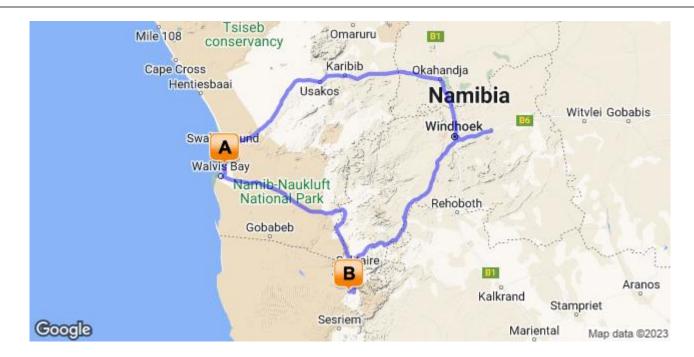


05 DAYS SOSSUSVLEI AND SWAKOPMUND ADVENTURE | Guided Tour

Swakopmund - Walvis Bay - Namib - Sossusvlei - Solitaire - Namib-Naukluft National Park 5 Days / 4 Nights

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NOTE:

Please be aware that accommodations mentioned in this itinerary is NOT confirmed.

It will only be CONFIRMED once we received the Tour FULL Payment or the Tour NON-Refundable Deposit of 40% of the Grand Total of the Tour.

Your consultant will advise you which accommodations are confirmed.

Introduction

This Trip will allow you to witness the Namib Desert of Namibia. The oldest desert the world has known.

You will visit the Naukluft National Park and Dorob National Park. And see how the dunes changes colours.

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	Bay View Resort Namibia	Swakopmund	B&B	2 Nights
Day 3	Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia	Sossusvlei	D,B&B	2 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast D,B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Included

- * Professional Guide / Chauffeur
- * Accommodation as stated in the program
- * Meals as stated in the program
- * The rental vehicle with all risk insured
- * Fuel for Vehicle
- * The Activities or Visits as STATED in the Program as INCLUDED
- * Entry fees to National Parks
- * Namibian VAT

Excluded

- * International flights
- * Personal Purchases
- * Entry fees to neighboring countries such as Zimbabwe
- * Drinks, which are the responsibility of travelers
- * Tips and gratitudes
- * Personal Medical Insurance and Repatriation (Very Important)
- * Optional Activities / Additional Activities

Day 1: Bay View Resort Namibia, Swakopmund



Located in southwestern Africa, Namibia boasts a well-developed infrastructure, some of the best tourist facilities in Africa, and an impressive list of breathtaking natural wonders. Visitors can explore the capital of Windhoek and discover the lovely coastal town of Swakopmund boasting remnants of the country's German influence, reflected in the architecture, culture, cuisine and the annual Oktoberfest celebrations. To properly appreciate this extraordinary country, you will have to venture out of the cities to explore the remarkable natural landscapes Namibia has to offer. These include: the impressive Fish River Canyon; the vast Etosha National Park teeming with abundant wildlife, such as lions, desert-adapted elephants and the Hartmann's Mountain Zebra; the hauntingly beautiful Kalahari Desert; and of course the Namib Desert stretching for over 2000 km along the magnificent Atlantic Coast. Namibia is an ideal destination for travellers seeking an unforgettable African experience in a uniquely beautiful untamed wilderness.



Set along Namibia's spectacularly scenic coast, the seaside town of Swakopmund is known for its wide-open avenues, colonial architecture, and its surrounding otherworldly desert terrain. Founded in 1892 as the main harbour for German South-West Africa, Swakopmund is often described as being more German than Germany. Now a seaside resort town, Swakopmund is the capital of the Skeleton Coast tourism area and has plenty to keep visitors happy. The quirky mix of German and Namibian influences, adventure options, laid-back atmosphere and cool sea breeze make it a very popular Namibian destination. Visitors can look forward to a number of exciting activities including: quad biking, horse riding, paragliding, fishing, sightseeing and fascinating desert tours.

Day Itinerary

Welcome to **Namibia**! We hope you had a pleasant flight. Your adventure begins here... Everything you've been looking forward to is now reality. Let that set in a minute.

At Windhoek Airport or At your Accommodation,

Discover the caring smile of your guide.

- If arriving from the Airport look out for your name on the welcome board and behind it the smiley face to welcome

you.

- If already in Windhoek, you guide will come collect you from your Accommodation that you have indicated or mentioned to us, of course with a great smile to welcome you.

Approximate transfer time to Windhoek from Hosea Kutako International Airport – 45 minutes

Your guide will handover your travel documents and help you get acquainted with your route and what to expect on your upcoming journey. Feel free to ask any questions. Your guide is flexible, as is your schedule, so plan it day by day as you go along to get the most out of your trip.

Your guide will know where the nearest shops and bank are if you wish to get anything. Grab some cold drinks and some snacks for the road. We recommend you plan to be on the road as early as you can.

Today you already heading to the gate of Dorob National Park in Swakopmund

Swakopmund is a town and seaside resort on Namibia's Atlantic coast. Swakopmund was founded in 1892 by German settlers some 50 km north of the major port of Walvis Bay. It has a population of around 42,000.

In the afternoon, if time permit we suggest you to do the Quad Bike in the oldest desert in the world. This activity is optional, which means you will pay for it directly at the activity center.

As the stars light up the Namibian sky, you gather around a friendly table to listen to your guide's information and discuss the journey ahead - This will happen daily until the end of your tour.

Overnight: Bay View Resort Namibia View iBrochure

Bay View Resort Hotel is a one of a kind, 4-star beach resort located in Dolphin Beach, halfway between Swakopmund and Walvis Bay, Namibia. The property offers 44 luxury rooms and two executive penthouse suites, all sea-facing with private balconies overlooking the Atlantic ocean. Guests can make use of the conference facility, the in-house SALT Restaurant as well as a Sky Bar on the 6th floor to take in views of the dunes and the sea.



Activities

Afternoon	Swakopmund City Tour
Afternoon	Desert Explorers Quad Biking 2 Hour Explorer Tour

Swakopmund City Tour

Better known as Namibia's playground, this idyllic town is wedged between the sweltering Namib Desert and cold Atlantic Ocean. This desert town is a rhapsody of adventure, fun, exploration and relaxation. Graced with many beautiful, old buildings in a colonial, Bavarian style, the best way to experience this small town is on foot.

Desert Explorers Quad Biking 2 Hour Explorer Tour

Located in Swakopmund, Namibia. Desert Explorers Quad Biking 2 Hour Explorer Tour takes visitors on a pleasant guided quad bike tour to explore the different plant and animal life of the Namib Desert. During a variety of stops along the way, visitors can learn a little about the creatures of the desert.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 2: Bay View Resort Namibia, Swakopmund

Day Itinerary

Early departure to Walvis Bay, the main port town of Namibia. A boat trip on the lagoon leads you to search for dolphins and sea lions - NOT Private

Early morning trip on the Atlantic Ocean by boat, looking for sea lions, dolphins, pelicans, cormorants and possibly the rare fish "Mola-Mola". This sea adventure allows you to discover the aquatic life of the coast in the best possible conditions, on a comfortable and spacious boat, usually a catamaran with a maximum capacity of 25 people.

Did you know that the Atlantic in Namibia was home to so many fur seals? You will observe them this morning from a catamaran. In the afternoon, free time in the confusing "Seaside" city of Swakopmund, founded by the German commander Curt Von Francois in 1892. The objective was to create a competing port of the one of Walvis Bay (held by the English) to put into service a naval line between Hamburg and Namibia from 1899. This was to facilitate the supply from Germany and support the colonization of the region.

Light Lunch during the boat trip

Optional Activities: Flight over the Namib Desert, 4X4 in the Dunes Sandwich harbor, QuadBiking ... We can make the reservation for you for these activities and you can pay on the spot.

Activities

Morning	Walvis Bay Boat Cruises					
Recommended						
Sandwich Harbour						
Sossusfly Scenic F	light					

Walvis Bay Boat Cruises

Several operators run boat cruises from Walvis Bay – some geared towards fishing or sightseeing and others towards dolphin and whale watching, but all offer the chance to experience the region's natural beauty and phenomenal marine and bird life.

Sandwich Harbour

Sandwich Harbour is an important wetland and ecosystem on the Atlantic coast of Namibia, located between Walvis Bay and Swakopmund. It is an important wildlife habitat for fish, shorebirds, and other seabirds, as well as a variety of migratory species. The area includes a bay in the north and a lagoon at the southern end, providing a tranquil environment for various aquatic creatures. The lagoon is home to several endangered species and is an important breeding ground for thousands of migratory birds, making it a unique and important area to be protected. The area also provides necessary resources for local communities, including a fishing industry and sea salt production.

Sossusfly Scenic Flight

The Sossusfly Scenic Flight is a flight that gives visitors the opportunity to experience a birds-eye view of the most spectacular scenery of the Namib Desert. The flight covers the desert and the Southern Skeleton Coast from the air. The flight includes a low-level flight along the green Kuiseb to the Kuiseb Canyon, as well as the coastline. Highlights of the flight include Tsondablei, Sossusvlei area, diamond camps, shipwrecks, Sandwich Harbour, salt works, Walvis Bay, Longbeach, and Swakopmund.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 3: Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Sossusvlei



Located in the scenic Namib-Naukluft National Park, Sossusvlei is where you will find the iconic red sand dunes of the Namib. The clear blue skies contrast with the giant red dunes to make this one of the most scenic natural wonders of Africa and a photographer's heaven. This awe-inspiring destination is possibly Namibia's premier attraction, with its unique dunes rising to almost 400 metres - making them some of the highest in the world. These iconic dunes come alive in morning and evening light and draw photography enthusiasts from around the globe. Sossusvlei is home to a variety of desert wildlife including oryx, springbok, ostrich and a variety of reptiles. Visitors can climb 'Big Daddy', one of Sossusvlei's tallest dunes; explore Deadvlei, a white, salt, claypan dotted with ancient trees; or for the more extravagant, scenic flights and hot air ballooning are on offer, followed by a once-in-a-lifetime champagne breakfast amidst these majestic dunes.

Day Itinerary

After breakfast, departure to the Naukluft National Park situated inside the Namib Desert.

The Namib Desert is one of the oldest and driest deserts in the world, covering more than 15% of the country along the Atlantic. It nevertheless extends over 2000 km, along the coast of South Africa and to the Angolan border. Sand accumulation and dune formation range from 40 to 15 million years.

Quick stop at Solitaire for refreshment and nice pictures. Then continue the road to your accommodation. Relax afternoon at the Lodge and enjoy the swimming pool.

Overnight: Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia View iBrochure

Set below striking fossilised dunes, the comfortable lodge provides a spectacular experience of ancient desert. 65 rooms, two swimming pools and a waterhole are surrounded by sandy splendour. Breathe in the grandeur on a sunset drive and feel the earth underfoot. Relax in the arms of the Namib.

Location: Approximately 60km north of Sesriem on the C19



Activities

Morning	Kuiseb Pass
Afternoon	Guab Pass
Afternoon	Solitaire
Afternoon	Namib-Naukluft National Park

Kuiseb Pass

Kuiseb Pass takes you through the Kuiseb Canyon, the watercourse of which only flows occasionally but often enough to halt the advance of the red sands of the Namib.

Solitaire

Situated in the Khomas region of Central Namibia, the desert town of Solitaire serves as an oasis in the Namib Desert. The town provides an important stop on the way to the ancient dunes of Sossusvlei, allowing travellers to stock up on essentials as they make their way further into the wilderness. Solitaire also has a small bar and is renowned for its famous apple pie - said to be the best in the country. Enjoy a scenic sundowner with views of the spectacular Namib desert, hike and bike through the unspoilt natural surroundings, or visit the wonderful local Cheetah Sanctuary.

Namib-Naukluft National Park

Stretching almost 50000 square kilometres across the red-orange sands of the Namib Desert over the Naukluft Mountains to the east, the Namib-Naukluft National Park is Africa's biggest wildlife reserve and the fourth largest in the world. Despite the unforgiving conditions, it is inhabited by a plethora of desert-adapted animals, including reptiles, buck, hyenas, jackals, insects and a variety of bird species. One of the main attractions of the park are the ancient dunes of Sossusvlei, home to some of the tallest dunes in the world rising over 300 metres from the desert floor. This magnificent landscape features, rolling dunes, rugged moonscapes, lagoons, wetlands and mudflats. Visitors can look forward to a number of impressive sights including: the picture-perfect Dune 45, standing 170 metres high; the Welwitschia Plains, otherworldly lunar terrain dotted with the endemic plants; and the Dead Vlei, a photographer's dream.

Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 4: Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Sossusvlei

Day Itinerary

After breakfast, today will be all about forms and colors. The Sossusvlei dunes rise more than 375 meters above the Tsauchab River that flows from East to West in the desert, just a few kilometers from the Atlantic Ocean. They are among the highest dunes in the world. These dunes are located above an ancient petrified desert that forms a basement of sandstone.

After lunch, you will visit the Sesriem Gorge.

Optional Activities: Air Ballooning, Helicopter, Flight over the Dunes

We can make the reservation for you for these activities and you can pay on the spot.

Activities

Dune 45	
Sossusvlei	
Deadvlei	
Sesriem Canyon	

Recommended

Sossusfly Scenic Flight

Namib Sky Balloon Safaris

Bateleur Helicopters Scenic Flights from Sossusvlei

Dune 45

Named for its location 45 kilometres past the town of Sesriem, Dune 45 is renowned for its elegant shape, which – along with its position close to the road – have earned it the distinction of 'most photographed dune in the world'. If you're not keen for the strenuous hike to the top of Big Daddy, Dune 45 is a more forgiving alternative, standing at only 80 metres and featuring a much gentler gradient.

Sossusvlei

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Sesriem Canyon

Sesriem Canyon, a deep chasm carved through the rocks by water, is a striking natural feature of the area that is best explored on foot. Stony walls rise up sharply on both sides of the canyon, while birds roost in its crags and lizards dart along the ledges. The canyon's name was coined when early settlers used it as a water source, using six lengths of leather ('ses riem – six thongs) tied together to lower buckets into the water at the base of canyon.

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Namib Sky Balloon Safaris

Situated in the heart of the Namib Naukluft Park, Sossusvlei, one of the most fascinating landscapes in Namibia, is a photographer's dream. Gigantic orange dunes, dramatic shadows, undulating plains and rocky mountains create a magical kaleidoscope of colours and shapes.

To the east, Namib Rand Nature Reserve vast sandy plains are surrounded by towering granite mountains and rolling dunes.

Here, in the oldest desert on the planet, amazingly adapted animals and plants come together to form one of the most visually stunning ecosystems in the world. And truly the best way to experience the heart of the Namib desert is with a hot air balloon safari.

Watching the spectacular sunrise over this magnificent landscape from a silent hot air balloon is the experience of a lifetime, never to be forgotten

At landing, you come back to earth with an "Out Of Africa" style Champagne breakfast set up in the middle of nowhere.

Your pilot will present you with a flight certificate before you take a leisurely nature drive back to the pick-up point.

Bateleur Helicopters Scenic Flights from Sossusvlei

The Bateleur Helicopters Scenic Flights from Swakopmund activity is offered by Bateleur Helicopters, a Namibian owned company in the tourism industry. The activity takes off from Sossusvlei Airstrip and flies along the Sesriem Canyon towards the Elim Dune. Visitors will have a chance to see animals roaming the dunes before returning to the Airstrip.

Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 5: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

Quiet breakfast at the Hotel, then drive back to Windhoek.

Note that you must be at the airport 2 hours before take-off time, and it takes approximately one hour between Swakopmund and the airport.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Terms and Conditions

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Travel agreement/contract

This travel agreement is between the client and Motema Tours and Safaris. In terms of this travel agreement a booking is defined as a reservation which is done by the client or the client's travel agency. The client is defined as the person who accepts the booking on behalf of himself.

Travel agency is defined as any agency that places or accepts a booking for any person or group of persons or company with Motema Tours and Safaris.

Deposits and Payment

We only confirm a Booking or a quote upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit of 40% of total tour charges, the balance being due and payable 60 days prior to departure date. In the event of bookings being effected less than 60 days before departure the full amount charged will forthwith be payable.

Cancellation

Cancellation must be made in writing. Upon receipt of the written notification, Motema Tours and Safaris will confirm receipt thereof and this date will determine the following charges. This applies to Tour Guides as well.

- Up to 60 days prior to departure: Credit Note allocated and can be transferred.
- Less than 60 days to departure: 100% of total cost forfeited/lost

It is mandatory for the client to be in possession of a cancellation insurance policy. Please note that if the reason for cancellation falls within the terms of any holiday insurance policy, which the client must hold, then any such charges would normally be refunded to the client by the insurance company, subject to the terms of the insurance.

Passport and visas

Travel agencies and clients must ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited. Motema Tours and Safaris cannot be held liable or responsible should a passenger be refused entry into any country for any reason.

Changes and delays

By the company: The company shall reserve the right to change any tour due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. airlines not running on schedule, road conditions, weather, mechanical breakdown, accidents and political instability) beyond the control of Motema Tours and Safaris. The company will try to provide adequate alternatives, but will accept no liability.

By the client: In case the client changes the itinerary on his own request, the company shall try to accommodate the client, but may charge cancellation fees. This is subject to a new quotation, which will be given by the client in writing.

Authority on Tour

At all times the decision of the tour guide will be final on all matters likely to endanger the safety and wellbeing of the group. The client must at all times strictly comply with the laws, customs and foreign exchange regulations of all countries visited. Should the client be detected in any contravention of the law, custom or exchange regulations, or should the client be a nuisance to the group, the guide may order the client to leave the tour without the right of refund.

Accidents

While every precaution is taken to ensure the safety of all persons participating on the tour, the client his/hers,

heirs, dependents, agents, executors or their assignees, hereby irrevocably waive any rights they may have to claim, any form of compensation for any damages which the client may suffer due to injury or death whilst on, or at any time after the tour, from Motema Tours and Safaris. Under no circumstances will Motema Tours and Safaris be responsible for the death or injury or loss, which might occur to such persons

sustained from any case whatsoever. The client hereby indemnifies and holds Motema Tours and Safaris harmless against any and all claims whatsoever the nature.

Health

It is the client's obligation to ensure that he is medically fit and able to embark on the tour. We recommend the vaccination against Hepatitis before travelling. Anti-malaria precautions should be commenced prior to departure and clients should bring insect repellents on tour.

Photography

Motema Tours and Safaris reserves the right without giving further notice, to make use of any photographs or films produced during any of their tours for general publicity purposes without payment or permission.

Insurance

It is a condition of travel with Motema Tours and Safaris that all guests must have insurance for medical expenses, baggage loss, cancellation/curtailment, default and personal accident.

Liability/Responsibility

The client should get him/herself acquainted with customary practices. Motema Tours and Safaris as well as cooperating agents do act in the capacity of agents for the clients in all matters and will under no circumstances whatsoever be responsible and be exempt from any liability for accidents, injury, delay, loss or damage to property or any other loss or damage from whatever it may arise. All tours are subject to the conditions of the concerned airlines, hotels, restaurants and all other contractors involved.

This information can be found on the website www.motema-safaris.com as well as the FAQS. You are strongly advised to go through it.

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