# **Backpacker Tours**

## **MINIMUM 2 – MAXIMUM 9 PAX**

# **Itinerary - Sossusvlei:**

## **Day 1 SESRIEM**

You will be collected between 08:00 & 08:30

We depart from Windhoek, travelling out over the Eros Mountains and along scenic roads on our way south-west to the desert. We also pass over part of the Naukluft Mountains, the Khomas Hochland range on our journey and head down from Namibia's central plateau by way of the beautiful Remhoogte Pass. Coming out of the mountains we reach open plains and from here it is only a short distance to our next stop, the tiny town of Solitaire. We will stop here for some refreshments before continuing on through desert scenery. We cross some open grass savannah and farmlands before the terrain begins to give way to the immense red sand dune desert of the Namib. We aim to arrive at our camp during the late afternoon and watch the colours glow and change on distant mountains to the east. Overnight camping.

## **Day 2 SESRIEM**

A pre-dawn start is essential this morning as we want to catch the soft light of the sunrise on the desert. After driving 60kms from Sesriem into the heart of the dune field, we reach Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. In the cool of the morning, with soft sunlight just beginning to play over the dunes creating a sharp light and shadow contrast across the whole desert. If you want adventure, try to climb "Big Daddy" one of the highest dunes in the world. Ancient mineral pans, stunted camel thorn trees and the chance of seeing a gemsbok or maybe an ostrich make the photo opportunities perfect.

We spend the morning in and around Sossusvlei where we will enjoy breakfast and visit Dune 45, and as the day wears on, we return to Sesriem for lunch to escape the heat of the afternoon. As the day cools off in late afternoon, we will take a short excursion to the Sesriem Canyon. Overnight camping.

## **Day 3 WINDHOEK**

After breakfast we begin our journey back to Windhoek following a different route, ascending the massive Gamsberg Pass in the Khomas Hochland Mountain Range on our way back to civilization.

We are due back in Windhoek at 16:00 and you will be dropped off at your accommodation on our return.

Cost: N\$ 3500 / person (5% discount for groups 6+)

#### **Includes:**

- Transport to and from Sesriem
- Park fees
- Overnight camping
- All camping equipment
- Lunch & Dinner (Day 1)
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner (Day 2)
- Breakfast & Lunch (Day 3)

# **Itinerary - Etosha National Park**

## Day 1 OKAUKUEJO, ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

You will be collected between 08:00 & 08:30

A long drive this morning, we will travel north passing through farmland and stopping at small towns along the way, we aim to arrive at Andersons Gate, the entrance to Etosha National Park by early afternoon. After entering Etosha we game drive our way through to the Okaukuejo camp where we will check in and make camp. After our evening meal there are still more chances to see Etosha's big game at Okaukuejo's floodlit waterhole, situated on the boundary of our camp and easily reachable on foot. Okaukuejo is famous for its waterhole, which has been described as one of the "best game viewing opportunities in Southern Africa". Situated on the doorstep of our camp, black rhino, elephant, lion and numerous species of antelope are usually seen. Overnight camping.

# Day 2 NAMUTONI, ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

A full day's game driving today and we leave early to enjoy the cool morning air as we drive across Etosha to Halali camp, situated in the middle of the park. Along the way we visit several waterholes and are afforded splendid views of the massive Etosha Pan. The game viewing is usually excellent and we have the chance to tick off a few new species that are not normally seen on the Okaukuejo side of the park. We stop at Halali camp for a rest and a leisurely lunch and there is time to visit the Halali waterhole and to make use of the swimming pool and bar facilities before continuing to the eastern side of the park and our camp in the Namutoni region. Overnight camping.

## **Day 3 WINDHOEK**

A long transit back to Windhoek, we are traveling on the main road, passing through towns and rural areas and we will make time to make a stop in the small town of Okahandja, the home of Namibia's largest wood carving market. The stalls operated on a local co-operative basis and are one of the best places to shop for truly Namibian souvenirs.

We are due back into the city late afternoon / early evening and you will be dropped off at your accommodation on our return.

Cost: N\$ 4500 / Person Sharing (5% discount for groups 6+)

### **Includes:**

- Transport to and from Etosha
- · Park fees
- Overnight camping
- All camping equipment
- Lunch & Dinner (Day 1)
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner (Day 2)
- Breakfast & Lunch (Day 3)