

Abenteuer Flying Safaris

Namibia is rapidly gaining popularity amongst travellers seduced by its vast landscapes, haunting shipwrecks, and extraordinary flora and fauna. **Flying safaris** are an unforgettable way to see Namibia; offering one of the most efficient means of travelling the great distances, as well as amazing opportunities for excellent photography.

We at Abenteuer Afrika Safari offer several choices of flying safaris; but we've been overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and interest in our "**Expedition Namibia**", our seven day, six night chartered-flight tour, which offers a variety of experiences including Etosha, a visit to the Himba, Swakopmund and Sossusvlei.



The journey begins with a flight to **Etosha National Park** for a two-night stay. Widely considered one of

Southern Africa's most important wildlife reserves, Etosha is home to Lion, elephant, giraffe, zebra, black rhino, antelopes, dik dik, wildebeest, impala, etc... - almost all the African animal species are represented in large numbers in this huge nature reserve. Accommodation is at Okaukuejo, famous for its flood-lit waterhole – an excellent observation point from which to view the animals.

On Day 3, the tour continues to the rugged region of **Kaokoland**, home to approximately 6000 Himba. A pastoral people, Himba predominantly breed cattle



and goats, while leading a semi-nomadic life. Well known for their traditional dress and lifestyle, Himba take great care in their grooming. The women cover their bodies with a mixture of rancid butter fat, ochre, and the aromatic resin of a local bush which protects them from the sun, while giving their skin an intense reddish glow.

After a lunch at a nearby lodge, the flight continues to **Swakopmund**.



This coastal resort is considered to be one of Africa's most colonially influenced towns, with its early 20th century German architecture. Guests are accommodated for two nights at Villa Margherita, a charming boutique hotel as well as a National Historical Monument.



Of the many activities available in Swakopmund, we've chosen a catamaran cruise on **Walvis Bay Lagoon** where the rich diversity of birds, seals and dolphins, and, in season, humpback whales is fascinating. Schools of dolphins swim alongside the boat, and seals frequently jump aboard for a visit.

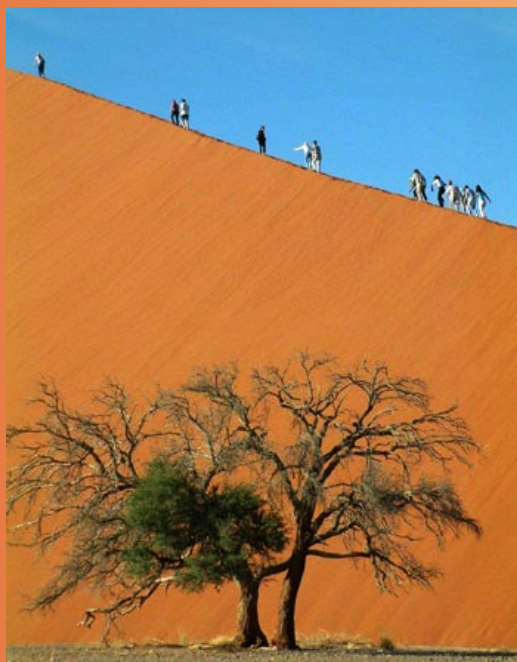


Surrounding Swakopmund is a huge sand dune belt. Our **Living Desert Tour** to this area introduces visitors to the bustling world beneath the massive sand dunes.

They experience close and informative encounters with chameleons, geckos, sand-diving lizards, tok-tokkies and even poisonous snakes!



On Day 5 the flight departs for Sossusvlei, located in the **Naukluft National Park**. This is Southern Africa's largest expanse of conserved wilderness. It is an incredibly vast region, encompassing the world's oldest desert, and a huge span of mineral-rich land. In the south of the park



are the great sand dunes of Sossusvlei - at over 2000 feet high, they offer dizzying views of the region, and a true sense of the desert's beauty.



Accommodation for the next two nights is at Sossusvlei Lodge, a luxurious desert resort built with adobe bricks typical of Arabian villages and tents similar to those of the Bedouin. All rooms have a desert view, and the restaurant has fine German/Namibian cuisine accompanied by South African wines.

Day 6 begins with an excursion into **Sossusvlei** - an enormous clay pan, enclosed by giant sand dunes. Some of Sossusvlei's most spectacular hills of sand are the highest in the world. Only after a heavy rainfall - a rare event in this area - does the vlei fill with water.



Departure for **Windhoek** is just after breakfast on Day 7. Once arrived, the tour will be met by an Abenteuer representative and transferred to a local restaurant for lunch.

Afterwards is a Windhoek Township tour of **Katutura**, one of the poorest areas of Windhoek. Along the way the local people sell traditional food called kapana and a traditional drink which is called Tombo. At the Soweto market one can see traditional hairdressers and tailors, and the impressive open air butchery.

In the late afternoon, visitors will either be transferred to Windhoek International Airport or a destination of their choice in Windhoek.

**Departure Dates
in 2010**

- 16th February
- 16th March
- 06th April
- 15th June
- 06 & 20th July
- 03 & 17th August
- 14th September
- 05 & 19th October.

More dates available on request!