as well.

Additional days for animal observation?

watch out for small animals and predatory cats...

- * 1 night at a lodge near the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park.

inclusive :

- * Dinner, bed and breakfast
- * 3 nights at a lodge within the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park.

inclusive :

- * *natural*: Dinner, bed and breakfast
- * *classic & luxury*: Full board including all activities / game drives

Deep into the Kalahari, into the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park

364 km - approx. 3,5 hours driving time to Mata Mata

65 km - approx. 3,5 hours driving time to Kamqua Picnic Site / Xaus

The Kalahari offers a striking landscape, with red linear dunes punctuated by expansive salt pans, yellow grass against crimson soil, and towering Camelthorn trees casting welcome shade for a diverse range of antelope. It's a place where you should set aside expectations of encountering large game and instead open your eyes to the extraordinary. The park is renowned for its exceptional birdlife, especially raptors. Abundant rats and mice provide a rich food source for various raptors, including the diminutive Pygmy falcon, which cleverly utilizes the nests of Sociable weavers.

In the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, it's essential to take the time to observe the behaviour of various antelope and smaller creatures. Often, extended game drives along the Auob and Nossob riverbeds yield rewarding sightings of lions, cheetahs, and even leopards. Meanwhile, Wildebeest, Ostriches, Springbok, Steenbok, and even Eland continue to captivate visitors. Don't miss the opportunity to join night drives led by the park's game wardens; they offer a unique and unforgettable experience.

natural: We'll secure a cozy lodge right near Mata Mata, the gateway to South Africa's Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, along with a two-night stay at the Twee Rivieren rest camp within the national park. While Twee Rivieren is a semi-government rest camp, it provides generally comfortable accommodations, though some flexibility may be required when it comes to service and dining.

classic & luxury: The Namibian lodge stands out for its exceptional and well-preserved wildlife population, including the presence of black-maned lions in the vicinity. Within the park, we've chosen an all-inclusive lodge for you, nestled amidst the stunning dune landscapes, offering top-notch game drives led by experienced local guides. We highly recommend indulging in this accommodation choice, and we'd even suggest considering a two-night stay at the Namibian lodge to fully immerse yourself in the abundant wildlife experiences it offers.



Days 4 & 5

always a beautiful view..

- * 2 nights east of the canyon at a good lodge with hiking facilities.

inclusive :

- * Dinner, bed and breakfast



natural & classic: Located in close proximity to Canyon Park, you'll find a charming lodge exquisitely adorned in a vintage style, perched right atop a geologically captivating dolomite reef. This accommodation not only provides excellent hiking opportunities but also presents intriguing photographic subjects, featuring iconic quiver trees set against seemingly boundless landscapes.

luxury: Nestled amid expansive granite spheres, you'll discover the finest lodge in the region. While hiking is certainly an option, we highly recommend indulging in the local game drives that take you to a prominent vantage point, offering a mesmerizing view of the ever-changing landscape's vivid colours.

Alternative or supplementary programme?

- * 2 nights of unparalleled splendour at a remarkable lodge perched on the western rim of the canyon.

inclusive :

- * Dinner, bed and breakfast
- * Guided sundowner drive in an open game drive vehicle to various viewpoints on the day of arrival.
- * Full day drive down into the canyon. The lodge advertises: "The drive is an exhilarating descent deep into the canyon, and although safe, it will get your pulse racing. We are the only lodge with off-road access into the heart of the canyon."

Fishriver Canyon

470 km - approx. 5 hours driving time

The Fish River Canyon is an absolute marvel, both in terms of its geological wonders and its awe-inspiring natural beauty. Its breathtaking rock formations, erosion valleys, and remarkable depth make it a true spectacle. Many years ago, early explorers were drawn to this geological wonder, unable to resist its allure.

In this semi-desert environment, the diverse plant life is equally captivating. Deep red aloes, enchantingly beautiful yet highly poisonous spurges, marvellously camouflaged stone creepers, and the play of light all conspire to enthrall our visitors. In the words of a young boy asked for directions to the canyon, "Something terrible must have happened to the earth many years ago" to create such a place.

You can easily access several "viewpoints" by vehicle, but we also take the time to lead you on a walk along the canyon rim, where we introduce you to the fascinating local fauna and flora. From the agile Klipspringer and elusive Hyrax to soaring Black Eagle, elusive mountain zebras, and sun-basking agamas, this unique ecosystem offers a rich tapestry of life to discover and appreciate.

Fishriver Canyon... far West!

250 km - approx. 3,5 hours driving time

Indeed, it's true that most people have traditionally experienced the Fish River Canyon from its eastern side due to its early tourist discovery, making Hobas the primary vantage point. From there, visitors have gazed into the canyon's deepest part, spanning from east to west. However, we're thrilled to offer you a unique opportunity to explore the other side. Here, you can stay right on the canyon's edge, relishing an undisturbed and magnificent view like no other.



Day 6

Sunset brilliant all year round

- * 1 night in a charming, secluded, and uniquely crafted bungalow, nestled against breathtaking granite formations. The vistas from these bungalows are absolutely breathtaking.

inclusive :

- * Dinner, bed and breakfast



En route: Wild Horses of the Namib Desert

The origins of the wild horses in the Namib Desert remain a subject of ongoing debate. According to credible research, there is suspicion that these horses trace their lineage back to a German-Boer heritage, likely stemming from the tumultuous period of the First World War.

Regardless of the horses' historical origins or whether they serve a specific purpose in the ecosystem, there is something truly enchanting about witnessing these magnificent creatures roaming freely in their natural habitat. Perhaps, in your quest, you will even capture that elusive photograph of battling stallions you seek.

Rare succulents, wild horses & beautiful landscapes

380 km - approx. 5 hours driving time

„The journey along the meandering Orange River reveals a treasure far more valuable than any riches sought in the distance. Amidst this remarkable voyage, the enigmatic "half man" *Pachypodium namaquanum* emerges as one of nature's rarest marvels. This peculiar plant, with an unwavering tendency to face north, stands as a testament to the mysteries that abound in these lands.

The contrasting scenery adds to the allure of this journey. On one side, the lush, green riparian vegetation of the Orange River flourishes, offering a striking contrast to the arid, stony desert that stretches beyond. In this juxtaposition of life and desolation, one finds the essence of the journey—a captivating blend of history and nature.



Days 7 & 8

windy & temperate climate...

- * 2 nights in very modern - comfortable rooms directly on Shark Island with cloth-feeling views of the stormy Atlantic.

inclusive :

- * Bed and breakfast. Lüderitz boasts a variety of fantastic restaurants, and we would be delighted to provide recommendations. Alternatively, you can conveniently dine at our accommodation or explore the nearby options at your leisure."
- * Boat trip to Halifax Island. Here, you can witness the elusive African penguin and frequently encounter Heaviside's dolphins, offering a truly invigorating and captivating experience.



Lüderitz Bay, Halifax Island and Penguins

125 km - approx. 1,5 hours driving time

On the arduous journey to the Atlantic, the rich tapestry of German colonial history unfurls alongside vast, pastel-hued landscapes.

A must-stop is Haalenberg, where ascending to the old entrenchments offers not only a historical perspective but also a chance to marvel at the delicate flora and peculiar euphorbias.

Mr. Kolman once embarked on this route, but the unforgiving terrain left him disoriented. He believed himself far from the coast and regrettably had to put down his thirsty oxen. To his surprise, he soon stumbled upon Lüderitz Bay, just beyond the next hill. Kolmanskop emerged as a diamond stronghold and later transformed into a haunting ghost town—a visit that promises intrigue. Amidst the rugged gneiss formations, shaped by the relentless Atlantic over millennia, the port town of Lüderitz suddenly emerges. "How is life possible here?" you might ponder, but the echoes of diamond history and the pioneering ambitions of colonialism come alive in this unique setting.

natural: At Shark Island, you'll find a quaint guesthouse offering a breathtakingly beautiful view that comes highly recommended.

classic: Indulge in tastefully appointed rooms, each exuding its own distinctive character, complemented by a delightful breakfast and welcoming hosts within this charming historic villa. Additionally, the option to savour a delectable dinner is also available.

luxury: We have selected the finest hotel in the village for your stay. If you prefer a more individualized experience, the classic-style guest house would be an excellent choice.

Day 9

... peace and quiet

- * 1 night on a small guest farm / lodge in the middle of the Tiras Mountains. Here we are personally looked after.

inclusive :

- * Dinner, bed and breakfast



Additional Days for hikers ?

boots on, take your hat and go

- * 2 nights at the "bull's head" of the Naukluft on a very well run guest farm.

inclusive:

- * Class: Luxury Room
- * Dinner, bed and breakfast

Remark:

In this magnificent locale, the hiking trails into the mountains stretch over considerable distances. However, we've meticulously curated a diverse range of activities to cater to every guest's preferences. If hiking isn't your cup of tea, rest assured that we can arrange thrilling mountain excursions with expert drivers at your disposal.

Namtib Farm in the Tiras Mountains

250 km - approx. 3,5 hours driving time

Nature unfolds a remarkable spectacle as the rugged Tiras Mountains emerge like a string of picturesque islands amidst a sea of boundless red dunes and golden grasslands.

Your retreat at the Namtib Guest Farm immerses you in the quintessential Namibian rustic farm style, providing an opportunity to bask in profound silence and revel in the awe-inspiring landscapes that surround you. This haven offers more than just tranquility; it beckons you to explore the wilderness and its treasures.

A plethora of hiking trails awaits, each promising to unveil the unique vistas of the Namib. The Namtib Guest Farm proudly proclaims, "I have arrived - This is Namibia!" Indeed, it is here that you will encounter the essence of Namibia's soul. For those with a passion for flora and a keen eye for avian wonders, like the secretive Cinnamon-breasted Warbler, the hike into the Ghost Tree Gorge promises an unforgettable experience.

Hiking the Naukluft

291 km - approx. 4 hours driving time from Namtib

Today, our itinerary leads us to the Naukluft Mountains, a stunning realm composed of intricately folded and contorted dolomite, granite, and a myriad of captivating Tufa formations. Our journey unfolds on foot as we set out to explore this enthralling terrain.

Though the Naukluft Mountains may initially appear as a harsh, arid, and inhospitable expanse, but this region is a sanctuary teeming with avian life and an array of fascinating plant species.

Leaflove Safari regards the Naukluft Mountains as a hidden natural gem. Amidst this enchanting botany, you'll encounter Quiver trees, the distinctive elephant's feet, the hardy resurrection bush, also known as bushman's tea, and the intriguing bushman's candles. As you traverse the rugged slopes, you may catch sight of the regal Hartmann mountain zebras, the majestic greater kudus, and the agile Klipspringer, gracefully perched upon the steep rocky terrain. Meanwhile, a captivating variety of fig species will beckon the delightful Rosy-faced lovebirds to their succulent offerings.

Additional Days on our Farm?

A farm just for you, no other tourists around...

- * 2 nights retreat at Leaflove Safari's exclusive game and nature reserve, nestled in charming guest rooms. Please note, this stay is exclusively reserved for Leaflove Safari clients.

Step into the historic family farm, now in its 5th generation, belonging to the Voigts von Schütz family. Embodying ecological principles, nature-friendly farming, and a deep affection for the rugged semi-desert landscape, this farm truly embodies the essence of Namibia.

inclusive:

- * Overnight stay and supported self-catering (filled fridge)



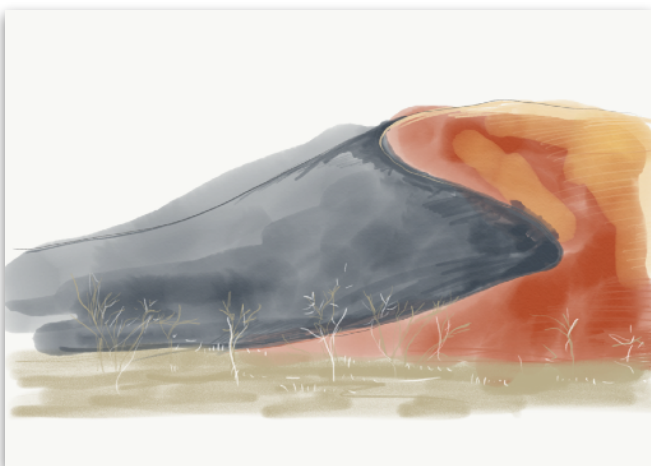
Additional Days „high end“ ?

... fantastic ocean of sand

- * 2 nights amid the stunning dune wilderness of Namib Rand Nature Reserve at our exceptionally exclusive lodge.

inclusive:

- * Full board
- * Explore the mesmerizing dune valleys of Namib Rand Nature Reserve with our ecologically sound game drives. Hop aboard open jeeps guided by our skilled team, and embark on a breathtaking journey through this remarkable landscape



Farm Nomtsas, the Leaflove Safari Nature Protectorate

230 km - approx. 3,5 hours driving time from Namtib

Heino Voigts' passion for nature and idealism inspired him to return the space that his forefathers had taken from it. Although he is no longer with us, his legacy thrives under our care in this pristine African corner, exclusively yours to savour – no other tourists in sight!

Look out for giraffes, diverse antelope, warthogs, and an array of semi-desert birdlife. Red sediment winds through vast, barren landscapes, linked by linear oases and ephemeral rivers, providing unexpected sustenance and shelter for wildlife. Ornithologists spot Sclater's larks, botanists discover Hoodias, geologists collect limonite cubes, and photographers capture the sun setting behind giraffes. There's time for everything.

We, Leaflove Safari, cherish this approximately 22,000 ha wilderness area, featuring several shallow reservoirs. If the rains have been generous, spend your day here, observing the abundant water and savannah birds.

Namib Rand Nature Reserve

245 km - approx. 3,5 hours driving t time from Namtib

Vast red dune valleys carpeted in golden grass stretch as far as the eye can see...

Spanning 202,200 hectares, the Namib Rand Nature Reserve ranks among Africa's largest private reserves and stands as a pinnacle of natural beauty!

Under Stephan Brückner's stewardship, this haven caters to landscape enthusiasts and nature aficionados, offering top-notch accommodations, impeccable service, eco-friendly practices, and exquisite cuisine.

The red-orange dunes of the Namib interlace with colossal inselbergs, while thousands of "fairycircles" adorn the endless dune valleys, leaving our guests breathless.

This sanctuary is home to numerous oryx antelope, springbok, mountain zebra, giraffes, and even hyenas, alongside countless small creatures. In all sincerity, we declare: "Until you've witnessed the Namib Rand Nature Reserve, you haven't truly experienced a quintessential, and perhaps the most beautiful, facet of the Namib dune world!"

Days 10, 11 & 12

... the highest star dune

- * 2 nights at a premium lodge nestled within Namib-Naukluft Park, granting you exclusive access to the majestic dunes before or during the magical sunrise (*classic & luxury only*).
- * 1 night in the fantastic landscapes of Gaub Canyon near the Rotstock mountain range.

inclusive:

- * Dinner, bed and breakfast

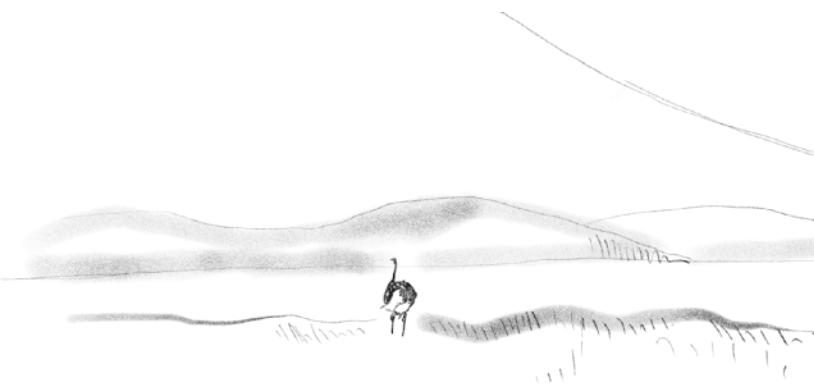
Dune landscapes at Sossusvlei, the Sesriem Canyon, and stunning desert vistas

275 km - approx. 1 hours driving time from Namibib & 120 km into Vley & 135 km - approx. 1,5 hours driving time to Gaub

After an early start, our journey takes us to Sossusvlei, a destination that's on every traveler's must-see list, known for being the birthplace of the world's tallest dunes. As the sun rises, it bathes the remarkable red dunes in a magical light, revealing their breathtaking beauty.

Sossusvlei, nestled at the end of the Tsauchab River, is a unique floral paradise in the heart of the arid Namib Desert, surrounded by dunes that can soar up to 300 meters high. As we explore the winding valleys, we gain insight into the remarkable adaptations that allow various organisms to thrive in this harsh desert environment. And when we finally reach the summit of these dunes, the panoramic view is truly spectacular, making the challenging hike well worth the effort.

Not too far from Sossusvlei lies the striking Sesriem Canyon, a deep and narrow gorge sculpted over countless years by the forces of deposition and erosion. In bygone days, ox-cart drivers had to connect six oars to draw water from this canyon, giving it the name "Sesriem." The geological history and stunning scenery of this area are truly eye-opening, leaving most visitors eager to return.



natural: Near the entrance to Namib-Naukluft Park, you'll find a sizeable lodge renowned for its superb buffet and convenient access to Sossusvlei. Here, guests can book a variety of activities and be right in the heart of all the "dune action." However, there's a drawback – the park only opens at sunrise, resulting in a delay of up to an hour to reach the vlei. This means you'll be traveling in the midst of the tourist rush and might not arrive at the vlei until at least an hour after sunrise.

On the second night, you'll experience rustic lodging nestled amidst the eroded hills of Gaub, offering a breathtaking view.

classic: Within Namib-Naukluft Park, there are just two lodges, and we've chosen the superior one for your stay. You'll enjoy the privilege of driving to Sossusvlei well before sunrise and staying until the late afternoon sunset, allowing you to explore in the best light without the crowds of tourists.

On the second night, you'll be accommodated near the striking Rotstock Mountains at an architecturally intriguing lodge known for its "pool overlooking the Namib," promising a memorable and picturesque experience.

luxury: You'll be staying at an exceptional, individually curated lodge on a private concession that grants you the exclusive opportunity for a guided game drive on a private road to Sossusvlei. There is no lodge closer to Sossusvlei than this one, although it's important to note that you will arrive at Sossusvlei approximately 30 minutes after sunrise!

Recommendation: Glide over the Namib dune world in a hot air balloon

Some experiences are simply a must! In the face of the region's unpredictable weather, Namib Sky's hot air balloons gracefully ascend amid the dunes and Huns mountains, gracing the gravel flats of the Tsauchab. This journey offers a breathtaking perspective of the dunes, mountains, and the enchanting tapestry of vibrant landscapes as they come alive in the morning light

If you would like a balloon ride, it would make sense to extend the trip here by one day!

Days 13 & 14

Four seasons in one day...

- * 2 nights in a safe accommodation in Swakopmund, tested and selected for you.

inclusive:

- * Bed and breakfast

not inclusive :

- * Dinner (there are several restaurants in Swakopmund, we will be happy to advise you and reserve a table for you...) While there are several excellent establishments in the area offering a diverse range of freshly caught fish and delectable seafood, don't overlook the exceptional roast pork available here.

Oldest desert to the majestic Atlantic Ocean...

230 km - approx. 3 hours driving time

Before you lies the vast expanse of Namib's gravel plains, occasionally punctuated by distant mountains and shimmering horizons. As we traverse the long, straight roads, sporadic dust plumes emerge, signifying our journey through, not our destination.

We opt for detours, venturing through sculpted granite landscapes, ancient erosion valleys, and dry riverbeds. In this eerily tranquil realm, we often encounter giraffes, zebras, antelopes, and, if fortune favours us, even cheetahs.

Our path leads us to the cave of two geologists, chronicled in the book "The Sheltering Desert." For this excursion, please don sturdy hiking boots.

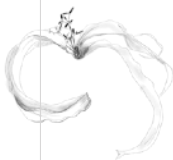
En route, we discover treasures like the world-famous "Welwitschia mirabilis," a 1500-year-old wonder, lichen fields, and the Swakop River's erosion valley, aptly nicknamed the "moonscape." Swakopmund, a charming coastal town, provides opportunities for leisurely strolls, sunbathing (weather permitting), exploration of both modern and colonial landmarks, and indulging in coffee. Private coffee roasteries, a renowned gin distillery, a vibrant art scene, and an unmistakable sense of relaxation tempt us to extend our stay. Notably, the town boasts the best-maintained private museum in the country, an oceanarium, a crystal gallery, and a charming bathing spot we affectionately call the "Mole."

natural: small hotel with a simple yet charming guest-house character, view on the ocean, central location, and a real good breakfast. Standard room.

classic: a good hotel very centrally located to the city centre and Atlantic Ocean - Junior Suite rooms
or

Stay at a welcoming guesthouse located approximately 1km from the city center, nestled near the sea, where you'll be hosted by our Italian friend Silvio and his wife Esbi. Experience the comfort of bright rooms and an open and inviting atmosphere.

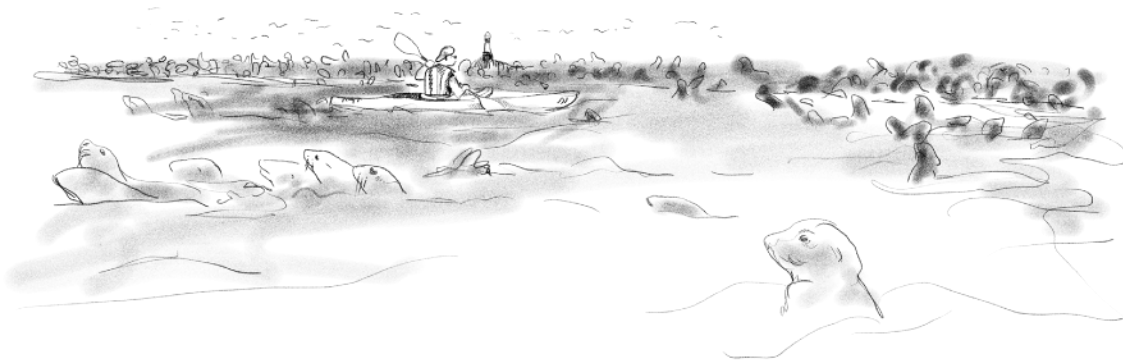
luxury: a good hotel directly on the pier overlooking the Atlantic Ocean - Luxury Suite. This hotel is rated as the best hotel in Swakopmund and has three excellent restaurants, very safe and comfortable.



Activities around Swakopmund:

Explore Walvis Bay, just 30 km south of Swakopmund, with its stunning 11,000 ha lagoon—a natural wonderland. Witness thousands of seabirds, seals, dolphins, and occasional whales and sunfish at this World Heritage Site.

- * For an indulgent experience, embark on a boat cruise, often on spacious catamarans, where you can savour fresh oysters, snacks, and champagne. Watch seals playfully jumping onto the boat while pelicans feed from your hand.
- * To get even closer to nature, consider a kayak tour on the lagoon. Explore Swakopmund's history with a knowledgeable local on a guided town stroll—a highly recommended activity.
- * Take in breathtaking sights on a sightseeing flight over Namibia's dune and desert landscapes, with a 2 to 2.5-hour option.
- * Dive deeper into the desert's wonders with an informative dune drive focusing on the "Little Five"—a collection of desert creatures including reptiles, insects, spiders, and birds.
- * For an exhilarating but rewarding adventure, try a fatbike ride with Swakop Fatbike Tours. Enjoy a comfortable ride through the captivating dune landscape.



Day 15

Sad goodbyes...

Abflug!



Last day...

375 km - approx. 4 hours driving time (Windhoek)

20 km - approx. 30 min driving time (Departure from Walvis Bay)

Continuing straight on the east-west route, you will reach Windhoek or alternatively Walvis Bay. Unfortunately, your journey concludes in Windhoek. We sincerely hope to welcome you in good health and high spirits.

After returning your rental car, you will be transported to the airport.

Of course, you can still explore the city and, for instance, visit the Craft Centre, where Namibian artists showcase their craftsmanship for sale."

Departure today or tomorrow?!

Many of our guests opt to combine the final leg of their journey with the airport transfer and check-in during the afternoon. However, recognizing that some prefer to explore the city further or minimize the last-day stress, we arrange an extra night in Windhoek or a stylish accommodation near the airport upon request. Namibia boasts excellent connectivity, with various airlines departing from either Windhoek, the capital, or Walvis Bay, providing flexibility for your travel preferences.

Additionally, some guests choose to enhance their experience with an added component, such as a fly-in to the Caprivi, a visit to the Okavango Delta, or a few days in Cape Town. The choice is entirely yours, and we're here to accommodate your preferences.

Indicative prices for 2024:

Participants per vehicle	<i>natural</i>	<i>classic</i>	<i>luxury</i>
1 Person	\$ 4.862,00	\$ 5.551,00	\$ 10.183,00
2 Persons	\$ 3.572,00	\$ 4.261,00	\$ 7.227,00
3 Persons	\$ 3.142,00	\$ 3.831,00	\$ 6.797,00
4 Persons	\$ 2.927,00	\$ 3.616,00	\$ 6.582,00
single room supplement	\$ 447,00	\$ 490,00	\$ 1.390,00

Inclusions:

Rental Car:

- * Off-road and safari-friendly 4x4 Toyota Fortuner or Land Cruiser (up to 4 people) *cheaper options available*
- * Tires suitable for gravel roads
- * Two spare tires in good condition
- * Maximum insurance coverage with lowest possible access (conditions apply)
- * Complimentary airport transfers and handling

Services:

- * Transfers as indicated in the itinerary
- * Accommodations and meals as indicated in the itinerary
- * Activities as indicated in the itinerary
- * Pre-programmed GPS with route itinerary / Tracks for Africa



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Please provide us with the following information for your personalized cost estimate:

- * Number of participants per vehicle
- * Double room / Single room
- * Travel dates (approximately)
- * Accommodation class: *standard, classic, luxury*, or a combination?
- * Specific vehicle requirements (child seats, automatic, etc.)

Exclusions:

- * Personal expenses
- * Additional optional activities
- * Beverages and gratuities
- * International and domestic flights
- * Fuel for the vehicle
- * Entrance fees to national parks and local attractions on the itinerary (to be paid on-site)
- * Visa expenses

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