

Protea Safari Tours



Conservation Through Utilization

Namib Desert Safari

**in a Nutshell
21 April to 5 May 2018**

**Once a year, go someplace you have never been before,
Namibia will crawl so deep into your soul that you will
always return.**

Namibia is a place to experience, not merely observe. Experience African sunsets and sunrises in one of the scarcely populated countries of the continent, the sounds of silence touch the stars in the oldest desert of the world.

Namibia is a land of extremes with wide horizons, contrasting landscapes. It is a country that has so much to offer explorers. Known around the world for its majestic landscapes, fantastic wildlife and amazing crystals and gems are what intrigue most people about this unspoilt desert country.

Enjoying the beauty of Namibia along its gravel roads as the variation in landscape is quite extraordinary. The friendly and welcoming people are definitely one of the country's greatest assets.

Some of the best world renowned attractions to Namibia that we will be exploring;

- Ai Ais/Richtersveld Transfontier Park;
- the Fish River Canyon is 160km long and nearly 27km wide and is the second largest canyon in the world;
- the Wild Horse of the Namib – there's a romance to wild horses running free and untamed, the ultimate symbol of freedom;
- Ghost town of Kolmanskop and the Luderitz;
- The D707 – the road between heaven and earth, the mysterious German castle of Duwisib;
- Sossusvlei with the highest dunes in the world, Dead Vlei, Fairy Circles and Solitaire's apple pie;
- Living desert tour plus all the wonderful experiences in and around Swakopmund;
- Joe's Beerhouse and the Trans Kalahari highway.

Stargazing out here in the open skies is excellent, especially during this time of the year when there are no clouds and the crisp air makes for clear viewing. Namibia is definitely a country that one always yearns to visit again and again. If this doesn't get your spirit for adventure running in your veins, nothing will.

Namibia here we come, come and enjoy the journey with us...

Our program for the safari will be as follows;

Day 1 (21 April 2018)

The group will meet at Norotshama on the banks of the mighty Orange River in Namibia at 18h00 for a catered dinner at the restaurant. It's the largest wine farm in Namibia and the biggest exporter of table wines in the Southern hemisphere. Our first night camping includes a Lodge dinner & breakfast.

Day 2 & 3 (22, 23 April 2018)

After an early breakfast (catered) we will travel along the Orange River on breath-taking dirt roads and landscapes to our next destination in the Ais-Ais/Richtersveld Transfrontier Park. We will be camping near the second largest canyon in the world, the Fish River Canyon. Day 3 will take us to the hair bend view point at Hobas.

Day 4 (24 April 2018)

After an early catered breakfast amongst vintage cars we travel along dirt roads on the edge of the Fish River Canyon, some historical German landmarks will be visited. The town of Aus will be our base for the next two nights. This is also the home of the world renowned Namib Desert Horses.

Day 5 (25 April 2018)

En route to the old German town of Luderitz we should see the Wild Horses of the Namib. You can explore the town's rich heritage. The ghost town of Kolmanskop will be one of the stops on our day trip. Once you have experienced/lived the diamond dream, why don't you explore the town?

Day 6 (26 April 2018)

It's time to travel along one of the most beautiful roads (D707) in Namibia. This road is known for its scenic vistas due to the way that the route arches around the Namib Desert. The historical Duwisib castle is on our to-do-list for day 7.

Day 7 (27 April 2018)

From Duwisib we travel through World's End and the Namibrand Nature Reserve. Our destination will be Sesriem for the next two nights close to Sossusvlei. Each private campsite offers its own ablution block.

Day 8 (28 April 2018)

The world renowned dunes of Sossusvlei await us and the Sesriem Canyon. This will be an early morning rise to catch the sun rising over the spectacular dunes of Sossusvlei, we need to leave camp at 06h00 to catch sunrise over the dunes of Sossusvlei during the "magic hour".

A visit to Dooie Vlei (Dead Vlei), climbing "Big Daddy" and Dune 45 is an experience not to be missed! We round the day off with a visit to the well-known Sesriem Canyon.

Day 9 (29 April 2018)

After breakfast we head north to Solitaire for an Apple pie before we spend our next night overlooking the hills of the Namib at Namib's Valley of a thousand hills. No camping tonight, dinner/bed & breakfast will be provided. Until recently the Valley of a Thousand hills was not accessible to the public. This unexplored jewel of the Namib can now be enjoyed by us. It's nearly Full Moon.

Day 10 (30 April 2018)

After our catered breakfast, our destination will be the coastal town of Swakopmund for the next 5 nights, only a block away from the Atlantic Ocean. Each grassed campsite offers its own private ablution block and braai. It's time to relax and enjoy the holiday capital of Namibia. It's full moon over the world's oldest desert!

Day 11 (1 May 2018)

We start the day with a sea-safari from Walvis Bay. Explore the German heritage of the town along with all of its beauty or test your sand driving skills at Drive Dune 7. These costs are for your own account.

Day 12 (2 May 2018)

It's a day to discover the hidden treasures of the Namib Desert. This apparently barren but scenic desert landscape offers more than what you could have imagined. Today we are in the hands of Tommy (we will be picked up at camp), introducing us to fascinating little creatures of the Namib Desert, its plants and mineral make-up will be an experience of note.

Day 13 (3 May 2018)

It's a leisure day to explore this area on your own time. Visit the German shoemakers – Vellies or the Crystal Museum.

Day 14 (4 May 2018)

We visit Henties Baai, Cape Seal Colony, White Lady Salt pans, Spitzkoppe on a circular route.

Day 15 (5 May 2018)

We start our long trek back along some of the most spectacular mountains in Namibia. Our overnight point will be in Windhoek in lovely safari tents. No visit to Namibia is complete without a visit to the famous Joe's Beer house only a few blocks from our camp. Enjoy a hearty Namibian meal and ice cold German beer/hospitality – this will be for your own account.

Enjoy a farewell dinner and kuier with your new safari companions. This marks the end of our safari.

To whet your appetite for this Safari, follow the links below:

[Sossusvlei](#)

[Kolmanskop](#)

[Lüderitz](#)

[Sesriem Canyon](#)

Space is limited to only 16 people.

We will be accompanied by a well-known journalist/professional photographer – Richard van Ryneveld from the leading 4x4 outdoor magazines, SA 4x4 and Caravan & Outdoor Life.

Safari cost includes:

- All Camping fees.
- Guide with wildlife/area knowledge.
- Two-way radios.
- Recovery equipment.
- Safari tour planning/assistance.
- Border assistance.
- Pre-safari planning.
- 2 x Lodge catered dinners.
- 3 x Lodge catered breakfasts.
- 2 x nights at a Lodge & safari tents
- Living desert tour.
- Protea bush shirt for the men and something different for the ladies.

Safari costs exclude:

- Border fee costs.
- Park Fees.
- Road taxes.
- Food & drinks.
- Fuel.
- Entrance fees to: Fish River Canyon view point, Duwisib Castle, Kolmanskop, Sossusvlei, Mola-Mola sea safari, Dune 7 and Spitzkoppe.
- Any additional activities, quad biking, boat cruise etc.
- Any Visa costs.

Safari Cost:

R18 800-00 per person, children under 12 years will be paying 50% less for the safari and children under 3 years will be free.

Please take note that the above rates apply for residents of SADC member countries only. Non-SADC rates available on request. Fees may change due to exchange rate fluctuations. This tour is subject to a minimum number of 8 bookings (8 people/4 couples) and your 50% deposit is fully refundable in the unlikely event that a tour is cancelled.

A 50% non-refundable deposit will be required with your booking to secure your reservation. The balance of the safari fee will be due 30 days prior to our departure date.

Please feel free to contact Jannie Rykaart (4x4 Trails & Overland Guide - GP 5097) your host for the safari to assist you with any questions concerning information or the planning of your safari. E-mail: info@protea4x4.co.za or contact me on my cell phone at 083-268-0566.

***You only live once, but if you do it right,
once is enough.*** Mae West

Our partners:



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