



CHARLY'S DESERT TOURS

Operators of Namib Desert Tours and Overland Safaris since 1966



SOUTH NAMIBIA ("Many faces")

2 Weeks (14 Days / 13 Nights)

Best Time to travel: April – Oktober

DAY ROUTE:

- 1 – Windhoek
- 2 – Gochas or Mata Mata
- 3 – Gochas or Mata Mata
- 4 – Fish River Canyon
- 5 – Fish River Canyon
- 6 – Oranje
- 7 – Oranje

- 8 – Lüderitz
- 9 – Lüderitz
- 10 – Lüderitz
- 11 – Tirasberge/ Maltahöhe
- 12 – Tirasberge/ Maltahöhe
- 13 – Windhoek Area
- 14 – End of the Safari/ Departure

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Kalahari: Landscapes, Dunes, Animals
Keetmanshoop Surroundings: Keetmanshoop, Quiver Tree Forest, Giant's Playground
Fish River Canyon & Ai-Ais Hot Springs
South Namibia: Oranje River, Nama Karoo
Lüderitzbucht Surroundings: Lüderitz, Kolmaskop
Tiras Mountains, Namib Dunes, Duwisib Castle

ACCOMMODATION:

Windhoek:
Olive Grove Guesthouse
Thule Hotel Pension
Gochas:
Auob Country Lodge
Alternative: Kalahari Game Lodge
Fish River Canyon:
Gondwana Cañon Park Lodges: Cañon Lodge/ Cañon Roadhouse
Alternative: Vogelstrauskluft Lodge

Oranje River/ Richtersveld:
Norotshama River Resort
Alternative: Brukarosh Bush Lodge
Lüderitz:
Nest Hotel
Alternative: Seaview Hotel Zum Sperrgebiet
Tirasberge:
Namtib Desert Lodge
Alternative: Kanaän Guest Farm
Greater Windhoek:
Auas Game Lodge
Alternative: Windhoek Mountain Lodge

KILOMETER:

Windhoek – Kalahari = ca. 385 km
Kalahari – Fish River Canyon = ca. 445 km
Fish River Canyon – Oranje = ca. 120 km
Oranje – Lüderitz = ca. 405 km
Lüderitz – Tiras Berge = ca. 225 km
Tiras Berge – Windhoek = ca. 510 km

ITINERARY:

Day 1)

Arrive at the International Airport, Hosea Kutako at Windhoek.

Meet and Greet by a Charly's Desert Tours Representative or your Tour Guide.

First overnight stop is in Windhoek

Overnight at the Olive Grove Guesthouse (Alternative: Hotel Thule)

After check-in at the guesthouse/ hotel, the rest of day is spent at leisure.

Visit the capital of Windhoek, museums, shops and places of interest.

Dinner can be booked at the Gourmet Restaurant; alternatively you can have dinner at the guesthouse/ hotel.

BB – Olive Grove Guesthouse

Bed & Breakfast – included

Lunch & Dinner – at own costs

Olive Grove Guesthouse

Location: Olive Grove is a small, up market establishment situated close to the Windhoek city centre in a quiet, peaceful area.

The friendly and efficient staff is always on hand to ensure that the visitors' stay is a comfortable and enjoyable one.

Accommodation: There are 10 en-suite rooms and 1 executive suite. Whilst each room caters for the every need or the most discerning traveler, the emphasis remains one of simplicity and elegance. After all, luxury should be subtle.

Facilities: One of Olive Grove's main features is the large verandah in front of every room, with table and chairs for al fresco dining. The open-air lounge, spa bath, plunge pool and tranquil garden all invite the visitor to unwind and relax under Namibia's open skies. The inside lounge is tastefully decorated, with comfortable chairs and a fireplace in front of which to relax. The stunning open plan kitchen creates a homely feel while providing tasty meals.

Alternative Accommodation:

Hotel Pension Thule

Location: High up on a hill above the city of Windhoek, the hotel offers unsurpassed views from all rooms, restaurant and the terrace, which is a famous place for sundowners.

Accommodation: Comfort is the keynote in the air-conditioned guest rooms which are fitted with a work area, channel television, a mini-bar, safe, coffee and tea-making facilities, hairdryer, and heated bathroom floor and towel rails.

Facilities: An a la carte restaurant offers international style cuisine with a Namibian flavour. On a fine day you can see forever and an adjoining balcony is perfect for alfresco dining with the starry sky above, or a leisurely breakfast. A sparkling pool with a view is teamed with a shady thatched Lapa.

Windhoek

With 250 000 inhabitants, Namibia's capital of Windhoek is the biggest city in the country. The attractive town lies at an altitude of 1650 metres in a beautiful valley bordered by the Eros Mountains in the north and the Auas mountains in the south. Towards the west, stretches the Khomas Highland to the Namib and the coast. Windhoek combines the modern city architectural style with that of the German colonial era. The city is - for an African town - very clean and a bit provincial, although the city does have cosmopolitan flare as well. The influence of the German language and culture is, in many ways, still present. There are German restaurants where one can have traditional German dishes, bread and beer, and even celebrate the German carnival. Although English is the official language, one can use German just about anywhere. The city centre of Windhoek lies on both sides of the Independence Avenue, and can be explored by foot. The busy main road (formerly known as the "Kaiserstrasse") starts at the Aussspannplatz in the south and stretches up to the former township Katutura in the north. Worth a visit are the "Tintenpalast" ("Ink Palace"), which houses Namibia's parliament, the Christuskirche (Christ Church) of the Lutheran parish from the year 1896, the "Reiterdenkmal" from 1912 and the "Alte Feste" (Old Fort); former headquarters of the Schutztruppe and today, Namibia's National Museum. Since 1997, the historical buildings of Windhoek are overshadowed by the monumental Supreme Court building.

Day 2)

Your journey takes you to the Kalahari in the south-eastern part of Namibia.

You drive via Rehoboth and Mariental, ca. 305 km on a good tar road, then further on a gravel road until you reach the lodge; additional ca. 75 km (Auob Country Lodge)/ ca. 225 km (Kalahari Game Lodge)

En-route you can visit the cultural museum in Rehoboth.

After check-in at the lodge, spend the rest of day at leisure. Take part in the activities offered from the lodge; for example:

Hiking Trails, game- and nature drives.

DBB – Auob Country Lodge

Dinner, Bed & Breakfast – included

Lunch – at own cost

Optional Activities – at own cost

Entrance fees – at own cost

Auob Country Lodge

Location: Auob Lodge lies at the banks of the dry Auob River.

Accommodation: The lodge offers 26 En-suite rooms, 52 beds, of which 2 are family rooms.

Facilities: Restaurant, Lapa, Swimmingpool TV room with a for the cool winter nights

Activities: Discover the environment either by foot, on horseback or take part in game drives.

Alternative Accommodation:

Kalahari Game Lodge

Location: On 27 000 ha, the Kalahari Game Lodge with red sand dunes and arid steppe resembles a unique desert paradise.

Up to 50 different game species are here at home.

Accommodation: Rustic and comfortable bungalows and friendly hospitality will round off your stay in the desert.

Facilities: Swimmingpool, Restaurant and Bar

Activities: With luck you will come across lions and cheetahs while on a game drive.

Day 3)

Today offers you relaxing at the pool, or take part in a game drive where different species of game can be viewed between dunes and Savannas'. With luck you may come across lion, ostrich, giraffe and springbuck.

DBB – Auob Country Lodge
Dinner, Bed & Breakfast – included
Lunch – at own cost
Optional Activities – at own cost

Day 4)

Your journey takes you through the Kalahari, to Keetmanshoop. En-route you have the option of visiting the Quiver Tree Forest and Giant's Playground.

If time allows it you can also plan a visit to the Mesosaurus Fossil Site, and take part in a short tour.

Arriving in Keetmanshoop, a lunch-stop at the Canyon Hotel, before driving further to the Fish River Canyon.

After arrival and check-in at the lodge, spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Take part in the optional activities offered from the lodge.

Overnight at Cañon Lodge (Alternative: Vogelstrausskluff Lodge)

DBB – Cañon Lodge

Dinner, Bed & Breakfast – included

Lunch – at own costs

Optional activities – at own costs

Guided Safari: Entrance Fees/ Permits

(Quiver Tree Forest/ Giant's Playground & Fish River Canyon) – included

Self-Drive Safari: Entrance Fees/ Permits

(Quiver Tree Forest/ Giant's Playground & Fish River Canyon) – at own costs

Cañon Lodge

Location: The lodge lies ca. 25 km from the main view point of the Fish River Canyon.

Accommodation: 25 en-suite chalets are built from natural stone, thatched roofs and are nestled between massive granite boulders.

Facilities: A Restaurant where homegrown meals are served, swimming pool for the hot summer days.

Activities: Horse-riding, nature drives and hiking trails are all available to explore the private park. Or just relax and read, have a refreshing swim in the swimming pool. Another activity to do is a scenic flight in a Cessna over the Fish River Canyon.

Alternative:

Vogelstrausskluff Lodge

Location: Vogelstrausskluff Country Lodge overlooks an ancient dry riverbed with spectacular sunsets in this arid and interesting part of Southern Namibia alongside the upper part of the Fish River Canyon.

Accommodation: 24 twin bedded en-suite rooms and exclusive accommodation in the planned luxury Bush camp down in the Fish River Canyon.

Facilities: The main building with the restaurant, lounge, curio shop, patio and swimming pool is centrally situated and the thatch and stone finishing blends the infrastructure into the environs.

Activities: Nature drives to the edge of the Fish River Escarpment may bring Kudu, Oryx, Springbok, Ostrich, Zebra and Giraffe into the lens of the nature lover. Walks, quad biking, stargazing, Scenic Views are also on offer.

En-route:

Keetmanshoop

Keetmanshoop lies on the B4, 500 km south of Windhoek. It is the traffic junction and the economic centre for the whole south of Namibia. The town was founded as a mission station in 1866 and named after the German trader Johann Keetman who supported the mission financially. There is a museum in the old church where the illustrated history of Keetmanshoop is on display. Worth a visit is the old "Kaiserliche Postamt" built in the year 1910, which now houses the Tourist Information.

Giant's Playground

Located on the Farm Garinganus. This place is unique. It is a place of different dolerite boulders, packed onto each other as if „someone“ had done this. Yet all this happened millions of years ago when volcanic activity brought lava forward, which cooled down and over the years formed and eroded into this „majestic“ landscape. There is a walking trail through this 5 km². Here you will have the possibility to see "Klipdassies".

Quiver Tree Forest

The quiver tree or "Kokerboom" is indigenous to the hot and dry southern part of Namibia. The plants are succulents and can reach a height of up to 9 metres in height. They have adapted to the extreme environmental conditions by storing water in their trunks. The tree only blossoms for the first time after 20 to 30 years and can reach 300 years of age. The wood is very light and spongy inside. And because the trunk and branches can be easily hollowed out, they were used as quivers by the Bushmen (San people) who formerly inhabited this area.

Day 5)

Today you visit the Fish River Canyon, (Main View Point). A short walk alongside the rim of the canyon gives you a spectacular view of this natural phenomenon.

Spend the rest of the day at leisure, taking part in optional activities or just relaxing.

Der restliche Tag steht Ihnen zur freien Verfügung

Lunch and Dinner at the lodge

Optional activities offered from the lodge: Nature & Scenic drives, Hiking Trails (Sunrise Walk/ Morning Walk, Horse riding

DBB – Cañon Lodge

Dinner, Bed & Breakfast – included

Lunch – at own costs

Optional activities – at own costs

Guided Safari: Entrance Fees/ Permits

(Quiver Tree Forest/ Giant's Playground & Fish River Canyon) – included

Self-Drive Safari: Entrance Fees/ Permits

(Quiver Tree Forest/ Giant's Playground & Fish River Canyon) – at own costs

Fish River Canyon

The Fish River is, at 650 kilometres, the longest river in Namibia. Its source lies in the eastern Naukluff Mountains and flows south-west of Ai-Ais into the Oranje. The Fish River canyon, situated along the lower reaches of the Fish River, is one of the most impressive natural beauties in the southern part of Namibia. It developed predominantly during the pluvial times - a rainy climatic epoch - many millions of years ago. With a depth of up to 550 metres, the Fish River Canyon is the second larg-

est canyon in the world, before the Grand Canyon in America. The enormous gorge meanders along a distance of approx. 160 kilometres through the fissured Koubis massif all the way down to Ai-Ais. The canyon starts near Seeheim, is 161 kilometres long and ends at Ai-Ais.

Day 6)

Your journey takes you further south to the Orange River.

Optional: En-route visit the Ai-Ais hot-water springs.

Thereafter you drive further via Aussenkehr to the Norotshama River Resort. Here you will overnight (Alternative: Brukarosh Bush Lodge)

You will spend the next two days exploring the environment, taking part in optional activities or just taking time-out to relax. Hier verbringen Sie die nächsten zwei Tage. Aktivitäten die angeboten werden sind: Sonnenuntergangsfahrt mit Besuch zu einer Siedlung und fahrt durch ein Canyon („Sundowner Drive“); Halbtags Kanu Fahrt auf dem Oranje Fluß; Vogelbeobachtung, Angeln, usw.

DBB – Norotshama River Resort

Dinner, Bed & Breakfast – included

Lunch – own account

Guided Safari – Entrance fees/ Permits (Ai-Ais Hot Springs Resort) – included

Self-Drive Safari – Entrance fees (Ai-Ais Hot Springs Resort) – own account

Norotshama River Resort

Location: About 50 km north-west of the small village of Noordoewer, on the farm Aussenkehr. The resort lies in a valley at the banks of the Oranje River in the Karas region.

Accommodation: At Norotshama River Resort there is a choice of luxury thatched chalets or floating bungalows. Riverside camping sites equipped with individual barbecues, electricity and ablution facilities are available. Self catering is on offer or you can make use of our a la carte restaurant.

Facilities: Long fun-filled days in a yet relaxing environment. Enjoy a splash in the pool, a cool drink at the bar or take a meal up in the A-la-Carte-Restaurant.

Activities: Activities at Norotshama River Resort include: Sunset trips in a floating bar on the Orange River; Excursions to local canyons, wild Namib horses and Nature Park; River Rafting; Fishing and Fly Fishing; Bird Watching; Hiking; Sport Rock Climbing or various grades; Swimming.

Alternative:

Brukarosh Bush Lodge

Location: In 2008 a new lodge Brukarosh Bush Lodge opened in the far south of Namibia in a small town called Rosh Pinah.

Owner, Emma Petherbridge offers next to accommodation also a lot of various activities.

Accommodation: Accommodation consists of 8 luxury wooden chalets each equipped with air-conditioning, coffee/ tea making facilities. Laundry Service on request.

Facilities: The restaurant is opened daily where breakfast, lunch & dinner is being served. A bar equipped with a large collection of wines; Tennis and Squash courts as well as a conference facility are available.

Activities: Fishing trips; trips into the mountains and guided hiking trails along the river as well as horse-riding and quad-biking are on offer.

En-route:

Ai-Ais Hot Springs

Ai-Ais, which means “burning water”, ca. 60 °C, in one of the local languages, refers to the sulphurous hot springs which are found in this area. One of these springs has its eye within the camp. Ai-Ais lies at the southern end of the Fish River conservation area. One of the most famous hot-spring resorts in the country. The area was discovered in 1850 by local Nama shepherd. During the Nama uprising of 1903-07 the spring was used by German military forces as a base camp. They were also using this area in 1915 as a base to recover from wounds during invasion of South African troops. Later the spring was leased to a local entrepreneur and proclaimed a national monument in 1962.

Day 7)

Day at own leisure. Visit the environment in the Aussenkehr Nature park, with activities which are offered from the lodge.

DBB – Norotshama River Resort

Dinner, Bed & Breakfast – included

Lunch – own account

Optional activities – own account

Oranje

The Orange River, which forms Namibia's southern border to South Africa, originates in the Drakensbergen Mountains and covers a distance of 1800 kilometres through South Africa, where it is nowadays called the Gariep River. The river connects with the Atlantic Ocean at Oranjemund. On its long journey, the Orange offers a variety of vistas: the stretch from the border town of Noordoewer and the river mouth is very scenic, in places the river is seamed by rugged mountain chains and in other parts, by dune fields. The Oranje is a quiet and peaceful river, the valley hardly touched by tourism. Accommodation is available near the border and canoe trips are on offer. The riverbed is sandy and the water clear and clean. In some areas you will find irrigation farming, the products mainly being table grapes and citrus fruits.

Day 8)

Today your journey takes you to Lüderitz at the Atlantic Ocean.

En-route you stop for lunch at Klein Aus Vista near Aus.

Thereafter you drive further to Lüderitz.

Overnight in the Nest Hotel (Alternative: Seaview Hotel zum Sperrgebiet)

Dinner in the restaurant of the hotel.

Der restliche Tag steht Ihnen zur freien Verfügung.

DBB – Nest Hotel

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast – included

Lunch en-route at Klein Aus Vista – included

Optional activities – at own costs

Nest Hotel

Location: Das Nest Hotel ist der ideale Ausgangspunkt, die vielfältigen und ungewöhnlichen Attraktionen von Lüderitz, wie z.B. die faszinierende Geisterstadt Kolmanskuppe und den Bogenfels (55m hoch) zu besuchen.

Accommodation: Lüderitz Nest Hotel offers 62 twin rooms, 8 double rooms and 3 suites. All have an ocean view and balcony and are equipped with luxury: with shower or bath, direct-dial telephone, air conditioning, coffee and tea making facility, hairdryer, just to name a few.

Facilities: Swimming Pool, Sauna with sea view, Oyster bar and sundeck, and the Pinguin Restaurant, where gourmet meals are served.

Alternative:

Seaview Hotel zum Sperrgebiet

Location: The hotel is situated in a quiet residential part of town, overlooking the bay and harbour of Lüderitz.

Accommodation: All 22 rooms are tastefully furnished with en-suite bathrooms and all the comfort a visitor needs. Most of our rooms have their own balcony with a beautiful view over the town, the harbour and bay of Lüderitz. All the rooms are equipped with: TV / Radio, Direct dial telephone, Hair dryer, Tea and coffee making facilities. Family rooms (for 4 persons) are available.

Facilities: From the cosy lounge the traveler can experience a breathtaking sunset. Or enjoy a sundowner in the well-stocked hotel bar. We also offer: night porter, 24hrs secured parking, laundry, airport transfers, special occasion catering, email, fax and copy service, safe for valuables. An indoor solar heated swimming pool and sauna invite you to relax in comfort and style after a long day's travelling through the desert.

Day 9)

Optional: An example of a day filled with things to do in and around Lüderitz.

This morning you take part in a boat cruise with the Sedina Sail boat to Halifax Island, also known for as the colony of penguins. (08h00-10h15).

Optional: Thereafter visit Kolmanskop (Guided Tours available: Mondays – Saturdays: 09h30 & 11h00/ Sundays and Public Holidays: 10h00) or you can visit Kolmanskop on the day of departure from Lüderitz, when you drive to Namtib Desert Lodge (Alternative: Farm Kanaän)

Thereafter you do a short walking tour through Lüderitz, visiting places of interest, such as the Lüderitz museum (Opening hours: 10h00-12h00 & 15h30-17h00); Goerke Haus or Felsen Kirche (Opening Hours: 14h00-15h00)

Optional: After the boat cruise you can visit Kolmanskop.

DBB – Nest Hotel

Dinner, Bed & Breakfast – included

Dinner at the hotel restaurant

Optional activities – at own costs

Entrance fees – at own costs

Lüderitz

Lüderitz is a slightly sleepy and maybe also bizarre place, which forms the basis of its appeal. The founding settlement of Namibia today consists of some 20 000 citizens. It was built on the bare granite rocks at the fringe of the Namib Desert and is openly exposed to the frequent Atlantic winds. Heavy sea fogs and sand storms contribute to the rough weather conditions of Lüderitz. The people of Lüderitz make a living from tourism and diamond mining and, mainly, from fishing. The cold Benguela current brings in huge amounts of seaweed and so provides for an abundance of fish in the coastal waters. Because the water is very clean, even oysters are being bred here. So far, lobster catching was very lucrative. In the last years the waters were overfished, though, and the quota had to be reduced. Lüderitz is a slightly sleepy and maybe also bizarre place, which forms the basis of its appeal. The founding settlement of Namibia today consists of some 20 000 citizens.

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Kolmanskop

In 1908, Lüderitz was plunged into diamond fever. People rushed into the Namib Desert hoping to make an easy fortune and within two years, a town, complete with a casino, school, hospital and exclusive residential buildings, had been established in the barren sandy desert. The diamond-bearing gravel was screened and washed in huge recovery plants. Over 1 000 kg of diamonds were extracted before World War I. However, the amount of gemstones greatly diminished after the war.

Day 10)

Day at leisure. You have the opportunity to take part in another exciting activity – a Bogenfels Tour

Optional: Today you will be taking part in a full day trip to the famous Bogenfels. Here is an example of the tour:

You will be collected at ca. 09h00 at your hotel.

From there you drive via Kolmanskop and Grassplatz, further the Rotkop Gate towards Grillental.

Here a short history overview will be given.

Thereafter you will drive a further ca. 20 km until you get to Swartberg, where you will follow a small mining road that will lead you to Pomona. En-route you will pass a view viewing points.

At ca. 13h00 you will arrive at Pomona, where the opportunity will be giving to walk about the place and to view the old "ghost town".

At ca. 13h45 lunch will be served at the old school building.

At ca. 14h30 the journey takes on and you leave for Bogenfels, passing through the "Fairytale Valley" and the old diamond fields.

Ca. at 15h15 you will reach the Bogenfels where you will have time to view, take photos and experience this gigantic "cliff". Coffee will be served.

At ca. 16h30 you will embark on your return to Lüderitz, where you will be taken back to your hotel/ guesthouse.

DBB – Nest Hotel

Dinner, Bed & Breakfast – included

Dinner at the hotel restaurant

Optional activities – at own costs

Entrance fees – at own costs

Day 11)

\Today you leave Lüderitz and depart for the Namob Desert and Tiras Berge.

Optional: Today you can visit the ghost town of Kolmanskop.

En-route you can visit the Aus Info Centre, before you drive on a beautiful route to Namtib.

After arrival and check-in at the lodge, lunch is already awaiting you.

Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Take part in the optional activities that are being offered from the lodge: Guided Walking trails or take part in a nature drive.

FB (Full Board) – Namtib Desert Lodge

Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner – included

Optional activities – at own costs

Namtib Desert Lodge

Location: Namtib Desert Lodge liegt an einer der schönsten Strecken Namibias, am Rande der Namibwüste in den Tirasberge.

Farm Namtib ist ein privatgeführtes Biosphärenreservat, und erstreckt sich über ein Gebiet von 16 400 Ha.

Accommodation: The lodge offers 5 farm style bungalows, each with its own bathroom.

Facilities: Restaurant with family atmosphere where all meals are served with a cosy fireplace.

On a nice evening a barbeque ("Braai") will be made in the Boma. Enjoy surprising sundowners.

Activities: Nature Drives, Guided Hiking Trails, Guided 4x4 Trails, Birdwatching and Stargazing

Alternative:

Farm Kanaän

Location: Kanaän Farm lies at the gravel road D707, one of Namibia's most scenic routes, at the edge of the Namib Desert in the Tiras Berge.

Accommodation: 4 Double rooms individually equipped and decorated are to be found in the guesthouse.

Facilities: A cosy fireplace for the cool winter evenings, dining room and reception.

Activities: Relaxation, Photography. Guided nature drives or game drives. Dunes, Hiking trails and much more are on offer at this oasis in the desert.

Day 12)

Day at own leisure. Take part in the optional activities offered from the lodge.

FB (Full Board) – Namtib Desert Lodge

Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner – included

Optional activities – at own costs

Day 13)

Today you drive to Windhoek. En-route you can visit the Duwisib castle.

Depending on sightseeing en-route you will arrive at the lodge in the late afternoon

Overnight at Auas Game Lodge (Alternative: Windhoek Mountain Lodge)

Spend the rest of the day at leisure or take part in one of the activities offered from the lodge.

DBB – Auas Game Lodge

Lunch en-route – at own costs

Entrance fees – at own costs

Optional activities – at own costs

Auas Game Lodge

Location: The 10.000 ha large Auas Game Lodge is located 45 kilometers from Windhoek and ± 55 kilometer from the International Airport, in the Auas Mountains.

Accommodation: The lodge offers 16 comfortable double rooms, each having its own en-suite bathroom and Television. Each room has its own

Facilities: Restaurant and swimming pool.

Activities: Experience wildlife either by hiking, Mountain-Bike trails or game drives

Alternative:

Windhoek Mountain Lodge

Location: The Windhoek Mountain Lodge is located 15 km towards Rehoboth, south of Windhoek. Looking from our property over the extensive farmland and mountain ranges gives a glimpse of the endless openness of Namibia. But a beautiful setting and magical landscape is not all Windhoek Mountain Lodge has to offer.

Accommodation: Nine double occupancy guest rooms, lounges and an inviting bar will give our guests the opportunity to mingle and exchange experiences.

Facilities:

A nice terrace, a pool, a bar invite you to relax. Telephone/ fax are available at the reception.

Activities:

Sundowner Trips, Nature/ Game Drives and a Bushmen fondue.

En-route:

Duwisib Castle

Duwisib Castle is located south-west of Maltahöhe and can be reached by taking road D826 from Sesriem to Helmeringhausen. The castle was bought by the state in 70s, restored in 1991 and proclaimed National Monument. There is a coffee shop and camping sites available. History: [HYPERLINK "http://www.namibweb.com/duwisib1.JPG"](http://www.namibweb.com/duwisib1.JPG) The castle was built in 1908 by Hans Heinrich von Wolf, member of Saxon noble family and captain in Schutztruppe. He was born in Dresden in 1873 and joined military service following his father's footsteps. In 1904 he was sent to German South West Africa. After the end of Nama-Herero uprising in 1907 baron von Wolf returned back to Germany and married Jayta Hemphries. They decided to settle in South West Africa and bought eight farms in the Maltahohe area. Well known architect Willi Sander was hired next year to design a building and construction commenced in 1908. Most materials were imported from Germany and stonemasons were hired from Italy, Sweden and Ireland. The only local material was a building stone mined from small quarry some 3 kilometres from construction site. Baron von Wolf returned to Germany in 1914 and was killed in 1916 during First World War in France. His wife never returned to South West Africa. In 1937 farm was bought by Duwisib Pty Ltd. There is one interesting theory about wild horses of the Namib that they are descendants of baron von Wolf's stud.

Day 14)

In time for your connecting flight you depart to the International Airport and check-in for your flight. Your journey has come to an end in Namibia.

END OF THE SAFARI

This tour can also be reversed, starting first in the Namib Desert, via Lüderitz and, then coming back via the Kalahari.