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SOSSUSVLEI MINI SAFARI - 2 DAYS (ROAD TRANSFER)

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Travel from Windhoek to Sesriem and join a guided excursion to visit the incredible landscapes of Dune 45, Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. You'll stay at Dead Valley Lodge, one of only two lodges inside the park. The benefit of staying inside the park is that guests can be at the Sossusvlei dunes at sunrise.

ITINERARY SUMMARY

#	AREAS	KMS	ACCOMMODATION	MEALS
1	Windhoek - Sesriem Shuttle departs 07:00 Arrival in Sesriem @ 12:00	355km 5h	Dead Valley Lodge Luxury Tent (Single)	DBB
2	Sesriem - Windhoek Shuttle departs 13:00 Arrival in Windhoek @ 18:00	355km 5h	Sossusvlei Sunrise Scenic Drive	



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ITINERARY DAY-TO-DAY

DAY 01

Windhoek - Sesriem

Meet the Namibia2Go shuttle at the Windhoek Truckport. The 5-hour (345km) route from Windhoek to Sesriem follows the main road southwards to Rehoboth before turning onto the gravel road. It heads in a south-westerly direction to Sesriem, the gateway to the famed dunes of Sossusvlei, skirting the impressive Naukluft Mountains. Namib Desert Lodge is 60km to the north, where you'll find some of the most spectacular scenery the Namib has to offer.

Soon after leaving the Windhoek Truck Port, just after the police checkpoint, you will notice the White Marble Obelisk to the left of the road in the mountains. This unmistakable landmark is Heroe's Acre with its towering marble obelisk. It was built after Namibia gained its independence in 1990 to honour all those who lost their lives fighting for freedom.

As the road from Windhoek meanders through the mountains, you will pass through the 'Window Bridge', which perfectly frames the landscape, into the valley below. The hills are tawny-coloured in the dry mid-year months and vivid green after summer rainfall.

A tree-filled expanse lines the road as you enter the town of Rehoboth. The town, 87km from Windhoek, is predominantly the home of the Rehoboth Basters, a proud group of people from the Cape of Good Hope, descendants of Dutch colonists and indigenous Khoisan women. They crossed the Orange/Gariep River north before settling in Rehoboth in 1871.

South of Rehoboth, the route veers off onto the gravel towards Sesriem. Along the way is the turnoff to the Sam Khubis memorial, where on 8 May 1915, the Basters fiercely resisted the German colonial forces. The route continues south-westerly past the small settlements of Kobos, Klein Aub and Lepel. Shortly, you will journey through the scenic Remhoogte Pass to the Sossus Oasis Fuelling Station, where you will disembark from the shuttle. A driver from Dead Valley Lodge will then transfer you to the lodge. After checking in, enjoy a sundowner and delight in the beautiful sunset before dinner. (Please be aware that entry into the Namib Naukluft Park is N\$150 per person per day and must be paid at the Sesriem gate upon park entry.)

Overnight at <u>Dead Valley Lodge</u>

Basis: DBB



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DAY 02

Guided Excursion to Sossusvlei and Deadvlei + Return to Windhoek

Start your day with a breath of fresh air as you witness the incredible sunrise over the desert landscape. The Sossusvlei Scenic Sunrise Drive commences one hour before sunrise, so you have ample time to travel to the vlei and find the ideal spot atop Dune 45 to witness the breathtaking dawn. Although it will involve a walk to the top of the dune, the view will undoubtedly make it worthwhile.

Upon arrival at Sossusvlei, you will be provided with a packed breakfast prepared by the Dead Valley Lodge chefs, which you can enjoy with a cup of coffee or tea and a bottle of still water to keep you refreshed. Our knowledgeable guide will share insights about the desert and its landscapes, history, fauna and flora. If you have any questions, the guide will happily answer them. Shortly thereafter, guests will walk to and climb the tallest dune in the Sossusvlei area, the Big Daddy. Once you have climbed Big Daddy halfway, you can slide down from its crescent side into Deadvlei. While in Deadvlei, guests will have ample time to explore and take photos of trees estimated to be approximately nine hundred years old; this could take up to three hours.

The group will then take a detour so that everyone can see the magical fairy circles, whose origins remain a mystery, and visit the Monument about ten kilometres from the main gate before heading back to the lodge. The Scenic Sunrise drive tour is a duration of four to five hours. There is a minimum requirement of three people for the Sossusvlei Scenic Sunrise Drive.

Your shuttle back to Windhoek departs the Sossus Oasis Service Station (across the road from Sossusvlei Lodge) at 13:00. The 5-hour (345km) route from Sesriem to Windhoek follows the road northwards to Rehoboth and from there onwards to Windhoek. Driving through the desert before skirting the impressive Naukluft Mountains, you'll find some of Namibia's most spectacular scenery. Arrive at the Windhoek Truckport at around 18:00.

END OF SERVICES



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QUOTE

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT N\$
Per Person (Single)	From N\$8 080.00

Each confirmed itinerary contributes N\$500 towards the <u>DRC School Project & Community Centre</u> in Swakopmund.

GUIDED EXCURSIONS

Guided Excursion to Sossusvlei and Deadvlei with breakfast in the dunes.

RENTAL CAR

Namibia2Go Shuttle

MEAL ABBREVIATIONS

DBB = Dinner, bed and breakfast (excludes drinks)

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

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- Return road transfer between Windhoek and Sossus Oasis Fuel Station
- Return road transfer between Sossus Oasis Fuel Station and Dead Valley Lodge
- Accommodation, meals and activities as indicated in the itinerary
- 2% Bed levy + 15% VAT
- Daily emergency evacuation insurance (E-Med Rescue 24)
- African Wanderer 24/7 assistance

Exclusions

- Transfer between guests' hotel and Windhoek Truck Port
- All flights + airport taxes unless specified otherwise
- Entry visas (if required, we will gladly assist you)
- Personal travel and medical insurance (mandatory)
- Costs related to Covid testing
- Any costs related to quarantine
- Pre-and post-tour accommodation unless specified otherwise
- Optional activities
- Lunch, unless specified otherwise
- Drinks, unless specified otherwise
- Tips + gratuities (porters, guides, waiters, car guards etc.)
- Personal expenses such as telephone calls, souvenirs etc.
- Anything not specified under 'included'