



NAMIBIA

CANYON AND DESERT

A seven days roundtrip including the red sand of the Kalahari Desert, the Majestic Fish River Canyon and the world's highest sand dunes.

DAY 1

Travel South through the rugged mountain ranges surrounding the capital. Our journey takes us east to the vegetated red dunes of the Kalahari Desert. A late afternoon scenic drive will be undertaken in the area.

Overnight at Kalahari Region (Auob lodge or similar).

DAY 2

A full day's journey takes us South through the desert dominated landscape to a picturesque Quiver tree forest near Keetmanshoop. At giant's playground, we also visit an impressive jumble of massive boulders; a virtual maze where time can be spent wandering through the extensive rocky labyrinth.

Overnight at Fish River Canyon or similar.

DAY 3

Proceed to the magnificent boulders- studded plains and hills to the east of the great Fish River Canyon the second largest in the world. Here the impressive surrounding rock formation provides many interesting hours for enthusiastic nature lovers.

A guided excursion is taken to the majestic Fish River Canyon with its view points high above the deep winding gorges. The afternoon is at leisure to explore the attractive natural surroundings of the lodge.

Overnight at Fish River Canyon or similar.



DAY 4

Visit the small historic village of the Aus and travel through the vast barren expanse of the prohibited diamond area to Luderitz, situated on the Southern Atlantic Coast. Luderitz serves as a harbour and fishing town and a good base from which to view colonies of aquatic birds, Seals, Penguins and Dolphins.

After a short sightseeing tour of the Luderitz, We proceed on an afternoon excursion to Diaz Cross where the daring Portuguese sailors erected a stone pillar in the 1480's.

Overnight at Luderitz Nest Hotel.

DAY 5

During the morning we travel to the famous ghost town of Kolmanskop which is situated in the Spergebiet inland from Luderitz.

During the afternoon travel across the impressive Neisip plains to Helmeringhausen.

Overnight at Helmeringhausen Hotel.

DAY 6

In 1990 the legendary Baron Von Wolf built Duwisib Castle for his American wife. Today you will explore this castle, where much of its original furniture, artworks and firearms can be viewed. Proceed to the Central Namibia Desert afternoon at leisure to relax in the Desert surrounds.

Overnight at Sesriem Betesa Guest farm or similar.

DAY 7

An early start is imperative, as this is not only the coolest part of the day but the best for photography. Our journey takes us to the famous Sossusvlei a clay pan surrounded by some of the highest sand dunes in the world. Time will be taken to explore the impressive conglomerate gorges of the Sesriem Canyon, with its rocky pools fed by the Tsauchab, the same river that feeds Sossusvlei during the rainy season. During the afternoon we transfer back to Windhoek with arrival in the evening.

Return to Windhoek.