8 day













Canyons and Deserts

Highlights

- · Striking red dunes of the Kalahari Desert
- Majestic Fish River Canyon
- · Kolmanskop's ghostly ruins
- Towering dunes surrounding Sossusvlei
- Deadylei's slient beauty beneath ancient trees
- Swakopmund, Namibia's adventure capital







Day 1 | Tuesday **KALAHARI DESERT**

Leaving Windhoek, we travel into the enormous sand mass in the world, the Kalahari Desert. It's still home to a surprisingly large amount of specially-adapted wildlife. Experience the red dunes, wildlife and plants, on an optional nature drive.

Classic: Overnight at Intu Afrika Collection. Superior: Overnight at Intu Afrika Collection Dinner and nature drive in the Kalahari.

DAY 2 | Wednesday FISH RIVER CANYON

We continue south through arid and extensive rocky plains. Visiting the unique Garas quiver tree forest you are welcomed by quirky humanmade sculptures.

With the boulders stacked mysteriously, the area is also aptly referred to as "Giant's Playground". We continue to our lodge. Explore the area on foot or an optional sundowner drive in the later afternoon.

Classic: Overnight at Canyon Village

Superior: Overnight at Canyon Lodge Breakfast and dinner.

Day 3 | Thursday LÜDERITZ

Our morning starts on the edge of the Fish River Canyon, the second largest canyon in the world, featuring a gigantic ravine that measures in total about 160km and up to 27km wide. We continue to Naute Kristall Cellar and Distillery, where we make a short stop to enjoy an optional liquor tasting or a cup of coffee.

Afterwards, we head towards the coastal town of Lüderitz stopping en route at Garub, viewing point for the Wild Horses of the Namib Desert. Arrive in Lüderitz where we explore this small, historic town.

Classic: Overnight at Lüderitz Nest Hotel Breakfast.

Superior: Overnight at Lüderitz Nest Hotel Breakfast and dinner.

Day 4 | Friday NAMIB DESERT

Our morning starts with a visit to Kolmanskop ghost town, which is a deserted diamondmining town. Stop for an optional lunch in the countryside town of Helmeringhausen before continuing further north along with the Tiras Mountain range to our lodge in the Namib Desert.

Our lodge is situated close to Sesriem the gateway to Sosssusvlei, Deadvlei and Sesriem Canyon. The afternoon can be spent relaxing at the pool or taking part in the optional activities offered at the lodge.

Classic: Overnight at The Elegant Desert Lodge - Breakfast.

Superior: Overnight at Sossusylei Lodge Desert - Breakfast and dinner.

Day 5 | Saturday NAMIB DESERT

The following morning we enter the Namib Naukluft Park shortly after sunrise. You will be captivated by the surreal Deadvlei surrounded by some of the highest dunes in the world and Sossusvlei. After this experience, we visit the Sesriem Canyon, before returning to our lodge. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

Classic: Overnight at The Elegant Desert Lodge - Breakfast.

Superior: Overnight at Sossusvlei Lodge Breakfast and dinner.

Day 6 | Sunday **SWAKOPMUND**

After breakfast we continue our journey approaching the little settlement of Solitaire, before travelling via the desolate, rolling hills of the Kuiseb Valley towards the Atlantic Ocean. Reaching the coastal harbour town of Walvis Bay, we visit the shallow lagoon, a RAMSAR World Heritage Site.

Continuing along the scenic route between the dune belt and the Atlantic Ocean we reach Swakopmund, where the rest of the day is spent at leisure. With palm-lined streets and seaside promenades, Swakopmund is a popular holiday destination in Namibia.

Classic: Overnight at Hansa Hotel Breakfast.

Superior: Overnight at Swakopmund Luxury Suites - Breakfast.

Day 7 | Monday **SWAKOPMUND**

Swakopmund is often fondly referred to as the "playground of Namibia". It has numerous activities ranging from, adventure to exploring the fascinating features of the Namib Desert and the animals and plants that occur and survive here. Embrace the relaxed pace of this idyllic coastal town or alternatively take part in one of the many activities the town has to offer.

Take time to get the feel of this quaint town with its historic buildings, museums, shopping arcades and beach bar that has transformed into its personality by the vibrant use of colour and the bohemian lifestyle.

Classic: Overnight at Hansa Hotel

Superior: Overnight at Swakopmund Luxury Suites - Breakfast and marine cruise.

Day 8 | Tuesday DEPARTURE

After breakfast a transfer takes us back to Windhoek to our hotel or the international airport for your return flight.

Breakfast.

Live this!

Discover Namibia's 4 deserts in the south of the country. The undulating dunes of the Kalahari, the rocky plains and majestic Fish River Canyon of the Nama Karoo, and the star dunes and vleis of the Namib.

Classic: 2 - 20 guests per vehicle Superior: 2 - 6 guests per vehicle

Language: K Bilingual - English and German Arrival flights on day of tour departure to be no later than 9am. Same day flight departures out of Windhoek International are only possibl after 7pm.

Departure days:

Bilingual - Selected Tuesdays

| NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR |
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| 4, 11, 18, 25 | 2, 16, 30 | 6, 20 | 3, 17 | 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 7, 14, 2 28 |
| MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT |
| | 2, 9, 16, | | | 1, 8, 15, | 6, 13, |
| 19, 26 | 23, 30 | 21, 28 | 18, 25 | 22, 29 | 20,27 |

Accommodation: As specified

Meals: All meals as specified in the itinerary

Entrance Fees: Garas Quiver Tree Forest; Fish River Canyon; Kolmanskop; Namib Naukluft

Activities: As specified

General: Information pack (Classic) or deluxe travel planner (Superior), still mineral water on bus, tourism levy and government taxes where applicable, 24 hour medical evacuation

Green Seat: Bishop Kameeta Kindergarden; Otjimboyo Conservancy

All international / domestic flights - taxes, visas, travel - personal accident insurance, personal expenses, excursions / activities not specified, gratuities

- Activity Package: Namib Desert nature
- drive (day 5), catamaran cruise (day 7)

 Meal Options: The classic tour can be booked with breakfast only or on half board basis (Dinners in Swakopmund are not