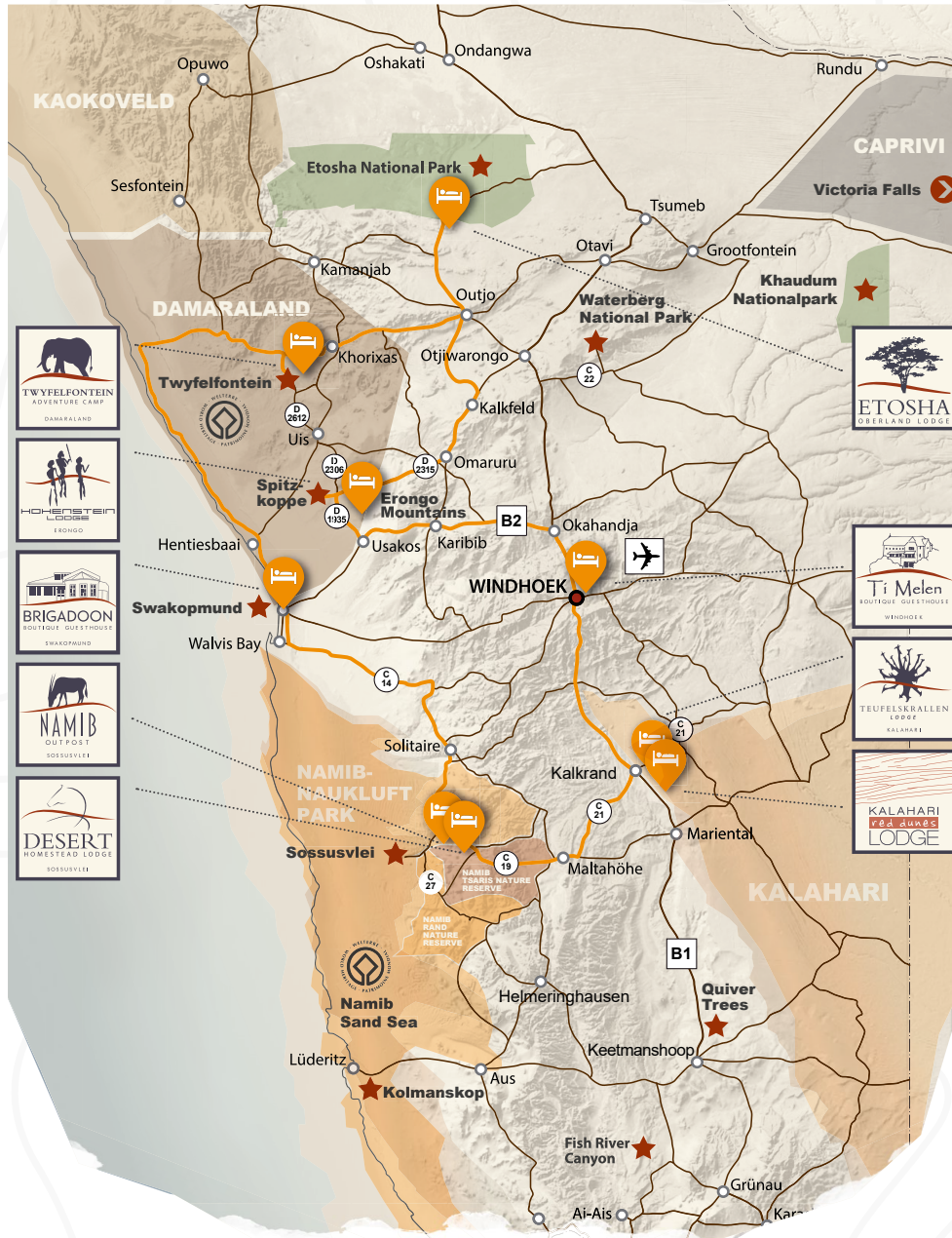




## FACTSHEETS ACTIVITIES 2022



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## HORSE TRAILS • FACTSHEET 2022

### EXPERIENCE THE NAMIB DESERT ON HORSEBACK

For the more adventurous of spirit, Desert Homestead offers a unique experience where guests can ride out onto our private reserve and sleep out in nature. The reserve is situated in between the majestic red sand see of the Namib Desert and the rugged Naukluft mountains.

Leaving the stables and lodge behind, you will set off on an unforgettable journey through wide open plains riding over a varied terrain changing from soft, sandy, stretched open fields, to rockier mountain trails, through dry riverbeds, under Sociable Weavers nests and around Camel thorn trees.

Your experienced guide will eagerly tell you more about the environment, fauna and flora. You are almost guaranteed to come across a herd or two of grazing Oryx, springbok, or Zebra and some varieties of smaller carnivores, such as Jackal and Bat-eared foxes.

Riding takes place at a comfortable pace so that everyone is comfortable. Slower riders can hang back while more experienced riders go for long stretched out gallops over grassy plains while winding your way towards the tented Camp, where refreshments await for a truly remarkable sundowner with magnificent views. After watching the sunset over the majestic mountains it's time to kick off your boots, relax and enjoy the Namibian night skies. While we get Dinner ready on the bushfire true Namibian style a refreshing shower awaits.

Dinner is served next to the crackling fire whilst conversation is sure to revert to the days riding. Then it's time to retire to your comfortable tent or even a stretcher outside, should you prefer to sleep out in nature under starry skies to get some rest before the next day's riding.

Wake up the next morning to the smell of coffee brewing and bacon and eggs cooking over an open fire while watching the horses being prepared for the next stretch of riding. After a hearty breakfast, it is time to stretch the legs once again and set off on your trusty partner who eagerly awaits the rest of the adventure. This experience can be tailored. There are three different offers. The 'Namib Night' begins in the afternoon and consists of two stages riding and one overnight stay in tents. The 'Desert Experience' begins early in the morning and has three stages slightly longer riding with an overnight stay in tents.

And 'Stars of the Namib' with five stages of riding and two overnight stays (Desert Homestead Outpost / tented camp) offers a very intense experience for horse lovers, coupled with the

exploration of nature in the Namib Desert. Riding to the next destination is done during the cooler time of day, while enjoying some lunch and down time during the heat of the day.

Horses vary from very tame and easy to ride -even if you have never ridden before-, to ones that are just as easily manageable, but willing and able to give a more exiting ride.

Beginners are just as welcome to join on this adventure as more experienced riders.

### HORSE TRAILS WITH SLEEPOVER

#### 'NAMIB NIGHT'

- sleep-out ride with one overnight stay
- Horses to suit varied levels of experience from novice to more accomplished
- start at the stables in the afternoon for a 2 hours ride, with an experienced guide
- Arrive at the camp and enjoy a spectacular sunset, facing the red dunes of the Namib. Luxury camping in the desert – fine bush cuisine
- next morning, after breakfast at the camp about 2 hours ride and arrival at the lodge about 10 am
- minimum of 2 guests or single supplement applicable, max. 8 guests, children 12 years and older accompanied by a responsible adult
- includes experienced guide, water, dinner and breakfast at the camp, non-alcoholic beverages.
- Overnight stay in tented camp
- Arrival at the Lodge no later than 2 pm

#### 'DESERT EXPERIENCE'

- sleep-out ride with one overnight stay (rest at Desert Homestead Outpost)
- Horses to suit varied levels of experience from novice to more accomplished riders
- experience starts in the early morning from Desert Homestead Lodge with a 3 hours ride through the savannah and over the mountain. Lunch break in the heat of the day at Desert Homestead Outpost with light lunch and time to rest at the pool
- in the afternoon the ride leads for 3 hours along spectacular landscape to the horse sleep out camp in the desert. Sundowner, dinner and overnight stay in the camp under the stars of the Namib Desert
- next morning, after breakfast at the camp about 2 hours ride and arrival at the lodge about 10 am
- minimum of 2 guests or single supplement applicable, max. 8 guests



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- includes experienced guide, water, dinner and breakfast at the camp with non-alcoholic beverages.
- Overnight stay in tented camp

### „STARS OF THE NAMIB“

sleep out ride with two overnight stays

- Horses to suit varied levels of experience from novice to more accomplished riders

### Day 1

The tour starts. In the afternoon we meet for coffee and cake in the Desert Homestead Lodge. To make the afternoon relaxing, the arrival at the lodge should not be later than 2 pm. After acclimatising and saddling the horses we start with an approximately 2 -hours ride through wide open plains and rocky paths from Desert Homestead Lodge to the Desert Homestead Outpost. After the horses are fed, make yourself at home in one of the tents of the Outpost, where you can enjoy the view towards the dunes of the Namib Sand Sea from your private terrace. The luggage for the night awaits you there. Later dinner in the restaurant and overnight stay. (Transfer of car and baggage from Desert Homestead Lodge to Outpost)

### Day 2

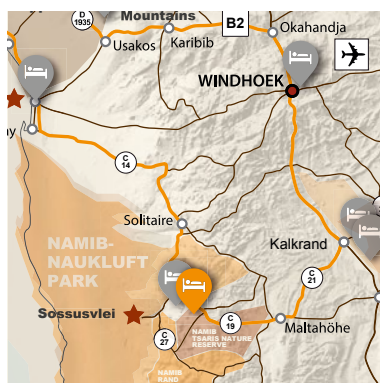
After a small breakfast early morning departure for a 2 hours ride in a magnificent mountain scenery, to a panoramic point from which the Sossusvlei dunes are visible, with views over the valley of the Tsauchab. After another 2 hours ride, return to Desert Homestead Outpost and break until the afternoon ride in the Namib Desert. You spend the hot midday hours on the pool terrace and have a light lunch. The ride in the afternoon takes about 2 hours through spectacular scenery to the tent camp in the desert. It features a ‚sundowner‘ - drink at the campfire and dinner. The day comes to an end under the stars of the Namib with an overnight stay in tents. The next morning after breakfast and a cup of tea or coffee about 2 hours ride back to the Lodge.

Arrival at 10 am

### IMPORTANT TO KNOW

- The tours and durations of the rides vary according to the needs of the guests
- minimum of 2 guests or single supplement applicable, max. 8 guests
- includes experienced guide, water and non-alcoholic drinks, snacks & meals, overnight stay at Desert Homestead Outpost and Tented Camp, all meals. Transfer of car.
- The camp offers shaded platforms with tents, camping beds, unheated outdoor shower, braai
- children 12 years and older accompanied by a responsible adult

RATES: See rates information of Desert Homestead Lodge / Desert Homestead Outpost



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## ACTIVITIES • FACTSHEET 2022

### SOSSUSVLEI EXCURSIONS

- Drive to the Sossusvlei dunes in a safari 4x4 vehicle accompanied by a Guide with in depth knowledge of the area
- Departure seasonally, depending on national park opening hours Activity is possible in the early morning or afternoon ( in the morning preferably for photography – departing before sunrise. In the afternoon preferably for experiencing the dunes more in private, less visitors will be there)
- Minimum of 2 guests or single supplement applicable; small groups only (maximum of 9 guests per vehicle)
- Activity duration is approx. ½ a day (approx. 6 – 7 hours)
- Rate includes a picnic in the dunes, guide, water, entrance fees

### SUNDOWNER DRIVE

On the Witwater Wilderness Reserve – 7000 ha.

- A relaxing way to end the day and enjoy beautiful views and a sundowner with drinks and snacks
- Starts in the afternoon, lasts 2 – 2 ½ hours, departure times change seasonally; guests are back at the lodge just before dinner
- minimum of 2 guests or a single supplement applicable, max. 9 guests per vehicle
- Opportunity to come face to face with the pro-Namib in a safari 4x4 vehicle
- Includes sundowner-drinks and snacks

### HORSEBACK RIDING

#### 1. CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST RIDE

- Meet for an early morning tea or coffee and depart shortly after sunrise to ride for approx. 2 hours to a scenic breakfast spot and after breakfast back to the lodge, again about 2 hours to ride
- Enjoy a glass of sparkling wine and a continental breakfast spread, as well as great views
- Minimum of 2 guests or single supplement applicable, max. 8 participants
- Arrival at the lodge approximately 11 am, depending seasonally, duration 4-5 hours
- Includes guide, water, continental breakfast, glass of sparkling wine

#### 2. HORSE SUNDOWNER RIDE

- Depart from the Desert Homestead Lodge after afternoon tea and walk down to the stables
- Ride through varied terrain for about 2 hours
- Meet back up team at sundowner spot for drinks of your choice and snack platters
- Ride back under the stars in time for Dinner at the lodge
- Minimum of 2 guests or single supplement applicable
- Includes experienced guide, water, sun-downer drinks + snacks





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### NAMIB MOUNTAIN TRAIL

Guided walking trail for experienced hikers

- Accompanied by an experienced guide the walk starts after an 'early bird' -coffee or tea at Desert Homestead Lodge
- 4 - 6 (approximately 12 km) hours walk and mountain crossing with a rest for breakfast and enjoying the spectacular view to the Namib Desert
- Arrive at noon at Desert Homestead Outpost, where a light lunch and relaxing at the pool awaits the hikers
- Minimum of 2 guests or single supplement applicable. Children accompanied by responsible adults only
- Includes guide, water during the hike, breakfast-pack, light lunch and non-alcoholic drinks
- Only bookable in combination with two overnight stays at Desert Homestead Lodge / Desert Homestead Outpost

### SELF GUIDED WALKING TRAILS

- Clearly marked
- Takes guests up onto a small mountain close to the lodge
- Lovely view, great way to stretch the legs and unwind after a long drive
- Ideal first afternoon or early morning activity



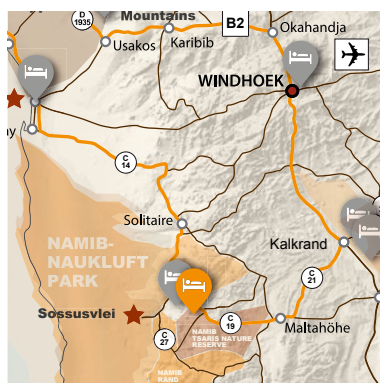
### OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA

- Quad biking
- Hot air ballooning (Transfer free of charge)
- Scenic flights

The staff at Desert Homestead Lodge and Desert Homestead Outpost will be happy to organize all activities of other providers in the area.

During the dinner an employee of the lodges informs the guests in detail about the activities of the upcoming day. You will also receive information about the respective start and departure times, depending on the season, as well as meeting points, required equipment, clothing and so on.

For participation in afternoon activities, check-in is necessary until 2 pm. In the case of a later arrival, it is not possible to guarantee a performance or attendance due to the different seasonal starting times.



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## NAMIB MOUNTAIN TRAIL • FACTSHEET 2020/2021

Guided hike from Lodge to Lodge in the Sossusvlei region.  
For experienced hikers.

Only bookable in combination with two overnight stays at Desert Homestead Lodge / Desert Homestead Outpost.

Before sunrise, the hike will start after an early-bird-breakfast. The first leg consists of crossing the local landmark mountain. We will follow a canyon to the mountain saddle. Light climbing will be necessary here. After one to one and a half hours, the saddle will be reached just as the sun comes up.

Enjoy a first rest with breakfast while watching the sun rise over the red Namib dunes covering the horizon. On the other side of the mountain, the trail follows a dry river course. Sand-filled wash-outs and smoothed granite rocks bear witness of the amounts of water that must have plunged down here during the rainy season for millions of years shaping this impressive landscape. The vast savannah at the bottom offers some grass for feeding oryx and springboks, zebras and ostriches. With lots of luck, cheetahs or even a leopard are possibly spotted. We will follow a tributary of the Tsauchab river with camel thorn trees scattered on its banks. This is where wild animals enjoy the shade for cooling down in the heat of the midday sun. After approx. 2 hours, we reach the bottom of the next mountain.

We will rest on an elevation on the bottom of the mountain in the red hot Namib sand stirred up from the dunes. By then, the mid-day heat has come, and the road travelled will shimmer in the sun. The panorama of the surrounding mountains and the colours of the sand dunes piled up on the horizon are simply thrilling. Our trail snakes up an old path used by mountain zebras leading up to the ridge. Up there, the view is magnificent. With a little luck, mountain zebras may even be spotted.

We will follow a mountain trail to a canyon. After the descent, the Desert Homestead Outpost will be reached, where warm cordiality and cool refreshments are waiting for us. We should arrive at the lodge about noon. You can occupy your room and spend the afternoon with all amenities the lodge has to offer. It is part of the service for us to transport the car with luggage from the Desert

Homestead Lodge to the Outpost so that you will find your luggage in your room.

Duration of the hike: 4 - 6 hours (approximately 12 km).

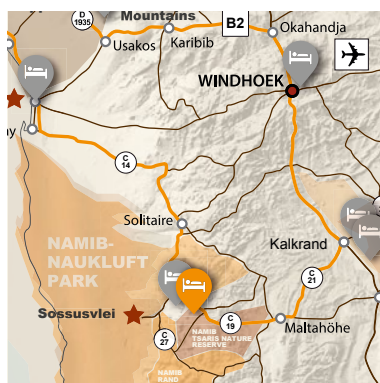
### ALTERNATIVE

Drive back to Desert Homestead Lodge to spend the night there.

### SERVICES INCLUDED

Guided hike, water and breakfast-pack during the hike, small lunch including non-alcoholic drinks after arriving at Desert Homestead Outpost. Min. number of participants 2, max. 8 people. Transfer of car with luggage for overnight stay at Desert Homestead Outpost. Alternative: Transfer of car and return trip for spending the night at Desert Homestead Lodge.

**RATES:** See rates information of Desert Homestead Lodge, children under 12 years free, only accompanied by a responsible adult.



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## TRANS KALAHARI WALK • FACTSHEET 2022

Guided full day hike through the Kalahari with 2 over-nights. Hiking and spending the night in the vastness of the African savannah offers the most intense nature experience. The red sand dunes and the grass and tree planes of the Kalahari will captivate every traveller. Feel the hot desert wind on your skin. Watch antelope herds in the vast veld or spot giraffes feeding among the trees. Experience the sunset. Enjoy an African Braai at the campfire on a dune before listening to the sounds of the night, either in a cosy bungalow or even outside under the starry sky. In the morning, shortly before sunrise, grab a hot cup of coffee and watch gnus and zebras on the water hole before experiencing that magic moment when the sun comes up in glittering gold just behind the dunes. All of a sudden, the temperature turns comfortably warm, the night is over, a new day has begun. Africa. The Trans Kalahari Walk perfectly combines a comfortable stay at the lodge with exhausting but rewarding physical activities and campfire romanticism in the Kalahari dunes.

**DAY 1:** Arrival after 14h - The afternoon will be spent in the Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge. Reception by the guide and detailed information about the start time, seasonally. Possible activities: animal watching at the water hole close by, relaxing at the swimming pool or a short walk. Dinner and overnight stay at the Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge.

**DAY 2:** Whole day hike with lunch picnic - an early start offers the possibility to watch the sun rise while enjoying a cup of coffee on top of a dune. The hike leads through the red Kalahari dunes typical for the area, alternating with tree savannah. In the afternoon arrival at the cosy but luxurious dune camp with view deck and swimming pool, chalets with private bathroom and hot shower and shading lapa, all on top of a dune. This is where the braai will be served and the night will be spent.

**DAY 3:** Shortly after sunrise, the day begins with breakfast on the terrace of the camp, where antelopes and giraffes eventually can be seen at the water hole. The hike (duration 1 - 1.5 hours) leads back to Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge. Shower facilities are available before departure.

Alternatively with another overnight stay in Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge:

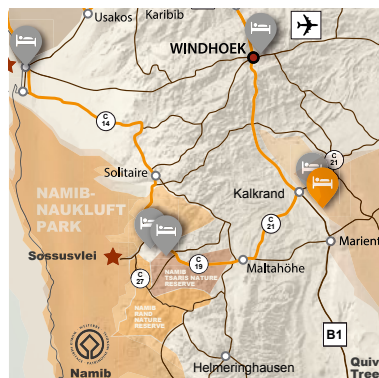
**DAY 3:** Guided half day hike - After breakfast, the hike goes on through open grass and bush savannah where the sighting of nyalas or impalas is highly likely. After about 3 hours, around noon, return at the Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge. After a light lunch, the afternoon may be spent ad libitum, possibility to take part in a game drive in the Land Rover to comfortably experience the explored scenery and to possibly spot animals not seen before. Dinner and overnight stay at the lodge.

**DAY 4:** Departure after breakfast

**RATES:** See rates information of the Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** participants: 1-4, guide: English speaking. Non-alcoholic drinks by arrangement, snacks and meals included during the hike. An experienced guide will lead and assist you. Please note: All participants have to carry their own equipment for the day, e.g. binoculars, photo equipment, sun screen. Essential luggage for the overnight stay at the camp will be transferred.

Large luggage remains at the Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge. Children are welcome accompanied by a responsible adult. Please note: The hike is offered the whole year. In case of high heat, a shortening of the hiking program may be necessary in consultation with the guests.



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