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SOUTHERN NAMIBIA AND THE KGALAGADI TRANSFRONTIER PARK (KALAHARI)

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TOUR SUMMARY

- Small Group or Private Safari
- English- and German- speaking tour guide
- 14 Days
- Kalahari, Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, Mesosaurus Fossils, Quivertree Forest, Fish River Canyon, Namib Desert Horses, Lüderitz, Kolmanskop,

INCLUSIVE

- Accommodation in double rooms and double tents of hotels, lodges, camps
- Breakfast
- All transfers
- All entrance fees
- Excursions according to the program

EXCLUSIVE

- Beverages
- Additional meals
- Visa fee
- International flights

Overview

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A safari to explore the ancient landscape of the Kalahari and the Fish River Canyon with a fascinating change to Lüderitz and the ghost town of Kolmanskop.

On this trip, you travel to the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. During extensive game drives, the best wildlife viewing is expected, such as large herds of Wildebeest, Oryx, Springbok, and Eland. In the shade of the many old acacias, one often encounters the king of the animals with family, while the mighty acacia branches serve as observation points for leopards and birds of prey.

Suggested Accomodation

- Kalahari Anib Lodge
- Kalahari Game Lodge
- Ta Shebube Rooiputs Lodge
- Torgos Safari Lodge
- Schützenhaus Guesthouse
- Canyon Village Lodge
- Bahnhof Hotel Aus
- Nest Hotel
- Kalahari Red Dune Lodge

Tour Itinerary (Daily Details)

Program

Day 1: Arrival in Windhoek and drive to the edge of the Kalahari

Upon arrival at Windhoek International Airport you will be greeted by your tour guide and, after completing the entry procedures, we travel south via Rehoboth and Kalkrand and in the midst of the red dunes of the Kalahari, the Kalahari Anib Lodge appears like a green oasis: restaurant and bungalows grouped together around a shady courtyard with a large swimming pool and views of the open savanna of the Kalahari.

Morning or Sunset Game Drive

These drives are the perfect way to getting acquainted with the Kalahari Desert. The approx. 3-hour morning or sunset drive with panoramic views across the Kalahari dunes is something to remember forever.

Day 2: Kalahari Game Lodge

After breakfast we drive south to the Kalahari Game Lodge.

Located near the famed Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, Kalahari Game Lodge has an approximately 43,000-acre wildlife area home to 55 mammals, 58 reptile and amphibian, and 105 bird species. There are also about 185 different plant species. The Kalahari Game Lodge has recently been refurbished and offers eight spacious, bright and nicely furnished chalets surrounded by a red dune sea and ancient camel thorn acacias.

Day 3 – 6: Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park

Drive to the cross-border nature reserve.

The Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, located on Namibia and South Africa's border, is our destination for the next 4 days. The Kalahari Park was merged in 1999 with the adjacent

Gemsbok National Park in Botswana and called Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. The huge game reserve - covering an area of around 38,000 km² - gives an insight into the fascinating landscape of the Kalahari with its orange-red dune chains and the wildlife specially adapted to this dry savanna. The border between South Africa and Botswana is only marked by some whitewashed stones. Thus, the game can roam freely through both parts of the park in search of food.

The southern Kalahari is traversed by high, stabilized sand dunes that run mainly from east to west. Although this area already belongs to the semi-desert, the low rainfall allows an interesting flora and fauna such as eland and oryx, wildebeest and springbok, as well as black-maned Kalahari lions, which can be observed especially at water holes, with a little luck, also brown hyenas or desert lynx.

During our extensive game drives optimal game viewing is to be expected as there are large herds of wildebeest, oryx, springbok, eland, etc. on the grassy areas. In the shade of the many old acacias, one often encounters the king of the animals with family, while the mighty acacia branches serve as observation points for leopards and birds of prey.

Day 7: Auob dry river - Namibia

Game drives along the dry riverbed of the Auob River. The river rarely brings water, yet the wildlife has adapted well to the arid conditions. In addition, many artificial water points were built, which are operated with wind turbines and solar pumps. These waterholes are visited by oryx antelopes, springbok, blue wildebeest, ostriches and numerous species of birds, including squirrels.

After an extensive game drive through the Auob River Valley we cross the border back to Namibia and stay overnight at the Torgos Safari Lodge.

Day 8: Mesosaurus Fossils and Quiver Tree Forest

Today the journey leads to the west to Mesosaurus Fossil Site and Quiver Tree dolerite Park.

Mesosaurus tenuidens is a reptile that lived about 290 million years ago. On the farm Spitzkop such fossils were found and shows the fossils of these reptiles.

In addition to the fossils, there are about 5000 quiver trees on the farm grounds. Quiver trees are a type of aloes, Aloe dichotoma growing in interesting Dolerite formation.

Day 9: Keetmanshoop, Naute Da, and Fish River Canyon area

In the early morning the journey takes you via Keetmanshoop, along the Naute Stausee, where you can optionally taste locally produced liqueurs and gin's at "Naute Kristall Distillery", to Africa's most spectacular canyon, the Fish River Canyon. At your accommodation, which is located near the canyon, you have the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 10: Fish River Canyon and Aus

Today's destination is the Fish River Canyon. This is one of the most significant scenic attractions in southern Africa and is surpassed in size only by the Grand Canyon in America.

The Fish River Canyon was created about 350 ago Millions of years, both due to movements

in the earth's crust and by water erosion. With a length of 161 km, the Fish River Canyon - after the Grand Canyon in America - is the second largest canyon in the world. It measures a depth of up to 550 meters. The Fish River Canyon is part of a giant Nature Reserve.

Continue to the west to the small former railway town Aus. After arriving at the Bahnhof Hotel in Aus we have time to explore the area. The highlight is always the desert horses in Ganamub.

Day 11: Lüderitz, Desert Horses

Departure to Lüderitz on the way you have a stunning view of the endless desert areas, and the far south extending Diamond "Sperrgebiet".

On the way, sightseeing of the wild horses at Garub. The "Wild Horses" usually roam the Namib here and are among the only ones of their kind in the world to adapt to the harsh conditions of the desert.

Lüderitz is a coastal city in south-western Namibia. The city, once the entrance to the colony of German South-West Africa, experienced by the diamond finds from 1908 a strong upswing to then fell into a standstill. It is known for its German colonial buildings, including the Goerke House, which is built into the rock on Diamond Hill. The nearby Felsenkirche is a hilltop church with panoramic bay views stretching to Robert Harbour. The Lüderitz Museum exhibits exhibitions about the city's diamond mining past and the history of the region and nature.

We will use the time to explore this old colonial city and Kolmanskuppe.

Day 12 – Kolmanskuppe and Keetmanshoop

After breakfast, visit the ghost town Kolmanskuppe. This city sunk in the desert sand, with still partly well-preserved houses, is connected with the adventurous history of the first diamond finds in the year 1908. Not for nothing is this settlement called a ghost town, as it is deserted except for its visitors. A guided tour of this ghost town revives its past.

After the visit the journey leads over the escarpment to Aus and Keetmanshoop.

Day 13 - Kalahari Red Dune Lodge

After a leisurely breakfast drive north via the Marinetal to the Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge .

The lodge consists of a total of 12 individual guest houses and a main house with restaurant, pool and beautiful wooden terraces that invite you to linger.

Crown your Red-Dunes day with a Game Drive / Sundown Drive.

Experience 4,000 hectares of pure Kalahari in open SUVs over red dunes up to 30 meters high and observe the breathtaking flora and fauna under expert guidance. Immerse yourself in the most beautiful hour of the Kalahari.

Day 14 - Windhoek

After a leisurely breakfast, prompt return to Windhoek and timely transfer to the airport.

Map

