



CANYONS & DESERTS

Highlights: Kalahari Desert, Fish River Canyon, Lüderitz, Sossusvlei, Swakopmund

Tour Information (CD)			
Days / Nights	7 / 6	Departure	Saturday
Pick up	Windhoek, as from 08h00	Drop off	Windhoek, during the afternoon
Languages	English/German	Category	Bronze & Gold
Bronze Min/Max Pax	min 2 / max 16	Gold Min/Max pax	min 2 / max 6
Combinations	CK (EN), CKCC, ES		



Departure Dates											
Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
6, 13, 20, 27	18	8, 22	5, 19	5, 19	2, 16	7, 21	4, 18	2, 16	6, 13, 20, 27	3, 10, 17, 24	1, 8, 15, 22

Sat Kalahari Desert 280km
We travel into the largest sand mass on earth, the Kalahari Desert. With its deep red sand dunes and endless grass plains interspersed with acacias and shrubs, it is the only form of survival for a vast amount of specially adapted wildlife.

Bronze: Kalahari Anib Lodge
Gold: Intu Afrika Lodge (D)

Sun Fish River Canyon 480km
We travel south through expansive rocky plains, visiting an unique quiver tree forest. Nestled amongst huge dolerite boulders, stacked in close vicinity to the Fish River Canyon.

Bronze: Cañon Village (B)
Gold: Cañon Lodge (B, D)

Mon Lüderitz 440km
Our morning starts on the edge of the Fish River Canyon, where we gaze 550 meters into this magnificent geological phenomenon, the second largest of its kind on earth.

Thereafter we travel down the Great Escarpment and into the stretched plains of the Namib Desert, later giving way to the shifting dunes of the Prohibited Diamond Area. Here we visit Diaz' Cross before doing a short tour through Lüderitz and checking into our hotel.

Bronze: Protea Hotel Zum Sperrgebiet (B)
Gold: Nest Hotel (B, D)

Tue Namib Desert 430km
This morning the ghost town of Kolmanskop reminds us of the opulence and decadence of the diamond rush days of the early 1900's. Now it stands barren to the harsh wind and heat of the unforgiving desert. Thereafter we travel north to our lodge in the Namib desert, situated in close vicinity to the breathtaking Sossusvlei.

Bronze: Hammerstein Lodge (B)
Gold: Sossusvlei Lodge (B, D)

Wed Namib Desert 340km
This morning demands an early start. The first rays of sunrise paint the mountains of sand into a variety of apricot, red and orange, and awarding us the opportunity to capture this awesome landscape on film.

We also visit the Sesriem Canyon, a life sustaining natural phenomenon in the heart of the Namib Desert.

Bronze: Namib Desert Lodge (B)
Gold: Sossusvlei Lodge (B, D)

Thu Swakopmund 300km
After breakfast we travel via the rolling hills of the Kuiseb Moon Valley towards the Atlantic Ocean. In Walvis Bay we visit the shallow lagoon, one of the most important wetland areas on the African continent. Over 80% of the African flamingoes feed in this lagoon. Stopping at Bird Island, we relive the story of a man who saw an opportunity in mining guano in the early 1900's. Having arrived in the coastal town of Swakopmund, the rest of the day is at leisure.

Bronze: Schweizerhaus Hotel (B)
Gold: Hansa Hotel (B, D)

Fri Windhoek 380km
We enjoy the morning in Swakopmund at leisure; in the early afternoon we travel back to Windhoek to be taken to our hotel or back to the airport for our outward flight. (B)