



## SELF DRIVE DIRECTIONS

### *Sossusvlei Desert Lodge*

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#### RECOMMENDED ROUTE TO &BEYOND SOSSUSVLEI DESERT LODGE

#### FROM WINDHOEK TO &BEYOND SOSSUSVLEI DESERT LODGE - TAR AND GRAVEL ROADS

- Leave Windhoek on the main tar road heading south to Rehoboth, Mariental, Keetmanshoop and South Africa. It is called Avas Road in Windhoek before becoming the B1 as you leave town.
- There is usually a police roadblock a short distance outside of Windhoek. Be sure that you are wearing your safety belt and have your driver's licence at the ready.
- After about 85 km you will reach Rehoboth. Drive through the town, staying on the main road. There are fuel stations in Rehoboth, which are signposted on the main road. It is advisable to refuel, as the next fuel station is at Sesriem, as you enter the Sossusvlei region.
- Leave Rehoboth on the B1, heading south, and carry on until you see the turnoff onto the C24 on your right hand side. It is signposted Klein Aub. The tar road becomes a wide gravel road here.
- After about 60 km you will pass the tiny town of Kobos.
- After approximately another 40 km you will pass another small town called Klein Aub.
- After Klein Aub, continue on to Rietoog, approximately another 30 km further.
- Drive through Rietoog and, soon after leaving town, turn right onto the D1206. Continue on until you reach a T-junction where the road intersects with the C14. You will see the bulk of the Naukluft Mountains in front of you as you approach this junction.
- Turn left onto the C14, passing Bullsport Guest Farm. Very soon you will see a right turn onto the D854, with signs for the Naukluft National Park. At this junction you will also see a sign saying "This Zebra Bites".
- Turn onto the D854 and follow it for approximately 70 km. This stretch has many run-off gullies, so please drive very carefully.
- Remain on the D854 until you reach a T-junction where it intersects with the C19. Turn left and drive for roughly 6 km. Please be careful on this section and watch out for two large dips, which are sometimes covered in soft sand and may not be visible until you crest the edge of the dip.
- You will see the turn-off onto the D845 on your right (not to be confused with the D854, which you were on previously). Take this road and carry on for approximately 13 km, taking care on the sandy stretches.
- Turn left onto the C27 and continue for approximately 8 km. You will cross into the NamibRand Nature Reserve, which will be signposted. A few kilometres further on you will see the stone-walled entrance to &Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge on your right hand side.

## FROM &BEYOND SOSSUSVLEI DESERT LODGE TO WINDHOEK

- Please note that it is advisable to refuel at Sesriem, as there are no other fuel stations enroute until Rehoboth.
- Drive through the lodge gates and turn left onto the C27. Drive for 8km.
- When you reach the T-junction, turn right onto the D845. Drive for 13km.
- Turn left onto the C19 and drive for 6km.
- When you reach A Little Sossus Lodge, turn right onto the D854 and drive for 70km. Please be careful in the dips.
- Turn left at the T-junction and you will see the entrance sign for Bullspoor on your right. Immediately after the entrance to Bullspoor turn right onto the D1206.
- Drive 30km and turn left at the T-junction to Rietoog.
- Drive 30km to Klein Aub.
- Drive 40km to Kobos.
- Drive 60km to Rehoboth. Turn left when you reach the T-junction south of Rehoboth, where the tarred road begins. Drive through Rehoboth. Petrol and food are available here.
- Drive 85km to Windhoek on the tar.

## FROM SWAKOPMUND TO &BEYOND SOSSUSVLEI DESERT LODGE - TAR AND GRAVEL ROADS

- Departing Swakopmund, head to Nathaniel Maxuilili Street. When you reach Nathaniel Maxuilili Street, head south and exit Swakopmund along Nathaniel Maxuilili, which becomes the B2 road.
- Follow the signboards towards Walvis Bay, and proceed for about 30km, until you reach a traffic circle at the entrance of Walvis Bay. This is a short but very scenic drive between the dunes of the Namib and the waves of the Atlantic.
- Departing Walvis Bay, take the C14 route through the Namib Naukluft Park. Although a long drive, the diversity of desert landscape is incredible.
- Approximately 55 kilometres out from Walvis Bay you will encounter the Vogelfederberg, a massive granite dome. Please note that a permit is required if you leave the main road to visit Vogelfederberg (obtainable at the Namibia Wildlife Resorts Office in Swakopmund).
- Continuing along route C14, you will travel across the plains for a further 90 kilometres before descending into the Kuiseb Canyon. The road twists and turns with sharp bends and blind corners. Please keep to the left of the road and reduce your speed. Be careful of corrugated corners. At the centre of this labyrinth of hills you will reach the Kuiseb River.
- Climbing out of the Kuiseb Canyon, continue across the desert before descending into the Gaub Canyon - the Gaub is a tributary to the Kuiseb. Once out of the Gaub, the road leads between dunes and mountains and across plains to reach the quaint settlement of Solitaire. Petrol is available at Solitaire and it is advisable to top up your tank.
- From Solitaire, take the C19 route south for approximately 70 kilometres and then turn off at Sesriem/Sossusvlei, which passes through parts of the Namib Naukluft Park - be on the lookout for springbok, oryx and ostrich along the way.
- Turning onto route C27, which is signposted to Sesriem/Sossusvlei, continue for a further 12 kilometres until you see the entrance gate to Sesriem/Sossusvlei. Here the road swings left

and follows the fence of the park south. &Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge is located approximately 40 kilometres south of the Sesriem/Sossusvlei gate.

- Continue following route C27. At one point you will have to turn right to keep on the C27 - please be careful here as it is easy to continue onto route D845 and you will miss the turning point to the lodge. After turning right on the C27, carry on for roughly 9 kilometres until you reach the entrance for the lodge, situated on the right hand side of the road.
- After turning into the entrance, drive 1 kilometre before reaching the lodge.

#### **FROM &BEYOND SOSSUSVLEI DESERT LODGE TO SWAKOPMUND - TAR AND GRAVEL ROADS**

- Bidding farewell to the &Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge, you will head towards Solitaire by turning left on the C27. Follow the C27, passing the Sesriem Gate, until you reach the junction with the C19. Turn left and follow the C19 to Solitaire. It is advisable to top up your fuel tank as there are no filling stations before Walvis Bay or Swakopmund.
- At Solitaire, turn left and continue north-west on the C14. At times the road passes between dune fields and mountains before descending into the Gaub Canyon.
- Climbing out of Gaub Canyon, continue across the desert before reaching the “gramadoelas” (the Bad Lands). The road through the “gramadoelas” twists and turns with sharp bends and blind corners. Please keep left and reduce your speed.
- Climbing out of the canyon, continue across the gravel plains on route C14.
- After 60 kilometres you will notice a massive granite outcrop on the left hand side of the road. This is Vogelfedderberg - you may wish to stop here (permit required) and climb to the top of the dome, which offers excellent views over the desert plains.
- From Vogelfedderberg, continue along route C14 for a further 55 kilometres to reach the harbour town of Walvis Bay.
- From Walvis Bay it is 30 kilometres to Swakopmund on route B2. The road leads between the ocean and the dunes. As you enter Swakopmund, the B2 route will turn into Nataniel Maxuilili Road.

#### **DISTANCE CHART**

- Windhoek / &Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge                      380 km - 4 to 5 hours
- Swakopmund / &Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge                      420 km - 6 to 6 hours

Speeds in excess of 100km/hour are not advisable and those unfamiliar with gravel roads should drive even slower. Always carry drinking water in the car when travelling in Namibia. When meeting approaching vehicles, always get as far to the left as possible and slow down a little to avoid windscreen damage from flying stones.