

# Sasendle Adventure Tours



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## **Cape Namibia Route Cape Namib Etosha Ideal 2010/2011 18 days / 17 nights**

**Tour Code CANAETID01 (G=Guided)**

The tour starts in Cape Town and leads via the beautiful West Coast of South-Africa into the rugged Aussenkehr Park after crossing the Gariep River via Noordoewer into Namibia. We visit the majestic Fish River Canyon and carry on to the Namib Desert and Sossusvlei with its high dunes. Lunar Landscapes and prehistoric Welwitschia Plants surround the coastal resort of Swakopmund. From here, the safari turns north towards the Erongo Mountains, exploring amazing rock formations en-route to Ai-Aiba. We will spend the last days at Naua Naua Lodge just outside Etosha. This opportunity will allow us to explore Etosha for 2 full days, before the safari ends in Namibia's bustling capital, Windhoek. The safari is conducted in Sasendle 4x4 vehicles and in small groups. Accommodation is provided at comfortable guesthouses and tourist class lodges. The approximate distance for this tour is 4800km.

### **Day 1: Western Cape Coast**

We depart from **Cape Town** in the morning and travel along the R27 taking the scenic coastal route of the Western Cape to Lamberts Bay. In the afternoon we visit the famous Bird Island (excursion included). Bird Island provides shelter and protection for thousands of seabirds, particularly Cape gannets, various species of cormorants, and penguins. Photographers can view the birds fairly close up from a look-out-hide. During the whale season from July to November, heavy side-dolphins and southern right whales are often seen in the area (boat trips optional). During the flower season in August and September, the area sports an abundance of colourful flowers. Other optional activities like angling, quad-biking, golfing or sand boarding in the dunes are available (time-permitting)

**Overnight Lamberts Bay Hotel or similar. (DBB)**

### **Day 2: Namaqualand - Springbok**

Spectacular scenery of rugged hills and granite domes offers itself on the drive to our destination - Naries Namakwa Retreat. This region is a photographic paradise with succulent and wild flowers in abundance during the flower season (Aug&Sep). Springbok's history is closely linked to the copper mining industry and the colorful culture of the Nama people is widely on display in this area.

**Overnight Naries Namakwa Retreat or similar. (DBB)**

### **Day 3: Aussenkehr Park - Namibian Border**

Today we will drive through the Aussenkehr Park, which is remote and mountainous and one of the finest wilderness areas in South Africa. It is home to numerous rare mammal, reptile and plant species. Here we may get in contact with local Nama tribes who move with their live-stock with the changing of seasons in search of better pastures. We cross the Namibian border via Noordoewer, to our overnight destination at Norotshama River Lodge.

**Overnight Norotshama River Lodge or similar. (DBB)**

### **Day 4: Fish River Canyon**

Today we travel through the fantastic landscape of the Nama Karoo and admire its fauna and flora. En route northwards we take a break at Ai-Ais Rest Camp to relax in the hot spas or the cool swimming pools. One of the highlights in Southern Namibia is the great Fish River Canyon which we shall visit in the afternoon measuring 160 km in length, 27 km in width and up to 550 m deep the canyon is one area presents an awesome sight during sunset. The Fish River originates 600 km further up in the Naukluft Mountains and ends south of Ai-Ais where it flows into the Gariep River. The canyon offers beautiful views from various lookout points.

**Overnight Canon Lodge or similar. (DBB)**

### **Day 5: Succulent Karoo Desert**

After a late morning breakfast we will depart via Seeheim to Aus and the Klein Aus Vista Homestead. Time at free disposal for walks or to relax and enjoy the peaceful surroundings. This is also the realm of the 'wild horses of the

Namib. These magnificent creatures can often be seen roaming the far horizons or gathering at a watering point close by.

**Overnight Klein-Aus Vista or similar. (DBB)**

#### **Day 6: Succulent Karoo Desert - Lüderitz**

A day excursion to the quaint harbor town of Lüderitz. The town has an interesting German colonial background and sports a curious array of historical buildings built during the diamond rush at the turn of the century. We visit the "ghost town" Kolmanskop where the first diamonds were found 100 years ago. Today its dilapidated houses are slowly being swamped by the shifting sands of the Namib. We return to Klein Aus Vista in the afternoon.

**Overnight Klein-Aus Vista or similar. (DBB)**

#### **Day 7: - Namib Desert - Tiras Nature reserve**

We depart northwards along the Namib Naukluft Park and the Tiras Conservancy area. The Namib Naukluft National Park is considered the largest game park in Africa with the Namib Desert the oldest desert in the world. Many creatures live in this hyper-arid region, including snakes, geckos, unusual insects, antelopes, hyenas, and jackals. Moisture comes in as fog off the Atlantic Ocean, than falls as rain, with the average 106 millimeters of rainfall per year concentrated in the months of February to April. Ostrich, Oryx or Springbok roam this diverse landscape. Magnificent scenery provides the perfect backdrop for your holiday photos.

**Overnight Duwisib Castle or similar. (DBB)**

#### **Day 8: Namib Desert**

We proceed slowly to our next destination near the entrance gate to the Namib Naukluft Park. Age-old camel thorn trees and unsurpassed 360 degrees views dominate the desert landscape towards the mountain-range in the distance.

**Overnight Sossusvlei Desert Camp or similar. (DBB)**

#### **Day 9: Namib Desert**

Today's highlight is the high dunes at Sossusvlei, a truly spectacular sight. We enter the Namib-Naukluft Park at sunrise, while the temperature is still mild and when the dune contrasts are at their best. At Dune 45, the more energetic have the opportunity to climb to the upper ridge of the world's most photographed dune. Further along, a gradual 2.6 kilometer round-trip walk takes you to the well photographed "Dead Vlei". Sossusvlei is at the 'end of road' and the highlight of the day. We also visit the rugged Sesriem Canyon, where the Tsauchab River and erosion have incised a narrow gorge over the millennia. The permanent water pools at its bottom have ensured the survival of nomadic populations in pre-historic times as well as that of early European explorers and the so-called Thirstland Trekkers, in more recent centuries. On our way back to the Sossusvlei Desert Camp, we take a lunch break at a lodge situated next to the Sesriem Gate of the park where light lunches (optional) and cold beverages are served on a terrace overlooking the dry bed of the ephemeral Tsauchab River and the dunes beyond it. On return to our accommodation, the remainder of the day is at leisure.

**Overnight Sossusvlei Desert Camp or similar. (DBB)**

#### **Day 10: Swakopmund**

Today's destination is the cool Atlantic Coast and the quaint town of Swakopmund. En route we will explore the Namib Desert with the rugged Kuiseb Canyon, while driving along the Swakop riverbed. We stop at the eerie moon landscape and marvel at the Welwitschia Mirabilis, an ancient plant endemic to the Namib Desert. After arriving in Swakopmund you can explore the popular coastal resort on your own and spend time at leisure or with shopping.

**Overnight Swakop Lodge or similar. (BB)**

#### **Day 11: Swakopmund**

Day free in Swakopmund. Take a walk through town and enjoy the mixture of colonial flair and historic architecture in Swakopmund (the historic town, the Woermannhouse, the Hohenzollernhouse, the old Magistrates Court, the historical Jail and the Jetty and the lighthouse).

**Various optional activities can be arranged at own expense: Walvis Bay lagoon boat cruises, fishing, kayaking, quad biking, sand boarding, tandem-skydive, camel ride, golfing, horse riding, township tour, paragliding, scenic flights, land yachting and/ or ballooning.**

**Overnight Swakop Lodge or similar. (BB)**

#### **Day 12: Erongo Mountains**

We leave the coast and journey inland again to a guest farm near the scenic Erongo Mountains. This region is famous for its multitude of ancient rock paintings, many of them still unknown and hidden. If time allows, there is the possibility of a visit to a nearby 'Living village of the Ju/Hoansi San' people (at extra expense and only possible April - Oct)

**Overnight Ai-Aiba Rocking Painting Lodge or similar. (DBB)**

#### **Day 13 to Day 16: Naua Naua Lodge (Outside Etosha)**

Leaving Ai-Aiba early morning after breakfast we will take a scenic drive via the Erongo Mountains to our next destination, just outside Etosha. Here you will be allowed to be enticed by untouched nature and inspired by tranquillity. We will enjoy the luxurious ambience coupled with adventure and safari. The thatched lodge integrates perfectly with the surrounding landscapes and is situated in the north of Namibia, close to the Etosha National Park (southern entrance - Anderson Gate). Due to the special location on a mountain slope, this lodge affords spectacular

vistas across Africa's thorn-bush savannah and wildlife. We will observe diverse game species that gather at a nearby watering hole by day and night, from the pool deck or your terrace while sipping a well-chilled drink. Relax around the swimming pool or participate in some of the varied activities.

The unique cheetah feed followed by sundowners enjoyed at a view point is an experience not to be missed. Watching the sun set slowly on the horizon of Namibia's vast wide open landscapes creates truly unforgettable memories. Game viewing is best done in the cool of the early morning or late afternoon.

**Activities included:**

- 2 Full days Etosha Game Drive. Spend the last day (16) to explore the farm or be at leisure at the pool.

**Activities excluded:**

Guided night drives provided by NWR (Namibia Wildlife Resorts)

**Activities available and for own account (available via Naua Naua Game Lodge):**

- Walking Trails- various options
- Cheetah Feed & Sundowner Excursion incl. sundowner drinks (afternoons only)
- Full-day Excursion Ovamboland incl. visit of traditional village, scenic flights across Etosha, picnic lunch & soft drinks
- Half-day Excursion Damaraland incl. visit of Himba village and scenic flights across Damaraland.

**Overnight at Naua Naua Lodge (DBB)**

**Day 17: Windhoek**

The Elegant Guest House is the ideal accommodation during your stay in Windhoek. A couple of minutes drive from two shopping centres and close to the city, they are nevertheless located in the restful surroundings of one of the oldest and most sought-after residential areas in town. Relax in their garden, at the swimming pool, in the lounge & wine bar or the restaurant.

**Overnight at The Elegant Guest House or similar (BB)**

**Day 18: Windhoek**

Transfer to Hosea Kutako International Airport.

**Tour Prices:**

**Please refer to our price lists for Guided Safaris**

**Departures:**

**On request; tour operators are welcome to request fixed dates**

**Group Sizes:**

**Min. 2/Max. 4 participants per 4x4 vehicle – Max. 12 guests per departure**

Larger groups will be quoted on request & subject to availability of suitable services only

**Inclusions and Exclusions  
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**Included:**

- SAT transport in 4x4 vehicle; Public Liability & Passenger Liability Insurance
- Services of a licensed English speaking driver-guide per vehicle
- 17 nights accommodation in comfortable guesthouses/guest farms and tourist class lodges. Meals as stated in program.
- Fees for nature conservation areas, sightseeing & activities as per itinerary (unless stipulated as "OPTIONAL")
- Portage in overnight facilities
- Non-alcoholic beverages on tour vehicle during overland drives (in limited quantities)
- Detailed itinerary & info on places of interest

**Excluded:**

- Flights / Visa & Permits / Travel Insurances of any kind
- Cost related to the personal use of 3G internet access & GSM cell phone provided by SAT on tour
- Tips & gratuities to hotel/restaurant personnel and guides
- Alcoholic and any other beverages in addition to those included above
- Any optional services/meals/activities/excursions not included/not mentioned in the itinerary
- Any expense of a personal nature such as for phone calls, laundry services, souvenirs, and similar

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