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ICAR 2021 SOUTHERN TOUR





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ICAR SOUTHERN TOUR Our Itinerary

Day 1: 09.07.2021 Swakopmund – Sossusvlei area

At 08h30 we are met by your English-speaking guide at the Strand Hotel. After storing and packing the luggage in the vehicle, our journey begins. We drive via the Ghaub & Kuiseb-pass with spectacular views of the Great Escarpment to the Sossusvlei area. Your establishment is situated approximately 43 km from the Sesriem entrance gate to Sossusvlei. After arrival and check-in at the lodge, a light lunch awaits you. Enjoy the beautiful scenery with a cold drink and relax before heading out on a sundowner drive on the property of the lodge.

Lunch, Dinner & Breakfast included.

Overnight at The Elegant Desert Lodge.

Day 2: 10.07.2021 Sossusvlei & Deadvlei visit

After an early morning wake-up call and a coffee or tea, we head to Sossusvlei & Deadvlei. Part of the UNESCO World Heritage site, these dunes are some of the biggest and most spectacular in Namibia (and the world). Linear and star dunes here are even taller than the ones near Gobabeb, over 200 m in height, and extend over the Tsondab sandstone, an ancient dune field. The early twilight 'paints' us an unforgettable sunrise in the dunes. If you are brave enough, you can attempt to climb "Big Daddy" – the largest Dune in the Namib Desert. We visit Deadvlei, a clay pan at the end of the Tsauchab River, in the midst of the dune field and then we head to our new establishment, the Le Mirage Desert Lodge and Spa for lunch. Here we have the opportunity to relax at the spa or be adventurous and go on a quad bike excursion and explore the area. (Spa treatment and activities offered at the lodge are excluded)

Lunch, Dinner & Breakfast included.

Overnight at the Le Mirage Desert Lodge.

Day 3: 11.07.2021 Sossusvlei area – Helmeringhausen

A hearty breakfast awaits prior to check-out. We depart southwards to Helmeringhausen and visit the Duwisib Castle en-route where we have lunch / lunchpacks. (This depends on the availability of time) Arrival in the afternoon at your hotel in Helmeringhausen. The rest of the day can be spent exploring this quaint little town on foot with your guide or relax at the swimming pool. Lunch / Lunch Packs, Dinner & Breakfast included.

Overnight at the Helmeringhausen Hotel.



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Day 4: 12.07.2021 Helmeringhausen – Fish River Canyon area

The drive takes us further southwards, to the Fish River Canyon area. Our establishment is situated approximately 20 km eastwards from the view point of the Fish River Canyon. Upon arrival we enjoy a light lunch. Relax at the pool and enjoy the beauty this area has to offer. In the late afternoon we take part in a sundowner drive.

Lunch, Dinner & Breakfast included.

Overnight at the Canyon Village.

Day 5: 13.07.2021 Fish River Canyon

Our guide takes us to the Hobas view point at the Fish River Canyon and some of the oldest rock formations in Namibia. Our guide will tell us about the fascinating geology of the area. Return at the lodge for lunch. The rest of the day can be spent at leisure or explore the hiking trails at the lodge.

Lunch, Dinner & Breakfast included.

Overnight at the Canyon Village.

Day 6: 14.07.2021 Fish River Canyon area – Kalahari Desert

We depart northwards to the Kalahari Desert where our establishment is situated. En-route we explore the Quivertree forest and the weathered dolerite boulders of the “Giants Playground” situated near Keetmanshoop. Here we get to see the rock formations where the “giants’ played.

Upon our arrival at the lodge and after check-in, we enjoy a light lunch. The rest of the day can be spent at leisure or you can explore the beautiful surrounding on your own on some of the hiking trails.

Lunch, Dinner & Breakfast included.

Overnight at the Kalahari Anib Lodge.

Day 7: 15.07.2021 Kalahari Desert

Today we get acquainted with the Kalahari Desert. The approximately 3 hour morning drive with panoramic views across the Kalahari dunes is something which you will remember. These vegetated linear dunes are short in height but very long and cover much of the savanna region of the Kalahari Desert, interspersed by salt pans.

The afternoon is spent at leisure at the lodge.

Lunch, Dinner & Breakfast included.

Overnight at the Kalahari Anib Lodge.

Day 8: 16.07.2021 Kalahari Desert – Windhoek, Hosea Kutako International Airport

Today our guide takes us to the Hosea Kutako International Airport, in time for our departure flight.

No Day room included. No Lunch and Dinner included.



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PRICE PER PERSON:

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| PRICE PER PERSON IN A DOUBLE / TWIN ROOM SHARING: | NAD 30,400.00 per person sharing |
| PRICE PER PERSON IN A SINGLE ROOM: | NAD 33,100.00 per person |
| MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS | 6 CLIENTS |

Amount of rooms available: 10 Double / Twins

MAXIMUM OF 20 CLIENTS ON THE TOUR

Included Services:

- 06 x Accommodation including Lunch, Dinner and Breakfast
- 01 x Accommodation including Dinner and Breakfast
- 01 x Lunch Pack on Day 3
- Day 1: Sundowner Drive at Elegant Desert Lodge
- Day 2: Park Entrance fee to Sossusvlei & Deadvlei
- Day 3: Visit of Duwisib Castle
- Day 4: Sundowner Drive at Canyon Village
- Day 5: Park Entrance fee to Fish River Canyon
- Day 6: Quivertree forest & Giants Playground Entrance fee
- Day 7: AM Dune Drive in the Kalahari Dunes
- English Driver & Guide from Day 1 – Day 8
- Vehicle for a group of maximum 20 clients
- Fuel for above mentioned Tour
- Travel documents
- Tips & Porterage for Lodges & Hotels (excl. Driver-Guide)

Services exclude:

- Expenses of any personal nature
- Meals not mentioned in the Itinerary,
- Drinks and meals in Restaurants,
- Optional activities & excursions,
- Telephone calls, Tips and gratuities,
- Visa payments, etc.
- Transfers not mentioned



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- Entrance Fees not mentioned
- Activities not mentioned
- Any VISA fees required
- International and local flights

GENERAL INFORMATION

"Take only memories, Leave nothing but footprints."

Chief Seattle

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All visitors from abroad must be in possession of a passport, which must be valid for at least 6 months after end of journey and there must be at least 3 empty pages in the passport.

Tourists from Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Ireland, Austria, Italy, France, the Scandinavian Countries, the Netherlands, the UK, United States of America, Canada, Japan, Tanzania, Angola, Zambia, Botswana and Mozambique do not need a visa for Namibia, provided that they are in possession of a valid air ticket for their return or onward-travel and do not stay in Namibia for more than 90 days. As these requirements may change, we ask you and your travel agent to make sure that the 'valid' requirements are observed.

Please check at passport control at the port of entry whether the validity of your residence permit is correct. It often happens that this does not correspond with your departure date (too short). Please have this sorted out immediately with passport control. Important: SWA Safaris cannot be held responsible for documents not being in order.

EXCURSIONS

Excursion cannot be guaranteed during the Rainy season (October – April), as strong rainfall occasionally makes passing of riverbeds impossible. Also the road conditions can change drastically due to the rain. Should for any reason, the safety of the passengers be at risk, SWA Safaris reserves the right to change its routing on a short notice.

Price changes due to unforeseen increase in Performance tariffs and taxation rates as well as Fuel increase are reserved. Should the prices change, e.g. Hotel rates, NWR, Entrance fees, etc. SWA Safaris reserves the Right to change the prices accordingly.

At our disposal we have an occupant insurance to the value of N\$ 50.000.00.00 and an Emergency Evacuation Insurance within SADC to the value of N\$ 600.000.00.

Please be so kind and fill out the attached Booking Form if you wish us to proceed to convert the quote/Provisional booking into a CONFIRMED BOOKING.



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PLEASE ALSO NOTE THE FOLLOWING IN SWA SAFARIS OR SUB HIRED VEHICLES

Due to the Namibian Road conditions, a large portion of the gravel roads, the Air-conditioning in the vehicle may fail to work during the tour. We would like to advise that a repair of the Air-conditioning during the duration of the tour will not be possible, as in Namibia there are not many workshops which repair this and the refill of the gas can take up to 24 hours.

This means, that SWA Safaris and the sub hired vehicle company cannot take responsibility if the Air-conditioning fails to work during the tour.

Also it is a proven fact that air-conditioning is not healthy in our country is not healthy, as at times the vehicle is being stopped and guests get in and out of the vehicle. This intense change of temperature, inside the vehicle and outside, is often the cause of a cold or Bronchitis. The vehicles are thus also equipped with fresh air ventilation and sliding windows.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

At present no vaccinations are required. Malaria Prophylaxis is recommended. All persons entering Namibia may only carry medicine for their own use. This can be done by presenting an invoice. If proof cannot be provided, it might happen that the medicine will be confiscated.

CURRENCY

N\$= Namibia Dollar (NAD)

ZAR= South African Rand

The Namibian Dollar and the South African Rand (ZAR) have the same currency rate. For ZAR travellers cheques there is no restriction as well as for foreign currencies. Foreign currency travellers cheques must be cashed at the bank, whereas ZAR travellers cheques will be accepted nearly everywhere.

Credit cards are widely accepted in Namibia.

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

All run on 220/240 volts. Outlets are of the 3-pin, 15 amp type.

BAGGAGE

Winters are normally mild to warm, so pack light summer clothes for the middle of the day, but as it could become very cold at night - and even during the summer at the coast - warm clothes should be included.



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Include:

- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Bathing costumes
- Cameras
- Binoculars
- Torches
- Alarm clocks

Also film material should be brought along.

Evening dresses are not necessary. In the bigger hotels gentlemen may wear a jacket for dinner.

PAYMENT

Due to Currency Fluctuations, the differences are not carried by SWA Safaris.

The amount due to SWA Safaris must reflect 100% on the Bank account.

SWA Safaris does not carry any Bank Charges in Namibia and that of the Payee.

The Namibian Dollar is not an internationally recognised currency and is thus not indicated and accepted by Banks.

The amount due on the Invoice must be paid in South African Rand into the account. (Exchange Rate ZAR to NAD = 1:1)

Credit Card Payments

Virtual Card Services (VCS) has become a recognized player in the online payment gateway solution market enabling the e-commerce web site to deal with credit card payments effectively, securely and in real-time.

Please note: Only Visa and Master Cards are accepted. Kindly add 3% to your invoice for bank commission fees.

CANCELLATION POLICY

In case of a cancellation of our **tours**, the following fees will apply:

- 90-61 days before departure 10%
- 60-22 days before departure 25%
- 21-15 days before departure 50%
- 14-08 days before departure 75%
- 07-00 days before departure 100%



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In some instances, higher cancellation fees may apply, should the tour operator decide thereupon.

LIABILITIES / RESPONSIBILITIES

SWA Safaris is member of the **South African Tourism and Safari Association (SATSA)** and the **Tour and Safari Association of Namibia (TASA)** and carries an all risk and comprehensive motor accident collision damage waiver insurance policy, which includes a cover for passengers.

SWA Safaris, as well as cooperating agents, only act in the capacity of agents for passengers in all matters and will under no circumstances whatsoever be responsible and exempt from any liability for any accidents, injury, delay, loss or damage to property or any other loss or damage from whatever it may arise.

All tours are subject to the conditions of the concerned airlines, hotels, restaurants and other contractors involved.

ITINERARY CHANGES

SWA Safaris reserves itself the right of alteration or cancellation of all arrangements of routings on all scheduled and unscheduled tours as well as accommodation, land arrangements or transport without prior notice and stating no reasons. This might be caused through **unforeseen circumstances and is for the benefit of the travellers.**

CELLPHONE RECEPTION

We would like to inform you, that there are some areas in Namibia where there is no Wi-Fi and mobile phone reception.

Even in places where there is usually reception, disturbances can occur and SWA Safaris or the establishments cannot be held liable.