

8 Day Desert Explorer

Day 1 South Africa – Cederberg Mountain Region

Leaving Cape Town, there's one last photo stop at Table View for a spectacular panorama of Table Mountain. On the way to the Cederberg we visit !Kwa ttu where we enjoy a San guided tour & museum visit. After the 3hr tour lunch will be prepared and afterwards we continue to Piketberg for wine tasting at a local wine farm. We arrive at our accommodation and your guides will give you a full briefing on the tour.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Blommenberg Guest House: www.blommenberg.co.za

Day 2 Namibia – Gariep (Orange) River

Today we travel through the Northern Cape and Namaqualand, stopping at the remote town of Springbok for any last requirements. After crossing the Namibian border we check in to the lovely chalets overlooking the river that forms the border between South Africa and Namibia.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Felix Unite Cabanas: www.felixunite.com/accommodation/cabanas

Day 3 Gariep (Orange) River – Fish River Canyon

This morning there's the optional chance to canoe down the Gariep River (in the summer) or to spend some time relaxing in the camp along the river. After lunch we travel north to the Fish River Canyon and take a scenic hike along the rim in order to gain some perspective as to just how large this natural phenomenon is, later we return to Ai-Ais to check in to our accommodation and enjoy the hot springs.

Optional Activities: Half-Day Canoe Adventure

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Ai Ais Resort: www.nwr.com.na/ai_ais_hotsprings_spa.html

Day 4 Ai-Ais - Kokerboom Forest

This morning we travel into the Kalahari area of Namibia in order to visit the Kokerboom Forest. The Kokerboom is sometimes known as the Quiver Tree as it was often used by the indigenous Khoisan people for making quivers for their arrows.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Auob Lodge: <http://www.namibialodges.com/auob.html>

Day 5 Bushman Community – Namib-Naukluft Park

The Namib-Naukluft NP is one of Namibia's geographic gems. There are massive sand dunes in the Sossusvlei desert area as well as the remarkable landscape. After an optional morning's tribal interaction with the !Xung (San) people we travel to the Namib and stay the night outside the park.

Optional Activities: African Tribal interaction

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Hammerstein Lodge and Rest Camp: www.hammerstein.com.na



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Day 6 **Namib-Naukluft National Park**

We have a full day in the Namib-Naukluft National Park that starts by being transported in to Sossusvlei. Later we travel to Dune 45 where you have the chance to hike up the dune for an amazing view and photo opportunity. In the afternoon there's a short walk into the Sesriem Canyon.

Optional Activities: *Transfer to Deadvlei, Wild Cat Walk*
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Hammerstein Lodge and Rest Camp: www.hammerstein.com.na

Day 7/8 **Swakopmund**

We are joined by an expert local guide for a 3-hour nature walk. Exploring on foot, this local guide will share his detailed knowledge of the ecosystem. Afterwards we cross the Tropic of Capricorn on our way from the Atlantic Coast. Our first stop is Walvis Bay where we may see some flamingos. Then it's on to Swakopmund, the adventure capital of Namibia, where you will be briefed on the many optional activities available. Your tour ends after breakfast on the morning of day 8.

Optional Activities: *Dinner, Quad biking, Sand boarding, Sky Diving, Scenic Flights etc.*
Meals: Breakfast x 2, Lunch x 1
Overnight day 7 only: Hotel A La Mer: www.pension-a-la-mer.com

