

Southern Namibia self-drive

This short self-drive itinerary is an ideal stopover on your way to or from South Africa. It combines the world's highest sand dunes & the adventure and ocean at Swakopmund

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Other options include extending your stay at either Sossusvlei or Swakopmund; combine this with the northern self-drive to create a Namibia highlights trip; or as a stopover on your way to or from South Africa.

The coastal dunes developed as a result of this and were shifted further and further inland by the wind. Wind continuously reshapes the patterns of the dunes, forcing the grains of sand on the flat windward slope upwards to form the crest of the dune and the steep leeward side.

Day 1

On arrival at Hosea Kutako International Airport you will collect your vehicle at the AVIS desk. A 45-minute drive will take you to Windhoek city centre for an overnight stay at Olive Grove Guesthouse. Our local representative will come to the guesthouse to give you your full documentation and debriefing. You will have the afternoon at leisure to laze around the pool or do some sightseeing around Windhoek.

Day 2-3

After breakfast travel south, passing through the small town of Rehoboth. You will reach Solitaire and then Sesriem after which you will then reach your lodge, for a 2-night stay. From here enjoy the activities available on your chosen property or take an excursion to the world famous sand dunes at nearby Sossusvlei in the Namib Naukluft Park. Sossusvlei, in the heart of the Namib Desert, is a huge clay pan enclosed by giant sand dunes. At a height of 300 metres they are the highest in the world. Only after a heavy rainfall, which is a rare event, does the vlei fill with water.

The dunes have developed over a period of many millions of years. It is thought that the vast quantities of sand were deposited into the Atlantic Ocean by the Orange River. This material was subsequently moved northwards by the Benguela current to be dumped back onto the land by the surf.

Day 4-5

This morning after breakfast head north past the Naukluft Mountains, through Solitaire, over two mountain passes, towards Walvis Bay. Carry on along the coastline to your final destination, Swakopmund, Namibia's most popular holiday destination. Optional activities include dolphin cruises, a flight over the skeleton coast or the adventure activities on offer. Your 2-night stay is at the grand old Hansa Hotel.

Day 6

Head back to Windhoek today and drop your car, before continuing your journey.

