

# Sasendle Adventure Tours



## Cape to Namibia Explorer 2013-Option 1 14 days / 13 nights

**Tour Code CPTNAMEX01-OPT1 (G=Guided)**

The tour starts in **CAPE TOWN AND ENDS IN WINDHOEK**. Highlights of this tour are: **South African West Coast, Namaqualand, Fish River Canyon, Desert Horses, Kolmanskoppe (Ghost Town), Nama Culture, Naukluft Park, Tiras Mountains, Sossusvlei, Namib Desert, Namibia West Coast, Desert Moon Landscape, Spitzkoppe, Erongo Mountains, Bushman paintings, Arts and Crafts**. 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 3250km.

### **Day 1: Western Cape Coast**

Departing from Cape Town we travel along the R27 taking the scenic coastal route of the Western Cape to Langebaan. The idyllic beachfront setting! Crystal Lagoon Lodge rests on a fynbos-sheltered dune only a few feet from the ocean's frame. Extraordinary beautiful sea views from the highest point on a fynbos-covered dune through large floor-to-ceiling windows. Crystal Lagoon Lodge is situated right on the edge of the desirable location of Langebaan lagoon. There are no borders between you and the sea, only the boardwalk, and a few wooden stairs to a white sandy beach of a sea lagoon, where shells depict as proof of life around our kelp forests. Shells are only found next to a sea fed lagoon without any river inlet flowing into the sea. The ambiance of Crystal Lagoon Lodge celebrates one of the world's rare sea lagoons.

**Overnight Crystal Lagoon Boutique or similar. (DBB)**

### **Day 2: Namaqualand - Springbok**

Spectacular scenery of rugged hills and granite domes offers itself on the drive to our destination - Naries Namakwa Retreat. This region is a photographic paradise with succulent and wild flowers in abundance during the flower season (Aug&Sep). Springbok's history is closely linked to the copper mining industry and the colorful culture of the Nama people is widely on display in this area.

**Overnight Naries Namakwa Retreat or similar. (DBB)**

### **Day 3: Aussenkehr Park - Namibian Border**

Today we will drive through the Aussenkehr Park, which is remote and mountainous and one of the finest wilderness areas in South Africa. It is home to numerous rare mammal, reptile and plant species. Here we may get in contact with local Nama tribes who move with their live-stock with the changing of seasons in search of better pastures. We cross the Namibian border via Noordoewer, to our overnight destination at Norotshama River Lodge.

**Overnight Norotshama River Lodge or similar. (DBB)**

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

Today we travel through the fantastic landscape of the Nama Karoo and admire its fauna and flora. En route northwards we take a break at Ai-Ais Rest Camp to relax in the hot spas or the cool swimming pools. One of the highlights in Southern Namibia is the great Fish River Canyon which we shall visit in the afternoon measuring 160 km in length, 27 km in width and up to 550 m deep the canyon is one area presents an awesome sight during sunset. The Fish River originates 600 km further up in the Naukluft Mountains and ends south of Ai-Ais where it flows into the Gariep River. The canyon offers beautiful views from various lookout points.

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

### **Day 6/7: Succulent Karoo Desert**

After a late morning breakfast we will depart via Seeheim to Aus and the Klein Aus Vista Homestead. 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.

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.

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

### **Day 8/9: 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. Today'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.

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

### **Day 10/11: 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.

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 Atlantic Villa or similar. (DBB)**

### **Day 12: Erongo Mountains**

We leave the coast and journey inland again to a guest farm near the scenic Erongo Mountains. This region is famous for its multitude of ancient rock paintings, many of them still unknown and hidden. If time allows, there is the possibility of a visit to a nearby 'Living village of the Ju/Hoansi San' people (at extra expense and only possible April - Oct)

**Overnight Ai-Aiba Rocking Painting Lodge or similar. (DBB)**

### **Day 13: Windhoek - Ondekaramba**

The farm Ondekaramba measures 7.300 hectares and boasts a 100-year old family tradition. Shortly after touching down you will be met by the peace and quiet of Africa's wide-open spaces. Enjoy after a long flight the charm of scenery and unspoilt nature. Ondekaramba means: The place where grazing is good. Thanks to this, combined with numerous watering places, you can be at one with nature by exploring, be it via game drives, hiking trails on a terrain where there are an abundance of wildlife and birds. The lovely garden with landscaped pool area waits for you to come and have a swim, or to just relax. Meals made to a large extent of our own products are prepared in our farm kitchen and are served on the open-air verandas, as a picnic in the bush, or inside the old rustic stone farmhouse.

**Overnight at Ondekaramba Farm or similar. (DBB)**

### **Day 14: Windhoek**

**Airport Transfer**

## **NETT Tour Cost per Person sharing (ZAR/N\$)**

<b>COST PP</b>	<b>41900</b>	<b>28500</b>	<b>23990</b>	<b>21750</b>
<b>Persons</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>

**Subject to Fuel Price and availability**

**Cost Valid until 31 October 2013**

**Single Supplement on request**

## **Inclusions and Exclusions**

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**Included:**

- SAT transport in 4x4 vehicles; Public Liability & Passenger Liability Insurance
- Services of a licensed English speaking driver-guide per vehicle
- 13 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)

**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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