



## Namibia Kalahari Discovery 2010

**9 days / 8 nights**

**Min. 2 participants Max. 10 participants**

**Departure every 15<sup>th</sup> day of every month**

Starting the Safari from Windhoek, we will take you through the magnificent red dune-landscapes of the Kalahari Desert in the eastern regions, entering the Kgalagadi Trans Frontier Park at Mata-Mata. We explore this fascinating region for a few days, on the look-out for the big cats and other desert adapted animals. En route southwards we will visit the impressive Augrabies Falls and travel via the Northern Cape through the Namakwa region back to Cape Town. The safari is conducted in Sasendle 4x4 vehicles and in small groups. Accommodation is provided at comfortable guesthouses and tourist class lodges. The approximate distance for this tour is 1750km.

### **Day 1: Gobabis - SanDune Lodge**

We depart from Windhoek via a scenic drive through the cattle country with its undulating bushveld, towards the farmers-town Gobabis and then further to the beautiful SanDune Lodge in the Kalahari. Here you have the opportunity to get to know the customs and lifestyles of one of the oldest inhabitants of Africa, the San (Bushmen).

Optional activities with the San are possible at the farm (own expense)

**Overnight SanDune Lodge or similar.(FB)**

### **Day 2: Stampriet -Historical Guest House**

The drive southwards will be rewarded with a spectacular Kalahari Landscape as we use back roads to our next destination. At the Stampriet Historical Guesthouse the antique interior decor will take you back to days gone by the surrounding district is full of undiscovered myths and history.

**Optional Activities are possible for own expense:**

**Overnight Historical Guest House or similar.(FB)**

### **Day 3: Kgalagadi Trans Frontier Park - Mata-Mata**

We depart through the Namibian desert savannah to the Mata-Mata Border, entering the Kgalagadi Trans Frontier Park, one of the world's great wilderness areas. Red sand dunes, sparse vegetation and dry river beds show bird, antelope and predator species off at premium and provide excellent photo- opportunities. Enjoy dinner around the fire, while listening to the sounds of the night. Don't be surprised if you hear lion, hyena, leopard and black backed jackal howling during the night. Enjoy a typical African braai (barbeque) prepared by the Sasendle Team.

**Overnight Kalahari Tented or Mata-Mata Camp.(FB)**

### **Day 4: Kgalagadi Trans Frontier Park - Twee Rivieren**

After an early breakfast we will start our game drive through the park. With luck we may encounter big cats like cheetah, leopard and/or the famous black-maned Kalahari lion. The park is also home to a variety of other game such as, Oryx, springbok, blue wildebeest and red hartebeest, which are seen quite regularly. It is also a bird watcher's paradise with more than 20 larger raptor species. Our route takes us northwards via Nossob as we explore the Park and work our way back towards our destination with game viewing en route.

**Overnight Twee Rivieren Camp or similar.(FB)**

#### **Day 5: Ashkam - Molopo Kalahari Lodge**

After a leisurely breakfast we will take a slow drive to the Molopo Kalahari Lodge. The Lodge is the ideal stop over point to and from the Kgalagadi Park, or merely for a relaxing getaway to cleanse the body and mind. The lodge consists of fully serviced chalets, rondavels and **newly established tented chalets quaintly positioned between the red Kalahari Dunes**. Optional Activities are offered by the lodge for own expense.

**Overnight Molopo Kalahari Lodge or similar.(FB)**

#### **Day 6: Augrabies Falls - Kalahari Gateway Lodge**

Our Route takes us southwards through the Northern Cape Region via Upington to the South Africa's largest waterfall, the Augrabies Falls. Here the Gariiep River drops 191 meters into the ravine at the Augrabies Falls. The thundering cascade of water led the original Hottentot residents to believe that evil spirits were active here, and so they named the waterfall Ankoerebis, "place of big noises", from which the Trek Boers, who settled here later on, derived the name Augrabies. We take a walk along wooden pathways and also enjoy great bird life and rock hyrax basking in the sun.

**Overnight SANPARKS Augrabies Rest Camp or similar. (FB)**

#### **Day 7: Calvinia - Hantam House**

Today we take a particular scenic route through the grape-producing regions of Kakamas and Keimoes southwards to Kenhardt. Here the world's largest forests of quiver trees are found. We marvel at these magnificent aloes with their spiky branches which are often nesting places for sociable weavers. After a long drive via the Northern Cape landscape, we arrive at Calvinia. Calvinia is surrounded by two prominent landmarks, the Hantam mountain range and the Rebusie Mountain. During the Flower season (Aug & Sep) this seemingly barren and dry countryside transforms itself into a flower-wonderland. Your accommodation is provided in a historical synagogue. Various oddities and olden-days memorabilia can be viewed at the Museum and the worlds largest 'Post-box' is situated across the road. The development of sheep and wool farming in South Africa is fully displayed at a separate venue.

**Overnight Hantam House or similar. (FB)**

#### **Day 8: Clanwilliam - Clanwilliam Lodge**

Our journey leads us along back roads through Renosterveld (a relative of fynbos vegetation) country to our next destination, Clanwilliam, situated in the Western Cape. The town is also famous for its Rooibos tea cultivation and production and if interested, we can visit one of the plantations or factories nearby. Your accommodation establishment was founded in 1732 and presents a picturesque Cape Dutch homestead. Tucked away at the foot of the Cedarberg Mountains and perched at Clanwilliam Dam, the Lodge is a magnificent piece of architecture and offers great hospitality. Optional wellness treatments are available and can be arranged.

**Overnight Clanwilliam Lodge or similar. (FB)**

#### **Day 9: Cape Town**

Today we proceed through Citrusdal where most of South Africa's citrus fruits are grown, passed the Cedarberg Mountain Range along the N7 main road via Piketberg and Malmesbury to Cape Town. We will drop you at your required venue in Cape Town where the tour ends.

**Departure dates 2010**

**Every 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month from 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2009 till 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 2010**

Min. 2 participants - Max. 9 participants on scheduled departures  
Larger groups and individual departure dates will be quoted on request only.  
Tour price valid from 1st Nov 2009 till 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 2010

**Included:** The Safari is conducted in a small group with a qualified English speaking tour-guide. Accommodation and meals based on full board basis. Activities as mentioned in the itinerary are included. All optional tours are to clients own account. Park-entrance-fees and portorage are also included. Still and sparkling water on board the 4x4 free of charge.

**Excluded:** Extra & optional activities not listed above have to be paid by the client directly. The tour guide will assist with the necessary reservations. Tips, personal insurances and other personal items are excluded.

**Information:**

Tour participants will receive:  
A detailed itinerary with routes and places of interest.  
Description places of interest.

**Travel tips and information.**

Although your own GSM phone can be used in Namibia, you will only have signal in urban areas.  
Camera batteries, charger, sun tan lotion, hat sunglasses, Comfortable walking shoes and Bathing Costumes.

Although the weather is good all year around, it is recommended to bring a jacket for the cold evenings during winter times.

We will not be travelling in malaria areas, therefore medication is not required.

Bring your own personal medication.

You must be in perfect health to undertake any safari.

You will visit remote areas with little or no medical facilities

Your valid passport/ visa with at least 6 months to expiry date.

Please check with your local consulate or travel agent as to visa and passport requirements.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your passport, visas and certificates are all in order before departure.