



## 2021 & 2022 - SCH 15 day Delta Dunes schedule camping safari (select Thurs dep)

Ghanzi - Gobabis - Guma Lagoon - Rundu - Kavango - Onguma Game Reserve - Grootfontein - Etosha South - Etosha East - Etosha National Park - Etosha West - Twyfelfontein - Swakopmund - Sesriem - Sossusvlei

15 Days / 14 Nights

Group Size: Minimum 2 guest Maximum 14 guests



### Introduction

Interact with the San People in Botswana, visit the western side of the Okavango Delta, travel through the Kavango region and through the world famous Etosha National Park – a game viewing delight. Experience the communal conservancy areas of Damaraland before arriving at the Skeleton Coast and town of Swakopmund which nestles between the Namib Desert and Atlantic Ocean. Two nights spent at a campsite within the Namib Naukluft Park, gateway to places with names such as Dune 45, Big Daddy, Sossusvlei – the Namib Desert with its towering sand dunes!

**Departs:** from Windhoek on selected Thursday mornings.

**Ends:** in Windhoek on a Thursday evening.

### 2021 Departure dates

Nov	Dec	Jan 21	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
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Rates valid: 01 November 2020 - 31 October 2021: NAD42 300.00

**2022 Departure dates**

Nov	Dec	Jan 21	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
-	-	-	-	-	-	05	02	07	11	15	06

Rates valid: 01 November 2021 - 31 October 2022: NAD44 420.00

Pricing is per person sharing – as tours tend to run full, we have limited packing space on the vehicles, tents are bulky items and as such we do require people of same gender to share.

Single tents may be supplied for those with valid health reasons, no single supplement payable.

**Important note:** guests needing visas for Namibia, this needs to be a multiple entry visa.

Can this tour be combined with others: This is a stand-alone product.

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Day 1	Ghanzi Trail Blazers	Ghanzi	L&D	1x Campsite	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 2	Guma Lagoon Campsite	Guma Lagoon	FB	1x Campsite	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 3	Guma Lagoon Campsite	Guma Lagoon	FB	1x Campsite	<b>2 Nights</b>
Day 5	Guma Lagoon Campsite	Guma Lagoon	FB	1x Campsite	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 6	n'Kwazi Campsite	Rundu	FB	1x Campsite	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 7	Onguma Tamboti Campsite	Onguma Game Reserve	FB	1x Campsite	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 8	Onguma Tamboti Campsite	Onguma Game Reserve	FB	1x Campsite	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 9	Taleni Etosha Village	Etosha South	FB	1x Campsite	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 10	Madisa Camp	Twyfelfontein	FB	1x Campsite	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 11	Prost Hotel Swakopmund	Swakopmund	B,B&L	1x Twin room	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 12	Prost Hotel Swakopmund	Swakopmund	B&B	1x Twin room	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 13	Sesriem Oshana Campsite	Sesriem	FB	1x Campsite	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 14	Sesriem Oshana Campsite	Sesriem	B,B&L	1x Campsite	<b>1 Night</b>

**Key**

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

B,B&L: Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

L&D: Lunch and Dinner

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

## Included

- Professional guide
- Camp assistant
- All transport whilst on tour
- Meals as specified
- Camping equipment (does not include sleeping bag / pillow / stretcher)
- National Park entrance fees
- Campsite fees

## Excluded

- Sleeping bag – can be rented for a daily fee of NAD45.00
- Stretcher - can be rented for a daily fee of NAD55.00
- Pillow
- Alcoholic beverages, soft drinks & bottled water
- Personal travel insurance - **compulsory**

## Day 1: Ghanzi Trail Blazers, Ghanzi

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Situated 300 kilometres southwest of Maun and just north of the Trans-Kalahari highway, which runs from Lobatse in Botswana to Walvis Bay in Namibia, the small town of Ghanzi is sometimes referred to as the 'Capital of the Kalahari'. It serves as the administrative centre of the Ghanzi district which covers a vast area of cattle ranches and farmland in the west of Botswana. The Ghanzi area has a number of lodges that focus on cultural tourism as well as wildlife viewing - here you can experience the fascinating world of the San Bushmen as they explain to you how they forage, hunt and find water in this harsh environment.

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### Day Itinerary

#### Day 1 - Thursday

Route: Windhoek to Dqae Ghanzi Trailblazers

Distance: 560 km

Collection time: 07h30 – 08h00 from any accommodation within the City of Windhoek

Journey: Leaving Windhoek our journey takes us due east to the heart of Namibia's cattle country, our last stop before arriving at Buitepos as we cross the border into Botswana. A late afternoon arrival at our campsite, the guests of Ghanzi Trailblazers have the opportunity to get a glimpse of a San/Bushman culture that is fast disappearing.

#### Overnight: Ghanzi Trail Blazers

Ghanzi Trail Blazers caters for visitors who wish to have a genuine glimpse of a fast disappearing unique and ancient culture. It offers a number of activities to interact with the San Bushman, and to discover how they survived in the Kalahari. Ghanzi Trail Blazers is located approximately 5.6 km away from the main road, far enough away to capture the real African bushveldt.

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### Activities

Morning	Gobabis
Afternoon	Ghanzi

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**Gobabis**

Set in the heart of eastern Namibia's 'Cattle Country', the town of Gobabis is the district capital of the Omaheke region. This town features a rich heritage and cultural diversity. It is the centre of a thriving cattle farming area and has earned the nickname the 'Little Texas' of Namibia. Like most towns in Namibia, Gobabis has an interesting history, which is documented in the local Gobabis Museum. Opened on request, visitors will find a collection of historic artifacts inside, while old agricultural implements are displayed on the grounds. Visitors can also view the beautiful traditional dress of the local Herero and Damara women while strolling through town, enjoy excellent bird watching in the surrounding areas and jump on the back of a traditional Damara-nama donkey cart for a ride.

**Ghanzi**

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**Basis**

Lunch and Dinner

**Included**

Meals: Light lunch and dinner – camping style

**Day 2: Guma Lagoon Campsite, Guma Lagoon**

Guma Lagoon is found in northern Botswana. This wonderful retreat on the banks of the Okavango River is a dream destination for animal lovers and outdoor enthusiasts, providing a range of sights and activities. Not only can visitors enjoy premium bird watching (200 native species) and freshwater fishing opportunities (both spin and fly-fishing), but Guma Lagoon is also a fantastic base for self-guided game drives and traditional dug-out canoe (mokoro) trails, which allow you to navigate the palm islands and waterlily beds of the scenic Okavango. Other key activities include bush walks, forest trails and star gazing. Finally, note that accommodation is provided exclusively through Guma Lagoon Camp – and so advance booking, particularly for the self-catering units, is highly recommended.

**Day Itinerary****Day 2 - Friday**

Route: Ghanzi Trailblazers to Guma Lagoon

Distance: 380 km

Journey: An early morning as we join the San people on a bush walk, they are renowned for their extraordinary knowledge of the Kalahari for both plants and animal tracking. Our journey today takes us north, our camp is situated along the banks of the Guma Lagoon on the north-western side of the Okavango Delta in Botswana.

**Overnight: Guma Lagoon Campsite**

Guma Lagoon Campsite is located on the shores of the lagoon and is a short distance from the Guma Airport. Guests have access to seven campsites of varying sizes. Smaller size campsites are suitable for individual families while larger sites are suitable for large groups with multiple tents. All campers have access to a fully equipped self-catering kitchen and a private bathroom. Campers may also dine at the on-site restaurant which offers a variety of meals.

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**Included**

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

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**Day 3: Guma Lagoon Campsite, Guma Lagoon**

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**Day Itinerary****Day 3 – Saturday**

Route: Guma – two nights camping in the Delta area

Journey: This morning we meet our team of Mokoro Polers who we'll spend the day with (a traditional dugout canoe, locally known as a mokoro, was the mode of transport chosen by the Okavango's first inhabitants, the Bayei and Banoka people). From the lodge it's a boat transfer that passes through a narrow meandering channel will get you to the start of your mokoro experience. Hop onto a fiberglass or wooden mokoro (seats two people), from here you will be poled through the tranquil channels that link the extensive flood plain system to the main river. Water lily beds, palm islands and papyrus stands abound making for the most scenic of experiences. On one of the larger islands we set up camp, we'll spend two nights here.

**Overnight: Guma Lagoon Campsite**

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**Included**

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

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**Day 4: Guma Lagoon Campsite, Guma Lagoon**

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**Day Itinerary****Day 4 – Sunday**

Daytime activities will include walks in the area. There is always a chance of seeing large herds of red lechwe bounding through the water and passing elephants feeding amongst the lush wetland vegetation. After lunch we wend our way back to the Mokoro station and end with short motorboat ride back to camp.

**Basis**

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

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**Day 5: Guma Lagoon Campsite, Guma Lagoon**

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**Day Itinerary****Day 5 - Monday**

Route: Guma lagoon

Journey: During the course of today we return to our campsite at Guma Lagoon.

### **Overnight: Guma Lagoon Campsite**

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### **Included**

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

## **Day 6: n'Kwazi Campsite, Rundu**

Bordering Angola, on the banks of the Okavango River in northern Namibia, the town of Rundu serves as the capital of the eastern Kavango region. Rundu is renowned for its local woodcarvers market and is filled with impressive woodcarvers' workshops. The town provides a great stopover to refuel for visitors heading to Katima Mulilo, enthralling Popa Falls, or Mahangu Game Reserve, home to the endangered wild dog and lion, leopard, elephant, cheetah, and hippo. Visitors to Rundu can also look forward to great game viewing, excellent bird watching as well as kayaking on the spectacular Kavango River.

### **Day Itinerary**

#### **Day 6 - Tuesday**

Route: Guma to Rundu

Distance: 350 km

Journey: Today we travel north to Shakawe and cross the border back into Namibia and through the Kavango region, passing the town of Rundu to the campsite situated on the banks of the Kavango River.

### **Overnight: n'Kwazi Campsite**

N'Kwazi Campsite is located in the east of Rundu. The site features a beautiful view of the river and guests who stay at the campsite have access to all the facilities available at the lodge. Guests may dine at the in-house restaurant or relax at the large outdoor swimming pool. Guests may also make use of the free Wi-Fi which is available in the bar and lounge area. Various activities are available and include game drives and guided walks.

### **Activities**

Kavango

### ***Kavango***

The Kavango region lies in northeastern Namibia and includes the western part of the Caprivi Strip to the northeast. The region is largely separated from Angola by the magnificent Kavango River, which dominates the area and is essential to the local Kavango people's survival. This magnificent river and the surrounding thickly wooded savannah provides a striking contrast with the other more arid areas of Namibia. Bordering the Kavango River is the Mahangu Game Reserve. Visitors can look forward to exploring this impressive reserve, featuring riverine forests, broad floodplains, and majestic

baobab trees. This pristine natural environment forms an ideal habitat for an astonishing array of wildlife including large herds of elephant, a number of rare game species, and over four hundred species of bird.

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### Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch camping style - dinner at a lodge.

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## Day 7: Onguma Tamboti Campsite, Onguma Game Reserve

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

#### Day 7 - Wednesday

Route: Rundu to Onguma Game Reserve

Distance: 420 km

Journey: A longer day of travelling today as you head south to the town of Grootfontein and the mining town of Tsumeb. Am to arrive at the private reserve mid-afternoon, set up camp and head off for some game viewing.

#### Overnight: Onguma Tamboti Campsite

The 15 sites are all nestled in the trees of the Onguma Reserve, and each camper is ensured privacy and space to enjoy the bush. Each campsite has a private ablution facility with spacious shower room, separate toilet and covered washing-up areas with lots of space to unpack and organize. Each unit also has ample plugs to ensure cooler boxes keep cool and cameras get charged.

There is a stunning main area with a restaurant where guests can enjoy a hearty meal while looking out across the waterhole. The supply store stocks essentials and the deep verandas ensure there is shade to relax in.

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### Activities

Lunch	Grootfontein
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### Grootfontein

Situated 450 kilometres from Namibia's capital, Windhoek, within the Otjozondjupa Province of Namibia, Grootfontein (meaning 'Big Fountain') is famous for being home to the largest meteorite ever discovered on earth (located roughly 25 kilometres from the town centre). Hoba is believed to have occurred around 80,000 years ago, and its enormity is a

true sight to behold. The town is also unique in that it is extremely lush and fertile during the summer months. Purple Jacaranda trees create a riot of colour around the town. Other must-see attractions include the fascinating Grootfontein Museum, and the Abenab and Berg Aukas Mines. From here, a fantastic network of hiking and biking trails lead into the wild.

### **Included**

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner - camping style

## **Day 8: Onguma Tamboti Campsite, Onguma Game Reserve**

### **Day Itinerary**

#### **Day 8 - Thursday**

Route: Morning and afternoon game drives into Etosha National Park

Journey: we'll be at the Von Lindequist gate for sunrise as we enter Etosha National Park, this day will be run as per the groups requirements, we can either do a morning game drive and return to Onguma for lunch and early afternoon at leisure before heading back into the Park for an afternoon drive OR we can take a packed lunch and spend the day in the Etosha Park, taking a break at Namutoni Resort during the heat of day returning to our campsite just before sunset.

#### **Overnight: Onguma Tamboti Campsite**

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### **Included**

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

## **Day 9: Taleni Etosha Village, Etosha South**

Located just south of the boundary of Etosha National Park in north-western 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 watching the sunset over the magnificent African landscape.

### **Day Itinerary**

#### **Day 9 - Friday**

Route: Through Etosha Onguma to Okaukuejo region (Talení Etosha)

Journey: Up before dawn, we need to be at the Von Lindequist Gate for sunrise which is when the entrance gates open, one of the best times for game viewing is the cooler morning hours and late afternoon. We make use of today on an extensive game drive in search of black and white rhino, elephants, lion, cheetah and the numerous species of plains game. The drive will give you an overview of the National Park including its birdlife, flora and geology. A stop will be made at Halali, the most central of the resorts. Exit the National Park, it's a short journey to our overnight camping.

### **Overnight: Taleni Etosha Village**

Affordable Luxury at Etosha National Park near Okaukuejo, situated only 2km from the Andersson entrance gate to Etosha National Park, Etosha Village uniquely combines affordability with comfort, style and exquisite cuisine.

The 45 luxury individual suites offer a fully air-conditioned bedroom with an en-suite bathroom and a patio to enjoy the beauty that surrounds you. Two small children (under 12) can be accommodated with their parents on a fold-out sleeper couch in the unit.

Facilities include an open-plan bar with big screen television, 2 sparkling pools plus a kiddie pool, a restaurant serving delectable cuisine as well as a fully stocked utility and curio shop.

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### **Activities**

Morning	Etosha East
Morning	Etosha Pan
Afternoon	Etosha West

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### ***Etosha East***

Located in North-western Namibia, Etosha East is a protected sanctuary in the eastern part of the world-renowned Etosha National Park, known as one of the most accessible game reserves in Southern Africa. Etosha East boasts vast open plains scattered with semi-arid savannah grasslands dotted with watering holes and secluded bush camps. An impressive 5000-square-kilometre Etosha salt pan makes up a large area of the eastern side of the park and can even be seen from space. This remote area teems with abundant wildlife such as lions, elephants, black rhinos and giraffes, as well as a variety of birdlife featuring flamingos, ostriches, eagles, hornbills, and owls.

### ***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.

### ***Etosha West***

Situated in the western part of Etosha National park, a world-famous wildlife sanctuary in the north-western part of Namibia, Etosha West is the wilder western region accessed through Galton Gate. Visitors to Etosha West can look forward to exploring the magnificent scenery of this remote north Namibian landscape characterised by lush undulating terrain and a reddish-brown soil, which is a stark contrast to the white dusty clay soil of Etosha East's flat expansive plains. This area is home to several species not found in the rest of the park: baboons, Mountain Zebra, and Brown

Hyena, as well as several unique plants. The area also boasts numerous waterholes attracting elephant, rhino, leopard, lion, a variety of buck, and around 300 bird species.

### Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

## Day 10: Madisa Camp, Twyfelfontein

Set in the Kunene Region of north-western Namibia, Twyfelfontein is a spectacularly scenic area, featuring one of the largest and most important concentrations of rock art in Africa. The name 'Twyfelfontein' translates to 'Fountain of Doubt', which refers to the perennial spring situated in the impressive Huab Valley flanked by the slopes of a sandstone table mountain. It was this spring that attracted Stone Age hunters over six thousand years ago, and it was during this time that the extensive group of rock engravings and paintings were produced. Visitors can look forward to basing themselves at some wonderfully shady campsites along the Aba-Huab riverbed, while exploring over thirty different sacred ritual sites of the traditional hunter-gatherer communities.

### Day Itinerary

#### Day 10 - Saturday

Route: Taleni Etosha to Madisa

Distance: 350 km

Journey: Today's travels take us to a Himba Village situated on a local cattle farm, a guided tour around an authentic Himba village will not only give you an in-depth insight into the life and ways of this traditional tribe but an amazing photographic opportunity as well. Damaraland is an area characterised by its rocky and rugged landscapes of rough, fascinating beauty. We'll view the rock engravings and rock paintings at Twyfelfontein, a UNESCO World Heritage Site before setting up camp for the night. After a day on the road refresh oneself in the splash pool!

#### Overnight: Madisa Camp

Madisa Camp is situated on the D2612 road to Twyfelfontein, a very popular route. The camp is hidden between amazing rock formations which are scattered with Bushman Paintings and has privy to an ancient Desert Elephant route that often gets visited by these beautiful giants.

Each spacious campsite has an exquisite view of the Gauntegab River bed and rock formations. The campsites have individual ablution facilities situated on stilts hidden in the tree tops. The braai facilities also double up as a heater (donkey system) for hot running water at each open air shower.

#### Overland Site

These sites are large and each have a circle braai area with seating, a wash up basin and water supply. The ablution facilities are shared.

### Activities

Morning	Omapha Himba Village
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Afternoon	Twyfelfontein
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### ***Omapha Himba Village***

Omapha Himba Village in Etosha South, Namibia, is home to the indigenous Himba tribe, who are half-nomadic people. The people are famous for maintaining the traditional way of life of their ancestors up to recent times. External influences have not polluted them, and this reflects in the way they dress, cook, trade, interact and live. An array of wildlife can be seen roaming freely close to the village. Guided tours are offered, and guests can look forward to exploring the village in its natural environment.

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### **Included**

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

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## **Day 11: 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 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.

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### **Day Itinerary**

#### **Day 11 - Sunday**

Route: Madisa campsite to Swakopmund

Distance: 390 km

Journey: Destination = Swakopmund. Today we continue our travels through southern Damaraland, passing the Brandberg Mountain to arrive at the old mining town of Uis before heading off across the gravel plains to reach the Atlantic Ocean and the Skeleton Coast. Here we travel north to Cape Cross Seal Reserve, home to between eighty and one hundred thousand Fur seals, endemic to southern Africa they are commonly known as "eared seals". Arrival in the coastal town of Swakopmund will be mid-afternoon.

### **Overnight: Prost Hotel Swakopmund**

Prost Hotel is situated in the heart of Swakopmund, giving access to the town's various and excellent restaurants. The hotel offers 28 en-suite rooms, ranging from luxury, family to standard rooms. All rooms are equipped with 43" flat screen TV, DSTV decoder, electronic laptop safe, tea/coffee station, telephone and hair dryer. Facilities include complimentary Wi-Fi, buffet breakfast, secure parking, secure parking, 24 hour reception, conference & events facility and same day laundry service.

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**Activities**

Morning	Cape Cross Seal Colony
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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.

**Included**

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch

**Excluded**

Dinner for own account

**Day 12: Prost Hotel Swakopmund, Swakopmund****Day Itinerary****Day 12 - Monday**

Route: Swakopmund (hotel or bed and breakfast)

Journey: All guests have the day at leisure to explore this coastal town or participate in one of the many activities available in the Swakopmund vicinity and in Walvis Bay. These optional activities may include kayaking, a marine cruise and Sandwich Harbour tour from Walvis Bay. Alternatively explore the desert surrounding Swakopmund on the Living Desert Tour, do a township tour or for those seeking some adventure quad biking and dune boarding is also offered.

**Overnight: Prost Hotel Swakopmund****Included**

Meals: Breakfast.

**Excluded**

Lunch and dinner for guests own account.

**Day 13: Sesriem Oshana Campsite, Sesriem**

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.)

## Day Itinerary

### Day 13 - Tuesday

Route: Swakopmund to Namib Naukluft Park

Distance: 345 km

Journey: we leave Swakopmund to the harbour town of Walvis Bay before heading south travelling across the gravel plains of the Namib Desert, endless horizons. The surrounds of the Kuiseb and Gaub Canyon provide good geological phenomenon, in addition we may see the elusive Mountain Zebra. After crossing the Tropic of Capricorn head on to the settlement of Solitaire. Our aim is to arrive at our campsite mid to late afternoon. Set up camp and visit Elim dune – a great place for sundowners with the dunes behind us and the Naukluft Mountains in the distance.

### 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).

## Activities

Afternoon	Elim Dune
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### *Elim Dune*

Just five kilometres from the camp at Sesriem, Elim Dune is best viewed at sunset, when the colours deepen, intensifying the contrast between the red dunes and the purple-blue Naukluft Mountains on the opposite horizon. Elim Dune is roughly 100 metres in height and the climb to its zenith takes under an hour.

## Included

Meals: Breakfast, Light Lunch and dinner – camping style

## Day 14: Sesriem Oshana Campsite, Sesriem

## Day Itinerary

### Day 14 - Wednesday

Route: Sesriem – Sossusvlei - Sesriem

Journey: We'll need to be on the move an hour before dawn as we make our way through a dry riverbed and across the gravel plains towards the Namib Dunes. We'll stop at Dune 45 before making our way to Sossusvlei with age old sands said to be around five million years old. Dead Vlei with its white pan and contrasting black scorched trees is also on our visit list. Whilst this region appears to be lifeless there are a variety of animal species that have adapted to

these conditions and if we're lucky may see Oryx antelope, ostrich, springbok and don't forget about the birdlife and reptiles that inhabit the area. Return to our campsite for lunch, late afternoon visit to the Sesriem Canyon where the ephemeral Tsauchab River has shaped the area over millions of years.

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

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#### **Activities**

Morning	Dune 45
Morning	Sossusvlei
Morning	Dead Vlei
Afternoon	Sesriem Canyon

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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.

#### ***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.

#### ***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, 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.

#### ***Sesriem Canyon***

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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#### **Included**

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

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## Day 15: End of Itinerary

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### Day Itinerary

#### Day 15 - Thursday

Route: Sesriem to Windhoek

Distance: 335 km

Arrival in Windhoek: Between 16h00 – 18h00

Journey: Our route today takes us back towards Solitaire where we stop in at the Namib Carnivore Conservation Centre - The NCCC offers a truly unique cheetah tracking safari where you can accompany a wildlife biologist into a 500ha 'soft-release' enclosure in search of their ambassador cats. Leaving Solitaire we travel to the town of Rehoboth, an area of natural hot water springs, before arriving back into the city of Windhoek, this will be late afternoon, please do not book any outbound flights for this afternoon.

### Activities

Lunch	Rehoboth
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### *Rehoboth*

Located in Hardap, Namibia, about 90 kilometres south of Windhoek, Rehoboth is surrounded by camel thorn, sweet-thorn and candle-pod acacia and dotted with several natural hot springs. The area is known not only for its striking natural beauty but also its rich heritage - the ancient Baster community, who came across the river to settle here in 1870, have a long and interesting history. Plant lovers will be interested to find that some of the Acacia Trees here date back around 2000 years. History enthusiasts will delight in the interesting town museum. Rehoboth makes for a convenient base for reaching popular destinations such as the Fish River Canyon, Sossussvlei, and Hardap Dam.

### Included

Meals: Breakfast and light lunch – camping style

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