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# 7 Day Namibia South (Trip Code: IAS CSC E07) Cape Town to Swakopmund

This trip begins in Cape Town, South Africa and travels north through South Africa and Namibia, before ending in Swakopmund, Namibia.

This trip departs from Cape Town early on Sunday morning. Should you wish to explore Cape Town, an earlier arrival should be planned and accommodation booked through your agent or Into Africa Safari.

Pre Departure Meeting: Held at the Departure Point at 17h00 the day before your

departure.

**Departure Point:** Cape Town. **Check-In Time:** 08h45

**Departure Time:** 09h30

Local Payment: US\$180

**Please Note:** 

This itinerary should be used as a guide only and may vary from day to day depending on road & weather conditions, political situations and group decisions.

All prices & Local Payments are subject to change.

Due to Tourism Laws in some of the countries we visit, there may be a truck and crew change during the trip.

## DAY 1: Cape Town to Cederberg Area (L / D)

Leaving Cape Town, we head north through the wine growing regions. We cross the Piketberg Pass into the rich fruit growing area of Citrusdal. Our first night is spent in a picturesque campsite surrounded by local wine farms. This afternoon we have the opportunity to sample some of the nectar of the gods or to explore the surrounding beautiful Cederberg Mountains.

## DAY 2: Cederberg Area to Orange River (B / L / D)

From the Cederberg we travel north through the region known as Namaqualand, well known for its prolific display of Namaqua wildflowers that occur each spring. After stopping for supplies in Springbok, we continue on through the desert area of the Richtersveld to the Orange River, the natural land border between South Africa and Namibia, where we camp at a beautiful campsite on the South African bank of the river.

#### DAY 3: Orange River to Fish River Canyon (Namibia) (B / L / D)

This morning we have the option of a half-day canoe trip on the beautiful Orange River, affording us the opportunity of some bird watching or just a scenic and relaxing paddle. After lunch we cross into Namibia where, after a short drive, we reach the Fish River Canyon. At 161 km long, 27 km wide and about 550 m deep, it's the second largest canyon in the world. The outer canyon was formed by tectonic activity, while the erosion of the Fish River formed the inner canyon. A road follows the eastern rim, giving us access to several

viewing points from where we can take in the spectacular vistas.

#### DAY 4: Fish River Canyon to Helmringhausen Area (B / L / D)

After a leisurely morning at the Fish River Canyon, we head north through Namibia's farming area. We stop in Bethanie, a small, former missionary town, for supplies. We head to our overnight camp from where we have the opportunity to star gaze at the magnificent Milky Way.

#### DAY 5: Helmringhausen Area to Sesriem (B / L / D)

Heading north we enter the Namib-Naukluft Park in one of the oldest deserts in the world. We base ourselves at Sesriem, a good place to experience the Namib and its many moods. A short distance away is Sossusvlei, surrounded by a dramatic sea of sand dunes reputed to be the highest in the world. Magnificent views of the desert can be seen from the top of the dunes, some over 300 m high. We spend the afternoon exploring this amazing area. An optional (and must do) excursion is to walk around the area, learning about the amazing history, geology, flora and fauna from the specialised local guides of Sossus on Foot. They also give us a glimpse into the cultural legacy of the San people. View the sunset from the top of Dune 45 - a truly memorable experience.

#### **DAY 6: Sesriem to Swakopmund (Brunch)**

After watching the sunrise across this beautiful area we leave the serenity of the dunes and head in a north-westerly direction to meet the Atlantic Ocean at Walvis Bay. Following the coast for some 35 km, we arrive at Namibia's prime holiday resort. Accommodation will be in dormitories. Upgrades are possible, but depend on room availability.

#### DAY 7: Swakopmund (B)

Founded by the Germans in 1892, their colonial influence is still evident today. Swakopmund has a selection of excellent coffee shops, restaurants & bars as well as many arts and crafts shops selling Namibian curios. There are fine beaches to walk along as well as a great museum, aquarium and galleries to visit.

**OPTIONAL** excursions include sky diving, quad biking, sand boarding, scenic desert flights, dolphin cruises, fishing trips, golf, horse riding and more. An activity briefing will be held on arrival in Swakopmund.

After breakfast, we part ways, having just experienced a trip of a lifetime!

# **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

Below is a selection of Optional Excursions available on this trip.

Please Note - these prices are approximate and are subject to change

SOUTH AFRICA:	
Wine Tasting	8 US\$
Canoeing on Orange River (Min 4)	27 US\$
NAMBIA:	
Sossusvlei Desert Walk 2-3 Hrs (Min 8)	35 US\$
SWAKOPMUND ACTIVITIES:	
Quad Biking – 1Hr/2 Hr	50 US\$ / N\$85 US\$
Sand Boarding – Lie Down/ Stand Up	N45 US\$ / 60 US\$
Township Tour	70 US\$
Tandem Skydive	(Weather Permitting) 320 US\$
Horse Riding (2Hrs)	65 US\$
Fishing	145 US\$
Dolphin Cruise	75 US\$
Kayaking	90 US\$
Paragliding	(Weather Permitting) 135 US\$
Scenic Flight (various)	(Weather Permitting) As per Operator
Hot Air Ballooning	(Weather Permitting) 420 US\$

The staff and management look forward to welcoming you aboard and trust that you will enjoy your trip with Into Africa Safari.

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