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THE SOUTH – 01/11/2020 – 31/10/2021

Booking Reference: SWAS 8 SOUTH

Following the Southern Cross

Landscapes, landscapes, landscapes! This trip takes us through the breath-taking landscapes of the Kalahari Basin and the south of Namibia. With mostly starry nights, we can see the infinite number of sparkling celestial bodies in the sky above us. The Southern Cross is the most famous constellation in our Namibian sky.

Day 1: A warm welcome to Namibia!

Upon your arrival at the Hosea Kutako International Airport you will be met by our experienced local tour guide, who will take you to your hotel in Windhoek. After check-in at the accommodation and if time permits, you will be taken on a city tour which is rounded off by a visit to our township, Katutura.

Accommodation / Breakfast at Safari Court Hotel. Incl. Airport Transfer / City Tour

Day 2: Windhoek - Gochas

Our journey leads us through many little villages, across commercial farmland, all the way to the edge of the Kalahari Basin. Seemingly endless landscapes or camelthorn forests lead us to the first impressions of the beautiful Kalahari. In the afternoon, we enjoy a comfortable nature drive across the magnificent landscape and we might even spot our first wildlife. Fascinated by the remarkable silence and the incredible colours, we return to our comfortable accommodation.

Dinner/ Accommodation/ Breakfast at Auob Lodge or similar. Incl. Nature Drive

Day 3: Gochas – Region Fish River Canyon

Today we are impressed by vast barren plains, incredible rock formations and a minimal population density. Our route continues through Keetmanshoop, an important city in the South, past the Naute Dam, to the breath-taking landscape that surrounds the Fish River Canyon. Our accommodation is one of the lovingly designed Gondwana Lodges.

Dinner/ Accommodation/ Breakfast at the Canyon Roadhouse/ Lodge/ Village.

Day 4: Fish River – Lüderitz

Today we drive to the Fish River Canyon, the second largest Canyon in the world, that has a sudden drop of 550m from the mountainous landscape. After we have immersed ourselves in these impressions, our route continues via Seeheim and Aus until we reach Lüderitz. Our path leads us across a fascinating moon landscape and an endless desert with strange rock formations and a fantastic play of colours. In the afternoon we arrive in Lüderitz, a small and interesting town in the



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middle of the barren landscape that borders onto the cold Atlantic.

Accommodation/ Breakfast at Lüderitz Nest Hotel or similar. Incl. Canyon Tour

Day 5: Lüderitz

Lüderitz is the oldest German settlement in Namibia, named after the German businessman Adolf Lüderitz, who bought this area from the Hottentots in 1883. This small harbour city is built on a rock and is surrounded by bays and fjords. In the morning we pay a visit to the "ghost town" Kolmanskop – a once prosperous city, as the first diamonds in Namibia were found here. The old tales and pictures are just incredible! In the afternoon we embark on a sightseeing tour in and around Lüderitz.

Accommodation/ Breakfast at Lüderitz Nest Hotel or similar. Incl. Kolmanskop

Day 6: Lüderitz – Namib Desert

Once again our drive takes us through diverse and incredible landscapes, such as the Neisip plain, the Tiras Mountains, alongside the red dunes of the edge of the Namib, through the Nubib Mountains until we reach our accommodation in the vicinity of the Tsaris Mountains.

Dinner/ Accommodation/ Breakfast at Hammerstein Lodge or similar.

Day 7: Sossusvlei – Sesriem Canyon

An old saying goes: The early bird catches the worm. In line with this we start our day while the stars are still out. We aim to absorb and enjoy the great mood of the early morning among the unique dune landscape around Sossusvlei. Sossusvlei is a large clay pan in the middle of the Namib Desert, surrounded by the highest sand dunes in the world in Namibia's largest nature reserve, the Namib Naukluft Park. We recommend hiking up one of the dunes to enjoy the sand between your toes, while it's still cold, and enjoy the view across the endless ocean of sand. In the late morning we visit the small, but interesting Sesriem Canyon that almost seems artificial. Our heart is full of impressions and we close our day off with a 4x 4 drive across the private reserve of our accommodation in the late afternoon.

Dinner/ Accommodation/ Breakfast at the Namib Desert Lodge or similar. Incl. Sossusvlei / Sesriem Canyon / Dune Drive

Day 8: Namib Desert - Windhoek

We return to Windhoek. We travel up the Great Escarpment and head towards the central mountain region. Near Rehoboth we visit Lake Oanob, a small oasis for residents and visitors. Afterwards we continue our drive to Windhoek and arrive in the late afternoon.

Incl. Airport Transfer



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SERVICES AND PRICES

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Included Services:

Transfer from and to Hosea Kutako International Airport
Overland trips and all sightseeing / activities according to the itinerary.
Accommodation in double rooms with bath and/ or shower and toilet in lodges and hotel.
Daily breakfast
Daily dinner (exception day 1, 4 and 5)
English speaking tour guide (Possibly bilingual tour guide)

Not included:

Personal expenses, such as lunch, drinks, phone calls, laundry service, tip in restaurants, as well as for the tour guide.

Departure:

07.45 AM from SWA Safaris, Independence Ave. 43 and,
by prior arrangements, collection from various hotels.

Departure Dates:

DATES	SWAS 8 SOUTH
Oct 20	
Nov 20	07 / 28
Dec 20	/
Jan 21	/
Feb 21	06
Mar 21	27
Apr 21	22 / 24
May 21	22
Jun 21	12
Jul 21	10 / 31
Aug 21	28
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Prices:

Scheduled Tours Namibia	SWAS 8 SOUTH
1* traveller	113 930.00
2 travellers	63 410.00
4 travellers	39 755.00
6 travellers	31 965.00
8 travellers	28 000.00
Single Supplement	3 120.00

Please note: *The single supplement is already included for 1 traveller.