



Lumona 008

4 Nights

Day 1: Windhoek - Namib Desert

Welcomed by your Guide in Windhoek , Namibia

Departure for the Namib Desert, the oldest desert in the world. The Namib Desert is 2,000 kms long and 120 kms wide, with a surface area of 81,000 square kilometres. In the southern part the dunes stand between 250 to 300m high.

Lunch (Pic-nic for camping and Restaurant for lodge tours)

Walk in the canyon at Sesriem which is in the Namib Naukluft National Park. The canyon was carved out by the Tschauab river and this place was vital for the Nama, Herero and Damara peoples. This gorge is approximately 30m deep and 3 km long, Sesriem means 6(Ses) leather straps (riem), which were tied together to make a rope long enough to lower buckets for water collection.

Dinner – barbeque, 2 nights at Sesriem Campground (or similar).

Dinner at the Restaurant for the Lodge Tour.

Duration: 1 to 1.30 hour walk

Transfer: Vehicle – 4.5 to 5 hours, 319 Kms

Facilities for 2 nights at the campsite (in a lodge for the lodge tour).

Day 2: Sossuvlei, Deadvlei

Very early departure for the site of Sossusvlei stopping at Dune 45 to catch the sunrise. Dune 45 measures about 60 to 70 m, it is not possible for lodge tours people to do sunrise on dune 45 because the entrance to the park only opens at sunrise and the gate of the park only opens 1 hour before sunrise.

Breakfast at the car park after sunrise.

Picnic breakfast prepared by the lodge for the tour.

Travel 16kms to the Sossusvlei car park and then continue by 4x4 vehicle the last 5kms to reach the base of Big Daddy, the highest dune of the Namib Desert, rising more or less 300m.

In the Tsauchab Valley you will discover the Namib Central area and the giant dunes, a few thousand years ago a river ran to the Atlantic through Sossusvlei, but today the rain has disappeared, and the river no longer has the strength to get to the ocean.

Here, Deadvlei - an arid lake, creates a contrast with the red dunes, a magical sight with only a few remaining millennia dead trees to complete the scene.

Picnic lunch for the camping tour.

Lunch at the restaurant for the lodge tour.

The dune, Elim, is located about 5 kms from the campsite, it is an ideal stage for your arrival at the end of the afternoon for a beautiful sunset. The songs of geckos will be your musical chorus and if you look at the ground you will see their small burrows where they take refuge. From the top of the dune is a beautiful panoramic view (exclusively for the camping tour in the Namib Naukluft National Park.)

Barbeque dinner - 2nd night at the campsite.

Dinner at the restaurant - 2nd night at the lodge.

Activities : 4.5 hours

Day 3: Namib Desert - Swakopmund

Breakfast

Departure to the town of Swakopmund nestled on the Namibian coast. This town has a fascinating historical past; a seaside resort located on the Atlantic Ocean, constructed at the beginning of the German colonization to serve as a harbour. Here you will discover the city centre dominated by the German architecture in the buildings, most buildings are protected by the Namibian National Heritage. There are optional activities available i.e. a flight over the Namib Desert, 4x4 vehicle to Sandwich Harbour, quad motor bike self-drive in the dunes, and more.

A short stop in the Kuiseb river which halts the progression of sand from the Namib Desert to the North of the country.

Picnic lunch (for the camping tour).

Lunch at the restaurant (for the lodge tour).

Lunch own expense (for the camping tour).

Dinner at a restaurant (for the lodge tour).

Night at the hotel.

Travel distance: Vehicle, 4.5 to 5 hours

Day 4: Swakopmund - Cape Cross - Spitzkoppe

Breakfast

Road to Cape Cross, located 60 kms North of Henties Bay. Cape Cross is a nature reserve where you can see the largest seal colony in Namibia. Cape Cross is also a very important place in the world for human history, it is here the explorer Diego Cao laid a cross in 1486 to mark his passage, today the cross has been reproduced in granite.

Continue the Spitzkoppe.

Picnic lunch (for camping tour)

Lunch at the restaurant (for lodge tour)

Spitzkoppe is a cluster of granite peaks or bornhardts, located in the Damaraland between Usakos and Swakopmund in the Namib Desert. The rock is more than 130 million years old and the highest point is 1,728 meters. 700 meters above the plains surrounding it, is Bushmen Paradise, where you can see the rock paintings of the Bushmen.

Dinner at the restaurant (for lodge tour).

Dinner at the campsite (for camping tour).

2 to 2.5 hours of activity.

Transfer : Vehicle, between 3.5 to 4 hours

Day 5: Spitzkoppe – Windhoek (End of the tour)