# 14 DAYS - NAMIBIA'S SOUTH GUIDED TOUR (GOLD OPTION)

Valid until October 2025 for 2 - 8 persons



The south of Namibia stretches from **Windhoek** to the border with South Africa at the **Orange River**, with the **Kalahari** in the east and the **Namib Desert** in the west. Lots of **desert sand**, **fascinating geology**, **desert horses** and **fairy circles** are just a small part of what will impress you on this 14-day trip. The route also takes you to the **Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park** and the second largest canyon in the world, the **Fish River Canyon**. Due to the malaria-free areas, the trip is also particularly suitable for families with small children.



## **Itinerary**

### Day 1

Arrival in Windhoek

You'll be met at the airport and driven to the Hotel Heinitzburg in Windhoek. Enthroned high on a hill, along with a magnificent view of the city, the hotel offers everything you require for a relaxing stay. You can recover from the long flight or refresh yourself in the swimming pool. In the afternoon, a short tour of



Namibia's capital is on offer, during which you'll be enchanted by the charming mix of modern and colonial architecture. You can choose to enjoy the view

of the sunset from the terrace overlooking the city, accompanied by a glass of wine, followed by dinner. (approx. 45 km, travel time approx. 45 min.)

Hotel Heinitzburg, Comfort Deluxe Room

#### Day 2

Kalahari semi-desert

Enjoy your first morning in Namibia with a sumptuous breakfast before driving via Rehoboth and Kalkrand into the Kalahari semi-desert, and the Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge with its spacious, individually and



lovingly designed suites. You are already expected for lunch, and at sunset have the chance to join a nature tour through the up to 30m high red longitudinal dunes in an open off-road vehicle, taking in the typical

flora and fauna of the Kalahari Desert before indulging in a delicious dinner.

(approx. 210 km, travel time approx. 2.5 hours) *Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge (incl. sundowner drive)* 

#### Day 3

Direction Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park

The journey continues via Stampriet and Gochas, in the direction of the Mata Mata border post, and the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. Your lodge is only about 20 kilometers from the park, set in the middle of the red sand sea of the Kalahari. The area is home to many animals such as oryx antelope, springbok, hartebeest, aardwolf, brown hyena, lynx, warthog, bat-eared fox, and many more you'll have the chance to see during your pre-booked sunset drive.

(approx. 350 km, travel time approx. 5 hours) *Kalahari Game Lodge (incl. sundowner drive)* 



**Day 4** *Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park* 

Today your tour guide will take you to the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, considered one of the top safari destinations in southern Africa. As you drive along the dry riverbed of the Auob, look out for lions, leopards, cheetahs, and hyenas, and even if you don't spot any of them, you're sure to see giraffe, oryx and eland before returning to the lodge in the afternoon.

Kalahari Game Lodge



#### Day 5

Jewel in the Kalahari

In the morning, you can choose to drive into the park again or take part in an activity at the lodge (optional). After a short drive, DuneSong Breathers awaits you - a unique jewel of silence, vastness, and untouched nature. Here you can relax, unwind, and enjoy the peace and quiet while your tour guide almost certainly roasts a delicious piece of venison for you under the starry sky.

(approx. 120 km, travel time approx. 2 hours) *DuneSong Breathers* 

#### Day 6

To the Fish River Canyon

Today you drive through an arid area with many succulents such as quiver trees, whose dead branches were used by the Bushmen as quivers for their arrows. You can take a closer look at this aloe species at the quiver tree forest, while the nearby "Giants' Playground", a bizarre rocky landscape of ancient volcanic rock formations, is also worth a visit.



You then travel via Keetmanshoop to Fish River Lodge, the only lodge on the western edge of the Fish River Canyon. From the lodge you have a breathtaking view of the canyon, which, at up to 550 meters deep, around 160 km long, and up to 27 km wide in places, is the second largest canyon in the world. During the rainy season, the water winds like a snake through a graybrown rocky landscape towards the Orange River, which forms a natural border with South Africa. Enjoy a sundowner drink as the sun sinks behind the Fish River Canyon on the horizon and look forward to dinner.

(approx. 300 km, travel time approx. 4-5 hours) Fish River Lodge on the west side of the canyon

#### Day 7

Fish River Canyon

A scenic trip down into the deep canyon, where you can observe various bird species, like the osprey, which silently looks for prey without flapping its wings. Strong updrafts ensure pleasant temperatures at the edge of the canyon, and, back from the tour, you might fancy a refreshing dip in the swimming pool.

Fish River Lodge (incl. Canyon Drive)



**Day 8** *Continue to Aus* 

The route on to Aus, and Klein-Aus Vista, is impressive in its barrenness and loneliness. The chalets of the lodge are nestled between granite boulders and offer an indescribable view over the endless expanses on the edge of the Namib Desert. In the afternoon you can visit the famous and fascinating "Wild Horses", watching them quench their thirst at the Garub waterhole from the comfort of the nearby wooden shelter. You are also almost guaranteed to experience an unforgettable sunset.

(approx. 230 km, travel time approx. 3-4 hours) Klein-Aus Vista, Eagle's Nest Chalet

#### Day 9

Namibrand

Today you continue to one of the most beautiful and impressive landscapes in Namibia - the NamibRand Nature Reserve. The Tiras Mountains and vast landscapes accompany you on the right-hand side of the road, while the red-yellow dunes glow on the left. Your chalet too offers a breathtaking view of the dunes, the desert plain, and the nearby mountains.

(approx. 280 km, travel time approx. 5 hours) Wolwedans Dune Camp (Fully Inclusive)

#### Day 10

NamibRand Nature Reserve

The Namib Rand Nature Reserve is a highlight for enthusiastic photographers and nature lovers alike, with beautiful landscapes that offer tranquillity that is good for every soul.



Game drives are offered in the morning and afternoon, taking guests across the seemingly endless grasslands dotted with the legendary fairy circles, over smaller dunes, and along mystically shaped mountain formations. You will see animals like oryx antelopes, ostriches, and springbok, which know how to survive in this arid desert region.

Wolwedans Dune Camp (Fully Inclusive)



Day 11 Sossusvlei

After a short drive to Sesriem, the gateway to Sosusvlei, you arrive at the Dead Valley Lodge, which is located within the park and offers a panoramic view of the Namib Desert with its sand dunes and rugged mountain range. Being inside the park allows you to stay in the dunes longer in the evening and to drive to Sossusvlei earlier in the morning than guests staying outside. In the afternoon you can visit the Sesriem Canyon or perhaps drive a little way towards Sossusvlei.

(approx. 100 km, travel time approx. 2 hours) Dead Valley Lodge (VP)



**Day 12** *Namib Desert* 

Early in the morning, your tour guide will take you to Sossusvlei, where you'll find the highest sand dunes in the world. As the sun is still quite low in the morning, the high sand dunes shimmer golden, yellow and reddish on one side, but are dark and shadowy on the other, making the dune ridge stand out razor-sharp. You can take a short hike to the photogenic Dead Vlei with its dead tree trunks.



The drive then continues north to the elegant "Desert Grace" Lodge, offering a breathtaking view of the endless expanse, which you can enjoy from your private plunge pool. Colours here range from red to light pink to pale green and there is a silence that can only be experienced in the desert. Various hiking trails are available, and the sunset tour of the dunes offered by the lodge is highly recommended (optional).

(approx. 170 km, travel time approx. 3-4 hours) *The Desert Grace* 

### Day 13

Drive towards Windhoek

With your Namibian safari slowly coming to an end, enjoy your breakfast and drive to the private nature reserve of Gocheganas outside of Windhoek. The private nature reserve covers 6,000 hectares and is home to around 1,600 wild animals, with all the bungalows offering a magnificent view of the farmland at the foot of the Auas Mountains. You can relax and think back on your amazing holiday, or visit the tastefully furnished wellness center, where massages, sauna and much more are offered. Ending the day off with one last delicious dinner.

(approx. 340 km, travel time approx. 4-5 hours) *Gocheganas Lodge* 



Day 14
Departure

Your tour guide will escort you to the airport in time for your flight, say his farewells, and leave you to board your flight for home.

(approx. 80 km, travel time approx. 1-1.5 hours)

#### Cost per person:

Valid until October 2025. The final costs depend on the availability of accommodation.

For 2 persons: ZAR 172,050 per person (about CHF 8,455 or about EUR 8,765)
For 4 persons: ZAR 137,600 per person (about CHF 6,760 or about EUR 7,010)
For 6 persons: ZAR 126,700 per person (about CHF 6,230 or about EUR 6,455)
For 8 persons: ZAR 119,200 per person (about CHF 5,860 or about EUR 6,075)
Single room supplement: ZAR 20,950 (about CHF 1,030 or about EUR 1,070) (Exchange rate on 18 July 2024)

#### Included in the price:

Full board, activities as described. Accompanied by a professional tour guide in a 4x4 off-road vehicle or VW Crafter/station wagon. Entrance fees to parks, petrol/diesel.

#### Not included in the price

Flight. Tips, drinks.

#### Remarks:

Changes can be made to the program by prior arrangement, and personal wishes can be accommodated.

If certain planned accommodation establishments are already fully booked, small changes to the program are possible.

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