



## *6 Day Dunes & Wildlife Lodge Safari*

Starting and ending in Windhoek

For those clients with limited time available, this fully accommodated combination of our 3 days Sossusvlei Express & 3 Day Etosha Express is the perfect choice. Overnight in well located lodges in and near Etosha National Park and outside Namib Naukluft National Park and includes 1 night at Swakopmund in between. You will be able to experience the amazing sand dune sea of the Namib and Sossusvlei region as well as Etosha National Park, renowned as one of the best game reserves in Africa.

### **Day 1: Tuesday**

### **Halali, Etosha National Park**

We will be collected from our guesthouse/hotels at 07:15 and brought to our HQ for the pre-departure talk and to meet the rest of the group. After the departure from Windhoek, we stop briefly at Otjiwarongo to gather some last-minute supplies before continuing on to Etosha with a light lunch pack whilst “on the move”. We enjoy an afternoon game drive through the park visiting waterholes looking for predators as well as zebra, giraffe, elephant, rhino and many different species of antelope arriving at our lodge just before sunset and settle into our rooms, with en-suite bathroom and tea/coffee facilities. A visit to the flood lit waterhole is highly recommended while dinner is prepared by your guide over an open fire.

Accommodation: Twin share, en-suite bathroom

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

**Day 2: Wednesday****Etosha Village, near Anderson Gate**

We start our first game drive at sunrise to catch the predators while they are still active, visiting many waterholes. Our second game drive mid-morning takes us to the impressive Etosha Pan “great white place” where we can get out of the vehicle and experience this 4500 sq km “saline desert” before continuing our game drive to look for the Big 4. After lunch we begin our final game drive across the park towards Okaukuejo calling into some well-known waterholes and leave the park prior to sunset. Accommodation tonight is just outside the park in a comfortable spacious twin share room with modern en-suite bathroom facilities, creating an ideal space to sit back, relax and enjoy the beauty that surrounds you. Fantastic dinner is prepared by our guide and another early night is recommended.

Accommodation: Twin share, en-suite bathroom  
Meals:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 3: Thursday****Hotel A La Mer, Swakopmund**

Enjoy an early morning breakfast and departure from our lodge is at 07h30. The route today takes us into the dramatic and beautiful scenery of Damaraland. We have the chance to meet the wonderful Herero, Himba & Damara ladies who sell their handmade arts and crafts to support their rural families. A light roadside lunch is served en-route in the shadow of Namibia's tallest mountain, the Brandberg, and we can interact with some of the colourful local characters who live in this harsh environment. On the drive down the Skeleton Coast we explore the remains of a small shipwreck. We arrive in Swakopmund late-afternoon which gives you time to explore this quaint seaside town on foot (depending on the season). Our guide will be happy to recommend a good restaurant for dinner (own expense).

Accommodation: Twin share, en-suite bathroom

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch,

**Day 4: Friday****Desert Camp, near Sesriem**

A leisurely breakfast and the option to join one of the many optional activities available here such as: quad biking, sand boarding, scenic flight over the shipwrecks just to name a few. You will be picked up from your guesthouse/hotel in Swakopmund from 11:15, (wintertime 10h15) as we aim to depart Swakopmund by 12noon. We then drive through the Namib Desert via the Kuiseb Pass and Solitaire, arriving at our camp late afternoon and we have a chance to relax and enjoy the views before taking a short walk for sunset looking over the Naukluft mountain range. Overnight is in twin rooms with en-suite bathroom facilities. There is a pool and bar available and dinner is prepared by our guide over an open fire.

Accommodation: Twin share, en-suite bathroom

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 5: Saturday****Desert Camp, near Sesriem**

Dawn departure from camp to arrive at the park gate for sunrise. We drive down an ancient river bed surrounded by towering dunes to the 2x4 parking (around 55kms) and take a 4x4 shuttle into the Sossusvlei area to appreciate the beauty of this place in early morning light and enjoy the peace and tranquility of the region. We explore this unique area on foot before heading into Dead Vlei with its large expanse of bleached cracked clay and skeletal camel thorn trees, contrasting with a backdrop of huge dunes with their ever-changing colours before taking the 4x4 shuttle back to our vehicle. As we drive back to our accommodation we will stop at the famous Dune 45 and climb this dune if we wish or just wander around the base. We return to Sesriem and visit the nearby Sesriem Canyon, one of the few permanent water sources before arriving back at our lodge late afternoon to watch the sunset over this spectacular desert. Overnight is in twin share rooms with en-suite bathrooms facilities and dinner is prepared by our guide.

Accommodation: Twin share, en-suite bathroom

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 6: Sunday****Windhoek – End of Safari**

Early morning breakfast before heading to Solitaire where we jump onto an open vehicle and visit the local conservation project. Here they have a number of cheetah that are unable to be released for different reasons. This 1hour activity allows us the chance to learn all

about the cheetah, the work done by local conservation projects, and get some incredible photos of the world's fastest land mammal. We return to Windhoek via Bullsport and Rehoboth. We arrive mid-afternoon and will be dropped at Chameleon Backpackers or the accommodation of our choice within Windhoek city limits.

Accommodation: None Meals:

Breakfast

For those that choose to fly today, NO FLIGHTS DEPARTING PRIOR TO 18H00 in case there are unexpected delays returning from safari.

**Includes:**

- \* Transport in a custom built safari vehicle with pop up roof, USB charging capabilities & air-conditioning
- \* Services of a professional English speaking guide
- \* 5 nights' accommodation in twin share rooms with en-suite bathrooms as above
- \* Meals as above (B – breakfast, L – lunch, D – dinner)
- \* National park entry fees (2 days Etosha & 1 day Sossusvlei)
- \* Game drives as above in Chameleon vehicle
- \* Sossusvlei excursion (including 4x4 shuttle) and cheetah activity at Solitaire
- \* Pick up and drop off within Windhoek city limits

*\*Single supplement only applicable to single travelers that request their own room, otherwise single travelers will be matched with another traveler of the same sex on a twin share basis.*

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