

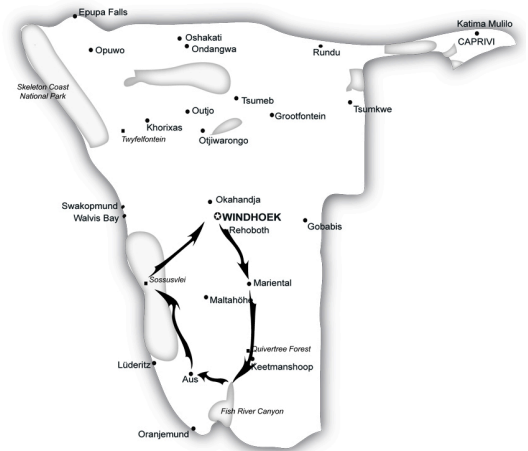


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THE FOUR DESERT TOUR

Highlights: Kalahari Desert, the Fish River Canyon in the Nama Karoo Desert, the Succulent Karoo Desert, Sossusvlei in the Namib Desert.

Days	9 days / 8 nights
Min / Max Pax	2 / 9
Departure	Monday Clients will be met at any establishment in Windhoek
Vehicle	Microbus / Coach
Languages	English, German.



Monday Kalahari Desert

We travel south over Namibia's second highest mountain range to the edge of the Kalahari Desert. Here we visit the Hardap Dam, Namibia's largest man-made lake, surrounded by a game reserve and home to a wide variety of game species including the southernmost population of Black Rhino in Namibia. The dam is furthermore one of only two breeding sites for the white pelican, a bird that appears in its thousands during good rainy seasons. Having viewed the lake and its surrounding, and after having enjoyed an optional refreshment in the restaurant of the resort, we travel to our lodge, situated amidst the red dunes of the Kalahari Desert. The rest of the day is spent at leisure.

Tuesday Kalahari Desert

In the morning we may choose to enjoy a scenic walk within the private reserve of our lodge, before returning for breakfast. In the afternoon we embark on a sundowner drive into the Kalahari. Green acacias and swaying grass contrast starkly against the red sand of the Kalahari Dunes. Camelthorn Trees provide shade for a multitude of desert-adapted animals and serve as a sharp silhouette against the setting sun. A variety of antelope, smaller mammals, insects and reptiles inhabit this desert- explore this specialized ecosystem with your experienced guide, whereafter you return to the lodge for dinner.

Wednesday & Thursday Fish River Canyon, Nama Karoo Desert

This morning we travel further south into the Nama Karoo Desert, a primordial environ isolated by mountain massifs. Here the second largest canyon on earth divides one of Namibia's most pristine landscapes into seeming eternity. On a nature drive in the afternoon of the second day we observe the fragile desert ecosystem and the plant life that thrives there, while a part of the morning is utilized to visit the daunting Fish River Canyon and enjoy the panoramic view into one of Namibia's most superior wilderness areas.

Friday & Saturday Succulent Karoo Desert

After breakfast we travel to the Succulent Karoo Desert. After winter rains, this desert unfolds in a carpet of flowers and an explosion of bright colours. It is one of the 20 most important biomes in the world and counts as the most species diverse desert on earth. We will explore the sweeping desert plains with its miscellany of organisms on a nature drive in the later afternoon, the next day we travel to a ghost town that was left to the hands of the relentless and unforgiving desert. Other attractions visited consist of the Wild Horses of the Namib Desert, Diaz Point and the colonial town of Lüderitz itself.

Sunday & Monday	Namib Desert
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We travel north into the oldest desert on earth, formed by the effect of the cold Benguela Current. Due to early morning fog, this arid desert becomes a life supporting structure for all its living organisms. Our lodge stands at the foot of unique petrified dunes, which we will explore on a nature drive in the afternoon of the second day. That morning we travel to the highest dunes on earth, experiencing this soulful, awe-inspiring place at sunrise. At Sossusvlei and Dead Vlei we clamber the magnificent dunes to admire this ageless desert from above. We will also visit Sesriem Canyon, gorged out by the might of the Tsauchab River, before traveling back to our lodge.

Tuesday	Return to Windhoek
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After a relaxed breakfast we travel via the Namib Desert back to Windhoek, situated in a valley of the Auas Mountains. Here we get dropped off at our accommodation of choice, and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

TOUR SUMMARY

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	ACTIVITIES	MEALS	KM
Monday	Kalahari Anib Lodge	Visit Hardap Dam	Dinner	260
Tuesday	Kalahari Anib Lodge	Sundowner dune drive	Breakfast, Dinner	
Wednesday	Canon Lodge	Sundowner mountain walk	Breakfast, Dinner	440
Thursday	Canon Lodge	Visit Fish River Canyon, Sundowner nature drive	Breakfast, Dinner	
Friday	Klein Aus Vista	Sundowner Nature Drive	Breakfast, Dinner	300
Saturday	Klein Aus Vista	Kolmanskop, Diaz Cross, Lüderitz, Wild Horses of the Namib	Breakfast, Dinner	
Sunday	Namib Desert Lodge	Optional activities	Breakfast, Dinner	420
Monday	Namib Desert Lodge	Sossusvlei, Dead Vlei, Sesriem Canyon, Sundowner dune drive	Breakfast, Dinner	
Tuesday	Windhoek		Breakfast	300

Alternative accommodations may be used

Departure dates:

2008	
Nov	Dec
03 / 11	22 / 12
10 / 11	
17 / 11	
24 / 11	

2009									
Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
12 / 01	09 / 02	09 / 03	06 / 04	04 / 05	08 / 06	06 / 07	10 / 08	07 / 09	05 / 10
26 / 01	23 / 02	23 / 03	20 / 04	18 / 05	22 / 06	20 / 07	24 / 08	21 / 09	12 / 10
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									26 / 10

Private Group departures: any departure on request / 6 pax and more required.