

## Namibia Dunes & Wildlife Tour



Let us show you the magic of Namibia. Explore the game viewing magnet of Etosha National Park, the bustling coastal resort of Swakopmund and the dunes in the photographic paradise of Sossusvlei.

Marvel at the magic of Etosha's unique salt pan and encounter an abundance of wildlife, including some of the Big 5. Allow the mysteries of the ancient Namib Desert to reveal themselves as you discover its magical landscapes. Featuring some of the highest dunes in the world this remarkable place, with its endless horizons and glistening red-gold sand, will take your breath away.

**6 days from ZAR (NETT Price), per person**

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## Itinerary overview

Day 1 Tuesday - Windhoek to Etosha National Park  
Day 2 Wednesday - Etosha National Park  
Day 3 Thursday - Etosha National Park to Swakopmund  
Day 4 Friday - Swakopmund to Sesriem  
Day 5 Saturday - Sossusvlei  
Day 6 Sunday - Windhoek



## Itinerary

### Day 1 Tuesday - Windhoek to Etosha National Park

You will be collected from your hotel at 07h30 and then assemble at the departure point before leaving Windhoek. At Otjiwarongo there will be a short stop for refreshments before you continue north towards Etosha National Park, arriving just in time for a fabulous Namibian sunset. An authentic Namibian dinner will be prepared by the guide. Enjoy a good night's rest in the quiet of the African bush.

*\*Please note, due to the early departure on the first day an optional pre-tour night in Windhoek is available (Extended 8 Day Tour).*

**Included meals:** Lunch & Dinner

**Lodging:** Lodge close to Etosha National Park



### Day 2 Wednesday - Etosha National Park

Today you will depart at sunrise on a game drive - this is the best time of the day to see the animals. The game drive will continue until mid-morning. The morning drive across the park is great fun and will take in many waterholes. Though you will be looking out mainly for the Big 4 (there are no buffalo in Etosha National Park), spotting and naming the huge variety of game roaming the plains is an exciting pastime.

The tour continues to Halali, the central camp in the park where the guide will prepare a delicious lunch. You have time to take a dip in the pool, or rest at the waterhole. Then it's on to the mighty Etosha Pan, to marvel at the incredible size of the saltpan, as well as its residents.

The tour goes back to Okaukuejo, stopping at some well-known waterholes en route, before leaving the park just before sunset. The evening meal will be prepared by the guide.

**Included meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Lodging:** Lodge close to Etosha National Park



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## Day 3 Thursday - Etosha National Park to Swakopmund

Another early morning game drive (±3 hours) inside the park, searching for all the animals on your 'must see' list that you didn't have a chance to see yesterday.

We leave Etosha National Park via Outjo and Omaruru and you will have a delicious roadside lunch presented by your guide before your arrival in Swakopmund in the early afternoon.

Swakopmund is a picturesque and friendly coastal town offering lovely seaside vistas. Various art cafes, curio shops and attractive side-walk cafes are waiting to be explored and the town is also the adrenaline hub of Namibia with numerous fun-filled activities to choose from. Your stay here will be at the Dunedin Star hotel - a comfortable and friendly little guesthouse just a short walk from the town centre.

**Included meals:** Breakfast & Lunch

**Lodging:** Dunedin Star

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## Day 4 Friday - Swakopmund to Sesriem

Today we enjoy a leisurely departure from Swakopmund shortly before 12h00 in winter and around 13h00 in summer.

Driving via the Kuiseb and Ghaub passes, you will arrive at the amazing Desert Camp at the gateway to Sossusvlei around mid-afternoon. After checking in and refreshing, you can take a walk to a nearby hill to enjoy the magical colours of sunset in the Namib Desert.

The swimming pool and bar offer the perfect spots to take it easy and wind down in anticipation of the amazing landscape of Sossusvlei.

**Included meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Lodging:** Desert Camp (tented camp)

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## Day 5 Saturday - Sossusvlei

Today you will rise early and depart for the dunes at Sossusvlei, which are just 3km away. The early departure from camp ensures you will arrive in time to enjoy the early morning light on the dunes. This is one of the most photographed places in Africa - and with good reason. The ethereal beauty of the dunes defies description. Make sure you bring your camera!

The 4x4 shuttle drives straight into the Sossusvlei area where you can explore some of the world's highest dunes before stopping at Dead Vlei, with its skeletal camel thorn trees.

To return, you can choose between walking or taking the dune shuttle, making a stop at (and climbing if desired) the famous Dune 45 - the highest dune of them all. Return to Sesriem and visit the nearby Sesriem Canyon, one of the only constant sources of water in the area. You will arrive back at the camp in the late afternoon in time to watch the sun set over the desert and perhaps take some more pictures - if there is any room left on your camera's memory chip!

**Included meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Lodging:** Desert Camp (tented camp)

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### Day 6 Sunday - Windhoek

After a leisurely breakfast, it's time to load up and return to Windhoek along a slightly different route via Bullsport and Rehoboth. The route is about 375km along good roads.

You will arrive back in Windhoek in the early afternoon and we will drop you at the airport or at your hotel.

*\*Please note, due to the late arrival in Windhoek on the last day an optional post-tour night in Windhoek is available (Extended 8 Day Tour).*

**Included meals:** Breakfast

**Lodging:** None

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## Dates and prices

<b>Validity period:</b> Travelling 1 Aug 2012 - 31 March 2014		
All prices are in N\$/ZAR based on a minimum of 2 persons travelling.		
Validity for travelling	Per person sharing	Single supplement
1 Aug 2012 – 31 March 2013	N\$/ZAR 8,095	N\$/ZAR 1,795
1 April 2014 – 31 March 2014	N\$/ZAR 8,695	N\$/ZAR 1,795
*Pre- and post night in Windhoek may be required due to early departure on the first tour day and late arrival on the last tour day		
<b>Extended 8 Day Tour</b>		
1 Aug 2012 – 31 March 2013	N\$/ZAR 9,295	N\$/ZAR 1,950
1 April 2014 – 31 March 2014	N\$/ZAR 10,495	N\$/ZAR 2,050

**Departures:** Scheduled weekly departures every Tuesdays from Windhoek

### Included in the price

- English guided. The guide is also the driver
- Accommodation and meals as listed on the itinerary
- Park entrance fees
- Pick-up and drop off at any central Windhoek Hotel or Guest House included
- Passenger liability insurance

### Excluded from the price

- Beverages
- Personal purchases
- Tips
- Travel Insurance
- Meals not listed in the itinerary
- Any optional activities
- Visas

\* With the extended package an additional 2 nights in Windhoek at the Elegance Guest House are included, as well as breakfast on the last additional day

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## Practical information

**Starting point of tour:** Windhoek

**Ending point of tour:** Windhoek

**Departures:** Scheduled weekly departures every Tuesdays from Windhoek

Minimum 2 persons. Maximum group size is 10 persons.

Transport in an air-conditioned vehicle.

This tour is not for children under the age of 12. Children older than 12 pay full price.

Dietary requirements: Please make sure to let us know well in advance, if you have any special dietary requirements.

The tour is subject to availability at the time of booking.

### PRACTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT NAMIBIA:

**Capital:** Windhoek

**Time Difference:** GMT +1 hour

**International Dialling Code:** 264

**Language:** English, German, Afrikaans, Bantu and Khoisan

**Electricity:** 220V AC 50Hz. Round 3 Pin type outlets.

**Weather/Best time to travel:** You can visit Namibia year round. Partially covered by the Namib, Namibia's climate is generally very dry and pleasant. Namibia experiences summer rainfall (November to April). January and February are hot, when daytime temperatures in the interior of the country can exceed 40°C, but nights are usually cooler. Winter nights can be cold, but days are generally warm and quite nice.

**Remember to pack:** A warm jacket for colder evenings and a high factor sun block, sun hat and sunglasses to protect against the African sun. Camera. Please enquire about renting binoculars.

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### Terms and conditions

#### 1. ROLE OF ALBATROS TRAVEL

The role of Albatros Travel is to manufacture tours and itineraries to fit the requirements of our customers. In doing so, Albatros Travel may use independent suppliers for the provision of selected services. However Albatros Travel accepts responsibility for the proper performance of your contract with us, subject to the following booking conditions.

#### 2. BOOKING

To make your booking, please make sure you have the correct names, nationalities and date of birth of all travelers – as per their passport. Albatros Travel will hold an option of 7 days from the time Albatros Travel have confirmed a tour, before the cancellation rules apply. If our service or a tour is booked less than 7 days prior to the service is rendered or the tour commences, cancellation rules will apply immediately. If you need longer time, please let us know. If a tour or hotel is fully booked Albatros Travel will try to offer you an alternative property of a similar standard and location.

A booking fee of US\$20 will be charged if the booking includes less than 3 nights accommodation, car rental only or transfer only.

#### 3. PRICES

All prices are based on costs at the time of publication. Albatros Travel reserve the right to change the prices at any time before your booking is made. Albatros Travel will confirm price changes, if any, together with our confirmation of your booking.

For trips in Namibia & South Africa rates given in a currency other than respectively NAD (Namibian Dollar) and ZAR (South African Rand) are subject to change in case of substantial variation of the exchange rate. For trips in Kenya & Tanzania rates given in a currency other than in USD (American Dollars) are subject to change in case of substantial variation of the exchange rate.

#### 4. PAYMENTS

- 50% of the total booking value within 7 days of Albatros Travel's confirmation of the booking.
- The remaining 50% no later than 45 days from the trip starting date.

In certain cases, like the luxury trains and certain safaris Albatros Travel needs the final payment 60 days before commencement of services. If payments have not been received in time, Albatros Travel reserves the right to cancel the booking.

#### 5. CANCELLATION

Cancellation fees:

- If cancelling more than 45 days before commencement of our services: no cancellation fees. (Unless other, special terms and conditions have been explicitly specified.)
- If cancelling within 45 to 31 days before commencement of our services: 20 % of the total booking value. (If you had to send the final payment latest 60 days before commencement of our services (see the 'PAYMENT' section) the above cancellation fees will apply if cancelling within 60 to 35 days.)
- If cancelling within 30 to 15 days before commencement of our services: 60 % of the total booking value.
- If cancelling within 14 to 0 days before commencement of our services: 100 % of the total booking value.

Cancellations must be made in writing.

In the case of death or illness, special cancellation terms can be negotiated, if Albatros Travel is in possession of an officially approved death/sick certificate copy.

In the unlikely event that Albatros Travel has to cancel a tour or a service for any reason, Albatros Travel will try to offer the choice of an alternative arrangement or you will receive a full refund. Albatros Travel will do our utmost to inform you about any cancellations earliest possible and latest 14 days before commencement of our services.

#### 6. CHANGES

Albatros Travel reserves the right to make changes to brochure and website details and arrangements both before and after the booking has been made. Most changes will be minor, but if Albatros Travel has to do significant changes you will be notified at the earliest possible opportunity. In such cases you will have the opportunity to accept the changes or to receive a full refund.

Some service prices, such as (but not limited to) park fees, government levies and airport taxes are not in the control of Albatros Travel. In the event of these prices being changed at any date Albatros Travel will charge the supplement to the client at cost.

#### 7. FORCE MAJEURE

Force Majeure means those circumstances where the performance of our contract with you is prevented or affected by reasons of war, threat of war, civil strife, industrial dispute, terrorist activity, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, adverse weather conditions, government actions and all similar events beyond our control. In these circumstances, Albatros Travel shall not be liable for any compensation or otherwise responsible for any expenses or losses the client might incur.

#### 8. LIABILITY

Each tour package comprises of one or more service components: the organization of transport, meals, entrance fees, accommodation and/or other facilities or services. Albatros Travel has no direct day to day control over its suppliers. Accordingly Albatros Travel accepts no responsibility for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, irregularity and/or inconvenience which may be occasioned by any defect in any object (including a vehicle) utilized by any supplier for the supply of any service or by an act or omission of any supplier or its servants or agents.

Albatros Travel shall not be liable for any loss or expense arising from the loss of property, cancellation or curtailment of the tour however caused, save only to the extent that such loss of baggage, cancellation or curtailment was caused by the Albatros Travel negligence. If sickness or accident interrupts a tour, Albatros Travel shall not be liable for any cost or expense arising there from, save only to the extent that such sickness or accident (beyond any reasonable doubt) was caused by Albatros Travel willful act or gross negligence. Albatros Travel shall not be liable for any refund, either total or partial, of passage money paid. Albatros Travel recommends the travelers to take out necessary insurance to protect against such eventuality.

Albatros Travel needs to receive any claim in writing within 28 days after the end of our services under the contract. Where any payment is made, you will assign to Albatros Travel or our insurers any right you may have to pursue any third party in relation to the claim and provide us with your full co-operation.

Carriers etc: In respect of air, sea and rail carriers, land vehicles and hotel owners Albatros Travel's liability is in all cases limited as if Albatros Travel were carrier/hotelier within the relevant and appropriate international conventions. Furthermore, all transport is provided subject to the relevant carrier's conditions of carriage, some of which may limit or exclude their liability to you, often in accordance with international conventions.

General: Please note our responsibilities and obligations apply only in respect of those services, which Albatros Travel agree to arrange or provide on your behalf. Albatros Travel cannot accept any liability for any services arranged on your own.

#### 9. COMPLAINTS

Should a problem occur, please advise both Albatros Travel and the service supplier in question immediately, as most problems can be solved on the spot. Should you remain dissatisfied, please write to us setting out the complaint in detail within 28 days of the end of our services under the contract. Albatros Travel cannot accept responsibility for any complaints which are not notified entirely in accordance with this clause. Should any legal dispute arise it must be settled in Cape Town, Windhoek, Arusha or Nairobi according to and depending on which Albatros Travel booking office(s) was/were used for the rendered services.