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*NamibRand Nature Reserve - Sossusvlei - Sesriem*

*4 Days / 3 Nights*



## Introduction

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Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge	NamibRand Nature Reserve	FI	<b>3 Nights</b>

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### Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FI: Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

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## Day 1: andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge, NamibRand Nature Reserve

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### NamibRand Nature Reserve

Spanning an area of 172,200 hectares and encompassing four distinct ecosystems, the NamibRand Reserve of southern Namibia is among the largest privately owned game parks in Southern Africa. Founded to conserve the unique environment and wildlife species of the Namib Desert, the park's mix of dunes, mountains, rocky outcrops, sandy flats, and gravel plains provides habitats for a diversity of mammals, including hyenas, jackals, foxes, antelopes, and various wild cats. A plethora of bird species, reptiles, insects, and frogs also have their home here, alongside an array of plant species. Discover the mysterious 'fairy circles', unexplained bare patches in the sand, or enjoy a night of sublime stargazing - having been named Africa's first International Dark Sky Reserve, it is one of the least light-polluted areas in the world.

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### Overnight: andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge

One of the most pristine areas on Earth, the Namib Desert is a world of vast spaces, endless horizons, dramatic landscapes and jagged mountain heights. Cradled against the ancient mountains, andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge is renowned for its luxurious accommodation overlooking the starkly beautiful Namib Desert. Designed to capture the splendour and solitude of the desert, just ten stone and glass suites spread out along the curve of the escarpment, allowing absolute privacy. Each air conditioned suite is furnished to complement the majestic hues of the desert and features a private veranda, split-level bedroom and living room with fireplace, ensuite glass-encased bathroom and outdoor shower. The suites are equipped with a star-viewing skylight, discrete music system and custom-stocked personal bar. The guest area, where walls have become windows that fold away completely, boasts unimpeded desert vistas. The split-level lodge boasts a fire-lit bar, comfortable sitting room, wraparound veranda and Signature Shop. Guests can escape the desert heat with a revitalising midday dip in the pool, fed by water from an underground spring. At sunset, animals are drawn to a nearby waterhole, enhancing desert sundowner drinks. Get a closer look at the night sky from our sophisticated observatory and state-of-the-art telescope.



**Flight Information**

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
	Charter Flight		Hosea Kutako International Airport [WDH]		andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge			

**Basis**

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

All Drinks (excl Premium Brands) Included

**Day 2: andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge, NamibRand Nature Reserve****Activities**

Sossusvlei - The Vlei
Sesriem
Big Daddy Dune
Big Mamma Dune
Dune 45

***Sossusvlei - The Vlei***

This is the vlei itself where, for now, the waters of the Tsauchab River disappear into the red sands of the Namib.

***Sesriem***

As there is no accommodation at Sossusvlei, visitors to this desert wilderness are likely to end up staying at Sesriem, 65 kilometres away, where camps and lodges serve as a base from which to explore the dunes. Sesriem Canyon, a deep chasm carved through the rocks by water, is a striking natural feature of the area that is best explored on foot. Stony walls rise up sharply on both sides of the canyon, while birds roost in its crags and lizards dart along the ledges. The canyon's name was coined when early settlers used it as a water source, using six lengths of leather ('sesriem – six thongs) tied together to lower buckets into the water at the base of canyon.)

***Big Daddy Dune***

Big Daddy is the tallest dune in the Sossusvlei area. This magnificent dune is situated between Sossusvlei and Deadvlei and at 325 meters it dwarfs the other dunes. Should you want the ultimate bragging rights, take a lot of water and trek to the top of Big Daddy where you can look down onto Deadvlei.

At 325 meters, Big Daddy may be the highest dune in the Sossusvlei area, however it is not the highest in the Namib Desert. This honour is given to Dune 7, which has been measured at 388m. Dune 7 earned its name by being the 7th dune along the Tsauchab River.

**Big Mamma Dune**

The Big Mamma Dune is situated north of Big Daddy Dune in Sossusvlei. Visitors may climb nearly 200m to get to the top of the dunes. It is advised to use the trails of others to limit the damage to the dunes and surrounding vegetation.

**Dune 45**

Named for its location 45 kilometres past the town of Sesriem, Dune 45 is renowned for its elegant shape, which – along with its position close to the road – have earned it the distinction of ‘most photographed dune in the world’. If you’re not keen for the strenuous hike to the top of Big Daddy, Dune 45 is a more forgiving alternative, standing at only 80 metres and featuring a much gentler gradient.

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**Day 3:       andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge, NamibRand Nature Reserve****Activities**

Namib Sky Balloon Safaris - Optional
Sossusvlei Scenic Flights - Optional

***Namib Sky Balloon Safaris***

Situated in the heart of the Namib Naukluft Park, Sossusvlei, one of the most fascinating landscapes in Namibia, is a photographer’s dream. Gigantic orange dunes, dramatic shadows, undulating plains and rocky mountains create a magical kaleidoscope of colours and shapes.

To the east, Namib Rand Nature Reserve vast sandy plains are surrounded by towering granite mountains and rolling dunes.

Here, in the oldest desert on the planet, amazingly adapted animals and plants come together to form one of the most visually stunning ecosystems in the world. And truly the best way to experience the heart of the Namib desert is with a hot air balloon safari.

Watching the spectacular sunrise over this magnificent landscape from a silent hot air balloon is the experience of a lifetime, never to be forgotten

At landing, you come back to earth with an “Out Of Africa” style breakfast set up in the middle of nowhere.

Your pilot will present you with a flight certificate before you take a leisurely nature drive back to the pick-up point.

***Sossusvlei Scenic Flights***

Hop aboard a 5-seater Cessna 210 with a skilled pilot-guide and witness the Namib Desert’s majestic dunes, Sesriem Canyon, and the haunting Skeleton Coast from above. Ideal for photographers, adventurers, and nature lovers, this aerial journey offers unmatched views of shipwrecks, seal colonies, and diamond miner camps. Flights range from 40

minutes to 90 minutes, each route revealing dramatic contrasts where desert meets ocean. With Desert Air's well-maintained aircraft and expert safety standards, it's a breathtaking, secure way to explore Namibia's wild beauty.

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## Day 4: End of Itinerary

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### Activities

Eco Bikes
ATV's

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### Basis

Bed and Breakfast

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### Urgent Contact Numbers

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## Travel Information



Located in southwestern Africa, Namibia boasts a well-developed infrastructure, some of the best tourist facilities in Africa, and an impressive list of breathtaking natural wonders. Visitors can explore the capital of Windhoek and discover the lovely coastal town of Swakopmund boasting remnants of the country's German influence, reflected in the architecture, culture, cuisine and the annual Oktoberfest celebrations. To properly appreciate this extraordinary country, you will have to venture out of the cities to explore the remarkable natural landscapes Namibia has to offer. These include: the impressive Fish River Canyon; the vast Etosha National Park teeming with abundant wildlife, such as lions, desert-adapted elephants and the Hartmann's Mountain Zebra; the hauntingly beautiful Kalahari Desert; and of course the Namib Desert stretching for over 2000 km along the magnificent Atlantic Coast. Namibia is an ideal destination for travellers seeking an unforgettable African experience in a uniquely beautiful untamed wilderness.

### ***Banking and Currency***

#### **Currency**

Local currency: Namibian Dollar

Symbol: N\$

ISO code: NAD

Subunit: Cent (1/100 of a Dollar)

Banknotes: 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 NAD

Coins: 5, 10, 50 cents, 1, 5, 10 NAD

#### **Banking**

Card Transactions: Widely accepted

ATMs: Yes

Mastercard: Yes

Visa: Yes

American Express: No

Diner's Club: No

#### **Banking Hours:**

Weekdays: 08:30 – 15:30, Saturdays: 08:30 – 12:00

Public Holidays: No

Foreign exchange services: Yes

### ***Travel, Transport and Getting Around***

#### **Air:**

Main airlines: Airlink, Fly Namibia

International Airports: Hosea Kutako International Airport, Walvis Bay International Airport

Domestic Airports: Eros Airport

#### **Road:**

Driving on the: Left

Tar roads: Yes

Gravel roads: Yes

Valid International Driver's License needed: Yes

Car hire available: Yes

Taxis: Yes

E-hailing services: Yes

#### **Bus:**

Inter-city bus services: Yes

Local city bus networks: Yes

#### **Rail:**

Railway system: No

Subway System: No

#### **Water:**

Ferries: No

Water taxis: No

Leisure cruises: Yes

### ***Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice***

#### **Food and water safety:**

Can you drink the tap water: Yes

Fresh fruit and veg: Yes

Ice: Yes

Meat: Yes

Street food: Yes

#### **Local cuisine:**

Namibian cuisine features a rich blend of German and South African influences, with a focus on grilled meats and fish. Dishes like Biltong (dried, spiced meat), Kapana (grilled meat from street vendors), and Potjiekos (slow-cooked meat and vegetable stew) are popular. Seafood is also abundant along the coast.

#### **Drinks:**

Popular local drinks include Windhoek Lager and Tafel Lager, locally brewed beers.

**Tipping:** customary, usually around 10-15% in restaurants.

### *Climate and Weather*

**Annual rainfall:** Varies from under 50 mm in the desert to over 700 mm in the Caprivi Strip

**Average temperature:** 20°C

#### **Summer:**

Average highs: 30°C

Average lows: 15°C

#### **Winter:**

Average highs: 20°C

Average lows: 5°C

#### **Best time to visit:**

The best time to visit Namibia is during the cooler dry months from May to October when wildlife viewing is at its best in parks like Etosha National Park. The weather is pleasant for exploring the desert landscapes and other outdoor activities.

### *Clothing and Dress Recommendations*

#### **Spring and Summer**

Cool, light, breathable and comfortable: Yes

Lightweight warm clothes: No

#### **Winter and Autumn**

Jerseys, cardigans, sweaters, jackets: Recommended

Heavyweight clothing and boots: Yes

#### **General**

Umbrella and raincoat: Yes

Warm gloves, hat and scarf: No

Swimming costume (bathing suit): Yes

Hat, sunglasses, and sunblock: Yes

Walking shoes: Yes

Casual: Yes

Smart-casual attire: Yes

### *Internet Availability*

Internet cafes: Yes

Accommodation options: Yes

Restaurants: Yes

Cafes: Yes

Shopping malls: Yes

Public parks: Yes

Libraries: Yes

### *Electricity and Plug Standards*

Plug Type: Type D, M, and G

Voltage (V): 220 V

Frequency (Hz): 50 Hz

\*Travel plug adapter and voltage converter might be necessary depending on your appliances.

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