

# Sasendle Adventure Tours



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## Namibia Exclusive Duration (26 days and 25 nights) Tour Code NAMEXC01 (G=Guided)

The safari is conducted in a Sasendle 4x4 vehicle/S. Accommodation is provided at comfortable guesthouses and tourist class lodges. The approximate distance for this tour is 8500km.

### Day 1: Windhoek

Arebbusch Travel Lodge is situated just south of Windhoek on the B1, and is set on the banks of the river of the same name. Although the lodge is within the city's municipal limits, it's setting within the natural surroundings of the veld, it make it an ideal destination for the business traveller and tourist alike. Many guests prefer to be away from the hustle and bustle of city life, whilst still being only 10mins drive away from the capital's shopping centres, banking and medical facilities, airport and main attractions.

Facilities at the lodge include a 24 hour reception, restaurant, bar, swimming pool, generator set, laundry service, airport and town shuttle service, and a wireless internet access point at the restaurant. Their boundary is protected by an electrical fence, complete with a main gate sentry and a 24hr patrolling guard system.

**Overnight at Arebbusch Travel Lodge or similar (DBB)**

### Day 2: Gobabis

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).

#### ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:

Bushmen Village Visit with Bushmen Dancing

**Overnight Sandune Lodge or similar. (DBB)**

### Day 3: Anib Lodge

Kalahari Anib Lodge is located about 30 km north-east of Mariental, and is an ideal stopover on the way to Southern and Northern Namibia. The lodge is nestled in a lush green oasis under high palm trees, set amidst the red dunes of the Kalahari Desert. This area is notable for the green acacias and yellow grasses that grow in the red sand.

Anib means 'male bird' in the local Nama language, a people who are predominantly found in the southern regions of Namibia. Birds play an important role in their mythology. Animals including springbok, gemsbok and ostrich can be found around the lodge. Jackal, hare and porcupine inhabit the dunes and dune valleys of the Kalahari Desert as well. The area is also home to the Kori Bustard, the largest flying bird of all, and huge colonies of weaver birds are resident in the lodge's grounds.

Activities include sunrise and sunset scenic drives the through Gondwana Kalahari Park. Bird watchers can view vultures and marabou storks at the feeding place for carrion birds. Hiking trails into the Kalahari can also be organized here.

#### ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:

Scenic Dune Drive

**Overnight Kalahari Anib Lodge or similar. (DBB)**

### Day 4/5/6: Fish River Canyon

The Vogelstrauskluft covers an area of more than 26.000 ha, that stretches along the Fish River Canyon for about 50 km. Various landscapes, such as a parched pan, that fills with water during heavy rain falls, or the impressive side canyons, that are difficult to access – offer multi-faced impressions rare to find. Moreover the area includes a pass down into the Fish River Canyon that is accessible even for off-road vehicles.

Its location between the high plains around Keetmanshoop and the dunes and diamond areas close to Lüderitz in addition makes the Vogelstrauskluft an ideal starting point to explore Namibia's impressive south.

#### Activities not included:

**A 3 Day Package is available and can include the following activities:**

**Day 1:** Arrive at Lodge between 12h00 and 13h00, check in, lunch, Canyon Rim drive from 18h00, sun downer drink at Lodge, dinner at Lodge

**Day 2:** Depart at 06h00 on Canyon Experience, Breakfast en-route at 'old farmhouse', lunch at bottom of Canyon, 15h00 back at lodge, relax, dinner at Lodge.

**Day 3:** Leisure morning (you will be tired from the previous day's Canyon Experience, update your Bow and Arrow shooting or play bulls. More choices are available. Historical tour after lunch, and a late afternoon a game drive. Dinner at Lodge

**Overnight Vogelstrausskluft Lodge or similar. (DBB)**

### **Day 7/8: Succulent Karoo Desert**

A day excursion to the quaint harbor town of Lüderitz! The town has an interesting German colonial background and sports a curious array of historical buildings built during the diamond rush at the turn of the century. We visit the "ghost town" Kolmanskop where the first diamonds were found 100 years ago. Today its dilapidated houses are slowly being swamped by the shifting sands of the Namib. We return to Klein Aus Vista in the afternoon.

This is also the realm of the 'wild horses of the Namib. These magnificent creatures can often be seen roaming the far horizons or gathering at a watering point close by.

#### **ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:**

Visit Kolmanskop Ghost Town

Feral horses watering point visit

**Overnight Klein-Aus Vista or similar. (DBB)**

### **Day 9/10: Namib Desert**

We proceed slowly to our next destination near the entrance gate to the Namib Naukluft Park. Age-old camel thorn trees and unsurpassed 360 degrees views dominate the desert landscape towards the mountain-range in the distance day's highlight is the high dunes at Sossusvlei, a truly spectacular sight. We enter the Namib-Naukluft Park at sunrise, while the temperature is still mild and when the dune contrasts are at their best. At Dune 45, the more energetic have the opportunity to climb to the upper ridge of the world's most photographed dune. Further along, a gradual 2.6 kilometer round-trip walk takes you to the well photographed "Dead Vlei". Sossusvlei is at the 'end of road' and the highlight of the day. We also visit the rugged Sesriem Canyon, where the Tsauchab River and erosion have incised a narrow gorge over the millennia. The permanent water pools at its bottom have ensured the survival of nomadic populations in pre-historic times as well as that of early European explorers and the so-called Thirstland Trekkers, in more recent centuries.

On our way back to the Sossusvlei Desert Camp, we take a lunch break at a lodge situated next to the Sesriem Gate of the park where light lunches (optional) and cold beverages are served on a terrace overlooking the dry bed of the ephemeral Tsauchab River and the dunes beyond it. On return to our accommodation, the remainder of the day is at leisure.

#### **ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:**

Dead Vlei, Dune 45 and Big Daddy Dune

**Overnight Sossusvlei Desert Camp or similar. (DBB)**

### **Day 11: Swakopmund**

Today's destination is the cool Atlantic Coast and the quaint town of Swakopmund. En route we will explore the Namib Desert with the rugged Kuiseb Canyon, while driving along the Swakop riverbed. We stop at the eerie moon landscape and marvel at the Welwitschia Mirabilis, an ancient plant endemic to the Namib Desert. After arriving in Swakopmund you can explore the popular coastal resort on your own and spend time at leisure or with shopping.

**Overnight The Stiltz or similar. (DBB)**

### **Day 12: Swakopmund**

Day free in Swakopmund! Take a walk through town and enjoy the mixture of colonial flair and historic architecture in Swakopmund (the historic town, the Woermannhouse, the Hohenzollernhouse, the old Magistrates Court, the historical Jail and the Jetty and the lighthouse.

#### **Various optional activities can be arranged at own expense:**

Walvis Bay lagoon boat cruises, fishing, kayaking, quad biking, sand boarding, tandem-skydive, camel ride, golfing, horse riding, township tour, paragliding, scenic flights, land yachting and/ or ballooning.

**Overnight The Stiltz or similar. (DBB)**

### **Day 13 and 14: Damaraland Twyfelfontein**

The Twyfelfontein area, being a very vulnerable and delicate ecosystem, is renowned for some of the best examples of Bushman paintings and rock engravings in southern Africa and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Interesting rock formations and the remainder of prehistoric volcanic action can be seen among the most prominent geographic features including the Organ Pipes, Burnt Mountain, Doros Crater and the Petrified Forest.

The fauna and flora of Damaraland is typical of the Pro-Namib region and plant species include the magnificent Welwitschia, Moringa and a variety of the Commiphora species. The Desert adapted Elephant, Giraffe, Springbok, Zebra, Oryx, and Ostrich include some of the wildlife which can be found living in total harmony with the community.

The Lodge is situated in the heart of the Twyfelfontein Uibasen Conservancy and boast 56 en-suite twin rooms, reception, lounge, curio shop, open dining room, bar and swimming pool. In construction utmost care was taken to

reduce the visual impact on the environment and to blend into the mountainside with the use of thatch roofs, natural stone and paint colors toning in with the surrounding rock formations.

Activities at Twyfelfontein Country Lodge include a walk to Seven Plates, named for the surfaces where engravings are located, and a visit to the impressive engravings at Twyfelfontein. Other interesting rock formations and the remains of prehistoric volcanic action can be seen in the Organ Pipes, Burnt Mountain, Doros Crater and the Petrified Forest. The fauna and flora near the lodge include the Welwitschia, Moringa and a variety of the Commiphora species.

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**ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:**

Guided Rock Engravings and Petro glyphs  
Ephemeral Dry River Drive (Elephant Tracking)

**Other activities can be arranged at own expense:**

Day excursions include nature drives, hiking and cycling, nature walks, and guided safaris into the surrounding wilderness areas.

**Overnight Twyfelfontein Country Lodge or similar. (DBB)**

**Day 15: Damaraland Palmwag**

Palmwag Lodge is a paradise on the Uniab River in northwest Damaraland – a vacation opportunity with a difference. Waving palms whispering in the wind, spectacular surroundings which harbor the famous desert elephant, the rare black rhino, giraffe, zebra, gemsbok and many other wild animal species, sunsets to dream of – this is Palmwag Lodge, one of Namibia's oldest and most popular tourist rendezvous. The lodge offers 30 beds in 2-3-bed thatched bungalows, and 10 beds in luxury en-suite tents, 8-bed family unit (child friendly), a fully licensed restaurant, swimming pool under shady palms, and a very cozy "pool bar" and lapa. Morning and afternoon game drives are offered daily. The well laid-out hiking trails let you enjoy and discover the neighboring nature. With early booking, we offer guided full day excursions as well as overnight safaris through the breathtaking landscapes of the Damaraland.

Palmwag Lodge is an ideal destination for onward travel to the Kaokoland, Etosha and Epupa Falls. To cater for the needs of campers and day visitors, the thatched pool bar under the palm trees at the swimming pool.

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:**

3 hour Game Drive

**Overnight Palmwag Lodge or similar. (DBB)**

**Day 16/17/18/19: ETOSHA**

A visit to the Etosha National Park is one of the highlights of travelling Namibia. Etosha, which was declared a game reserve by the German colonial administration back in 1907, covers an area of more than 22 000 square kilometres. In its centre lies a vast saltpan surrounded by grass and thorn savannah, Mopane bush land in the west and dry forest in the north-east. About two million years ago, this area was an enormous lake, fed by the Kunene River. However the lake slowly dried up because over time, the river changed its course. The Etosha National Park has a good infrastructure. Well-maintained gravel roads (untarred) leads to the waterholes, where game viewing is at its best. In the three rest camps Okaukuejo, Halali and Namutoni, hotels, chalets and camping sites are available as well as restaurants, stores and swimming pools.

The main entrance to the park is called the "Andersson Gate" at Okaukuejo in the south, where the park administration is also situated. The "Von Lindequist Gate" lies in the east near Namutoni. A new gate, the "Nehale Iya Mpingana Gate" (King Nehale Gate) was opened at the beginning of 2003 in the north-east.

The pan is just about always dry. However, in the southern parts there are have water-holes scattered throughout this area and form the basis of life for countless game. Be it a lion or an elephant, a giraffe or a zebra; almost all African animal species are represented in the huge nature reserve, approx. 22 000 square kilometres in size. There is an estimated number of 250 lions in the park, 300 rhinos, 2 500 giraffes, 6 000 zebras and more than 2 000 elephants. The dainty springbok are especially numerous; at least 20 000 of them roam the reserve. Often, they can be observed in enormous herds of several hundred animals.

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:**

3 full day's game drive in the Etosha Park

**Overnight at Taleni Etosha Village and Dolomite Camp or similar (DBB)**

**Day 20: Opuwa Country Lodge**

Opuwo is the gateway to the Kaokoveld region in the northwestern part of Namibia or also known as the Kunene region. The remote area south of the Kunene River is the home of the Himba people, who have kept their ethnic individuality and culture in the seclusion of Kaokoland. Opuwo Country Hotel was officially opened by His Excellency, Hifikepunye Pohamba on 25 August 2005. The hotel provides comfortable luxury accommodation with air conditioning and is your ideal base from where to explore Kaokoland.

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:**

En-route we visit various Himba Villages and experience their culture.

**Overnight Opuwa Country Lodge or similar. (DBB)**

### **Day 21/22: Epupa Camp**

Situated east of the Epupa Falls on the banks of the Kunene River, in Kaokoland is Epupa Falls Lodge. With its waving palms, spectacular sunsets and perennially flowing waters, the Epupa area has much to see and experience. Exciting geological and archaeological sites can be seen in the area. Bird life in this riverine paradise is rich and varied, with some species endemic to the Kunene River environs.

Epupa Falls Lodge offers guided tours to one of the Himba temporary villages. Learn about the sacred fire, the twin that stayed behind and the holy oxen. It is here that you can share a day in Africa, amongst people without calendars. The lodge works closely with the local community to provide them with access to development opportunities and direct benefits through tourism. A sound ecological policy is in place, that includes removing all solid waste from the area and whenever practical, recycling waste. The Epupa Falls, although not the biggest or highest in Africa, have a unique beauty that entices visitors from all over the world.

#### **ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:**

Half Day Rafting  
3 hour guided walk

#### **Other activities that can be arranged at own expense:**

Sundowner  
Bird watching by boat  
Visit to Epupa Falls

#### **Overnight Epupa Camp or similar. (DBB)**

### **Day 23: Oshakati Country Lodge**

Oshakati is referred to locally as the capital of the north. The town is the hub of trans-border trade with Angola, and is an ideal base for business people and tourists alike to explore Namibia's northern region. The regions chief city is surrounded by Oshonas (inland water channels), palm trees, farmlands and settlements. Oshakati Country Lodge is situated in an impressive thatched main building that houses a restaurant, lounge, bar and conference facility. This three-star facility has 48 air-conditioned double rooms. Each room has an en-suite shower room, TV, telephone, room service, mini-bar, tea/coffee station and mosquito nets are fitted to the windows.

Learn about the traditional Ovambo lifestyle. Visit Oshonas (African settlements) or Ovambo " kraals".

#### **Overnight Oshakati Country Lodge or similar. (DBB)**

### **Day 24: Hotel Minen Tsumeb**

The Minen Hotel is famous around the country and even further for its natural atmosphere, hosting a wild garden, traditional German hospitality and excellent cuisine. This oasis in the north is the perfect stop-over for travelers to Namibia's famous Etosha National Park and the Caprivi, or just for a few quiet days away from home.

#### **ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:**

Visit the impressive Otjikoto Lake en-route to Tsumeb

#### **Overnight Minen Hotel or similar. (DBB)**

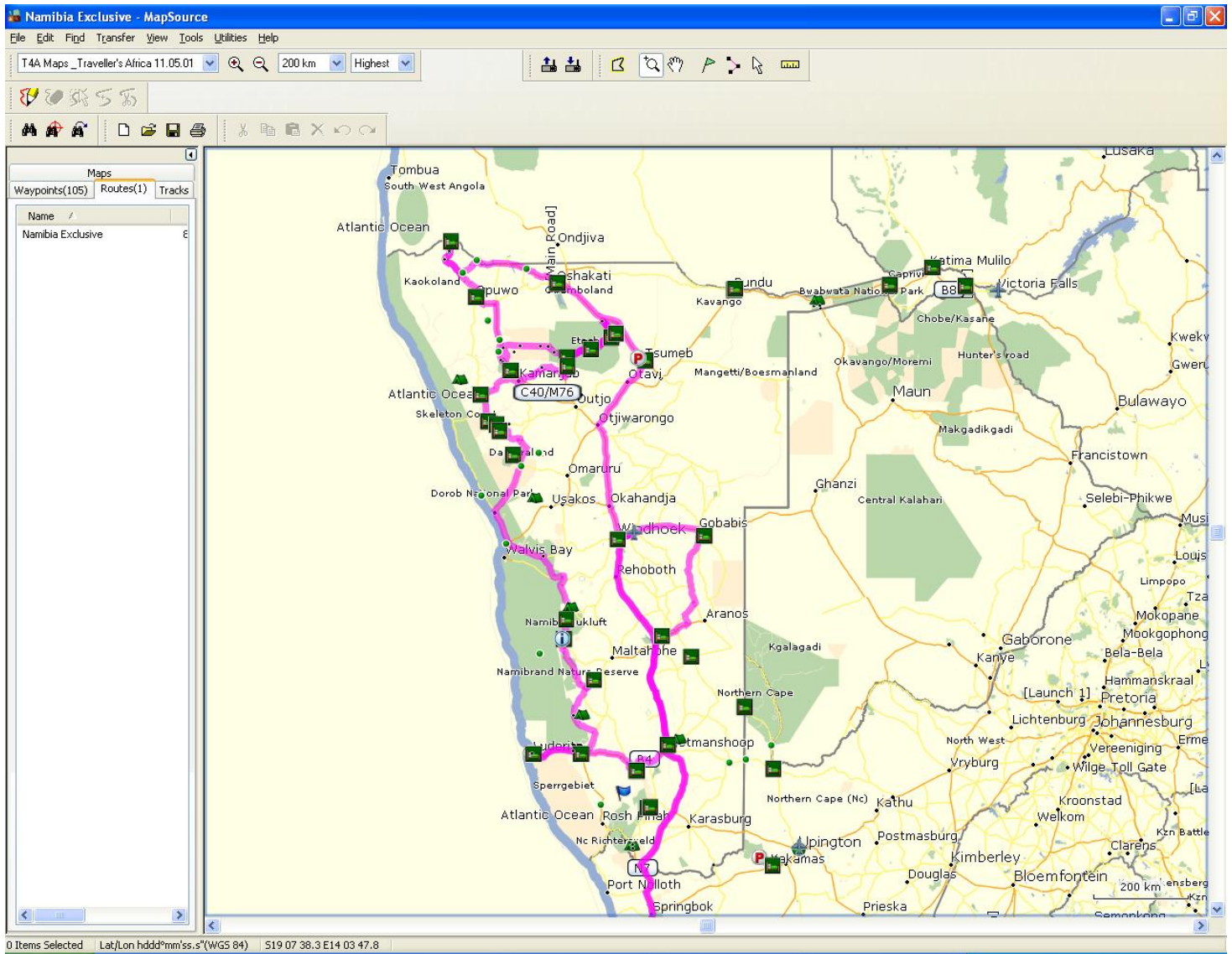
### **Day 25: Windhoek**

Return to Windhoek.

#### **Overnight at Arebusch Travel Lodge or similar (DBB)**

### **Day 26: Transfer to Airport**

## TOUR ROUTING



## GENERAL INFORMATION

- English/Afrikaans speaking driver-guide
- Amendments to tour services & duration are possible; price re-quote subject to availability
- Although your own GSM phone can be used in Namibia, you will only have signal in urban areas.
- Camera, batteries, charger, sun block, hat, sunglasses, comfortable walking shoes and Bathing Costumes.
- Although the weather is good all year around, it is recommended to bring a jacket for the cold evenings during winter and summer times.
- We will travel in malaria areas and therefore prophylaxis is required for our safari, from Etosha Northwards.
- Insect repellent
- Bring your own personal medication.
- You must be in perfect health to undertake any safari.
- You will visit remote areas with little or no medical facilities
- Your valid passport/ visa with at least 6 months to expiry date.
- Please check with your local consulate or travel agent as to visa and passport requirements.

- It is your responsibility to ensure that your passport, visas and certificates are all in order before departure.

**Namibia Exclusive**  
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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
- 25 Nights/26 Days accommodation in comfortable guesthouses/guest farms and tourist class lodges as per program.
- Meals as per itinerary.
- Non-alcoholic beverages on tour vehicle during overland drives (in limited quantities)
- Fees for nature conservation areas, sightseeing & activities as per itinerary (unless stipulated as "OPTIONAL")
- Portage in overnight facilities

**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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