

Sasendle Adventure Tours



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Namibia Cape Route Namibia Kalahari Cape Discovery 2010/2011 9 days / 8 nights Tour Code NAMCPTDI01 (G=Guided)

Starting the Safari from Windhoek, we will take you through the magnificent red dune-landscapes of the Kalahari Desert in the eastern regions, entering the Kgalagadi Trans Frontier Park at Mata-Mata. We explore this fascinating region for a few days, on the look-out for the big cats and other desert adapted animals. En route southwards we will visit the impressive Augrabies Falls and travel via the Northern Cape through the Namakwa region back to Cape Town. 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 2280km.

Day 1: Gobabis - SanDune Lodge

We depart from Windhoek via a scenic drive through the cattle country with its undulating bushveld, towards the farmers-town Gobabis and then further to the beautiful SanDune Lodge in the Kalahari. Here you have the opportunity to get to know the customs and lifestyles of one of the oldest inhabitants of Africa, the San (Bushmen).

Optional activities with the San are possible at the farm (own expense)

Overnight SanDune Lodge or similar. (DBB)

Day 2: Stampriet -Historical Guest House

The drive southwards will be rewarded with a spectacular Kalahari Landscape as we use back roads to our next destination. At the Stampriet Historical Guesthouse the antique interior decor will take you back to days gone by the surrounding district is full of undiscovered myths and history. **Optional Activities are possible for own expense.**

Overnight Historical Guest House or similar. (DBB)

Day 3: Kgalagadi Trans Frontier Park - Mata-Mata

We depart through the Namibian desert savannah to the Mata-Mata Border, entering the Kgalagadi Trans Frontier Park, one of the world's great wilderness areas. Red sand dunes, sparse vegetation and dry river beds show bird, antelope and predator species off at premium and provide excellent photo- opportunities. Enjoy dinner around the fire, while listening to the sounds of the night. Don't be surprised if you hear lion, hyena, leopard and black backed jackal howling during the night. Enjoy a typical African braai (barbeque) prepared by the Sasendle Team.

Overnight Kalahari Tented or Mata-Mata Camp. (DBB)

Day 4: Kgalagadi Trans Frontier Park - Twee Rivieren

After an early breakfast we will start our game drive through the park. With luck we may encounter big cats like cheetah, leopard and/or the famous black-maned Kalahari lion. The park is also home to a variety of other game such as, Oryx, springbok, blue wildebeest and red hartebeest, which are seen quite regularly. It is also a bird watcher's paradise with more than 20 larger raptor species. Our route takes us northwards via Nossob as we explore the Park and work our way back towards our destination with game viewing en route.

Overnight Twee Rivieren Camp or similar.(DBB)

Day 5: Ashkam - Molopo Kalahari Lodge

After a leisurely breakfast we will take a slow drive to the Molopo Kalahari Lodge. The Lodge is the ideal stop over point to and from the Kgalagadi Park, or merely for a relaxing getaway to cleanse the body and mind. The lodge consists of fully serviced chalets, rondavels and newly established tented chalets quaintly positioned between the red Kalahari Dunes.

Optional Activities are offered by the lodge for own expense.

Overnight Molopo Kalahari Lodge or similar. (DBB)

Day 6: Augrabies Falls – Augrabies Rest Camp

Our Route takes us southwards through the Northern Cape Region via Upington to the South Africa's largest waterfall, the Augrabies Falls. Here the Gariep River drops 191 meters into the ravine at the Augrabies Falls. The thundering cascade of water led the original Hottentot residents to believe that evil spirits were active here, and so they named the waterfall Ankoerebis, "place of big noises", from which the Trek Boers, who settled here later on, derived the name Augrabies. We take a walk along wooden pathways and also enjoy great bird life and rock hyrax basking in the sun.

Overnight Augrabies Rest Camp or similar. (DBB)

Day 7: Calvinia - Hantam House

Today we take a particular scenic route through the grape-producing regions of Kakamas and Keimoes southwards to Kenhardt. Here the world's largest forests of quiver trees are found. We marvel at these magnificent aloes with their spiky branches which are often nesting places for sociable weavers. After a long drive via the Northern Cape landscape, we arrive at Calvinia. Calvinia is surrounded by two prominent landmarks, the Hantam mountain range and the Reburnie Mountain. During the Flower season (Aug & Sep) this seemingly barren and dry countryside transforms itself into a flower-wonderland. Your accommodation is provided in a historical synagogue. Various oddities and olden-days memorabilia can be viewed at the Museum and the worlds largest 'Post-box' is situated across the road. The development of sheep and wool farming in South Africa is fully displayed at a separate venue.

Overnight Hantam House or similar. (DBB)

Day 8: Clanwilliam - Clanwilliam Lodge

Our journey leads us along back roads through Renosterveld (a relative of fynbos vegetation) country to our next destination, Clanwilliam, situated in the Western Cape. The town is also famous for its Rooibos tea cultivation and production and if interested, we can visit one of the plantations or factories nearby. Your accommodation establishment was founded in 1732 and presents a picturesque Cape Dutch homestead. Tucked away at the foot of the Cedarberg Mountains and perched at Clanwilliam Dam, the Lodge is a magnificent piece of architecture and offers great hospitality. Optional wellness treatments are available and can be arranged to prepare you for a relaxed journey home.

Overnight Clanwilliam Lodge or similar. (DBB)

Day 9: Cape Town

Today we proceed through Citrusdal where most of South Africa's citrus fruits are grown, passed the Cedarberg Mountain Range along the N7 main road via Piketberg and Malmesbury to Cape Town. We will drop you at your required venue where the tour ends.

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 Namibia Kalahari Cape Discovery 2010/2011 9 days / 8 nights

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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
- 8 nights accommodation in comfortable guesthouses/guest farms and tourist class lodges. Meals as stated per 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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