



2024 - SCH 3 day Sossusvlei Camping safari (Schedule Tue departure)

Sesriem - Sossusvlei

3 Days / 2 Nights

Group Size: Minimum 1 guest Maximum 14 guests

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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 days Around the campfire.
- The 7 day Namibia's Wildlife & Art which 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

Rates are valid: 01 January - 31 December 2024

NAD8500.00

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 - as of 7 people
- 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 NAD50.00
- Stretcher - can be rented for a daily fee of NAD60.00
- Pillow & towel
- 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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Elim Dune is located just outside Sesriem, Namibia. It is the nearest dune to Sesriem and the first in a series of gigantic dunes. Atop Elim Dune, the colours at sunset are vivid and constantly changing, providing a strong contrast between the surrounding blue Naukluft Mountains on the east and the red dunes to the west. The dune is a hundred meters in height, and visitors can climb it from a parking spot beside it in more or less an hour.

Basis

Lunch and Dinner

Included

Meals: Light Lunch and dinner – camping style

Day 2: [Sesriem Oshana Campsite, Sesriem](#)

As previously described

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

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.



Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

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, Sossussvlei, and Hardap Dam.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

Meals: Breakfast and light lunch – camping style

Terms and Conditions

C Africa Safari & Tours Terms and Conditions

- The traveller/agent is responsible for obtaining any necessary visas, travel permits and Travel Insurance.
- The traveller/agent is responsible for determining what, if any, vaccinations, health or safety precautions are necessary or recommended.
- The traveller/agent is responsible to have a 7-days negative PCR Test (from swab until arrival) indicating that the traveller is COVID 19 NEGATIVE upon arrival. Must be in English and on paper Proof of Vaccination will be an advantage. Please note that airlines and your country of origin may have different requirements, it is the travellers responsibility to ensure they are aware of their re-entry requirements.
- All quotations and confirmations are based upon the information provided at the time of confirmation. It is incumbent upon the traveller/agent to ensure all details are correct. C Africa Safaris & Tours will accept no responsibility for any omissions once the traveller/agent has agreed to the final confirmation.
- We reserve the right to amend/increase the cost should there be an increase in fares, taxes, fuel surcharges, security taxes or any other unforeseen increases even following confirmation.

We further reserve the right to amend/change the itinerary owing to circumstances beyond our control and to ensure the continued enjoyment of the travel program/itinerary.

Payment Policy: A non-refundable deposit of 25% of the full package/services quoted becomes due and payable upon confirmation of any reservation. Deposits can however be re-allocated only once, within a period of 12 months of the original Travel Date, subject to written notice given 61+ Days prior to arrival date. Applicable price of new journey applies.

- Final balances become payable on receipt of the official Invoice and must be reflecting in C Africa Safaris & Tours Account no later than 45 days prior to arrival, failing which, the 25% Deposit will be retained and Services booked will be terminated.
- Where reservations are made within 30 Days of date of arrival, full payment is due within 24 hours of confirmation.
- All bank charges arising from the money transfer must be borne by the remitter.

Cancellation Policy:

- < 60 - 45 Days prior to arrival date: The full Deposit Payment will be retained
- 44 - 31 Days prior to arrival date: 15 % cancellation fee of the remaining balance
- 30 - 15 Days prior to arrival date: 35 % cancellation fee of the remaining balance
- 14 - 08 Days prior to arrival date: 50 % cancellation fee of the remaining balance
- 07 – 01Days prior to arrival date: 75 % cancellation fee of the remaining balance
- No shows: 90 % cancellation fee of the remaining balance.

Please note that all amendments and cancellations have to be received AND RECONFIRMED in writing by C Africa Safaris & Tours. Our cancellation conditions will be strictly enforced in accordance with our standard terms and conditions.

Guests can change or cancel the booking up to 60 days prior to departure in the event of a COVID-19-related reason. (Medical Documents required) For some accommodation/activity's bookings, exclusions and penalties may apply. Guests who cancel but submit a rebooking will receive a credit toward future travel valid only for a period of 12

Months, after which the Credit will be forfeited. Applicable price of new journey applies. Guest is responsible for insurance and other related costs. All other standard terms and conditions apply to the booking.

Child Policy: All children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Note that some accommodations require that children below a certain age share a room with an adult and that not more than 2 Children to share a room.

All minors travelling through Namibia, Botswana and/or South Africa borders will be required to produce certified copies of unabridged birth certificates and valid passports. In the event that one parent is not travelling with the child, the other parent's affidavit consenting to such travel should be availed. However, an affidavit will not be required if the father's name does not appear on the child's birth certificate.

Guests travelling with children who are not related are recommended to carry documentation which provides evidence they have permission to travel with the child. CAST cannot be held responsible should the guest, child or any member of the travelling party be denied entry to a country due to non-compliance with a country's requirements. If guest, child or any member is denied entry to Namibia/Botswana etc., the standard Cancellation Policy applies.

Force Majeure Policy: Force majeure means unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond the control of this company or the control of our suppliers, the consequence of which neither CAST nor its suppliers, could avoid even with all due care, including, but not limited to, war or threat of war; riot; civil strife; terrorist activity (actual or threatened); industrial dispute; technical problems with transport, machinery or equipment; outages or power failures; natural or nuclear disaster; fire, flood, drought or adverse weather conditions; pandemics, epidemics or outbreaks of illness.

In the event of a cancellation or material alteration to the journey as a result of the circumstances as described in this section, CAST may in its sole discretion:

- Offer the guest(s) alternative travel arrangements or products of comparable standard as may be appropriate in the circumstances. CAST will provide a travel credit (within a period of 12 months) to the guest equal to the value of the trip less any sums CAST is not able to recover from any supplier.

CAST cannot assume responsibility for any other travel related costs like insurance, visas and other travel arrangements, etc.

Important Notes: Where supplier terms vary, we reserve the right to amend our cancellation and payments policy. This will be notified to you upon confirmation.

- In the event that payments are not received by C Africa Safaris & Tours on the due date, we reserve the right to cancel the booking in full and apply our cancellation policy in accordance with the above.
- Dietary requirements can only be accommodated if communicated at booking stage.
- All outdoor excursions & tourist attractions and flights are weather permitting.
- Rates are subject to change due to NAD & ZAR currency fluctuation.
- All services are strictly subject to availability at the time of booking.
- General check-in time at Establishments is 14h00 whilst check-out time is 11h00.
- Should clients need to carry medication, they should ensure that they have a doctor's letter to prove that the drugs are medically necessary and for the personal use of the client.
- Hotel grading's listed is based on grading allocation by the Namibian Tourism authorities and do not reflect the same standards as Europe.
- The accommodation is subject to availability at date of booking. We reserve the right to use alternative accommodation of similar or higher standard.
- Smoking is not permitted on board the touring vehicle. Comfort stops are included en route.

COVID INFORMATION: Guest must sign an acknowledgement attesting to their fitness to travel and agreeing to comply with all health protocols as directed by CAST staff during their journey. Guest may not travel if they have tested positive for COVID-19, 14 days prior to departure; standard cancellation terms will apply. Guest must maintain adequate physical distancing and frequently wash or sanitize hands during their journey. Masks are required in vehicles (each guest needs

to provide their own masks), indoor spaces, and any outdoor spaces where physical distancing is not possible and in accordance with local regulations. Noncompliance with these measures will result in not being able to continue on the journey. Guest voluntarily accepts all risks and related expenses in the event that they or any member of their travelling party require testing, quarantine or become infected with COVID-19.

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