



## Dream Landscapes in Namibia

### A luxury trip to Namibia for photography enthusiasts

The scenery in the south of Namibia is an absolute paradise for all nature lovers and photography enthusiasts. During this two-week photo tour, you will spend nine days in the south of Namibia. The tour will take place at the end of the rainy season. The air will be clear and there are likely to be many opportunities to photograph exceptionally beautiful light conditions and cloud formations. The tour is rounded off with a stay on the Atlantic coast in Swakopmund and near the magical rock formations of Spitzkoppe. An opportunity to photograph wildlife naturally constitutes an important part of a trip to Namibia. You will spend two days at the luxurious Erindi Private Game Reserve. You will stay in luxurious accommodation in the heart of magnificent scenery during the whole of the photo tour.

📅 31. March – 13. April 2019

🕒 14 days / 13 nights from/to Windhoek

👥 minimum 6 – maximum 7 guests

📍 Windhoek – Kalahari – Tiras Mountains – Namib Rand Nature Reserve – Sossusvlei – Swakopmund – Spitzkoppe – Erindi Game Reserve- Windhoek

#### This photo tour offers an extraordinary number of photographic highlights!

- ✔ The landscapes in the south of Namibia are incomparably beautiful. The fantastic light conditions that are unique to the African continent make the desert landscapes appear in the most glorious range of colours.
- ✔ You will travel at the end of the rainy season. Experience and photograph magnificent dreamlike landscapes with the most beautiful light conditions and fabulous cloud formations.
- ✔ Luxury accommodation located in the most beautiful scenery.
- ✔ You will stay in the Luxurious Lodge Wolwedans in the heart of the Namibrand Nature Reserve.
- ✔ You will have the chance to photograph the world-famous red dunes around Sossusvlei and will stay overnight in the only lodge that is located in the park. You will be at the right place, at the right time.
- ✔ You will spend 3 days at the Luxurious Erindi Game Reserve where you will be able to observe and photograph the rich flora and fauna of Namibia.
- ✔ You will be guided by Hannes Lochner, one of the most famous nature photographers in southern Africa. You are certain to be inspired by his creativity.
- ✔ The group is limited to a maximum of 7 participants. We use a comfortable jeep with 14 seats for the tour that is used exclusively by our small group. This means you will have more than enough space and, of course, a guaranteed window seat.

## Itinerary

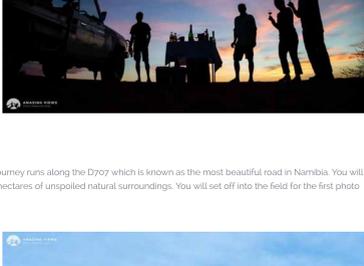
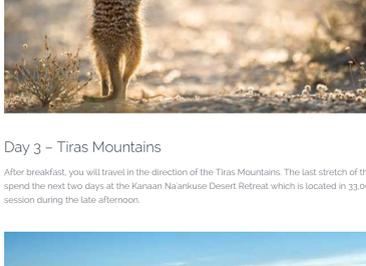
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### DAY 1 - Arrival in Windhoek

After you have made your own way to Windhoek, you will be greeted at the international airport. You will be taken on a short trip around the city on the way to the hotel. The first day will be rounded off with a welcome dinner.

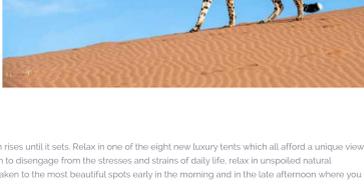
### Day 2 - The adventure begins

You will travel to the foothills of the Kalahari Desert. Around early evening, you will take your first game drive through the red dunes. As well as taking your first photographs of the magnificent scenery, you can also capture your first sightings of animals such as zebras, giraffes or antelopes.



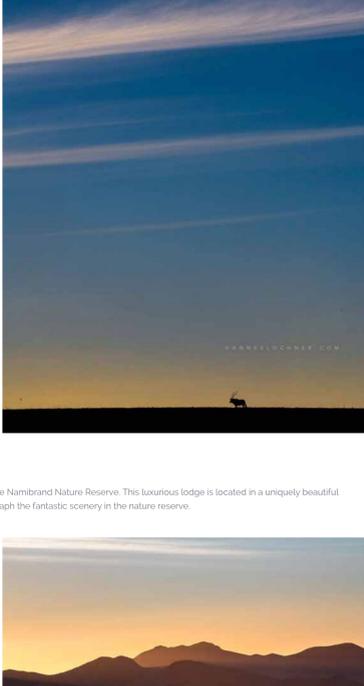
### Day 3 - Tiras Mountains

After breakfast, you will travel in the direction of the Tiras Mountains. The last stretch of the journey runs along the D707 which is known as the most beautiful road in Namibia. You will spend the next two days at the Kanaan Naankuse Desert Retreat, which is located in 33,000 hectares of unspoiled natural surroundings. You will set off into the field for the first photo session during the late afternoon.



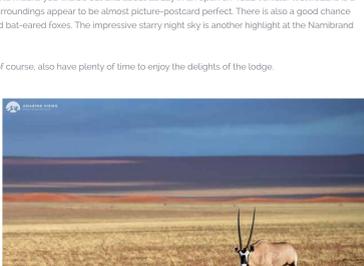
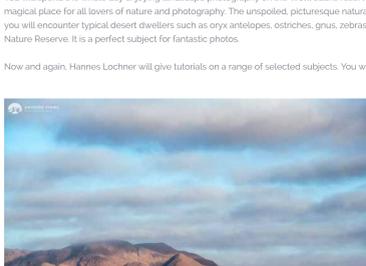
### Day 4 - Dream Landscapes

The contrasts that can be seen in the desert landscapes are infinite from the moment the sun rises until it sets. Relax in one of the eight new luxury tents which all afford a unique view over the Namibia landscape that is so rich in contrasts. Kanaan is the perfect location in which to disengage from the stresses and strains of daily life, relax in unspoiled natural surroundings and capture the fantastic dreamlike landscapes with your camera. You will be taken to the most beautiful spots early in the morning and in the late afternoon where you can photograph the picturesque scenery.



### Day 5 - From one dream landscape to the next

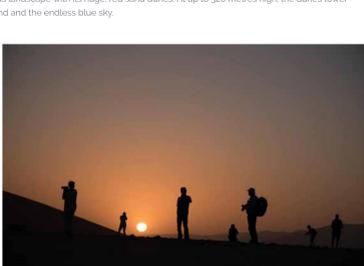
After breakfast, we will set off in our 4x4 truck. Today's destination is the private Namibrand Nature Reserve. This luxurious lodge is located in a uniquely beautiful landscape. Late in the afternoon, we will take a trip around the grounds to enjoy and photograph the fantastic scenery in the nature reserve.



### Day 6 - Life in a postcard

You will spend the whole day enjoying landscape photography on the Wolwedans reserve. This means you will be out and about all day in an open off-road vehicle. Wolwedans is a magical place for all lovers of nature and photography. The unspoiled, picturesque natural surroundings appear to be almost picture-postcard perfect. There is also a good chance you will encounter typical desert dwellers such as oryx antelopes, ostriches, gnus, zebras and bat-eared foxes. The impressive stary night sky is another highlight at the Namibrand Nature Reserve. It is a perfect subject for fantastic photos.

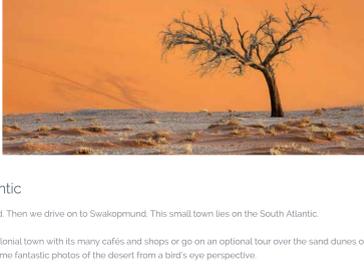
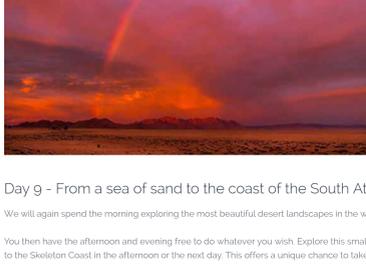
Now and again, Hannes Lochner will give tutorials on a range of selected subjects. You will, of course, also have plenty of time to enjoy the delights of the lodge.



### Day 7 - More dream landscapes

After another excursion in the Namibrand Nature Reserve, you will journey on towards Sesriem. On arrival we will check into the only lodge to be found within the Namib Naukluft National Park. The park is renowned for its red sand dunes, the Sossusvlei salt and clay pan and the Deadvlei white clay pan. Using the lodge means we are not tied to the park's opening hours, so we can be on location at the best times for photography.

We will set off for the first time in the late afternoon to photograph the captivating and famous landscape with its huge, red sand dunes. At up to 320 metres high, the dunes tower over the oldest desert in the world. The white clay pan creates a sharp contrast to the red sand and the endless blue sky.



### Day 8 - Deadvlei, Sossusvlei and more

We have the whole day to explore the Namib Naukluft Park. The two highlights are Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. Deadvlei will set the pulse of any photographer racing. The scenery is truly breathtaking. You will not be able to get enough of the interplay between the colours of nature with the white clay pan, the black trees, the red dunes and the blue sky. We will get you to the right place at the right time.



### Day 9 - From a sea of sand to the coast of the South Atlantic

You will again spend the morning exploring the most beautiful desert landscapes in the world. Then we drive on to Swakopmund. This small town lies on the South Atlantic.

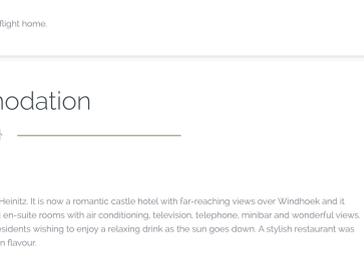
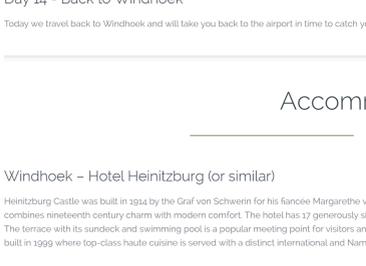
We then have the afternoon and evening free to do whatever you wish. Explore this small, colonial town with its many cafes and shops or go on an optional tour over the sand dunes or to the Skeleton Coast in the afternoon or the next day. This offers a unique chance to take some fantastic photos of the desert from a bird's eye perspective.

### Day 10 - Spitzkoppe

Today the tour continues on to the Spitzkoppe granite peaks for the next scenic highlight of the trip.

The Spitzkoppe lies between Usakos and Swakopmund and are also known as Namibia's Matterhorn. It is possible to discern the Inselberg (literally island mountain) from miles away rising majestically from the infinite desert plain. The height difference between the peak of the mountain and the surrounding land is 700 metres. A minor peak called the Little Spitzkoppe lies nearby at an elevation of 1,584 metres above sea level and there is also another range of peaks known as the Piontek Mountains.

You will spend the late afternoon and the next morning discovering and photographing the numerous scenic spots that the region has to offer.



### Day 14 - Back to Windhoek

Today we travel back to Windhoek and will take you back to the airport in time to catch your flight home.

## Accommodation

### Windhoek – Hotel Heinitzburg (or similar)

Heinitzburg Castle was built in 1914 by the Graf von Schwerin for his fiancée Margarethe von Heintz. It is now a romantic castle hotel with far-reaching views over Windhoek and it combines nineteenth century charm with modern comfort. The hotel has 17 generously sized en-suite rooms with air conditioning, television, telephone, minibar and wonderful views. The terrace with its sundeck and swimming pool is a popular meeting point for visitors and residents wishing to enjoy a relaxing drink as the sun goes down. A stylish restaurant was built in 1999 where top-class haute cuisine is served with a distinct international and Namibian flavour.

### Kalahari – Intu Africa Camelthorn Lodge (or similar)

The Camelthorn Lodge, which is one of the Intu Afrika Lodges, is located in the Kalahari desert. It is surrounded by unspoiled nature and red dunes and is located around a three-hour drive south east of Windhoek. The lodge is situated in the privately run wildlife and nature conservation area of the Erindi Private Game Reserve.

The lodge features 12 rooms which are all stylishly decorated. Each room has its own bathroom with twin sinks and a spacious shower, plus air-conditioning, minibar and tea and coffee making facilities. All rooms have views of the Kalahari. The main building has a dining room, small pool and a terrace with views over the red dunes of the Kalahari.

### Tirasberge - Kanaan Naankuse Desert Retreat (or similar)

This unique privately run nature reserve directly borders the famous Namib Naukluft Park. Its breath-taking dune belt and the Tiras mountain range in the east make amazing subject matter and are truly a photographer's dream. Kanaan Naankuse Desert Retreat is located in 33,000 hectares of unspoiled natural surroundings. The contrasts that can be seen in the desert landscapes are infinite from the moment the sun rises until it sets. Relax in one of the eight new luxury tents which all afford a unique view over the Namibia landscape that is so rich in scenic contrasts. Kanaan is the perfect location in which to disengage from the stresses and strains of daily life, relax in unspoiled natural surroundings.

### Namib Rand Naturreservat – Wolwedans Dunes Lodge (or similar)

The Wolwedans Dunes Lodge is located in the Namibrand Nature Reserve approximately a two-hour drive south of Sesriem. You can enjoy staggering panoramic views of the desert landscape and the Lozberg Mountains from the lodge.

The Wolwedans Dunes Lodge offers comfortable accommodation in eight tastefully furnished tent chalets with en-suite shower/WC facilities. The chalets are constructed in a unique, half-open style from wood and canvas. The Dunes Lodge has its own central complex with a lounge area, bar and dining room. The whole camp is built on a wooden platform in order to minimise any environmental impact as much as possible. Captivating views in all directions are among the main attractions of the lodge. The range of activities on offer includes four-wheel drive tours and/or hikes across the magnificent scenery.

### Namib Naukluft Park – Sossus Dune Lodge

The Sossus Dune Lodge is the only lodge within the Namib Naukluft National Park. It lies right in the middle of the spectacular dune landscape, and is built in the style of an African village. From each of the 23 generously proportioned chalets you can enjoy glorious views of the red-golden dune landscape. The chalets are connected to the main building via wooden boardwalks. Each chalet has its own spacious bathroom with shower and WC. The rooms also feature mosquito nets, solar lamps and fans.

As the Sossus Dune Lodge is located within the National Park, we can be the first in the morning and the last in the evening to take pictures of the magnificent Sossusvlei dunes. The lodge also offers sunset tours, guided daytime and nighttime nature tours, and guided nature tours in the nearby Sesriem Canyon. In addition the lodge features a restaurant and bar, plus a swimming pool, where you can relax after a strenuous day.

### Swakopmund – Villa Margeritha (or similar)

The luxurious boutique hotel Villa Margeritha lies in the heart of historic Swakopmund. The ocean, and all the town's sights are just a few minutes' walk away. The building dates back to the colonial era, has been lovingly and tastefully restored by the owners, with very stylish furnishings. The lovingly designed inner courtyard, a bistro with an excellent selection of food and wine, plus a lounge all invite you to take a break.

### Spitzkoppe Lodge (or similar)

The lodge offers 15 spacious and tastefully furnished chalets each with their own bathroom and a covered viewing deck. The lodge can accommodate a maximum of 30 guests. All windows and beds are fitted with mosquito nets.  
↳ The public area includes a dining room, lounge bar and pool. There are fabulous views across the landscape with its many granite rocks.

### Erindi – Old Traders Lodge (or similar)

The Old Traders Lodge will be your accommodation at the Erindi Private Game Reserve. This impressive lodge offers a restaurant, viewing deck and 35 beautifully appointed suites which all afford fantastic views over the watering hole. Erindi is one of the largest farms in Namibia covering approximately 71,000 hectares. It provides the very best opportunities for observing wildlife.

### A few images of the lodges

