# WALVIS BAY, NAMIBIA

Arrive: 0800 Thursday, 02 April Onboard: 1800 Monday, 06 April

Situated near the southern tip of the African continent, Namibia is a vast land brimming with adventure. The nation itself is quite large- about twice the size of California- but is home to only little over two million inhabitants. With low а population to land ratio, the nation makes a name for itself



with the numerous natural attractions that it has to offer. Namibia is covered in beautiful desert regions, including the Namib Desert, regarded at one of the oldest in the world, as well as lush countryside, plateau regions, and coastal plains of rolling sand dunes, with a subtropical and arid climate. Lovers of the outdoors will greatly enjoy spending the afternoon cruising down the Walvis Bay Lagoon along with the dolphins and the seals, eco-marine kayaking or exploring the famous Dune 7. A visit to the Namib-Naukluf National Park will round out your outdoor experience in Namibia, offering campsites, desert exploration, canyon hikes and safaris. Although most visit Namibia for its natural beauty, cultural



experiences can be attained by exploring the country's capital city of Windhoek or by visiting neighboring townships.

# Field program highlights by category:

# City culture:

WAL 100-101/102 Swakopmund and Walvis Bay Highlights

## Outdoor highlights:

WAL 104-102/401 Living Desert in 4x4's WAL 105-201 Marine Dune Day WAL 108-301 Cruise on Walvis Bay

#### Action/Adventure:

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WAL 106 201/401 Sea Kayaking
WAL 110-501 Treasures of Namib in 4x4's

#### **Impact Opportunity:**

WAL 103-102/302 Mondesa Township
WAL 202-202/402 Mondesa Township Overnight
WAL 301-301 Safari to Himba and Bushman
Settlement



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# Day 1: Thursday, 02 April

IMPORTANT: If you are registered in one of the following courses, you have a field lab on this day.  Do not make any other travel plans as this is a designated class day in port for your course:			
COURSE #	FACULTY	DAY 1 - Thursday, 2 April	
ASTR 1559 502	Professor Cassandra Fallscheer	Astronomy (Section 2)	
PSYC 3500 101	Professor Joe Lowman	Evolutionary Psychology	
SOC 2052 101	Professor Kesho Scott	Sociology of the Family	
ANTH 3130 101	Professor John Shepherd	Disease, Epidemics and Society [Part II]	

### WAL 100 101

# Swakopmund and Walvis Bay Highights - Group A

Half-Day

Depart the Walvis
Bay pier for a
scenic drive along
the dunes and the
Atlantic Ocean
toward
Swakopmund. Your
first stop is the
Snake and Reptile



Park, housed in a historical building where you will find snakes, scorpions, spiders and other fascinating creatures. Next, discover Swakopmund's Colonial past reflected in the early-19th-century Art Nouveau architectural style. You will also see the Magistrate's Court, or Kaizerliches Bezirksgericht, Lutheran Church and the old Railway Station building, which is now the main reception area of the Swakopmund Hotel.

STANDA	RD PRICE	Ear	rly Booking
Adult	\$76	\$ 7	2
Child	\$ 38	\$ 3	86
TIME			
	Date		Time
Depart	April 02		0830
Return	April 02		1330
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#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Architectural sights in Swakopmund
- Snake and Reptile Park
- Skakopmund Museum
- Walvis Bay Lagoon
- A visit to Dune 7

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 20

Then, visit the Swakopmund Museum, which depicts the local history of the town and Namibia. It also features an interesting exhibit of the various people inhabiting Namibia. You will then have some free time to explore and shop in the center of town before returning to Walvis Bay. A brief stop will be made at Dune 7, one of the highest sand dunes in the Walvis Bay area. You will also stop at the Walvis Bay Lagoon and tidal flood plains, a RAMSAR Natural Heritage Site and one of the most important wetlands along South Africa's West Coast. The Walvis Bay Lagoon is renowned for its abundance of marine life, flamingos, pelicans and other bird species.

# Sand Boarding - Stand Up Style

Half-Day



The Namib Desert, the oldest desert in the world, houses some of the largest sand dunes on the planet. There is no better way to experience these wonders in an environmentally friendly way than to zoom down them on a traditional Swakopmund sand board. Over the years, the equipment used to whiz down the dune slip-faces has advanced from a simple

piece of cardboard to snowboards especially adapted for speeding down the sandy surfaces.

STANDA	RD PRICE	Ear	rly Booking
Adult	\$ 71	\$ 6	88
Child	\$ 36	\$ 3	34
TIME			
	Date		Time
Depart	April 02		0930
Return	April 02		1230
HIGHLIG	HTS		

Sandboarding in the oldest desert in

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 2 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40

the world!

**Stand-up Style**: For the standing-up style, you use standard snowboarding equipment and you 'surf' your way down the dunes. It is advisable to have some snowboarding or surfing experience to get the most of the day, but it isn't necessary. There are 6 different slopes to test your skills. Sandboarding is fun and the best value-for-money adrenaline pumping activity in Swakopmund!

**Please Note:** This activity requires participants to sign a waiver and is done at one's own risk. It is strongly suggested that sunblock, sunglasses and a hat are worn when spending time outdoors in Namibia. Also, wear open shoes suitable for walking on hot sand and drink plenty of water.

# WAL 108-101

# Cruise on Walvis Bay Lagoon - Group A

### Half-day



Take a short drive from the harbor to the jetty, where you will board an open ski boat for a 2-hour cruise on the Walvis Bay lagoon. The water here is usually very calm and abundant with bird and marine life. The boat will cut across the lagoon to the moored

Russian trawlers, where "inquisitive" seals swim up to the boats for something to eat. For the more adventurous, there is the opportunity to feed fish to these playful animals.

STANDARD PRICE		Eai	Early Booking	
Adult	\$ 62	\$ 5	9	
Child	\$ 31	\$ 3	80	
TIME				
	Date		Time	
Depart	April 02		1000	
Return	April 02		1330	
HIGHLIGHTS				

 Exciting 2-hour tour on board an open ski boatUp close encounters with seals, dolphins, pelicans and whales

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 12 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 50

Continue to Pelican Point, where a large seal colony and schools of dolphins may swim alongside the boats. Dolphins sighted are the Heavy side and Bottlenose. For the bird lovers, apart from seeing many flamingos (seasonal), pelicans and cormorants, there are also common sightings of the White Chinned Petrel, Wilson's Storm Petrel, Cape Gannet, Black Oystercatcher etc.

To round off the trip, soft drinks, mineral water, and a selection of open sandwiches and other snacks will be offered.

**Please Note**: Due to strong winds during the summer months, this tour may be cancelled on the day if the weather conditions are not appropriate. It can get a little chilly out on the boats and though there are blankets onboard, guests are encouraged to bring a warm, wind proof jacket.

#### WAL 100 102

# Swakopmund and Walvis Bay Highights - Group B

Half-Day

Depart the Walvis
Bay pier for a
scenic drive along
the dunes and the
Atlantic Ocean
toward

Swakopmund. Your first stop is the Snake and Reptile



Park, housed in a historical building where you will find snakes, scorpions, spiders and other fascinating creatures. Next, discover Swakopmund's Colonial past reflected in the early-19th-century Art Nouveau architectural style. You will also see the Magistrate's Court, or Kaizerliches Bezirksgericht, Lutheran Church and the old Railway Station building, which is now the main reception area of the Swakopmund Hotel.

STANDA	RD PRICE	Eai	rly Booking	
Adult	\$ 76	\$ 7	2	
Child	\$ 38	\$ 3	6	
TIME				
	Date		Time	
Depart	April 02		1300	
Return	April 02		1800	
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- HIGHLIGHTS
- Architectural sights in Swakopmund
- Snake and Reptile Park
- Skakopmund Museum
- Walvis Bay Lagoon
- A visit to Dune 7

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 20

Then, visit the Swakopmund Museum, which depicts the local history of the town and Namibia. It also features an interesting exhibit of the various people inhabiting Namibia. You will then have some free time to explore and shop in the center of town before returning to Walvis Bay. A brief stop will be made at Dune 7, one of the highest sand dunes in the Walvis Bay area. You will also stop at the Walvis Bay Lagoon and tidal flood plains, a RAMSAR Natural Heritage Site and one of the most important wetlands along South Africa's West Coast. The Walvis Bay Lagoon is renowned for its abundance of marine life, flamingos, pelicans and other bird species.

# WAL 103 102

# IMPACT: Mondesa Township - Group A

Half-Day



Mondesa Township was established in the early 1950's to provide housing for Owambo, Damara and Herero people working in Swakopmund. Just a few kilometers from the center of Swakopmund another world appears. Bearing the picturesque name of Mondesa, this side of town is more African, more complex and, with the assistance of your specialist guide, will become much more personal. In a

township where poverty, unemployment and low-incomes are common, relationships between the Mondesa Township community and travelers provide opportunities for growth, friendship, support and understanding between the various cultures.

STANDARD PRICE Early Booking Adult \$93 \$89 Child \$ 47 \$ 45 TIME Date Time April 02 1300 Depart 1800 Return April 02

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Unique cultural tour
- Sample unusual food
- Spend time with the locals

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 7 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 56

The aim of this program is to introduce visitors to township life. All interaction with the community is done in a non-intrusive manner respecting the residents privacy at all times. Learn some history, bridge the cultural gap through understanding, see a demonstration of mahango preparation, taste some unusual food and enjoy the children dancing.

Please Note: A portion of each visitor fee is deposited in a community fund.



This program concentrates on the small living creatures found in the sand dunes of the Namib Desert. Your expert guides will search for and find creatures like the Sidewinder Adder, the Palmetto Gecko, the Sand Diving Lizard, the Namaqua Chameleon and various other little beetles, lizards and geckos which live and survive in the hot desert conditions. You will also learn about the desert adapted flora as well as the history and formation of the dunes.

STANDA	RD PRICE	Eai	rly Booking
Adult	\$ 103	\$ 9	8
Child	\$ 51	\$ 4	19
TIME			
	Date		Time
Depart	April 02		1300
Return	April 02		1800
HIGHLIG	HTS		

- Visit the oldest desert in the world
- See desert wildlife

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 10
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40

Depart the ship and travel along the dune belt between Walvis Bay and Swakopmund. The drive along the foot of the dunes is slow, taking precaution

not to drive on the gravel plains and cause unnecessary damage. Conservation issues and the geological structure of the desert are discussed en-route.

The guide will stop frequently to look for tracks (known locally as reading the bushman paper), to determine which creatures were active the night before and wherever possible, will try to catch some of them. Guides will share their knowledge about each little desert animal, including adaptations and design for survival in the desert. Great care is taken to ensure each animal is returned safely to its home.

**Please Note**: This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs or those with walking difficulties. It is generally extremely hot and dry in the desert and we strongly recommend that guests take along water, comfortable walking shoes, sun hats, sun block and sunglasses. The vehicles drive over gravel roads – it can be rather bumpy at times. This tour is therefore not recommended for guests with back problems. **There are no toilet facilities available for guests to use in the desert.** 

# Day 2: Friday, 03 April

IMPORTANT: If you are registered in one of the following courses, you have a field lab on this day.

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COURSE #	FACULTY	DAY 2 - Friday, 3 April
ASTR 1559 501	Professor Cassandra Fallscheer	Astronomy (Section 1)

### WAL 106 201

#### This sea kayak program is in and around the the beautiful Walvis Bay Lagoon. The early morning start maximizes kayaking time as the notorious Walvis Bay winds increase during the late morning/early



afternoon. Although kayaking is an exciting sea adventure, this well-run activity caters to both the novice and experienced canoeist.

From your meeting point you will be driven by a 4x4 vehicle to Pelican Point, an opportunity in itself to observe the abundant bird species along the way. Expect

Sea Kayaking - Group A

STANDARD PRICE		Ear	rly Booking	
Adult	\$ 83	\$ 7	'9	
Child	\$ 41	\$ 4	10	
TIME				
	Date		Time	
Depart	April 03		0730	
Return	April 03		1200	

Half-Day

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Walvis Bay Lagoon
- Scenic 4x4 drive with abundant variety of bird species
- Up close interaction with cape fur seals and dolphins

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 2 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 16

to view flocks of flamingos, cormorants and pelicans. Waders and a large variety of other seabirds can be observed as well. While kayaking you can expect to experience close-up interaction with playful cape fur seals while Heaviside dolphins often escort you on your paddles; these are the only endemic cetacean to the west coast of southern Africa.

The Kayak portion of the trip ends with snacks and refreshments (Tea, coffee & sandwiches).

### WAL 107 201

# Cape Cross and Messum Crater Tour

From Walvis Bay, head toward Swakopmund and then drive to Messum Crater. While at Messum Crater, you will have the opportunity to view bushman paintings and shelters. Drive along the Messum River towards the coastline. Visit lichen fields enroute and discover a form of plant life that flourishes in this harsh environment.



A lunch stop will be enjoyed at Cape

Cross Lodge. The restaurant offers indoor and outdoor dining on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean. A central fireplace warms the interiors of the dining room and lounge area during winter, while in summer one can enjoy the cool sea breeze on the verandah overlooking the beach.

STANDARD PRICE Early Booking \$ 239 Adult \$ 251 Child \$ 125 \$ 120 TIME Date Time 0800 Depart April 03 April 03 1700 Return **HIGHLIGHTS** 

**Full-Day** 

- Geology of the Messum Crater
- Welwitschia plants
- World's largest breeding colony of Cape fur seals

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 2 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 30

After lunch you will make your way to Cape Cross Seal Reserve. View the world's largest breeding colony of Cape fur seals. Take an interpretative walk along the edge of the colony and learn more about these captivating creatures and the intriguing history of Cape Cross.

Please Note: Guests should be aware of the fact that the smell at Cape Cross can be quite overpowering at times.



Take a short drive from the harbour to the jetty, where you will board an open ski boat for a 3 hour cruise. Depart the harbour area and cut across the lagoon to the moored Russian

trawlers, where "inquisitive" seals will swim up to the boats for something to eat. For the more adventurous passenger, there is the opportunity to feed fish to these playful animals. The water here is usually very calm and abundant with bird and marine life. When guests come back from the boat trip they are dropped off at the Waterfront. After the cruise, get into 4x4 vehicles with an experienced guide for the Sandwich Harbor trip.

STANDA	RD PRICE	Eai	rly Booking
Adult	\$ 167	\$ 1	.59
Child	\$ 83	\$ 8	30
TIME			
	Date		Time
Depart	April 03		0830
Return	April 03		1745

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Morning boat cruise
- 4x4 afternoon excursion through the dunes
- A visit to Sandwich Harbour
- Light lunch of fresh Walvis Bay oysters

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 6
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 50

The Sandwich Harbour Lagoon is a highlight of the Sandwich Harbour area. It is a large natural tidal lagoon, situated about 55km south of Walvis Bay. The lagoon is completely surrounded by large sand dunes, and is only accessible by 4x4 - even this relies largely on the tides. If the lagoon is not accessible via 4x4, you will get a chance to see the lagoon area from one of our lookout spots. Depending on the tides and the swell, we will try to reach the Sandwich Harbour lagoon along the beach. Alternatively we will take an exciting dune ride to our lookout dune to get an aerial view of the Sandwich Harbour Lagoon.

There will be a stop along the way to enjoy drinks & snacks. Depending on weather conditions (wind), this will either be done on top of a high dune overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, on the beach, or among the dunes.

**Please Note:** THIS TOUR IS STRICTLY WEATHER DEPENDANT. Due to strong winds during the summer months, this tour may be cancelled on the day if the weather conditions are not appropriate. It can get chilly out on the boats and though there are blankets onboard, guests are encouraged to bring a warm, wind proof jacket along just in case.



Experience one of the world's most dramatic desert landscapes in luxury. Join a game drive, stargaze in an observatory, enjoy brunch on the high dunes, take a hot air balloon ride and zip about on a quad bike. Nestled deep in the heart of Namibia's hauntingly beautiful Namib Desert in Southern Africa, this secluded

lodge is a serene oasis that overlooks awe-inspiring dunes and stony outcrops.

Upon arrival, check into a luxurious private suite with a skylight over the bed for stargazing, and then embark on an afternoon game drive accompanied by an expert guide. Driving along in an open-air vehicle ideally suited for viewing, you will look for indigenous desert wildlife. You may spot the iconic oryx— an antelope

STANDA	RD PRICE	Ear	rly Booking
Adult	\$ 2623	\$ 2	2498
Child	\$ 2623	\$ 2	2498
TIME			
	Date		Time
Depart	April 03		AM
Return	April 06		PM

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Namib Desert oldest desert in the world
- Desert wildlife
- 4-wheeling in Sossusvlei Desert
- Star-gazing using powerful telescope
- Dead marsh 900 year old trees

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 2 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 10

with bold black and white facial markings and sweeping horns. The desert is also home to mountain zebra, cheetah, baboon, springbok, Cape fox and ostrich.

Later, you will dine on delectable African cuisine and then head for the lodge's observatory, which houses the most powerful electronic telescope in Namibia outside the National Observatory. The crisp, dry desert air provides unrivalled opportunities to be mesmerized by the Milky Way (weather permiting).

The next day, your adventure begins in the coolness of the early morning, as you board a 4-wheel-drive open-air vehicle and set out to explore the Sossusvlei Desert Mountains. The orange sand dune belts of the Namib Rand Nature Reserve are magnificent and among the world's highest, offering an incredibly panoramic view of the serene desert below. Here, in this rare dramatic setting, you will enjoy brunch, followed by a visit to the Dead Vlei, which is Afrikaans for "dead marsh." Once irrigated by a river, which dried up about 900 years ago, this part of the desert is so dry that the trees not only died, they turned black in the intense sunlight. Yet, they still stand as eerie monuments to the harsh climate as it's too arid for them to decompose.

Enjoy free time in the afternoon for relaxing or participate in optional activities such as a dune walk, an expedition to the nearby San cave to see the ancient cave wall paintings, or a four-wheel quad bike ride along the desert trails, accompanied by an expert guide. Dinner tonight will be served at the lodge.

On the third morning, enjoy a hot air balloon ride revealing the undulating landscapes of Sossusvlei. After your memorable morning excursion, return to the lodge and spend the rest of the day enjoying all the lodge has to offer. Consider embarking on another afternoon game drive followed by a delicious dinner.

On your last morning, depending on flight departure time, enjoy one last morning game activity followed by a leisurely breakfast. After check-out formalities, you will transfer to the airstrip for your scheduled charter flight to Walvis Bay.

**Please Note**: This exclusive trip is expressly designed for Life Long Learners, faculty and staff looking for a high-end desert experience. The flight will be in small charter aircraft, a 4-seat Cessna or similar. Luggage is normally restricted to 20 kg (not including photographic equipment) per person in a duffle-type bag.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### Day 1: (D)

- Charter flight to desert lodge
- Upon arrival, enjoy game drive
- Dinner of local cuisine at lodge
- Star-gaze using country's second most powerful telescope

#### Day 3: (B, L, D)

- Option hot-air balloon ride
- Free time at lodge optional activities
- Dinner and overnight at lodge

#### Day 2: (B, L, D)

- Early morning 4-wheeler drive in Sossusvlei Desert Mountains
- Visit the "dead marsh" and see 900 year old trees
- Free time in afternoon enjoy optional activities
- Dinner and overnight at lodge

#### Day 4: (B, L)

- Leisurely breakfast at lodge
- Check-out
- Charter flight to Walvis Bay

# WAL 303 201

# Sossusvlei Camping Safari

# 3 days/2 nights





Camp out "under the stars" in a comfortable camp in the Namib Desert where the stars are the brightest because there is no ambient light. See the world's highest free standing dunes at Sossusvlei and visit the surreal Dead Vlei, which is Afrikaans for "dead marsh." Enjoy tasty meals cooked over open fires while relaxing in the evenings. There is also a swimming pool at the camp site. Stop off on the way back to visit the "Moon landscape" and the Welwitschia Plains to see these massive and age old plants growing in the arid desert environment.

STANDA	RD PRICE	Eai	rly Booking	
Adult	\$ 943	\$ 8	98	
Child	\$ 471	\$ 4	49	
TIME				
	Date		Time	
Depart	April 03		0900	
Return	April 05		1600	

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Namib Naukluft National Park
- Sesriem Canyon
- · World's highest free-standing dunes
- Desert drive to visit Moon Landscape and Welsitschia Plains

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 24

Please Note: The bus ride to and from Sossusvlei is 7-8 hours each way. Please bring along towels, own toiletries, insect repellent and flash flight if possible. We also recommend closed & open shoes, sun block, sun hat, camera and something warm for the cool of the evening.

#### ITINERARY:

#### Day 1: (L, D)

- Drive through Namib Naukluft National Park
- Picnic lunch en-route
- Upon arrival at Sesriem Campsite, visit Sesriem Canyon
- · BBQ dinner and campfire
- Overnight in tents

#### Day 2: (B, L, D)

- Early morning excursion to see sunrise over desert – see some of the world's largest freestanding sand dunes
- Picnic breakfast
- At sesriem Campsite, enjoy lunch and free time
- · Dinner and campfire
- Overnight in tents

#### Day 3: (B, L)

- Breakfast
- En-route to Walvis Bay, visit
   Moon Landscape and
   Welwitschia Plains in Namib
   Nauluft National Park

Spend three nights in the comfort of Mokuti Lodge on the eastern border of Etosha National Park. This will be your morning base for and afternoon game drives into the park as well as one full day game drive across the central area around Halali resort. Enjoy the facilities at the Lodge including two swimming pools, a tennis court, a volley ball court, and table tennis.



STANDA	STANDARD PRICE		rly Booking
Adult	\$ 1143	\$ 1	.089
Child	\$ 572	\$ 5	45
TIME			
	Date		Time
Depart	April 03		0900
Return	April 06		1600
HIGHLIG	HTS		

- Namibia's central highlands
- All-day game drives in Etosha National Park

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 16 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 76

From Walvis Bay, you set off through Namibia's central highlands and commercial farmlands, making your way to Mokuti lodge via the towns of Omaruru, Otjiwarongo, Otavi and Tsumeb, having lunch en-route. If time allows we may also visit Lake Otjikoto before arriving at Mokuti Lodge in the late afternoon. Enjoy dinner and overnight at the lodge.

The next two days will be spent on exciting game viewing within the eastern section of Etosha National Park. After discussion with your guide you can either opt to go into the Park in the morning and the afternoon and return to the lodge for lunch and an early afternoon rest; or you can head back west across to spend more time in the area around Halali; or you can head north past Fischer's Pan and up into the Andoni Plains if you prefer. Either way, you will return to the comforts of Mokuti Etosha Lodge by sunset.

After an early breakfast you depart and head southwest for Walvis Bay, arriving in Walvis Bay in the mid to late afternoon. Lunch will be enjoyed at one of the small towns passed.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### Day 1: (L, D)

- Travel through Namibia's Central Highlands
- Enjoy lunch en-route
- If time allows, visit Lake Otjikoto
- Upon arrive at Mokuti Lodge, enjoy dinner
- Overnight at lodge

#### Day 3: (B, L, D)

- All-day game drive in Etosha National park
- Return to lodge for lunch
- Free time at lodge optional excursion to area around Halali or Fischer's Pan and Andoni Plains
- Dinner and overnight at lodge

#### Day 2: (B, L, D)

- All-day game drive in Etosha National park
- Return to lodge for lunch
- Free time at lodge optional excursion to area around Halali or Fischer's Pan and Andoni Plains
- Dinner and overnight at lodge

#### Day 4: (B)

- Early breakfast
- Check-out and departure from lodge
- Enjoy lunch en-route
- Arrive to Walvis Bay



Spend three nights in the hilltop venue of Etosha Safari Lodge with its expansive views over the local countryside. This is a base from which to explore Etosha National Park entering through the southern (Andersson's Gate) on morning and afternoon game drives as well as one full day game drive across to the

area around Halali. Time between game drives can be spent by the lodge swimming pool or on the Terrace.

Depart for Etosha National Park heading east and then north through Namibia's central highlands and commercial farmlands, making your way to Etosha National Park via the towns of Omaruru and Outjo, having lunch en route. You will then go on a short initial game drive in Etosha before leaving the Park and arriving at Etosha Safari Lodge situated a few km south of the southern Andersson's Gate. A buffet dinner will be served at the lodge.

Today you can embark an extended game drive into Etosha National Park travelling in an easterly direction, stopping at selected waterholes to observe the game gathered there along the way to Halali Resort in the center of the Park. Arrival at Halali will be in time for lunch. Afterwards, you will head out again for an afternoon game drive back towards Okaukuejo and the Andersson's gate on your way back to the lodge.

STANDARD PRICE Early Booking Adult \$ 1151 \$ 1096 Child \$ 575 \$ 548 TIME Date Time April 03 0900 Depart Return April 06 1600

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Etosha National Park
- Game drives
- Private safari bus

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 26



Your third day is spent game viewing in the Etosha National Park from your private safari bus. You head out into the Park for a full day's game viewing which can take you back towards Halali or to some of the other waterholes to the north (or southeast) of Okaukuejo as well as having the opportunity to go to see the Etosha Pan from a suitable viewpoint. You then return to the lodge in the afternoon for a final dinner and another evening of relaxation at this lovely venue.

After a relaxed breakfast, you board your safari bus again to head southwest for Walvis Bay, arriving in Walvis Bay in the mid to late afternoon. Lunch will be enjoyed at one of the small towns passed.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### Day 1: (L, D)

- Depart for Etosha National Park
- Enjoy lunch en-route
- Short game drive in Etosha National Park
- Arrive at Etosha Safari Lodge
- Buffet dinner and overnight at lodge

#### Day 3: (B, L, D)

- Game viewing in Etosha National Park from private safari bus
- Afternoon and evening of relaxation at lodge
- Dinner and overnight at lodge

#### Day 2: (B, L, D)

- Morning game drive stop at select watering holes
- Arrive at Halali Resort and enjoy lunch
- Afternoon game drive
- Arrive back at lodge
- Dinner and overnight at lodge

#### Day 4: (B, L)

- Leisurely breakfast
- Depart for Walvis Bay
- Enjoy lunch en-route in one of the small towns



Spend three nights at resorts situated inside Etosha National Park where you can watch game coming to drink at the floodlit waterholes on the resort perimeter. Go out on guided game drives in the National Park using specially modified 4 x 4 safari vehicles. See a wide variety of animals that live in the park including elephant, lion, rhino and

assorted	lant	elope,	zebra	, an	d g	gira	affe.	Enjoy	the o	pportunit	y to loo	k c	out for	the
leopard	and	cheet	ah tha	at liv	⁄e	in	the	area	aroun	d Halali.	Spend	at	least	one

STANDARD PRICE		Eal	rly Booking	
Adult	\$ 1311 \$ 1		.249	
Child	\$ 656 \$ 6		325	
TIME				
	Date		Time	
Depart	April 03		0900	
Return	April 06		1600	
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#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Etosha National Park
- 4x4 game drive
- Floodlit waterhole for wildlife viewing

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 12 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 16

evening sitting around a camp fire while you meal is prepared over another open fire. Time between game drives can also be spent beside the three round swimming pools at Okaukuejo or at the larger pool at Halali.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### Day 1: (L, D)

- Depart for Etosha National Park
- Enjoy lunch en-route
- Arrive at Okaukuejo Camp in center of park
- Afternoon game viewing at floodlit waterhole or game drive in park
- Dinner and overnight at camp

#### Day 3: (B, L, D)

- Game drive in Etosha National Park from private safari vehicle
- Arrive at Okaukuejo Resort
- Free time
- · Sunset game drive
- Dinner and overnight at resort

#### Day 2: (B, L, D)

- Extended game drive in Etosha Park
- Arrive at Halali Resort
- Eniov lunch
- Free time visit local waterhole or swim in pool at camp
- Late afternoon game drive
- Dinner and overnight at camp

#### Day 4: (B, L)

- Check-out and depart hotel for Walvis Bay
- Enjoy lunch en-route in a small town
- Arrive to Walvis Bay



Depart Walvis Bay and travel along the coastal road to the Mondesa Township in Swakopmund.

The Mondesa Township was established in the early 1950's to provide housing for Owambo, Damara and Herero people working in Swakopmund. This side of town is more African, more

STANDARD PRICE		Ea	rly Booking	
Adult	\$ 220	\$ 2	209	
Child	\$ 110	\$ 1	L05	
TIME				
	Date		Time	
Depart	April 03		1200	
Return	April 04		1100	
HIGHLIGHTS				

 Interact with locals at Mondesa Township

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 30

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cultural gap through understanding, see a demonstration of mahango preparation, taste some unusual food and meet the children. A portion of each visitor fee is deposited in a community fund.

After your tour, settle in at your overnight Bed & Breakfast, located in the community. Enjoy interacting with the locals, prior to dinner served at your Bed & Breakfast.

The next morning, enjoy breakfast at your B&B and then bid farewell to your hosts and the local community. Return to Walvis Bay via the gravel road. En-route, a photo stop will be made at Dune 7, one of the highest sand dunes in the Walvis Bay area before the return transfer to the quayside.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### Day 1: (L, D)

- Travel to Mondesa Township
- Enjoy a unique cultural tour aprox. 3 hours
- Check-in at bed & breakfast, located in community
- Enjoy interaction with locals
- Dinner and overnight at B&B

#### Day 2: (B)

- Enjoy breakfast at B&B
- Check-out and depart for Walvis Bay
- En-route, stop for a photo-op at Dune 7 one of the highest sand dunes in the area
- Arrive at Walvis Bay

WAL 109 301

### Sandwich Harbour in 4x4's

Half-Day



Sandwich Harbour is a part of the Namib-Naukluft Park where giant sand dunes run straight into the ocean, creating breathtaking scenery and a unique off road driving experience. Our land rovers take you to beautiful lookouts where you can feel the isolation Namibia and the Skeleton Coast are so famous for!

STANDARD PRICE		Ea	rly Booking
Adult	\$ 99	\$ 9	95
Child	\$ 50	\$ 4	17
TIME			
	Date		Time
Depart	April 04		0830
Return	April 04		1230
HIGHLIG	HTS		

 Beautiful and unique scenery of one of the most spectacular areas in Namibia

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 2 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 30

The Sandwich Harbour Lagoon is a highlight of the Sandwich Harbour area. It is a large natural tidal lagoon, situated about 55km south of Walvis Bay. The lagoon is completely surrounded by large sand dunes, and is only accessible by 4x4 - even this relies largely on the tides. The lagoon area is fed with fresh water seeping through the sand dunes, and contributes to the beauty and natural diversity of the area. The water plays a fundamental role, as it feeds the plants on the shores of the lagoon, which in turn stabilize the dunes, preventing them from silting up the area. If the lagoon is not accessible via 4x4, you will get a chance to see the lagoon area from one of our lookout spots.

Depending on the tides and the swell, we will try to reach the Sandwich Harbour lagoon along the beach. Alternatively we will take an exciting dune ride to our lookout dune to get an aerial view of the Sandwich Harbour Lagoon. We stop along the way to enjoy drinks & snacks. Depending on weather conditions (wind), this will either be done on top of a high dune overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, on the beach, or among the dunes.

**Please Note:** This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs, those with walking difficulties or back problems. It is not always possible to reach Sandwich harbour if the sea conditions are very rough or the tides are too high. If the lagoon is not accessible via 4x4, you will get a chance to see the lagoon area from one of our lookout spots. It is generally extremely hot and dry in the desert and we strongly recommend bringing water and wearing comfortable walking shoes, sun hats, sun block and sunglasses. **The ride can be tough and difficult at some stages – not for the faint-hearted!** 



Take a short drive from the harbor to the jetty, where you will board an open ski boat for a 2hour cruise on the Walvis Bay lagoon. The water here is usually very calm and abundant with bird and marine life. The boat will cut across the lagoon to the moored

STANDARD PRICE		Ear	rly Booking
Adult	\$ 62	\$ 5	59
Child	\$ 31	\$ 3	80
TIME			
	Date		Time
Depart	April 04		1000
Return	April 04		1330

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- 2 hour tour on open ski boat
- Up close encounters with seals, dolphins, pelicans and whales

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 12 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 50

Russian trawlers, where "inquisitive" seals swim up to the boats for something to eat. For the more adventurous, there is the opportunity to feed fish to these playful animals.

Continue to Pelican Point, where a large seal colony and schools of dolphins may swim alongside the boats. Dolphins sighted are the Heavy side and Bottlenose. For the bird lovers, apart from seeing many flamingos (seasonal), pelicans and cormorants, there are also common sightings of the White Chinned Petrel, Wilson's Storm Petrel, Cape Gannet, Black Oystercatcher etc.

To round off the trip, soft drinks, mineral water, and a selection of open sandwiches and other snacks will be offered.

Please Note: Due to strong winds during the summer months, this tour may be cancelled on the day if the weather conditions are not appropriate. It can get a little chilly out on the boats and though there are blankets onboard, guests are encouraged to bring a warm, wind proof jacket.

# WAL 301 301

### IMPACT: Safari to Himba & Bushman Settlement

# 3 days/2 nights



This fascinating overnight Mountain and the Organ Pipes,

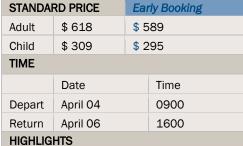
and the famous "White Lady of the Brandberg" rock painting.

program takes you to the diverse region of Damarland. You will visit a Himba settlement, one of the last, most traditional people of Namibia. You will also explore the unique landscape, including Twyfelfontein rock engravings (recently declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site), Burnt

From Walvis Bay Harbor, the road takes you north to Swakopmund and then to Usakos where you will stop to visit the local 'gem sellers' market. You continue

north to visit the Bushman Living Museum at the Omandumba farm to learn about the traditional Bushman hunter-gatherer way of life. Then, head northwest into Damaraland, passing Namibia's highest mountain, the Brandberg Mastiff, which peaks at 2,573m above sea level.

Lunch will be enjoyed en-route arriving at Brandberg Rest Camp in the late afternoon. Spend the rest of the afternoon at your own leisure perhaps enjoying the large swimming pool. Dinner tonight will be a



- Visit an indigenous community
- Experience a unique way of life
- Connect with local Namibians
- Witness a dramatic landscape -**UNESCO** World Heritage Site

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 22



traditional 'braai' (BBQ).

The next day will be spent on an extended excursion with your guide to visit a local Himba settlement - situated some 20kms outside of Kamanjab. You will learn about the customs and traditions of this very proud nation, and will be given insight into their beliefs, way of life and everyday routine.

After visiting the Himba, head back via Khorixas and stop to visit the geological site of Twyfelfontein, with boulders and slabs of red sandstone holding some 2,500 prehistoric engravings that depict wildlife, animal hunting and abstract motifs. It is perhaps the largest and finest collection of petroglyphs in Africa. You will also see Burnt Mountain and the Organ Pipes, with an option to visit the Damara Living Museum as well. You make your way back to Uis for your final night's stay at the Brandberg White Lady Lodge.

On the last day, head off to see the famous "White Lady of the Brandberg" rock painting which is situated relatively close by. This involves quite a steep hike so those who don't feel up to this can explore the local area at the base of the track where there are some interesting pre-historic fragments to be found. Return to the vehicles in time to drive down to the fishing resort of Henties Bay for lunch, before returning to Walvis Bay in the late afternoon.

#### ITINERARY:

### Day 1: (L, D)

- Depart Walvis Bay
- Visit local gem market
- Visit Bushman Living Museum
- Continue drive to Damaraland passing Namibia's highest mountain on way
- Enjoy lunch en-route
- Arrive at Brandberg Rest Camp
- Free afternoon enjoy swimming pool
- BBQ dinner and overnight at camp

#### Day 2: (B, L, D)

- Visit local Himba community with guide
- Visit geological site and view prehistoric engravings - the finest petroglyphs in Africa
- Optional visit to Damara Living Museum
- Dinner and overnight Brandberg White Lady Lodge

#### Day 3: (B, L)

- Visit "White Lady of Brandberg" rock painting
- Enjoy lunch in fishing resort in **Henties Bay**
- Return to Walvis Bay

# WAL 302 301

# **Skeleton Coast National Park**

3 days/2 nights



Spend two nights at Cape Cross Lodge situated by the headland and home to a vast Atlantic cape fur seal colony (normally between 70,000 and 100,000 seals).

From Walvis Bay depart along the coast to Cape Cross stopping off to see the seaside resort town of Swakopmund and a relatively recent shipwreck of the "Zeila" off the coast near Henties Bay.

On arrival at Cape Cross you have the option to visit the huge seal colony before enjoying a seafood lunch at the lodge. After lunch, go with your guide to visit the

Early Booking Adult \$ 723 \$ 689 Child \$ 362 \$ 345 TIME Date Time Depart April 04 0900 April 06 1600 Return **HIGHLIGHTS** 

- Seal Colony ~ 100,000 seals!
- Seaside town of Swakopmund
- Beach

STANDARD PRICE

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 24

lichen fields or alternatively, spend an enjoyable afternoon relaxing on the beach. Enjoy dinner and overnight at Cape Cross Lodge.

The next day, explore Skeleton Coast National Park which starts at the mouth of the ephemeral Ugab River where it meets the coast north of Cape Cross. Stop for a picnic lunch at a suitably scenic spot along the coast in between detours down the coast to view the remains of shipwrecks. On your return to Cape Cross you have the option of exploring the area surrounding the

Lodge or enjoying a lengthy walk along the almost totally deserted beach.

After leisurely breakfast depart back to Walvis Bay stopping to visit the "Moon landscape" and "Welwitschia Plains" behind the coastal dunes between Swakopmund and Walvis Bay.



#### ITINERARY:

### Day 1: (L, D)

- Depart Walvis Bay for Cape Cross
- Visit seaside resort town of Swakopmund
- Visit the ship-wrecked Zeila
- Upon arrival to Cape Cross Lodge, visit the fur seal colony
- Enjoy a seafood lunch at lodge
- Guided tour of the lichen fields or free time relaxing on the beach

#### Day 2: (B, L, D)

- Explore Skeleton Coast National Park
- Picnic lunch
- Return to Cape Cross
- Free time enjoy exploring the area and take a walk along the deserted beach
- Dinner and overnight at lodge

#### Day 3: (B, L)

- Leisurely breakfast
- Depart for Walvis Bay stopping en-route to visit the Moon Landscape and Welwitschia Plains
- Arrive to Walvis Bay

# WAL 201 301

# Camping at Goanikontes

# 2 days/1 night



The Goanikontes-Oasis is a lunar landscape, amid the Namib Naukluft and Dorob National Park. This area offers the ideal location to visit the Moon Valley, Namib Naukluft Park, Welwitschia plants & Swakop River Bed.

En route to your camp site, enjoy a brief visit to the Walvis Bay Lagoon and tidal flood plains, a RAMSAR Natural Heritage Site and one of the most important

STANDARD PRICE		Eal	rly Booking	
Adult	\$ 408 \$ 3		389	
Child	\$ 204	\$ 1	L95	
TIME				
	Date		Time	
Depart	April 04		1200	
Return	April 05		1100	
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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Moon Valley
- Namib Naukluft Park
- Walvis Bay Langoon
- Night safari
- Seaside town of Swakopmund

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 37

wetlands along South Africa's West Coast. The Walvis Bay Lagoon is renowned for its abundance of marine life, flamingos (seasonal), pelicans and other bird species. You will then get the opportunity to view Welwitschia plants and experience the moon landscape drive to Goanikontes. A lunch pack will be enjoyed en route. Upon arrival at Goanikontes, enjoy a welcome drink and an open air Namibian braai dinner under the stars. After dinner, embark on a 2-hour night walk in the desert with experienced knowledgeable guides.

After a leisurely & delicious breakfast the next morning, return to Walvis Bay traveling via the seaside town of Swakopmund, resembling a Bavarian village. During your time in this quaint town, you will see Swakopmund's Colonial past reflected in the early-19th-century Art Nouveau architecture. You will also see the Magistrate's Court, or Keiserliches Bezirksgericht, Lutheran Church and old Railway Station building, which is now the main reception area of the Swakopmund Hotel. Enjoy some free time in the center of town before returning to Walvis Bay.

**Please Note:** Please bring along towels, own toiletries, insect repellent and flash flight if possible. We also recommend closed & open shoes, sun block, sun hat, camera and something warm for the cool of the evening.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### Day 1: (L, D)

- Depart for Goanikontes-Oasis
- En-route to camp site, visit Walvis Bay Lagoon view a variety of bird species
- Enjoy a packed lunch en-route
- Arrive to camp site and enjoy a welcome drink
- Dinner will be a traditional Namibian braai dinner under the stars
- After dinner, enjoy a 2 hour night walk in the desert

#### Day 2: (B)

- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast
- Check-out from camp and depart for Walvis Bay
- En-route, visit the seaside town of Swakopmund
- Enjoy free time in the town center
- Arrive at Walvis Bay

### WAL 103 302

# IMPACT: Mondesa Township - Group B

#### Half-Day



Mondesa Township was established in the early 1950's to provide housing for Owambo, Damara and Herero people working in Swakopmund. Just a few kilometers from the center of Swakopmund another world appears. Bearing the picturesque name of Mondesa, this side of town is more African, more complex and, with the

assistance of your specialist guide, will become much more personal. In a township where poverty, unemployment and low-incomes are common,

relationships between the Mondesa Township community and travelers provide opportunities for growth, friendship, support and understanding between the various cultures.

STANDARD PRICE		rly Booking	
\$ 93 \$ 8		\$ 89	
\$ 47		5	
Date		Time	
April 04		1300	
April 04		1800	
	\$ 93 \$ 47 Date April 04	\$ 93	\$ 93

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Unique cultural tour
- Sample unusual food
- Spend time with the locals

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 7 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 56

The aim of this program is to introduce visitors to township life. All interaction with the community is done in a non-intrusive manner respecting the residents privacy at all times. Learn some history, bridge the cultural gap through understanding, see a demonstration of mahango preparation, taste some unusual food and enjoy the children dancing. **Please Note:** A portion of each visitor fee is deposited in a community fund.

# WAL 104 401

# Living Desert in 4x4's – Group B

# Half-Day



This program concentrates on the small living creatures found in the sand dunes of the Namib Desert. Your expert guides will search for and find creatures like the Sidewinder Adder, the Palmetto Gecko, the Sand Diving Lizard, the Namaqua Chameleon and various other little beetles, lizards and geckos which live and survive in the hot desert conditions. You will also learn about the desert adapted flora as well as the history and formation of the dunes.

STANDARD PRICE		Ear	rly Booking	
Adult	\$ 103 \$ 98		98	
Child	\$51 \$4		19	
TIME				
	Date		Time	
Depart	April 05		0700	
Return	April 05		1200	

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- · Visit the oldest desert in the world
- See desert wildlife

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 10 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40

Depart the ship and travel along the dune belt between Walvis Bay and Swakopmund. The drive along the foot of the dunes is slow, taking precaution

not to drive on the gravel plains and cause unnecessary damage. Conservation issues and the geological structure of the desert are discussed en-route.

The guide will stop frequently to look for tracks (known locally as reading the bushman paper), to determine which creatures were active the night before and wherever possible, will try to catch some of them. Guides will share their knowledge about each little desert animal, including adaptations and design for survival in the desert. Great care is taken to ensure each animal is returned safely to its home.

**Please Note**: This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs or those with walking difficulties. It is generally extremely hot and dry in the desert and we strongly recommend that guests take along comfortable walking shoes, sun hats, sun block and sunglasses. The vehicles drive over gravel roads – it can be rather bumpy at times. This tour is therefore not recommended for guests with back problems. **There are no toilet facilities available for guests to use in the desert.** 

# WAL 106 401

# Sea Kayaking – Group B

# Half-Day

This sea kayak program is in and around the the beautiful Walvis Lagoon. The early morning start maximizes kayaking time as the notorious Walvis Bay winds increase during the late morning/early afternoon. Although kayaking is an



exciting sea adventure, this well-run activity caters for both the novice and experienced canoeist.

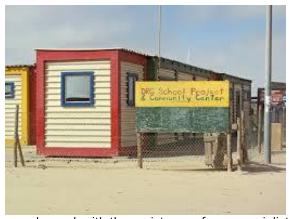
From your meeting point you will be driven by a 4x4 vehicle to Pelican Point, an opportunity in itself to observe the abundant bird species along the way. Expect to view flocks of flamingos, cormorants and pelicans. Waders and a large variety

STANDARD PRICE		Ea	rly Booking		
Adult	\$ 83	\$ 7	79		
Child	\$ 41 \$		\$ 40		
TIME					
	Date		Time		
Depart	April 05		0730		
Return	April 05		1200		
HIGHLIG	HTS				

- Walvis Bay Lagoon
- Scenic 4x4 drive with abundant variety of bird species
- Up close interaction with cape fur seals and dolphins

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 2 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 16

of other seabirds can be observed as well. While kayaking you can expect to experience close-up interaction with playful cape fur seals while Heaviside dolphins often escort you on your paddles; these are the only endemic cetacean to the west coast of southern Africa. The Kayak portion of the trip ends with snacks and refreshments (Tea, coffee & sandwiches).



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Adult	\$ 220	\$ 2	\$ 209	
Child	\$ 110	\$ 1	\$ 105	
TIME				
	Date		Time	
Depart	April 05		1200	
Return	April 06		1100	
HIGHLIG	HTS			

- Unique cultural tour
- Sample unusual food
- Spend time with the locals

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 30



After your tour, settle in at your overnight Bed & Breakfast, located in the community. Enjoy interacting with the locals, prior to dinner served at your Bed & Breakfast.

The next morning, enjoy breakfast at your B&B and then bid farewell to your hosts and the local community. Return to Walvis Bay via the gravel road. En-route, a photo stop will be made at Dune 7, one of the highest sand dunes in the Walvis Bay area before the return transfer to the quayside.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### Day 1: (L, D)

- Travel to Mondesa Township
- Enjoy a unique cultural tour aprox. 3 hours
- Check-in at bed & breakfast, located in community
- Enjoy interaction with locals
- Dinner and overnight at B&B

#### Day 2: (B)

- Enjoy breakfast at B&B
- Check-out and depart for Walvis Bay
- En-route, stop for a photo-op at Dune 7 one of the highest sand dunes in the area
- Arrive at Walvis Bay

# Day 5: Monday, 06 April

### WAL 101 501

# Sand Boarding - Lie Down Style

Half-Day



The Namib Desert, the oldest desert in the world, houses some of the largest sand dunes on the planet. There is no better way to experience these wonders in an environmentally friendly way than to zoom down them on a traditional Swakopmund sand boa use face

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ed to whiz down the dune slip-	HIGHLIGH
es has advanced from a simple	• Sand

piece of cardboard to snowboards especially adapted for speeding down the sandy surfaces.

STANDARD PRICE		Ear	Early Booking		
Adult	\$ 58	\$ 5	\$ 56		
Child	\$ 29	\$ 2	\$ 28		
TIME					
	Date		Time		
Depart	April 06		0930		
Return	April 06		1230		
HIGHLIGHTS					

dboarding in the oldest desert in world!

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 2 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40

Lie down style: For the lying down style you use a specially polished board to slide headfirst down a dune. Speeds of up to 80km/h can be reached. (For that maximum adrenaline buzz)

Please Note: This activity requires participants to sign a waiver and is done at one's own risk. It is strongly suggested that sunblock, sunglasses and a hat are worn when spending time outdoors in Namibia. Also, wear open shoes suitable for walking on hot sand and drink plenty of water.

# WAL 110 501

#### Treasures of the Namib in 4x4's

# Half-Day



Discover the treasures of the Desert during this memorable off-road adventure. The Namib is one of the oldest deserts in the world, home to the world's highest-shifting sand dunes and adorned with a kaleidoscope of vivid colors.

Upon arrival, you will explore the unique plant life and terrain of this arid region. Next, you will

drive through the Swakop River Valley and on to the Moon Landscape. Created by the winds that reduced mountains to spectacular rock formations and sand, this vastly-eroded valley has an appearance similar to that of the moon's surface. From here, you will proceed for a visit to Welwitschia Valley, where thousands of welwitschia plants grow. A stop will be made to view these fascinating plants.

Drive along the dune belt to Dune 7, and on to Walvis Bay. En route, a brief visit will be made to the Walvis Bay Lagoon and tidal flood plains before arriving back to the ship.

STANDARD PRICE Early Booking Adult \$103 \$ 98 Child \$51 \$ 49 TIME Date Time April 06 0830 Depart April 06 Return 1330 **HIGHLIGHTS** 

- The Namib one of the oldest deserts in the world
- Explore unique plant life and terrain of this arid region
- Astonishing views of the Moon Landscape
- A visit to the famous dune 7, the highest sand dune in the area

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 10 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40

Please Note: This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs or those with walking difficulties or back problems. It is generally extremely hot and dry in the desert and we strongly recommend bringing water and wearing comfortable walking shoes, sun hats, sun block and sunglasses.

Here's your last chance to souvenir shop in Swakopmund and ride a camel before leaving Namibia—the voyage's penultimate port!

Depart the quayside and travel toward Dune 7, one of the highest sand dunes in the Walvis Bay area. On arrival at Dune 7, enjoy some photography and sightseeing.

Next, travel to Swakopmund and enjoy free time to shop and explore this

charming town. Then, head to a small town just outside Swakopmund where you will embark on a camel ride excursion. Riding a camel seems a dream...here is your chance to make it come true!





STANDARD PRICE		Ea	Early Booking		
Adult	\$ 76	\$ 7	\$ 72		
Child	\$ 38	\$ 3	\$ 36		
TIME					
	Date		Time		
Depart	April 06		1200		
Return	April 06		1630		
HIGHLIGHTS					

- Dune 7 one of the highest sand dune in the area
- Came ride in dunes
- Amazing views and great photographic opportunities!

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 10 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 15