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# Sossusvlei Private Desert Reserve, Namibia

# Adventures of a lifetime

Along with help from our expert team, tailormake your own once-in-a-lifetime journey to ensure you get the most out of the duration of your stay.

## In the desert

A diverse array of captivating experiences and activities exploring the unique desert terrain can be adapted according to your preference and ability.



LIVING DUNES EXPERIENCE

reserve, where the story of the

desert's ecology is written in the

Set out to the dunes on our private

sand. Explore the dunes on-foot or

by quad bike with a specialist guide

learning about how the oldest and

second driest desert on earth came

to be, along with the many adapted

creatures and flora that call it home.

### **E-BIKING** Easy-to-ride and super fun,

these nifty e-bikes are fitted with a battery-powered 'assist' that gives riders a boost when pedalling. Ride across the rugged desert terrain with ease in awe of your surroundings. There are two routes to choose from: 19 km (11.8 mi) or 11 km (6.2 mi). You can also combine your cycle with a hike – we like to call it our 'bike and hike' adventure. Choose to do this activity with a guide or you can also explore the surrounds at leisure.

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### HIKING

Literally feel the desert sand beneath your feet as you explore the lodge surrounds. There are two defined hiking trails to choose from: 2.2 km (1.4 mi) or 3.4 km (2.1 mi). Combine this with the e-bike self-exploration option on our 'bike and hike' adventure. Don't forget to take your time, and remember to sit in the stillness and revel in the views. This is a self-exploration excursion.

### BIG DUNE WALK

Enjoy this exclusive experience at &Beyond Sossusvlei Private Desert Reserve, the only private reserve featuring the iconic star dunes of Namibia. Renowned for its dramatic landscape of dunes and mountains, one which mirrors that of Deadvlei, but is also completely private and tranquil; take your time climbing the infinite rolling sand dunes before tucking into a well-deserved picnic breakfast.

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#### **DUNE WALKS**

This half-day adventure takes you into the Namib Naukluft National Park that features the UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Namib Sand Sea. Best seen when the light is still throwing shade over the ridges of the dunes; learn about the delicate ecosystem, Aeolian geological processes, walk to Deadvlei, perhaps climb a sand dune (or two), and for the fit and adventurous, conquer the towering 'Big Daddy'.

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### DESERT PEOPLE EXPERIENCE

Step back in time and bring to life the history of the area and its people. Strap on your walking shoes and follow your expert guide into the pristine and untamed Namib Desert scattered with San rock art waiting to be discovered and explored. Uncover heritage sites and gain insight into the culture and time-honoured traditions of the oldest inhabitants of Southern Africa, the San people.

# SCENIC DESERT DRIVE

Ideally situated within the &Beyond Sossusvlei Private Desert Reserve, the lodge is surrounded by numerous distinct habitats and microhabitats. Be mesmerised by the magnificence of the desert on early morning or late afternoon to after nightfall desert drives. Explore four different habitat types and ecosystems, learn about fairy circles, how deserts are formed and function, and how animals have adapted to this desolate environment.



#### **DESERT ROCK EXPERIENCE**

Explore the unique landscape on this fascinating geological excursion, in a vehicle and on foot. View the varied topography, exposed due to the upliftment events after the continent of Gondwana split into Africa and South America. Observe young geology 'in action' as the dunes shape this awe-inspiring landscape.

# In the sky

Explore &Beyond Sossusvlei Private Desert Reserve's skies from the ground and from above. The variety of desert sky experiences offers something for the young and young at heart.





### STARGAZING

&Beyond Sossusvlei Private Desert Reserve neighbours Africa's first International Dark Sky Reserve, which has also been awarded Gold Tier status, declaring it an environment with little to no impact from artificial light. Gaze in awe at the wonders of the clear Sossusvlei desert sky with resident astronomer at the lodge's sophisticated observatory – the perfect spot for stargazing.

#### HOT AIR BALLOON OVER THE NAMIB\*

Gain a bird's eye perspective over the spectacular scenery surrounding the lodge, in the company of other guests. While the balloons are unable to fly over the Namib sand dunes; you will still be treated to awe-inspiring views offering excellent photographic opportunities and lifelong memories. Watch as orxy shrink in size below you and spot the enigmatic fairy circles, which stand out as indented circular patches devoid of vegetation, an intriguing phenomenon of the Namib Desert.

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#### **SCENIC HELICOPTER FLIGHTS\***

Take off from near &Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge and hover over the spectacular sweep of the desert. From above, be captivated by rolling sand dunes, craggy mountain tops, solidified rock formations and enchanting fairy circles. There are three flights options available: scenic desert flight, Namib dune photographic flight and the scenic coastal flight. All helicopter adventure offers a truly unique way to experience Namibia's brilliant vista.

# At the lodge

&Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge seeks to ensure that there is something for every guest to enjoy and fall in love with while enjoying the vast emptiness of the reserve.



#### **HEALING EARTH WELLNESS\***

Rejuvenate your mind, body and soul while enjoying one of our many relaxing treatments for a truly authentic African spa experience. Partnering with Healing Earth, a leading, eco-friendly, holistic spa and skincare company, our luxurious spa products and soothing treatments are inspired by the wisdom of Africa's traditional healers and celebrate our continent's vibrant heritage and plant life. Therapeutic in its approach, Healing Earth only uses all-natural ingredients and essential oils.

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### STAR-LIT PRIVATE ROOM DINNER

Dine under the Sossusvlei stars with your loved one. A private, romantic evening exclusively curated for two, savour an intimate and exquisite meal alone on your Suite's private veranda while gazing out over the infinite horizon. Afterwards, snuggle up for spectacular stargazing from the rectangle sunlight situated above your very own bed. A beautiful and dreamy experience like none other on earth made just for you two.

#### SUSTAINABILITY LODGE TOUR

Get to know the eco-friendly ins-and-outs of the lodge on this exclusive back-of-house tour. Each building acts as its very own solar power plant, producing enough energy to not only power the air conditioning and all the much-loved comforts of a luxury lodge, but also the water treatment and recycling systems. Learn about the lodge's state-of-the-art water-saving solutions and water harvesting mechanisms as well as how the lodge saves a significant amount of CO<sub>2</sub> every month.

### Timing is everything

Namibia is an exceptional year-round destination to explore, offering unforgettable once-in-a-lifetime attractions and activities every season.

### YEAR-ROUND ACTIVITIES

✓ Stargazing	🗸 Big Dune Walk	<ul> <li>Adventure Shop</li> </ul>
✓ Dune Walks	✓ Desert Dining*	<ul> <li>Hot Air Balloon over the Namib*</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Scenic Desert Drive</li> </ul>	✓ Weddings	<ul> <li>Living Dunes Experience</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Desert Rock Experience</li> </ul>	✓ Hiking	<ul> <li>Star-Lit Private Room Dinner</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Healing Earth wellness</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Scenic Helicopter Flights</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sustainability Lodge Tour</li> </ul>
✓ E-Biking	<ul> <li>Desert People Experience</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Birdwatching</li> </ul>

\*Closed from 15 January to 15 February each year.

A major highlight for us was the hot air balloon flight. Soaring over the vast desertscape is just something you have to experience. It made our trip that much more memorable.



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# WILDchild

The &Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge WILDchild programme is filled with fun, interactive activities that encourages children to discover new cultures and experiences. Deeply rooted in a love for Africa, it not only creates a series of unforgettable moments for the whole family, but forges strong bonds between our young guests, our planet and its people.

### WILDCHILD ADVENTURES

Children visiting the desert lodge can take advantage of the exciting WILDchild programme that offers a wide variety of activities:

- Feel the fine grains of silky sand as you paint with red dune sand. Paint pictures or fill glass bottles decoratively and learn about dune history and ecology
- Enjoy San rock painting and make bookmarks and fridge magnets with san art designs. Potato printing for the younger kids in San art designs is also available
- Explore space, and craft solar system mobiles or bottle lid planet hats (for children under 10), or stargaze with an astronomer (for older children)
- Be enchanted with storytelling and listen to traditional stories about the night skies from African tribes
- Get creative with ostrich shell art and make jewellery, or mosaic a vibrant picture frame or bowl
- Delight in monkey ball art and make your own monkey ball designs, using the local fruit as a canvas

### FAMILY ACCOMMODATION

Suite	1 triple Suite. Max. 2 adults and 1 child under the age of 16 years
Star Dune Suite	1 Star Dune Suite. Max. 4 adults / 2 adults and 2 children (3 children on request)

\*Childminding available at an additional cost and must be booked on the day of arrival

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES POLICY

0 - 7 years	Not permitted on lodge activities Additional desert drives may be requested for children 3-5 years
8 - 11 years	Permitted on lodge activities excluding the use of quad bikes used on the Living Dunes Experience (8-11 years at the lodge manager's discretion)
Permitted on lodge activities including hiking and the Dune12 - 15 yearsWalks but excludes the use of quad bikes on the Living Dunes Experience	
16 years and older	Permitted on all lodge activities including the Living Dunes Experience by quad-bikes



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