

11 day

# Magical South

## Highlights

- Sunset in Kalahari Desert
- Fish River Canyon – world’s 2nd largest canyon
- Namib Desert – highest dunes and visit to Deadvlei
- Adventure town of Swakopmund



### Day 1 | 280 km KALAHARI DESERT

In the morning you travel into the largest sand mass on Earth, the Kalahari Desert. The bushman refer to it as the “Soul of the World”. With its deep red dunes and endless grass plains interspersed with acacia’s and shrubs, it is the only form of survival for a vast amount of specially adapted wildlife. This afternoon you have time to relax at leisure or take part in an amazing optional sundowner drive.

**Classic: Overnight at Intu Africa Camelthorn Lodge.**

**Superior: Overnight at Intu Africa Zebra Lodge - Dinner.**

### Day 2-3 | 460 km FISH RIVER CANYON

Leaving the Kalahari dunes behind you, your road takes you via scarce vegetation, isolated hills and endless rocky plains to the Quiver Tree Forest: here you find over 250 of these indigenous aloes in a single area. Proceed to the Fish River Canyon, offering awesome splendour of adapted fauna and flora.

The following morning you can visit the Fish River Canyon. With a length of 170km and an average depth of 550m, it represents the second largest canyon on earth. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at your lodge at leisure or take part in optional activities offered by the lodge.

**Classic: Overnight at Canyon Village Breakfast.**

**Superior: Overnight at Fish River Lodge Breakfast and dinner.**

### Day 4 | 420 km LÜDERITZ

Travelling past the Naute dam, where the Naute Kristal Distillery, a stop not to be missed by Gin lovers. Continue towards the edge of the Namibian escarpment and via the Succulent Karoo to the coastal town of Lüderitz.

En route, you can stop at Garub to try and spot some of the unique Namib Desert Horses that survive in the desert due to their acquired adaptations. Your accommodation awards you a magnificent view over the Atlantic Ocean.

**Classic: Overnight at Kairos Cottage Breakfast.**

**Superior: Overnight at Lüderitz Nest Hotel or Alte Villa - Breakfast and dinner.**

### Day 5 | 250 km SOUTHERN NAMIB

Before continuing to the southern Namib Desert, a visit to Kolmanskop, located just outside of Lüderitz, is very rewarding for all those who wish to travel back in time to a unique remnant of a bustling diamond town that flourished here from 1908 to 1950.

Travelling further east, your next stop is situated in a more solitude desert landscape just outside the small town of Aus.

**Classic: Overnight at Klein Aus Vista Desert Horse Inn - Breakfast.**

**Superior: Overnight at Klein Aus Vista Eagles Nest - Breakfast and dinner.**

### Day 6-7 | 550 km NAMIB DESERT

On this morning you travel via endless plains and alongside stunning mountain ranges into the Namib Desert, the oldest desert on Earth. Your lodge is situated very close to Sesriem, the gate to 2 of Namibia’s most celebrated attractions: Sossusvlei and Sesriem Canyon.

At sunrise head to Sossusvlei, home to the World’s highest dunes. Visit Deadvlei, a surreal white clay pan surrounded by monumental dunes and dotted with age-old Camelthorn trees.

Travelling back, visit the Sesriem Canyon. The rest of the day relax at leisure or take part in an optional afternoon nature drive.

**Classic: Overnight at The Elegant Desert Lodge - Breakfast.**

**Superior: Overnight at Sossusvlei Lodge Breakfast and dinner.**

### Day 8 | 80 km NAMIB DESERT

After enjoying a breakfast amidst the spectacular scenery of the Namib Desert, depart to your next lodge situated at the foot of petrified dunes. Here you have the opportunity to explore the Namib Desert on spectacular scenic nature and sundowner drives or relax by the side of the lodge pools.

**Classic: Overnight at Namib Desert Lodge Breakfast.**

**Superior: Overnight at Desert Grace Breakfast and dinner.**

### Day 9-10 | 300 km SWAKOPMUND

Today you travel via the Namib Naukluft Park to Swakopmund, a tranquil coastal town situated between the Namib Desert and the Atlantic Ocean that enjoys a distinct German architecture and atmosphere.

Visit the Welwitschia plains and the aptly named Moon landscape, two of the attractions during this scenic drive (permit required).

In Swakopmund, you have the option of participating in some of the adventurous activities on offer. These could include scenic flights, dolphin cruises, quad biking, parasailing, dune boarding.

**Classic: Overnight at a guesthouse in Swakopmund - Breakfast.**

**Superior: Overnight at Strand Hotel Breakfast.**

### Day 11 | 350 km DEPARTURE

After a relaxed breakfast, travel up the Namibian plateau and back to Windhoek, where you return your rental vehicle and your tour ends. Alternatively connect with other tour options.

**Breakfast.**

## Live this!

Experience southern Namibia’s entirety from the world’s largest sand mass in the Kalahari Desert to the 2nd largest canyon on Earth. Get drawn back in time by visiting the ghost town of Kolmanskop and let yourself be captivated by the surreal dunes at Sossusvlei and Deadvlei.

**Classification:**  
Classic and Superior

**Vehicle recommendation:**  
SUV or 4WD Double Cab

**Inclusions:**  
**Accommodation:** As specified  
**Meals:** As specified in the itinerary  
Deluxe Travel Planner

**General:** Tourism levy and government taxes where applicable  
**Green Seat:** Bishop Kameeta Kindergarden; Otjimboyo Conservancy

**Exclusions:**

- All International / Domestic Flights and taxes
- Rental vehicle
- Visas
- Travel and personal accident insurance
- Personal expenses
- Excursions / Activities not specified
- Gratuities

**Optional extras:**  
Excursions / Activities on request