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## **14 Day Namibian Padkos**

### **Private Guided Camping Adventure**

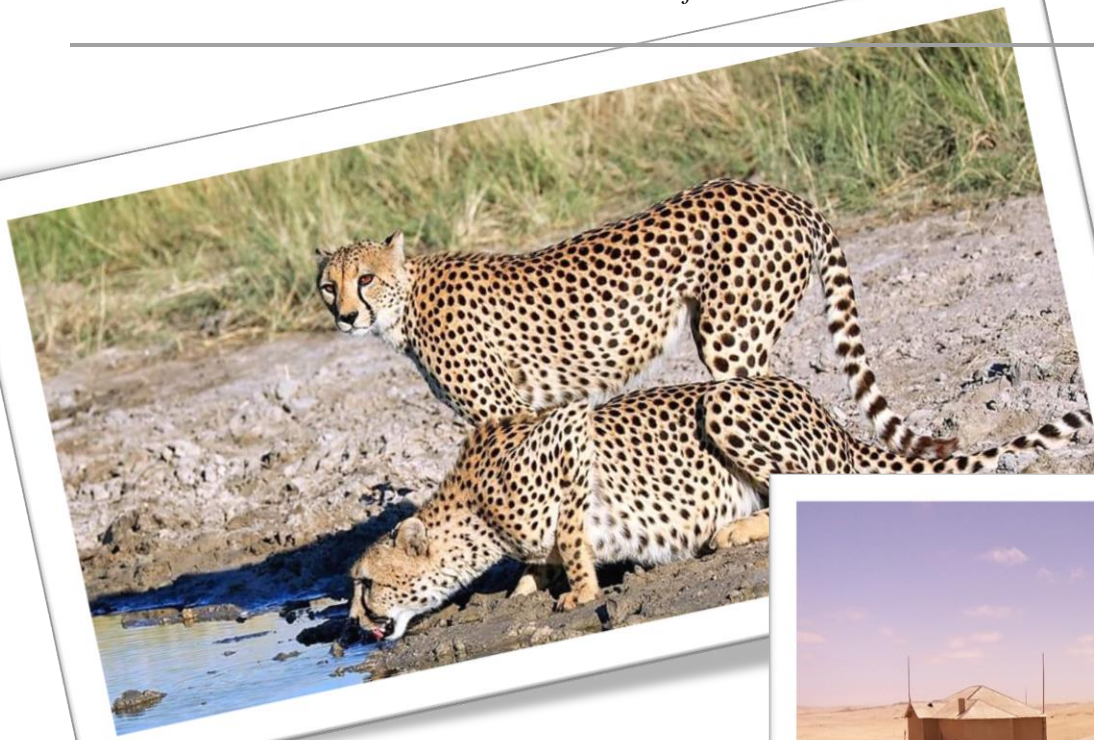
*Onguma Game Reserve - Okahandja - Etosha South - Etosha National Park - Brandberg - Outjo - Skeleton Coast - Swakopmund - Henties Bay - Sesriem - Walvis Bay - Sossusvlei - Southern Namibia - Luderitz - Tiras Mountains - Fish River Canyon - Namib - Keetmanshoop - Mariental*

*14 Days / 13 Nights*

*2 Persons*

*Date of Issue: 05 June 2021*

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### **Additional Tour Information**

It is strongly recommended that you purchase comprehensive personal travel insurance before you start your safari. Travel insurance is for your own protection, and we consider it to be an essential part of modern international travel.

Maximum group size is 10 people, with a minimum of 2 participants. Transport for up to 5 people will be in a minibus and for 6 people and more in a specialised vehicle.

The style of safari is limited participation, you can pitch in to give the guide a hand with pitching and striking down your own tent. There will be a camp assistant who will accompany the guide depending on how big the group is to help with the other campsite chores. Your tour guide will do all the shopping, cooking, and day-to-day organization of the safari. Unless otherwise specified, **all safaris will be conducted in English.**

Our tents are canvas dome type, which are easy to assemble. The mattress we use are approximately 5 cm thick with its own mattress cover and each client has a camp chair with backrest.

Clients are limited to one soft, barrel type bag per person with maximum weight of 15kg, one medium sized hand luggage bag, one medium sized camera bag and a sleeping bag.

We suggest a sleeping bag range of “3 – 4 season”. Sleeping bags can be hired by prior arrangement for a cost of N\$: 50.00 per 3 day trip. When selecting your clothing please be aware that Namibian summer temperatures (December - March) can reach 45°C and winter temperatures (June - September) can be as low as -5°C. The rainy season is between December and April.

All evening meals on camping safaris (unless stipulated) are cooked by your guide on an open fire. Salads and fresh vegetables will be served daily where readily available. Fresh fruit will also be supplied when possible. **We cater for vegetarians**, but please notify us prior to departure.

Namibia is a low-risk malarial destination, but we recommend seeking professional medical advice, enabling you to make informed decisions on personal malaria protection.

All tap water in Namibia has been purified or comes directly from boreholes and is safe to drink. In some areas the water can be brackish, your guide will advise you daily on this and where to purchase bottled mineral water.

Electrical plugs are 220 V and are 3 pin (round pin as opposed to square pin, the same as in South Africa). Adaptors can be purchased in Windhoek. It is possible to re-charge batteries at some campsites. The Namibian Dollar (N\$) has a fixed 1-1 exchange rate to the South African Rand (ZAR). ZAR notes and coins are legal tender in Namibia.

Airport transfers and pre-and-post safari accommodation can be arranged on request at an additional cost. It is customary in Namibia to tip 10% at restaurants. Your guide and assistant can be tipped at your own discretion, but we ask that the guide be tipped separately from your assistant

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## Introduction

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Day 1	Onguma Campsite	Onguma Game Reserve	FB	1x Campsite	1 Night
Day 2	Etosha Village Campsite	Etosha South	FB	1x Campsite	2 Nights
Day 4	Brandberg White Lady Camping	Brandberg	FB	1x Campsite	1 Night
Day 5	Mile 108 Campsite	Skeleton Coast	FB	1x Campsite	1 Night
Day 6	Prost Hotel Swakopmund	Swakopmund	B&B	1x Campsite	1 Night
Day 7	Sesriem Oshana Campsite	Sesriem	FB	1x Campsite	2 Nights
Day 9	Neuras Wine & Wildlife Estate	Southern Namibia	FB	1x Campsite	1 Night
Day 10	Luderitz Nest Hotel	Luderitz	B&B	1x Campsite	1 Night
Day 11	Canyon Roadhouse Campsite Gondwana Collection Namibia	Fish River Canyon	FB	1x Campsite	1 Night
Day 12	Quivertree Forest Rest Camp	Keetmanshoop	FB	1x Campsite	1 Night
Day 13	Bagatelle Kalahari Ranch Campsite	Mariental	FB	1x Campsite	1 Night

### Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

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

## Price

July 2021 – 31st October 2022

N\$ 91, 800.00 per person sharing

**Booking based on 2guest sharing**

**Vehicle Quoted is a fully equipped double 4x4 double cab**

## Included

1. Pick up & drop off from accommodation in Windhoek
2. Three meals a day (unless differently specified)
3. Accommodation as per itinerary
4. Park entrance fees
5. Professional guide
6. Standard information pack

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## Excluded

1. Alcoholic beverages
2. Soft drinks & bottled water
3. Personal travel insurance

## Day 1

### Onguma Campsite, Onguma Game Reserve

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Situated east of Etosha, bordering Fisher's Pan, Onguma Game Reserve is one of Namibia's best-kept secrets. The reserve offers visitors the opportunity to experience Africa in all her beauty and diversity. Onguma Game Reserve features over 34000 hectares of protected land scattered with a variety of wildlife including plains game, black rhino, kudu, giraffe, zebra, lion, cheetah, leopard and more than 300 bird species. The seasonal rains attract thousands of migrating birds to the Fisher's Pan wetland area. The neighbouring Etosha National Park is home to a rich array of wildlife, including four of the Big 5. Visitors can enjoy game drives, guided walks and rhino research drives within the private reserve as well as wildlife safaris into Etosha National Park to view abundant game in the largest national park in Namibia.

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## Day Itinerary

Windhoek – Onguma (620km)

This morning your guide will pick you up between 08:00-08:30am to start your Padkos journey.

You depart Windhoek via the B1 gateway to the North and South of Namibia. You will be driving through the small towns of Okahandja and Otjiwarongo. Arrival in the Etosha vicinity will be through Tsumeb, exit the B1 and on the C38.

Onguma Campsite just outside the Von Lindequist Gate entrance to Etosha National Park.

## Recommended

Okahandja Craft Market - North

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### Okahandja

Located just north of Windhoek, in the central Namibian Otjozondjupa region, the bustling city of Okahandja serves as the main commercial centre of the area, as well as a prominent cultural centre for the local Herero people. The name 'Okahandja', means 'The place where two rivers flow into each other to form one wide one.' These two seasonal rivers are the Okamita and the Okakango. Known as the 'Garden Town of Namibia', Okahandja boasts a rich cultural

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heritage, numerous historical sites and excellent bird watching in the surrounding areas. Visitors can look forward to a variety of interesting activities including: browsing the colourful arts and crafts market, visiting the nearby Gross Barmen Hot springs for a soak in the rejuvenating thermal waters and enjoying an array of watersports at the nearby Von Bach Dam.



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### **Overnight: Onguma Campsite**

The facilities of Onguma Bush Camp are available to camping guests. Meals need to be booked at the reception well in advance to avoid disappointment.

The Onguma Campsite is fenced in, however adult supervision of children is always required.

The camping guests must bring along their own foodstuffs.

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### **Basis**

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

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## **Day 2**

### **Etosha Village Campsite, Etosha South**



Located just south of the boundary of Etosha National Park in northwestern Namibia, Etosha South makes up the southern region of this wild paradise. Ongava Private Game Reserve shares the southern boundary with Etosha National Park and offers an array of luxury lodges overlooking picturesque landscapes dotted with abundant wildlife. The national park can be accessed via the southern entrance at Andersson's Gate. Visitors can catch a glimpse of a variety of wildlife including: lion, giraffe, elephant, white and black rhino, and a multitude of plains game. Popular activities include: game drives, tracking rhinos on foot, guided nature walks, or watch the sunset over this magnificent landscape.

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## Day Itinerary

### Onguma - Etosha Village Campsite (Full day Game Drive)

This morning we leisurely depart to Etosha Village, through the Etosha National Park. This will be our full day Game drive through the park visiting various waterholes on route to Etosha Village situated on the southern gate of Etosha.

On this full day game drive quest, we will be passing through Halali on route to Okaukuejo, Halali is the middle resort of the park and the right lunch spot for the day. Guest can use the lodge amenities while lunching there, a quick swim would be delightful.

Etosha Village is situated on the outside of the Galton gate as you exit the park.

## Activities

Etosha Game Drive
Etosha Pan

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### *Halali Resort*

Strategically located halfway between Okaukuejo and Namutoni, Halali is situated at the base of a dolomite hill, amongst shady Mopane trees. A flood-lit waterhole which is viewed from an elevated vantage point provides exceptional wildlife viewing throughout the day and into the night.

Accommodation is provided in family chalets, two and four bed bush chalets and double rooms - all converted with large sliding doors to the outside, to allow visitors to experience and benefit from the peace and tranquility of the natural surroundings. Other facilities include a restaurant, bar, shop, swimming pool, kiosk and camping facilities.



### *Etosha Game Drive*

Game drive through Etosha National Park searching for predators, plains game, reptiles & birds. Game drives are conducted in custom built safari vehicles with a pop-up roof and large opening windows to maximize photographic opportunities.

Depending on the time of year, these game drives take many different routes, but most often focus around the waterholes where you are most likely to see a variety of wildlife taking the chance to get a drink and swim.



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### ***Etosha Pan***

Aeons ago, Etosha Pan was the bed of a vast lake; today what remains is a glittering, silvery-green salt pan that stretches across roughly 5000 square kilometres. Etosha is protected by the Etosha Pan National Park surrounded by savannah plains and woodlands supporting large herds of elephants. When dry, the pan sustains little life except for the algae that gives it its distinctive colour, and migratory birds that use it as a pit stop, but with heavy rain it becomes a shallow lake where flamingos breed, pelicans wade and feed, and a variety of mammal species come to quench their thirst, including leopards, lions, white rhinos, hunting dogs and antelopes.



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### **Overnight: Etosha Village Campsite**

The Etosha Village Camp Site is nestled in the spectacular green and gold Mopani forests surrounding Etosha National Park, and caters for both Groups as well as Individual travellers.

The 2 spacious Group Camp Sites are ideal for larger groups and can accommodate a maximum of 25 – 30 tents. These sites are equipped with Power Outlets, Running Water, Lights, Barbeque area and separate Ladies and Gents Bathroom facilities each featuring toilets, wash basins and showers.

The 4 Individual Camp Sites are also equipped with Power Outlets, Running Water, Lights, Barbeque and a well-kept shared ablution.

Inspiring cuisine can be enjoyed at the Etosha Village Restaurant situated walking distance from the Camp Site. On-site facilities include swimming pools and a bar area with a big-screen television as well as a fully stocked utility and curio shop. Guided excursions to Etosha and sundowner drives can also be booked at reception.



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### **Basis**

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### **Day 3**

**Etosha Village Campsite, Etosha South**

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## Day Itinerary

### Full Day Game drive

Yet another full day full of great adventure! This morning we leisurely go out on a morning game drive right after breakfast, this will give you chance to spot Game you could not see the on your previous game drive.

The Park is dominated by a large, white depression (the Etosha Pan), which used to be a lake. It is now a dry, dusty, clay and salt pan, which occasionally fills with water after heavy rain. This temporary water attracts thousands of wading birds, including flamingos. Springs along the edge of the Etosha Pan also draw large concentrations of wildlife and birds.

**PS: If you are curious to see nocturnal animals you are most welcome to do an optional night/evening game drive with the lodge on prebooking only.**

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## Recommended

Stargazing at Etosha Village
Etosha Game Drive
Boma Dinner at Etosha Village

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### *Boma Dinner at Etosha Village*

The Etosha Village is located just 2 km from Anderson's entrance gate to Etosha National Park. The lodge offers an enchanting boma dinner venue inside the Mopane Forest. This traditionally enclosed space provides an authentic bush cuisine menu prepared on open fires, an elevated star gazing deck, a bar and views over the Etosha National Park.



### *Stargazing at Etosha Village*

Etosha Village is located in a private and protected reserve directly adjacent to the Etosha National Park, near Okaukuejo Namibia. The Adventure Centre offers a stargazing experience for guests to view the Southern skies constellations, Milkyway and some planets through the professional telescope at the lodge.



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## Basis

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## Day 4

### Brandberg White Lady Camping

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Situated in northwestern Namibia, the Brandberg (Fire Mountain) Massif is Namibia's highest peak, at its zenith, the Königstein (King's Stone), standing at a whopping 2573 metres above sea level. Named for the vivid shade of orange it sometimes turns at sunset, this is undoubtedly the main highlight of the region. The Brandberg has been sacred to the San people for centuries. The Tsisab Ravine at its base is permeated with over 45 000 ancient San rock paintings, including the famous 'White Lady'. Visitors flock here to view this unique bushman painting, said to be over 2000 years old. Other popular drawcards include its untouched natural beauty and its free roaming wildlife such as mountain zebra, kudu, springbok, and desert elephant.

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## Day Itinerary

Etosha Village – Brandbeerg White Lady Campsite (349 km)

Today we leave behind the wildlife of Etosha National Park and its beauty. Leaving behind the park you head towards brandbeerg area, passing Outjo to Khorixas. Khorixas is situated in Damaraland, you will notice the landscape change as the vegetation changes throughout the drive.

## Activities

Brandberg White Lady Painting

## Recommended

Brandberg White Lady Lodge Sunset/Scenic Drive

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## Outjo

Located in Namibia's Kunene region, the city of Outjo is known as the gateway to Etosha. Outjo's central position also makes it an excellent stopover en route to the Skeleton Coast and Damaraland, but that's not the only reason to visit this small town. Set amidst rolling hills, Outjo is a charming getaway boasting attractive forest and savannah surrounds, friendly locals and several historical sites. Roughly an hour's drive to the west you will find the Ugab Rock Finger, a 35-metre high stone monolith, while slightly further on is a 250-million-year-old petrified forest. Visitors

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can look forward to a variety of interesting sights including: visiting the local Franke Haus Museum, for a historical account of the area; and exploring the nearby Hopewell Farm to find magnificent volcanic tiger's eye deposits.



### ***Brandberg White Lady Lodge Sunset/Scenic Drive***

Departing an hour and a half before sunset, guests are taken on a scenic nature drive in the area before stopping at the perfect spot for a sundowner.



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### **Overnight: Brandberg White Lady Camping**

Located amidst tranquil surroundings, Brandberg White Lady Camping offers guests a lovely camping experience in Brandberg, Namibia. The establishment features campsites which come equipped with barbeque facilities and water taps. Shared bathrooms with hot and cold water are available. Guests can either cook meals using the barbeque facilities or dine at the nearby lodge restaurant. Other lodge facilities available to campers include a bar and a swimming pool. Guests can also enjoy a variety of guided drives and hiking trails.



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### **Basis**

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## **Day 5**

### **Mile 108 Campsite, Skeleton Coast**

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Stretching from the Swakop River to southern Angola, the Skeleton Coast is known as the 'Land God Made in Anger' and is remoteness at its best. Thousands of miles of sandy desert dotted with shipwrecks meet with the cold waters of the Atlantic and somehow an amazing array of wildlife and flora manages to survive in this harsh but beautiful environment. Ocean fog creeps over the shoreline caused by the warm dry air of the Namib Desert colliding with the cold Benguela current. This otherworldly area is home to a diversity of wildlife including seabird colonies, Cape fur seals, zebra, gemsbok, desert-adapted elephant, lion and much more. Surfing enthusiasts are drawn to these powerful waves and photographers flock from around the globe to snap a shot of this eerie shipwreck graveyard and for the unrivalled maritime photographic opportunities. This coast is desolate but breathtakingly beautiful.

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### Day Itinerary

Brandberg White lady Campsite – 108 Mile Camp (236 km)

Today we have a short drive towards the skeleton coast of Namibia, with a quick visit at the cape fur seals.

### Activities

Cape Cross Seal Colony

### Overnight: Mile 108 Campsite

Mile 108. Features endless scenic landscapes and pristine outdoor experience. Mile 108 is the ideal destination for the adventure seeking tourists/visitors who want to experience camping in “an African outback.” It is situated a short distance north of Cape Cross.

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### *Cape Cross Seal Colony*

This colony of Cape Fur Seals is one of the largest in the world, home to approximately 80 000 to 100 000 of these so-called 'seals', which are in fact a species of sea lion. Day trips to the colony are offered and the seals can be viewed from a walkway at a distance of roughly 200 metres.




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## Day 6

### Prost Hotel Swakopmund, Swakopmund

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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 an immensely 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.

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### Day Itinerary

108 Mile Camp - Swakopmund (164 km)

Today we leisurely depart to Swakopmund via the coastline enjoying the cool breeze and the fresh smell 😊. On route we will be passing through the small town of Hentiesbay. We aim to arrive at Prost in time for Lunch.

**Dinner tonight is on the client's own account.**

### *Henties Bay*

Situated along the magnificent Skeleton Coast in Namibia, the resort town of Henties Bay is a popular holiday destination known for its year-round fishing opportunities. This calm, tranquil seaside spot picks up during the December festive season. It is home to a variety of hotels, guesthouses, holiday houses and numerous lively bars, cafes, and restaurants. Visitors can look forward to a variety of spectacular activities including: visiting the seal colony of Cape Cross, walking along deserted beaches, jumping on an angling boat trip, or getting involved with a thrilling 4X4 excursion into the desert. Don't miss the opportunity to play a round of golf on the quirky golf course, set in a riverbed, for one of a kind golfing experience in the desert.



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## Overnight: Prost Hotel Swakopmund

Prost Hotel is situated in the heart of Swakopmund, giving access to the town's various and excellent restaurants. Our accommodation consist of 28 en-suit rooms, ranging from luxury, family to standard rooms. All rooms are equipped with 43" flat screen TV, own DSTV decoder, electronic laptop safe, tea/coffee station, telephone and hair dryer.



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### Basis

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 7

### Sesriem Oshana Campsite, Sesriem

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As there is no accommodation at Sossusvlei, visitors to this desert wilderness are likely to end up staying at Sesriem, 65 kilometres away, where camps and lodges serve as a base from which to explore the dunes. 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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### Day Itinerary

Swakopmund – Sesriem (343 km) (BLD)

This morning you have the opportunity to do an optional activity (preferable an activity that will finish at (12/13:00) After the activity we grab an on-the-go lunch packs and head out to the Namib Desert.

### Recommended sights

Walvis Bay Lagoon
Tropic of Capricorn

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## Optional

Catamaran Charters
Living Desert Tours

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### *Walvis Bay*

Situated along Namibia's spectacular coastline, just south of Swakopmund, Walvis Bay (Whale Bay) is a thriving town, Namibia's principal harbour and one of the country's most popular tourist centres. It is known for its natural lagoon, striking orange sand dunes and wealth of outdoor activities, including fishing, bird-watching, sailing, sandboarding, swimming, surfing and golf. Located just outside town is Dune 7, one of the largest sand dunes in the world, offering fantastic views from the crest for those with the energy to climb it. Visitors can look forward to a number of activities including: visiting the expansive green and pink salt pans dotted with flocks of flamingoes, and jumping on a boat trip to view seals colonies, dolphins and friendly pelicans, while enjoying champagne and oysters.



### *Walvis Bay Lagoon*

Walvis Bay's calm natural lagoon is a twitcher's paradise, teeming with roughly 50 species of seabirds, including vivid flocks of flamingoes, bulky-billed pelicans and glossy black cormorants. It's also a popular spot for windsurfing, kitesurfing and kayaking, while the promenade stretching for three kilometres along the water's edge is a great place for a scenic stroll.



### *Tropic of Capricorn*

Located just South of Walvis Bay in Solitaire, is the approximate latitude of the Tropic of Capricorn at 23.5 degrees South. The Tropic of Capricorn is one of the 5 major circles of latitude and the southernmost point of latitude from where the sun can be seen directly overhead. This point of latitude runs through many other countries such as Brazil, Mozambique and Australia to name a few.

### *Catamaran Charters*

The Catamaran Charters Team invites you aboard the 45ft Royal Cape Sailing Catamaran Silverwind, or the 60ft Simon Sailing Catamaran Silversand, or the 40ft Admiral Motorised Catamaran Silvermoon, to enjoy an adventure packed tour to Pelican Point and Walvis Bay's beautiful bay area.

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The chances of encountering dolphins, whales, turtles, seals and Mola Mola (sunfish) make the search for the marine big 5 and adventurous tour by enjoying sparkling wine, fresh oysters and other mouth-watering snacks aboard the spacious and comfortable catamarans.



### *Living Desert Tours*

The Living Desert Tour is a unique 4x4 adventure which specializes in bringing the desert to life while sharing the awesome beauty of the Namib Desert with travellers from all over the world. The coastal dune belt may seem barren and lifeless to many people, but in fact it is alive with a fascinating variety of little desert adapted animals, which are able to survive on the life-giving fog which consistently rolls in from the cold Atlantic Ocean.

Come see the Dancing White Lady Spider (*Carparachne aureoflava*) cartwheel 44 turns per second down a dune to escape the enemy. Admire the transparent Namib Dune Gecko (*Pachydactylus rangei*) with webbed feet that are equivalent to snow shoes. Learn about the different beetles and insects and how they survive in the dune desert. Follow in the tracks of a legless Lizard (*Fitsimmon's Burrowing Skink*), observe Sand Diving Lizards (*Meroles Anchieta*) dancing on the hot sand, Sidewinder Snakes (*Perinquey's Adder*), Desert Chameleons and many more fascinating creatures. Learn about the geology, structure and formation of the desert, and admire the vast and beautiful landscapes while enjoying a scenic dune drive combined with fun and adrenalin.



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### **Overnight: Sesriem Oshana Campsite**

Sesriem offers ten (10) self-catering camping facilities with each campsite having its own private toilet and shower, washup kitchenette with hot and cold water and 220V electricity. Campers have full access to the shop, bar, restaurant and swimming pool at Sesriem (NWR)



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## Day 8

### Sesriem Oshana Campsite, Sesriem

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#### Day Itinerary

Sossusvlei Full day

We make an early start to catch the soft light of sunrise over the desert. After passing through Sesriem we continue towards Sossusvlei with sand dunes rising along both sides of the road. This iconic landscape is made up of white plains and red dunes which tower majestically against a deep blue sky and are among the highest in the world. We will stop at the famous Dune 45, a beautiful star dune which reaches over 170 metres in height. Those who feel fit enough to climb the dune will be rewarded with breath-taking views of the surrounding Namibian desert.

After breakfast we will take a desert walk in the cool of the morning, with the chance of seeing gemsbok, springbok, black-backed jackal and ostrich. We will also visit the picturesque Dead Vlei. This white clay pan lies between towering orange dunes and is dotted with the skeletal remains of hundreds of dead camelthorn trees, making it a striking vista and photographer's dream. We will return to our camp for lunch. As the day begins to cool, we will enjoy a short excursion to Sesriem Canyon

#### Activities

Dune 45

Dead Vlei

Big Daddy 250m

Sossusvlei

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#### *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.



#### *Dead Vlei*

This ancient clay pan was once an oasis, studded with acacias and fed by a river that suddenly changed course, leaving the earth to dry up along with the trees it previously supported. So dry were the climatic conditions that the trees never decomposed – instead they were entirely leached of moisture so that today, 900 years later, they remain as desiccated,

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blackened sentinels dotting the pan's cracked surface. Surrounded by the red-pink dunes of the Namibia Desert, they create a surreal spectacle that is a photographer's dream.



### *Big Daddy 250m*

Big Daddy is the tallest dune in the Sossusvlei area. This magnificent dune is situated between Sossusvlei and Deadvlei and at 325 meters it dwarfs the other dunes. Should you want the ultimate bragging rights, take a lot of water and trek to the top of Big Daddy where you can look down onto Deadvlei.

At 325 meters, Big Daddy may be the highest dune in the Sossusvlei area, however it is not the highest in the Namib Desert. This honour is given to Dune 7, which has been measured at 388m. Dune 7 earned its name by being the 7th dune along the Tsauchab River.

### *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-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.



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### **Basis**

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

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### **Day 9**

**Neuras Wine & Wildlife Estate, Southern Namibia**

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Southern Namibia offers a harsh but beautiful environment stretching from the Orange River up to the Central Namibian highlands, Southern Namibia is epitomised by vast, slowly changing landscapes. The breathtakingly beautiful landscape features the Naukluft mountains, Namib desert dunes, and the Fish River Canyon. Southern Namibia is dotted with quiver trees, covered in golden grasslands, and crowned with burnt red dunes fringed by blue sky-lines. A spectacular array of wildlife roams freely including klipspringer, oryx and kudu. Visitors can soak up the breathtaking views of the Fish River Canyon, discover the wild desert horses near Aus, and explore the famous ghost town of Kolmanskop. Don't miss the ancient ochre dunes of Sossusvlei.

## Day Itinerary

Sesriem - Neuras Wine & Wildlife estate (343 km)

This morning we leave behind the breath-taking Namib Desert Dunes as we are headed towards the Tiras Mountains. We spent the night at the remarkable Neuras Wine & Wildlife estate.

Upon arrival we check-in and get ready for the afternoon Wine tasting relaxation tour.

## Optional

Sundowner

Cheetah Feeding

Wine Tasting with cheese platter

### *Wine Tasting with cheese platter*

Skip the educational part and only do the best part which is the wine tasting with cheese platter.

### *Sundowner*

Enjoy a scenic drive through our Honey Canyon, stopping along the way for any photo opportunities of the beautiful landscape and plant life, ending with drinks of your choice and a snack platter at a perfect location while watching the sun go down.



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### ***Cheetah Feeding***

Watch the cheetahs being fed by our experienced guides and listen to their stories. It is also a unique up close photographic opportunity.



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### **Overnight: Neuras Wine & Wildlife Estate**

In the local Koikoi language, Neuras means the 'place of abandoned water'. Neuras Estate owes its early existence as a farm to the presence of several crystal clear cold-water springs and dates back to 1894. Accommodation options at the Neuras Estates gives visitors a comfortable and ecologically sound way to enjoy the desert. Activities at Neuras is ideal for various enthusiasts such as wine connoisseurs, wildlife enthusiasts, hikers, geologists, as well as film and photography enthusiasts.



### **Tented Camps**

Neuras also offer their guests the opportunity to stay in private canvas tents that are each equip with two single beds whilst ablution facilities are shared. The tents are a 10-minute walk from the lodge for guests to experience a true bushveld experience.

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### **Basis**

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

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### **Day 10**

**Luderitz Nest Hotel, Luderitz**

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Sandwiched between the rugged and stark Atlantic Coast and the arid Namib Desert, the town of Lüderitz is set in an incredibly unique geographical setting. This seaside town is something of an anomaly frozen in time – a piece of 19th-century Bavaria bordering the pinkish sand dunes of the Namib Desert. Lutheran churches, German bakeries, and colonial buildings boasting German art nouveau architecture are dotted about the settlement, while its windswept beaches are home to flamingos, ostriches, seals and penguins. The nearby ghost town of Kolmanskop, which has been taken over by the desert dunes, is one of the most fascinating area attractions, located approximately 10 kilometres from Lüderitz central. Visitors can also take a trip to discover the wild desert-adapted horses located near the small town of Aus.

## Day Itinerary

Neuras Wine & Wildlife estate - Lüderitz (452 km)

Today we have a rather long not much scenic but the change in landscape will catch your eye! We will pass through the small town of Klien Aus vista, along the route we might possibly spot the Namib Wild horses.

The coastal town of Lüderitz where its colonial-style buildings cling to the rocks overlooking the bay, on some days a deep iridescent blue, on others grey and stormy, the crisp fresh climate, fishing boats bobbing up and down on the Atlantic horizon, penguins and seals diving beneath the waves, give the town a curious other-worldly allure.

We aim to arrive at our guest house during the late afternoon.

**Dinner will be at client's own expense tonight.**

## *Tiras Mountains*

Situated in southwestern Namibia at the edge of the world-renowned Namib Desert, the Tiras Mountains provide the perfect backdrop for visitors who venture to this red granite wonderland and immerse themselves in the natural beauty of this region. Namibian landscapes are synonymous with tranquility, serenity and endless open spaces and the magnificent Tiras Mountains encapsulate this quiet charm. Nature lovers flock here for an off-the-beaten-track experience in one of Namibia's most beautiful areas. Visitors can enjoy thrilling 4X4 mountain and dune tours, nature walks, game and bird viewing as well as excursions through quiver tree forests and to ancient rock paintings on granite rocks. Visitors can relax at one of the luxurious farm lodges after a wonderful day of activities, or get up close with nature while camping in this beautiful desert wilderness.



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### Overnight: Lüderitz Nest Hotel

The Lüderitz Nest Hotel enjoys a superb on the rocks and sea location, with far reaching uninterrupted views. The hotel's private tidal beach with walk-on jetty, unique in Namibia, allows the guest to get close-up to the sea. All rooms and suites have direct sea views. The outdoor sparkling residents' pool with sun-loungers and parasols is surrounded by verdant gardens. Facilities include free Wi-Fi throughout, complementary full-buffet breakfasts, free sauna and free secure parking. The hotel delivers a friendly service in a relaxed environment.

Since 1998, management and staff have hosted guests from around the world and very much look forward to welcoming you. Hospitality Association of Namibia (HAN) Excellence Awards 2016 winner.



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### Basis

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 11

### Canyon Roadhouse Campsite Gondwana Collection Namibia, Fish River Canyon

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Carving out an epic rocky wonderland in the south of Namibia, the Fish River has created Africa's largest and the world's second largest canyon. Hot, dry and stony, the Fish River Canyon measures a whopping 160 kilometres in length, at times 27 kilometres in width and 550 metres in depth. The awe-inspiring natural beauty of this ancient geological marvel draws visitors from around the globe. For those looking for adventure, the intense 85 kilometre Fish River Hiking Trail through 1.5 billion years of geological history will definitely thrill avid adventure enthusiasts, and for visitors looking to relax, head over to the canyon's southern end to enjoy a soak in the mineral waters of the renowned hot springs of Ai-Ais, or take in the spectacularly scenic views from Hobas Restcamp as well as numerous other viewpoints along its rim. Other popular activities include: scenic chartered flights, horse riding, nature drives and seasonal kayaking.

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## Day Itinerary

Luderitz – Canyon Roadhouse (385km)

Time to pack up camp and move on to our next destination, the Fish River Canyon.

There is time to join an optional extra excursion, a marine trip, take a cruise around Lüderitz Bay and, weather permitting, to Halifax Island to see the Jackass Penguins. **N.B: The boat cruise is subject to availability and, if undertaken, will be for the client's own risk and expense.**

Straight after the marine trip we drive out to Kolmanskop, a desert ghost town about 20 km out of Luderitz. It was built in the 1920's during the diamond rush and was abandoned when bigger and better diamonds were found further along the coast. The area is still abandoned, and the desert has encroached over the entire town, giving an eerie feeling and real meaning to the word "ghost".

Arrival at the campsite will be late afternoon.

## Activities

Kolmanskop

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### *Wild Horses of the Namib*

Fighting for a life in freedom they hold an irresistible fascination: the Wild Horses of the Namib in south-western Namibia. For centuries their origin was shrouded in mystery. Their habitat, the barren plains around Garub on the eastern fringe of the Namib Desert, is no paradise; nevertheless they have managed to adapt to the harsh conditions. Their forebears, once in the service of man, gained freedom for themselves: a life in the vastness of the Namib, away from human civilization, according to the rules of their own horse society. Perhaps this is the reason for the fascination of thousands of visitors every year. Plans for moving the herd to farms have been discarded by now: it has been decided that also in future the horses' place is in Namib Naukluft Park.



### *Kolmanskop*

Amongst the sands of the Namib, the crumbling buildings of a small, once-luxurious town emerge from the drifting dunes. This ghost town is Kolmanskop, a reminder of the wealth of a time when diamonds could be picked by hand from the desert, and a remarkable photographic opportunity with few equals anywhere on earth.



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## Overnight: Canyon Roadhouse Campsite Gondwana Collection Namibia

Canyon Roadhouse is located 20 km east of the Fish River Canyon on the C 37.

Fill up with smiles at this innovative lodge that celebrates the good old days of the automobile. It offers peaceful slumber in 24 spacious rooms and boasts a pool, a campsite, a fuel station, an inviting terrace and the most extraordinary restaurant in southern Namibia.



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### Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

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## Day 12

### Quivertree Forest Rest Camp, Keetmanshoop

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Situated along the Trans-Namib Railway, in the ǀKaras region of southern Namibia, the town of Keetmanshoop is known as the capital of southern Namibia. Founded in 1860, this southern Namibian town is a living slice of history. German colonial architecture is dotted around the town and the local museum, housed in an old church, provides interesting insight into the town's heritage. Just a short drive out of town, the Quiver Tree Forest is a sea of spikes and twisted trunks, while the neighbouring 'Giant's Playground' is an evocative expanse of strange rock formations. Both offer superb opportunities for photography, particularly at sunset. Visitors can look forward to exploring the scenic and historic attractions of this amazing place and enjoy an array of wonderful activities.

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### Day Itinerary

Canyon Roadhouse – Quiver Tree Campsite (146km)

Early morning, we head to the main viewpoint where we can see how impressive this canyon actually is. This is an ideal opportunity for photos and to spend some time experiencing this amazing sight. Viewing from the top we can see the river sparkling in the sunlight far below us and can barely imagine how many millennia it took for the forces of erosion to carve such a magnificent vista.

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Our next destination to is Quiver Tree Camp Forest, passing through Keetmanshoop. Here you have the opportunity of seeing the Quivertree. Quiver trees are not in fact trees, they are a type of aloe, (Aloe Dichotoma), so called because the branches fork “dictomously”. These weird looking plants dot the landscape in this part of the world and are locally common, however they are one of the world’s rarest flora species

## Activities

Fish River Canyon
Fish River Canyon Viewpoint
Quiver Tree Forest
Mesosaurus Fossil Site & Quivertree Dolorite Park

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### *Fish River Canyon*

Carving out an epic rocky wonderland in the south of Namibia, the Fish River has created Africa’s largest and the world’s second largest canyon. Hot, dry and stony, the Fish River Canyon measures a whopping 160 kilometres in length, at times 27 kilometres in width and 550 metres in depth. The awe-inspiring natural beauty of this ancient geological marvel draws visitors from around the globe. For those looking for adventure, the intense 85 kilometre Fish River Hiking Trail through 1.5 billion years of geological history will definitely thrill avid adventure enthusiasts, and for visitors looking to relax, head over to the canyon's southern end to enjoy a soak in the mineral waters of the renowned hot springs of Ai-Ais, or take in the spectacularly scenic views from Hobas Restcamp as well as numerous other viewpoints along its rim. Other popular activities include: scenic chartered flights, horse riding, nature drives and seasonal kayaking.



### *Fish River Canyon Viewpoint*

Located in Southern Namibia The Fish River Canyon is the largest canyon in Africa and draws many visitors each year. This viewpoint has a beautiful panoramic view of the canyon where visitors can witness the Fish River flow through sharp corners amidst rocky terrain.

### *Quiver Tree Forest*

Some 14 kilometres from Keetmanshoop is a striking natural phenomenon that is well worth a visit: a natural forest of roughly 200 quiver trees, set on a large outcrop of blackish dolerite rocks. Named for the pliable bark that was once used by bushmen to craft quivers for their arrows, quiver trees are in fact not trees at all, but unusually large succulents with scaly bark and twisted branches topped with spiky, fleshy leaves. The most mature specimens here are between 200 and 300 years old, and some measure as high as nine metres. The forest, which was declared a national monument in 1955, is best viewed at sunrise or sunset, when the soft, warm light further enhances this already captivating sight.

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### ***Mesosaurus Fossil Site & Quivertree Dolorite Park***

In the middle of Namibia's stark, arid landscape lies the dry bed of an ancient lake, where history is recorded in beautiful rock formations bearing fossils of a pre-historical creature known as *Mesosaurus tenuidens*. Visitors can explore the surrounding area on hikes and sundowner drives that will take them past many a quiver tree and dolorite valley.



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### **Overnight: Quivertree Forest Rest Camp**

The Quivertree Forest Rest Camp, located on the farm Gariganus just 13 km north-east of Keetmanshoop on road M29, offer tourists comfortable accommodation amid a pristine Namibian landscape. On the farm visitors can explore the ancient and famous Quivertree Forest and the dolerite rock formations of the Giants Playground at their leisure.



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### **Basis**

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

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## **Day 13**

### **Bagatelle Kalahari Ranch Campsite, Mariental**



Situated in south central Namibia, fringing the Kalahari Desert, the city of Mariental lies along the TransNamib railway and serves as the Hardap Region's commercial and administrative capital. It provides an important petrol stop before heading west to Sesriem to view the red-orange dunes of Sossusvlei. Mariental is located close to magnificent

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the Hardap Dam, which is the largest reservoir in Namibia. The Hardap Irrigation Scheme has breathed life into this arid terrain, which is now fertile with farmlands covered in citrus, melons, lucerne, wine and maize, and dotted with ostrich farms. The dam is a popular holiday resort which draws city slickers from Windhoek and offers an array of watersports, scenic walks, and abundant wildlife in a 20000-hectare nature reserve set on its western bank; where visitors can spot rhino, ostrich, antelope, springbok and a variety of bird species.

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## Day Itinerary

Quiver Tree Campsite – Bagatelle Campsite (285km)

This morning we leisurely depart to the great Kalahari home of the Red Dunes, with a quick stop at the Hardap Dam.

The Kalahari Desert often surprises people when they first see it. It is vastly different from the Namib. First of all, remember that the Kalahari is not a desert. It receives more rain than a true desert should. The Kalahari is a fossil desert. Don't expect to find tall Sossusvlei-style dunes devoid of greenery here. The Kalahari's dunes are very different. They are often equally beautiful, but usually greener and less stark – and with this vegetation comes its ability to support more flora and fauna than a true desert.

Hardap Dam is a dam close to Mariental in the Hardap Region of central Namibia. Created in 1963 while Namibia was under South African occupation, Hardap Dam is the largest dam in the country. The reservoir dams the Fish River and is home to numerous examples of wildlife of Namibia.

**Late this afternoon we hop onto an open vehicle for a late afternoon Combination Drive.**

## Activities

Combination Drive

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### *Combination Drive*

Game drive, cheetah feeding and sundowner on the dune. A game drive in the reserve with a variety of game such as giraffe, kudu, zebra, oryx, blue wildebeest, eland and much more. The reserve has some of the highest dunes in this region with views over the pan, characteristic to the Kalahari. Between the dunes, which are called streets, are the beautiful Acacia trees. The Kalahari has more than 150 species of birds. The well know suricate (meerkat) is also to be seen, although they are very scarce. Cheetah feeding allows one the opportunity to come up close to the cheetah, great for taking photos. Our guides will provide interesting facts about this incredible cat and the history of the cheetahs in our care. After this, a sundowner on the dune will await you, with refreshments and a Namibian snack, while enjoying a breathtaking sunset in the Kalahari.

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## Overnight: Bagatelle Kalahari Ranch Campsite

Bagatelle - this French word refers to something small, of little consequence, not very important! The lodge lies on the edge of the Southern Kalahari in the mixed tree and shrub Savanna. The ranch is characterized by huge red sands dunes running parallel, and in a northern-westerly to south-easterly direction.

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch has FIVE individual campsites. Set between the red sand dunes, each campsite has it's own dedicated ablution block, toilet, shower, washbasin and mirror. It is fully tiled and hot water supplied by modern gas geysers and solar lights. Relax around a campfire and enjoy the Kalahari night. Other facilities - Swimmingpool , Camp site and Wine cellar

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### **Basis**

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

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## **Day 14**

### **End of Itinerary**

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### **Day Itinerary**

Bagatelle - Windhoek (261km)

After breakfast we begin our journey back to Windhoek on the main highway, travelling through the thin strip of Kalahari Desert that protrudes onto the eastern side of Namibia. Stopping at small towns along the way including Kalkrand, traditional home of the Baster people and on to Rehoboth.

We are due back into the city in the late afternoon / early evening and you will be dropped off at your accommodation on our return.

Thank you for entrusting us to plan your memorable experience in Namibia 😊

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### **Basis**

Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

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### **Optional**

Bushman Walk

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#### ***Bushman Walk***

A relaxing walk with the Bushmen (San) to their demonstrational village, sharing with you their ancient survival skills and secrets inherited from their forefathers. Keeping the past alive. On arrival at the traditional Bushman village, you will meet a family who will present you with the way they used to store water in ostrich eggs, plants for medicinal use, setting up traps, the making of ostrich and bead jewellery, etc. This is really an unforgettable experience.

Our guide will do the necessary translation into English, as the Bushmen will speak their own language.

### **End of Safari**

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