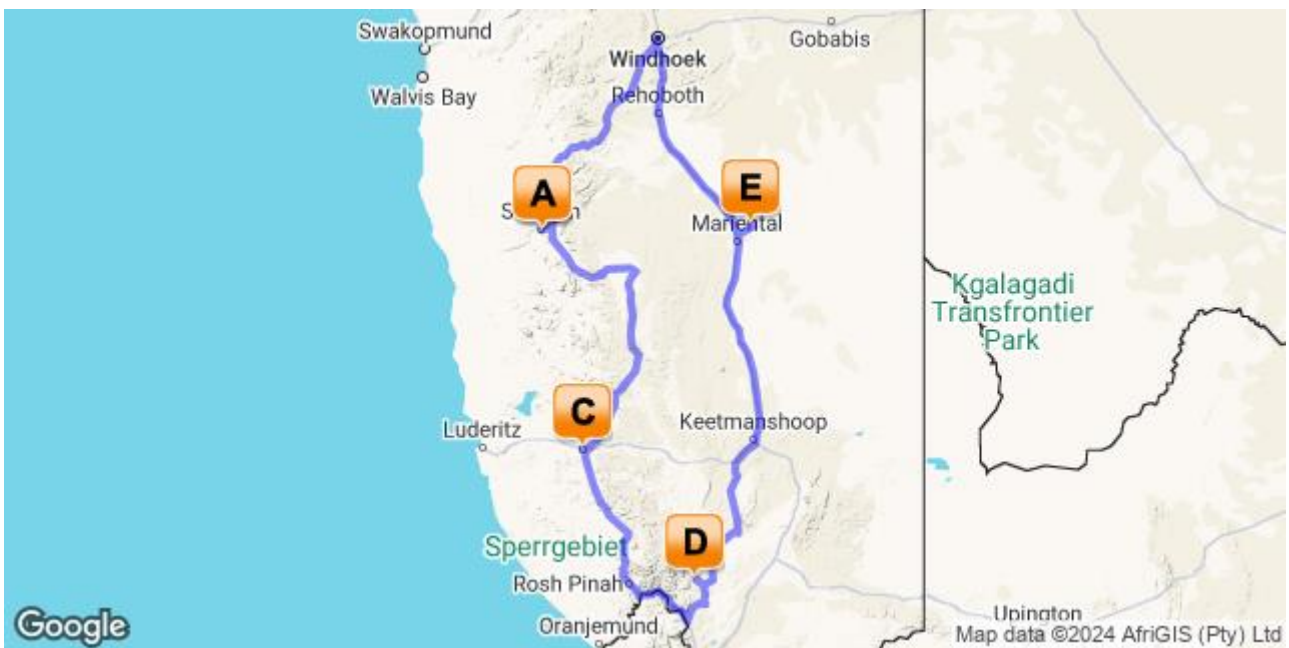




## 7-day Mesmerizing South Safari

*Sesriem - Sossusvlei - Aus - Luderitz - Namib - Ai-Ais - Orange River - Kalahari Namibia - Quiver Tree Forest*  
*7 Days / 6 Nights*

*Group Size: Minimum 2 guest Maximum 10 guests*



## Introduction

Discover the breathtaking landscapes of the South, where rugged canyons, vast deserts, and rocky plateaus await. Under a canopy of clear skies and stars that seem almost within reach, we invite you to embark on this unforgettable adventure with us.

**Departs:** from Windhoek on Sunday mornings as per below.

**Ends:** in Windhoek on a Saturday afternoon

### Departure dates 2025

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
05	02	09	13	11	08	06	03	14	12	03	-
19	23	30	27	25	22	20	17	28	26	23	-
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Can this tour be combined with others: Yes, it can!

- The 7 day Namibia's Wildlife & Art safari which departs on selected Sundays, would make our 14 day All around Namibia which would only route from south to north.

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Day 1	Sesriem Campsite	Sesriem	L&D	1x Campsite	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 2	Sesriem Campsite	Sesriem	FB		<b>1 Night</b>
Day 3	Klein-Aus Vista Desert Horse Campsite	Aus	FB	1x Campsite	<b>2 Nights</b>
Day 5	Camping at Ai Ais	Ai-Ais	FB	1x Campsite	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 6	Kalahari Anib Campsite	Kalahari Namibia	FB	1x Campsite	<b>1 Night</b>

### 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 2025

NAD 26 500.00 (NAD 300.00 for single Tent Occupancy)

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.

### Included

- Professional guide
- Camp assistant (dependent on no. of participants)

- 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 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

Route: Windhoek to Namib Naukluft Park

Distance: 310 km

Collection time: 08h00 – 08h30 from any accommodation within the City of Windhoek

Journey: A short drive through the City as we head out towards the Gamsberg, a table-topped mountain which on clear days, has some stunning views of the distant Naukluft Mountains, the area we are headed to for the next few days. Our drive takes us through farmland and reserves crossing the Tropic of Capricorn and down the Remhoogte or Spreetshoogte Pass - the escarpment drops down to meet the desert floor as we arrive at our campsite in the Sesriem area.

Such a magical area for sundowners as your gaze takes in the Naukluft Mountains and a small section of the dune-belt. This evening as you sit around a crackling fire your gaze is drawn skywards to the blanket of stars, an area that is good for the soul! Rest well tonight as tomorrow is a very early start.

Sesriem Campsite (o/s).

### Overnight: Sesriem Campsite

At the entry to Sossusvlei is Sesriem Canyon, At the foot of the gorge, which plunges down to 30 to 40 m, are pools that become replenished after good rains. Located perfectly at the entry to Sossusvlei inside the park gate is Sesriem Camping, right beside the gate into the desert and just a short drive from Sesriem Canyon where centuries of erosion have incised a narrow gorge about 1 km in length. It is perfect for campers who want to experience the beauty of the Namib Desert with the sun setting over the Elim dune then the stars emerging until they fill the sky above you and the clicking of the desert barking Geckos and distant howl of the Jackal. Sit by the fire and imagine what you will.

After a good nights rest its up early (one hour before sunrise) for a drive to the sossusvlei wherer you can climb a sand dune and watch the colours change as the sun rises over the horizon slipping its morning warmth over the Namib desert dunes. Sesriem derives its name from the time when earlier pioneers tied six lengths of rawhide thongs (riem) together to draw water from the pools. Accommodation at Sesriem is provided in 24 campsites. Facilities found there include a gas station, convenience store and a secure parking area.



### Included

Meals: Light lunch and dinner – camping style

## Day 2 - Sesriem Campsite, Sesriem



### Day Itinerary

Route: Sesriem - Sesriem  
Distance: 120 km

Journey: The world famous Naukluft area is one of our most versatile conservation areas of which you will see a small portion being Sossusvlei and Dead Vlei. This is one of our most visited areas by international tourists. It is a magical area where you can experience the feeling of vastness and isolation with dunes that are some of the highest in the world. A photographers dream as the early morning light plays with colours from apricot to red and no better place that Dead Vlei to experience this as the dunes drop down to meet a white clay pan dotted with the skeletons of ancient camelthorn trees.

Mid-morning as the temperatures rise we travel back to camp where we can relax at the swimming pool. During late afternoon we'll take a hike down into the Sesriem Canyon. We're spoiled with another night of tranquility and star gazing.

Sesriem Campsite (o/s).

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### Activities

Morning	Dune 45
Morning	Sossusvlei
Morning	Dead Vlei
Afternoon	Sesriem Canyon

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### *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, making this one of Africa's most scenic natural wonders 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 various desert wildlife, including oryx, springbok, ostrich and a variety of reptiles. Visitors can climb 'Big Daddy', one of Sossusvlei's tallest dunes; and explore Deadvlei, a white, salt, claypan dotted with ancient trees.





### ***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 is a captivating natural wonder located in the heart of the Namib Desert in Namibia. Carved over millions of years by the Tsauchab River, this narrow gorge is a testament to the power of erosion. The name Sesriem comes from the Afrikaans and Dutch words for six leather straps, which early pioneers used tied together to draw water from the deep pools within the canyon. Sesriem Canyon is not only a geological marvel but also a haven for unique desert flora and fauna, making it a popular stop for tourists exploring the surreal landscapes of the Namib Desert.

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### **Included**

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

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## **Day 3 - Klein-Aus Vista Desert Horse Campsite , Aus**

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Situated high above the vast plains of the Namib Desert, nestled in the rugged Aus Mountains, lies the charming village of Aus. This place is a treasure trove of incredible plant life, boasting an astonishing variety of botanical wonders. Aus is the perfect starting point for exploring the main highlight of the region: the untamed and free-roaming feral horses

of the Namib Desert, gracefully galloping across the sparsely vegetated plains. For the best horse sightings, head to the water trough at Garub, a mere twenty kilometers from Aus. To truly appreciate the Succulent Karoo, make sure to visit the breathtaking Gondwana Sperrgebiet Rand Park, which is home to the most diverse desert ecosystem in the world. And don't forget to seize the opportunity to camp beneath the famously clear Namibian night sky and embark on a horseback adventure through the mesmerizing desert landscape.

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### Day Itinerary

Route: Sesriem - Aus

Distance: 380 km

Journey: Some consider the route we're taking today to be one of the most scenic in the south, it's all gravel road driving as we head south through the NamibRand Nature Reserve through undulating desert landscape. Small towns are few and far between in this region, it's a sparse landscape yet supports wildlife. Our campsite for the next two nights is magical with giant camelthorn trees, space and open landscapes, there are several hiking trails and a lookout point from where to watch the sunset - one that you will remember!

Klein-Aus Vista Desert Horse Campsite (o/s).

### Overnight: Klein-Aus Vista Desert Horse Campsite

Large old camel thorn trees greet camping guests at the Desert Horse Campsite in a small valley of the Aus Mountains. Each of the ten sites is equipped with a tap, table, grill and windbreak. Neat shower and toilet facilities are within easy reach of each site. Barbecue packs are available at the reception of Desert Horse Inn (1.5 km); those who like to skip cooking for a change are more than welcome at the Inn's restaurant (subject to space available, please enquire upon arrival). Note there are no power point outlets at the Desert Horse camp. If you have equipment that need to be charged it can be done at reception of Desert Horse Inn.

Location: 2 km west of Aus on the B4 (Aus/Wild Horses/Kolmanskuppe/Lüderitz)




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### Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

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## Day 4 - Klein-Aus Vista Desert Horse Campsite , Aus

### Day Itinerary

Route: Aus - Lüderitz - Aus

Distance: 240 km

Journey: Diamonds and Wild Horses! We'll be away from our campsite for most of the day travelling to the coastal town of Luderitz with its old world sleepy atmosphere - this town has weathered the frenzy of the diamond rush. In the Forbidden zone (Sperrgebiet) is the ghost town of Kolmanskop, once one of the richest communities in Namibia, abandoned for many years now reclaimed by the Namib Desert.

On our way back to Aus we'll stop at Garub, where the wild horses are most often seen, we may even see them during the early morning next to the road.

Klein-Aus Vista Desert Horse Campsite (o/s)

### Activities

Morning	Luderitz
Morning	Kolmanskop

### *Garub Desert Horses*

Garub Desert Horses are found on the very barren eastern fringe of the Namib Desert and have adapted to the harsh conditions and the arid land which now fulfills all their needs. Research has determined that the horses are a harmonious part of the desert ecosystem and have found their home at Garub.

### *Luderitz*

Sandwiched between the rugged and stark Atlantic Coast and the arid desert of Namibia, the town of Luderitz is located in an incredible unique geographical setting. This seaside town is something of an anomaly frozen in time – a piece of 19th-century Bavaria bordering the pinkish sand dunes of the Namib Desert. Lutheran churches, German bakeries, and colonial buildings boasting German art nouveau architecture are dotted about the settlement, while its windswept beaches are home to flamingos, ostriches, seals, and penguins. The nearby ghost town of Kolmanskop, which has been taken over by the desert dunes, is another fascinating must-see attraction, located approximately 10 kilometres from Luderitz central, along with the herd of wild desert-adapted horses near the small town of Aus.



### *Kolmanskop*

Amongst the sands of the Namib, the crumbling buildings of a small, once-luxurious town emerge from the drifting dunes. This ghost town is Kolmanskop, a reminder of the wealth of a time when diamonds could be picked by hand from the desert, and a remarkable photographic opportunity with few equals anywhere on earth.





**Included**

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

**Day 5 - Camping at Ai Ais, Ai-Ais**

Encircled by dramatic, rust-coloured cliffs and arid plains in the southern reaches of Namibia's Fish River Canyon, Ai-Ais, which translates to "burning hot" in the Nama language, is renowned for its sulphurous hot springs. A single road runs through the town, flanked by comfortable lodges and campsites designed for adventurous visitors. At the heart of Ai-Ais lies the iconic Hot Springs Resort, where steaming sulphurous pools invite travellers to relax following a thrilling hike down the Fish River Canyon Trail or to enjoy a scenic soak under the expansive Namibian sky.

**Day Itinerary**

Route: Aus - Fish River Canyon

Distance: 340 km

Journey: Down to the mining town of Rosh Pinah and then head down to the Orange River - our border with South Africa. Travelling through the Ai-Ais Richtersveld Trans Frontier Park we'll wend our way upstream, this is a very scenic road, there are no towns / settlements along this section of the River.

We'll arrive into our campsite during late afternoon, - camping at Ai-Ais / Hobas (o/s).

**Overnight: Camping at Ai Ais**

Located in Ai-Ais Richtersveld Transfrontier Park, Namibia, Camping at Ai Ais offers guests a camping experience set in tranquil surroundings. The establishment features a campsite situated the end of the Fish River Canyon. Shared ablution and dishwashing facilities are available. Camping guests have full use of all resort facilities which include a restaurant, a bar, a swimming pool, hot springs and a spa. Activities include playing tennis, hiking and birdwatching.

**Activities**

Morning	Orange River
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**Orange River**

Rising from the beautiful Drakensberg Mountains in Lesotho, forming part of the international border between South Africa and Namibia, the Orange River is the longest river in South Africa. The Orange River Basin extends into Namibia and northern Botswana. The river snakes its way through one of Southern Africa's harshest environments bringing life to an area of sheer rugged beauty. Aside from vineyards in the desert the river also creates a mobile playground from which to explore the area. This spectacular river created the diamond dune fields along Namibia's coast, by washing

diamonds downstream from the Kimberly region over millions of years. Visitors can look forward to excellent whitewater rafting, canoeing, and kayaking, as well as wonderful river cruises which allow excellent views of the surroundings.




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### Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

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## Day 6 - Kalahari Anib Campsite , Kalahari Namibia

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Spreading across Botswana, South Africa and Namibia, the Kalahari meaning 'the great thirst' is an exceptionally beautiful living desert. The landscape is characterised by a large semi-arid sandy savannah draped over a gently rolling inland sea of sand covering most of Botswana and large parts of Namibia and South Africa. It is also the last bastion of the indigenous San people with the modern world having enveloped all the other areas they once roamed. The Namibian portion is made up of red sands covered in thin, wispy, mostly golden grass and dotted with acacia trees and wide-ranging wildlife including gemsbok, impala, jackals and cheetah.

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### Day Itinerary

Route: Fish river Canyon - Stampriet

Distance: 472 km

Journey: Sunrise at the Fish River Canyon! A visit will be made to the viewpoint on the northern end, this is probably the most photographed area of the Canyon with its awe inspiring vistas - nothing to impede your view as far as the eye can see. Renowned as one of the largest canyons globally, it spans roughly 160 kilometers (100 miles) in length, with widths reaching up to 27 kilometers (17 miles) and depths plunging to 550 meters (1,800 feet). This magnificent canyon was shaped approximately 500 million years ago, likely as a result of various geological processes, including tectonic movements and erosion.

Afterwards we are on our way to a remarkable destination, the Kalahari, known for its striking red sands and expansive grassy plains. While it may not have the same fame as the Namib Desert, the breathtaking beauty of the sunset here makes it an experience you won't want to miss.

Campsite in the Kalahari (o/s)

### Overnight: Kalahari Anib Campsite

Spending the night under the southern night sky, out at the back of beyond in the African tree and shrub savannah of the Kalahari – this experience is offered by the Kalahari Anib Campsite. There are several dozen metres between the three sites, and each of them will be allocated to only one party (max. 4 persons) at a time. Each of the sites are equipped with a toilet, shower, basin and barbecue area as well as a shade roof and power point. Camping guests are welcome to use the swimming pool at Kalahari Anib Lodge (a 5 minutes' walk) and to visit the restaurant and bar.

Location: Approximately 30 km northeast of Mariental on the C 20 (Kalahari).




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### Activities

Morning	Giant's Playground
Morning	Quiver Tree Forest

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#### ***Giant's Playground***

The Giant's playground gets its name from the way in which the massive dolerite boulders appear to have been purposefully placed on top of one another by a gigantic hand. The manner in which the boulders are stacked creates fascinating rock formations and a series of mazes where one can easily lose one's bearings if one is not careful. Hiking between these rock formations will entertain visitors for a couple of hours and is guaranteed to present great photo opportunities. This fascinating rock formation is located on the farm Gariganus, and visitors need to buy their tickets at the farm office before setting out.

#### ***Quiver Tree Forest***

Set amidst the arid terrain near Keetmanshoop are the ancient quiver trees, a striking Southern African phenomenon with twisted branches reaching towards the sky. These tall and photo-friendly trees, reaching up to eight metres, exhibit a unique dichotomous branching pattern, creating a distinctive candelabra-like silhouette. Slow-growing, some specimens in the forest are estimated to be 200-300 years old, thriving in the harsh climate by storing water in their thick trunks and fleshy leaves. Protected as a national monument in Namibia, the Quiver Tree Forest holds both ecological and cultural significance, with its smooth grey bark and fibrous wood once used by the San people for quivers. Nearby, the Giant's Playground, a geological wonder of large dolerite boulders, boasts a unique feature of appearing haphazardly stacked, as if by a giant child. A nearby rest camp provides a comfortable base for travellers keen to experience Namibia's surreal natural landscapes firsthand.




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### Included

Meals: Breakfast, light lunch and dinner – camping style

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## Day 7 - End of Itinerary

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### Day Itinerary

Route: Stampriet - Windhoek

Distance: 280 km

Journey: A leisurely morning as we wend our way through the Kalahari area to the city of Windhoek.

### Activities

Lunch	Rehoboth
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### *Rehoboth*

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.

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### Included

Meals: Breakfast and light lunch – camping style

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