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Introduction

This very affordable 6 Day Namibia Dunes & Wildlife Safari takes you to Namibia's top travel destinations, combining the wildlife rich Etosha Park and the ancient Namib Desert with its towering red-orange sand dunes and enjoying the pleasures of Swakopmund, Namibia's prime seaside destination which boasts palm-lined streets, great restaurants, seaside walkways, a lovely summer climate, and perfect beaches. At Waterberg you will experience the fascinating geological site, 200 million-year-old dinosaur footprints, and petrified dunes.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Explore Swakopmund or enjoy optional adventure activities.
- Walk in the famous Sossusvlei Dunes and Dead Vlei of the Namib.
- Etosha National Park Game drives
- Hiking

Review

DEPARTURE: This tour departs from Windhoek

- COUNTRY ('S): Namibia
- DESTINATIONS: Soss – Etosha – Swak-
- TOUR CODE: 6A-NAM
- RETURN: WINDHOEK
- PASSENGERS: Minimum 1 Traveler and a Maximum of 14 Travelers per group
- STYLE: LODGING
- MEALS: BB: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner
- VEHICLE: 2-3: Double Cab 4x4/ SUV
- 4 - 7 guests: Toyota Quantum/Landcruiser with a purpose-built trailer
- 8-14 guests: Toyota Dyna truck (a modified safari vehicle) / Iveco Daily 24-Seater

Included

Qualified professional Driver/Guide
 Vehicle, fuel & Park entrance fees
 as per itinerary.
 Passenger liability 15% VAT 2%
 tourism levy
 Accommodation Breakfast for the
 Client
 Flight from Cape Town International
 Airport to Kruger Mpumalanga
 International Airport
 Flight from Kruger Mpumalanga
 International Airport to Livingstone
 Airport

Excluded

Expenses of personal nature
 Entrance fees not mentioned in the
 itinerary
 Meals not mentioned
 Drinks at lodges and on road
 Optional excursions and activities
 Tips for tour guides, International
 flights tickets and airport taxes
 Items not mentioned in the itinerary

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Hammerstein Lodge or similar	Sossusvlei	D,B&B	1 Night
Sandcastle B&B and Self-Catering Apartments or similar	Swakopmund	D,B&B	2 Nights
Waterberg Andersson Camp or similar	Waterberg Plateau National Park	D,B&B	2 Nights

Key

D,B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 1: Hammerstein Lodge, Sossusvlei (335.8km)

Arrival at Hosea Kutako International Airport and welcome by your local guide and onward journey via Rehoboth and Maltahöhe to the lodge. Amidst a relatively dense forest area of camelthorn, sweet-thorn and candle acacia lies the historic town of Rehoboth. Like many towns in Namibia, Rehoboth was once a mission station. It is inhabited by the “Baster” community, which consists of the descendants of people of mixed ancestry who, under their leader Hermanus van Wyk, moved across the Orange River and settled in Rehoboth in 1870. Maltahöhe was founded in 1900, lies 111 km west of Mariental and was named after Malta van Burgsdorff, the wife of the commander of the garrison in Gibeon. The cemetery east of the town contains more than 40 graves of the German “Schutztruppe” who died in numerous battles against Hendrik Witbooi and in the Nama uprising.

Included activities

- Sundowner drive to Elim dune

Overnight: Hammerstein Lodge

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.

Overnight: Hammerstein Lodge

Hammerstein Lodge is a gateway to the Namib in close proximity to the beautiful red dunes of Sossusvlei (60km from Sesriem). The area is renowned for its rocky outcrops of massive granite boulders and the lodge gets its name from one enormous rock that is shaped like a hammer. Hammerstein Lodge & Camp offers

sundowner drives into the mountains, sightseeing flights as well as 4x4 trips to Sossusvlei on request.

Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 2: Sandcastle B&B and Self-Catering Apartments, Swakopmund (393.6km)

Before sunrise we start from Hammerstein (with breakfast packs) and drive to Sesriem, the entrance gate to Sossusvlei/Namib Naukluft Park. Here you have the opportunity to climb one of the highest sand dunes in the world. Sossusvlei is a dune wonderland, with dunes up to 300 m high surrounding a huge, dried-up pan. The dunes stretch as far as the eye can see and their rich hues vary from pale apricot to bright reds and oranges. During a good rainy season, the Tsauchab River flows into the pan, creating a haven for waterfowl. Even in the dry season, oryx, springbok and ostrich can be seen feeding on the sparse vegetation along the watercourse. After a visit to the Park we depart to Swakopmund.

Included activities

- Visit Museum and Aquarium

Optional activities

- boat cruise, air balloon safari, World's Oldest Desert, Sky diving & Desert living museum tour

Overnight: Sandcastle B&B and Self-Catering Apartments

Swakopmund

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.

Overnight: Sandcastle B&B and Self-Catering Apartments [View iBrochure](#)

Sandcastle B&B and Self-Catering Apartments in Swakopmund are family-owned and run by the proprietors living in the same building. They will give you a traditionally warm Namibian welcome when you arrive.

The four apartments are light and airy, tastefully furnished, decorated to a high standard, and equipped with all the modern facilities you would expect to find. The promenade and broad sandy beach are about 500m from the apartments, while Swakopmund town centre is about 1.5 km away.

As Namibia's main seaside resort, Swakopmund has an excellent shopping centre with all the commercial amenities you will need close by. There is an abundance of excellent restaurants, coffee shops, pubs, banks, pharmacies, food shops - everything you can think of, and a few more beside



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 3: Sandcastle B&B and Self-Catering Apartments, Swakopmund

After a lovely breakfast at our hotel, we can take a city tour with an excursion to Walvis Bay, or explore this picturesque and beautiful town at leisure on foot. Enjoy sumptuous lunch at a restaurant of your choice in Swakopmund. Walvis Bay is Namibia's main port town and is increasingly becoming a desirable place for a

coastal holiday. Attractions include the lagoon with its rich birdlife, which is home to a total of some 80 000 wading birds, including flamingos and the rare white pelicans.

Included activities

- Visit to the Lagoon

Overnight: Sandcastle B&B and Self-Catering Apartments

Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 4: Waterberg Andersson Camp, Waterberg Plateau National Park (476.1km)

After a leisurely wake-up and a luxurious breakfast, we set off for Namibia's extremely popular Waterberg. We drive via Usakos, Karibib and Wilhelmstahl and Otjiwarongo. Lunch at Crocodile Ranch before we drive to Waterberg Camp and check in. Originally known to the Herero as Kanubes, Otjiwarongo is said to mean "beautiful place" or "place of fat cattle" as the area is known for its cattle farms. Situated about 250 km north of Windhoek, on a hillside amid rolling plains, Otjiwarongo District is home to many guest farms and lodges. Two interesting features of the place are the Otjiwarongo Crocodile Ranch, where crocodiles are bred, and the Cheetah Conservation Fund, an internationally renowned organisation. The CCF's mission is to ensure the long-term survival of the cheetah through research, conservation and education.

Included Activity:

- Catching a glimpse of the rare and endangered sable and roan antelope.
(Game Drive)

Overnight: Waterberg Andersson Camp

Waterberg Plateau National Park

Situated in north central Namibia and named for the springs that emanate from its foothills, the Waterberg Plateau National Park is a fascinating geological site featuring compressed sandstone crags, 200 million-year-old dinosaur footprints, and

petrified sand dunes. The area's natural water sources make it far more fertile than its environs, and the park is blessed with a plethora of plant and animal species, including leopards, rhinoceros, vultures, cheetahs, bush babies, ferns and fig trees. Visitors can enjoy a wide selection of activities including: learning about the local Herero culture on an informative village tour, tracking rhino on a guided safari, exploring the Waterberg's 50-kilometre-long and 16-kilometre-wide sandstone plateau, dubbed 'table mountain', and catching a glimpse of the rare and endangered sable and roan antelope.

Overnight: Waterberg Andersson Camp

The Waterberg Andersson Camp is situated on a slope in the valley of the private nature reserve Waterberg Wilderness. It has for pitches on the soft, red sand of the Kalahari, hidden between bushes and trees.

There is a swimming pool and a view point overlooking the valley. Free WLAN is available at the main reception of the private nature reserve Waterberg Wilderness (5 min drive).

Each pitch has its own shower/toilet in the central ablution block, with hot and cold water. All pitches offer a shadow roof, a table and a bench, barbecue facilities and a water tap. Rates include a parking bay.

Camping guests are welcome to join the activities (guided Plateau Hike, Honeymoon Sundowner, Rhino Drive, game tracking, cultural tour into Hereroland, History Path, 5 nature trails) and have dinner at the restaurant of Waterberg Wilderness Lodge or Waterberg Valley Lodge (5 min. drive each).



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 5: Waterberg Andersson Camp, Waterberg Plateau National Park

After an early breakfast you will have a morning plateau hike for 2-3 hours your hiking guide climbs the plateau with you (approx. 150 m above the plains). He explains plants and animals in the park to you and gives you an insight into the daily life and culture of the Herero people living in this area. Terrific view of the valley or of the plains of the Kalahari and in the afternoon nature trail whereby you explore the valley of the nature reserve "Botanical Garden". You will dine under the stars and enjoy the romance of the fire until the wildlife calls of the nights fade away and you fall asleep.

Included activities

- Hiking

Overnight: Waterberg Andersson Camp

Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 6: End of Itinerary (289.9km)

You will get early breakfast and depart back to Windhoek

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Travel Information



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.
