



2021 & 2022 - SCH 3 day Sossusvlei Camping safari (Schedule Tue departure)

Sesriem - Sossusvlei

3 Days / 2 Nights

Group Size: Minimum 1 guest Maximum 14 guests



Introduction

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 every Tuesday morning.

Ends: in Windhoek on a Thursday evening.

Can this tour be combined with others: Yes, it can!

- Join our 3 day Etosha program which leaves Windhoek on a Saturday morning, this would be our 6 day Taste of Namibia safari.
- The 7 day Northern Adventure which departs on selected Fridays
- Include Botswana and Victoria Falls by joining the 9 day Delta falls – departs on selected Fridays.

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Day 1	Sesriem Oshana Campsite	Sesriem	L&D	1x Campsite	1 Night
Day 2	Sesriem Oshana Campsite	Sesriem	FB	1x Campsite	1 Night

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

L&D: Lunch and Dinner

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

Price

Valid: 01 November 2020 - 31 October 2021: NAD6 600.00

Valid: 01 November 2021 - 31 October 2022: NAD6 930.00

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.

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: **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 1 - Tuesday

Route: Windhoek to Namib Naukluft Park

Distance: 310 km

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

Journey: we leave Windhoek travelling via the gravel roads and the Khomas Hochland mountain range, this area is one of farming communities till we reach the end of the escarpment (crossing the Tropic of Capricorn) where we descend via the Remhoogte Pass to the settlement of Solitaire. The terrain varies dramatically as we travel to our campsite where arrival is due 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

Elim Dune

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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: Light Lunch and dinner – camping style

Day 2: **Sesriem Oshana Campsite, Sesriem**

Day Itinerary

Day 2 - 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**Activities**

Morning	Dune 45
Morning	Sossusvlei
Morning	Dead Vlei
Afternoon	Sesriem Canyon

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

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Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

Day 3: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary**Day 3 - Thursday**

Route: Sesriem to Windhoek

Distance: 335 km

Arrival in Windhoek: 15h00 – 17h00

Journey: Our route today takes us back towards Solitaire from where 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

Rehoboth

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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, Sossusvlei, and Hardap Dam.

Included

Meals: Breakfast and light lunch – camping style
