



# SWAKOPMUND & SURROUNDINGS

TOUR DESCRIPTION	DAYS OF OPERATION	DURATION
<p><b>Swakopmund City Tour</b> Where the desert dunes sweep down to the ocean on Namibia's western flank, lies the charming seaside village of Swakopmund.</p> <p>The tour takes you through the old part of town, revealing its historic buildings, giving you a sense of being in old Germany.</p>	<p>Departs daily</p> <p><b>Min 2 pax</b></p>	<p>Approx. 60 – 90 Minutes</p>
<p><b>Quad Biking in Swakopmund</b> A short dune tour offering the best way to experience the pristine beauty of the Namib Desert and its magnificent dunes.</p> <p>No prior experience is required and you will never be too old to do a guided quadbike excursion. This trip can also be combined with lie-down sand boarding, at an additional cost.</p>	<p>Departs daily</p> <p><b>Min 2 pax</b></p>	<p>Approx. 1-hour tour (30km Guided Tour)</p> <p>2 hours</p>
<p><b>Namib Desert Tour - Half Day</b> At first glance it seems impossible that the arid desert can support life. Yet it holds some of the richest lichen fields in the world and these lichens take on deeply coloured hues in the morning light.</p>	<p>Departs daily between 08h30 -12h30 or 14h00 -18h00</p> <p><b>Min 2 pax</b></p>	<p>Approx. 5 hours</p>



<p><b>Living Desert Tour</b></p> <p>The tour concentrates on exploring the local dune belt between Walvis Bay and Swakopmund. Special care is taken not to damage the gravel plains and cause unnecessary damage to the dune eco system.</p> <p>Your guide will stop continuously to look for tracks (known locally as reading the bushman newspaper), to determine which animals were active the previous night and wherever possible will try to catch some of them to show you.</p> <p>Great care is taken in sharing knowledge with you on each desert animal and plant, including emphasis on special adaptations and perfect design used for survival in the desert.</p>	<p>Departs daily</p> <p><b>Min 2 pax</b></p>	<p>Approx. 4 – 5 hours</p>
<p><b>Cape Cross Seal Colony Tour</b></p> <p>Arriving at Cape Cross you will be met by a colony of Cape Fur Seals which can be viewed at close quarters and is an experience of a lifetime.</p> <p>Cape Cross is one of the largest breeding seal colonies in Southern Africa, fluctuating in numbers of about between 80 000 to 300 000 seals.</p>	<p>Departs daily</p> <p><b>Min 2 pax</b></p>	<p>Approx. 5 hours</p>
<p><b>Namib Desert Tour - Full Day</b></p> <p>Your first destination on tour is the old steam locomotive, “Martin Luther”. Here you will hear about the history of the Namib and Swakopmund, your guide will lead you through interesting canyons to expose you to spectacular rock formations and minerals.</p>	<p>Departs daily between 08:30 - 16h00</p> <p><b>Min 2 pax</b></p>	<p>Approx. 8hours</p>





<p><b>Hot Air Balloon Safaris - Half Day</b>            Every day before sunrise from Namib Rand Game Reserve or from the Wilderness reserve (Sesriem/Sossusvlei area).</p> <p>Passengers will be collected from Sesriem campsite, Sossusvlei lodge, Kulala Desert lodge, Sossus Oasis, Le Mirage or Sossusvlei Desert lodge.</p>	<p>Departs daily            around 30 to 45 minutes            before sunrise</p> <p><b>Min 2 pax</b></p>	<p>Approx.            3 to 4 hours</p>
<p><b>Sandboarding</b>            Lie-down            There is no better way to experience these wonders in an environmentally friendly way, than to zoom down them head first on a traditional Swakopmund sand board.</p>	<p>Departs daily</p> <p><b>Min 2 pax</b></p>	<p>Approx.            3 – 4 hours</p>
<p><b>Sandwich Harbour Half Day</b>            Sandwich Harbour, part of the Namib Naukluft Park, is a place many have heard of but very few have ever visited. If weather and tides allow, we will drive right to the Sandwich Harbour Lagoon, one of Southern Africa's richest and unique wetlands.</p>	<p>Departsd</p> <p><b>Min 2 pax</b></p>	<p>Approx.            3 to 4 hours</p>
<p><b>Marine Dolphin Cruise</b>            Cruise departs Walvis Bay Yacht club at 09h00 and takes you through the harbour to Bird Island; you then cut across the lagoon to the moored Russian trawlers where inquisitive seals will swim up to the boats looking for something to eat.</p>	<p>Departs daily</p> <p><b>Min 2 pax</b></p>	<p>Approx.            3 hours</p>



### **Welcichtschia & Namib Desert – Half day**

This is an enlightening tour through the ancient canyons of the Moon Landscape Valley. Discovering the beauty of the flora (plant life) in the desert and how they have adapted to their environment and uncover the secrets of the famous Welwitschia Mirabilis.

Departs daily

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Departure times:  
08h30 - 12h30 or  
14h00 - 08h00

Approx.  
5 hours

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