

7-day Namib Desert Crossing
Guided Self-Drive – Camping Safari
Unexplored desert regions along the Atlantic Coast
For Namibian and SADC residents

<u>Day 1:</u> We meet our clients at the small and historic village of Aus, which also offers a comfortable camping place to get ready before the big journey kicks off. Here our group will refill their vehicles one last time before we venture into our special concession area north of Aus.

This area of the Namib Naukluft Park, Namibia's biggest protected areas which measures a staggering 49,768 sq km, has a pristine and scenic landscape which hosts a variety of unique to this harsh environment.

On our first night, we camp on the edge of a valley next to an imposing granite hill in the middle of the wilderness.

<u>Days 2 – 4:</u> Now the real adventure starts. The route leads towards the coast, traversing captivating dune landscapes. At certain places along the route the traces of early diamond mining by the first German settlers, at the turn of the last century, can still be seen.

Camp is usually set up among the towering dunes with endless views of the ocean and – for the fishermen among our midst – we always apply for special permits to facilitate the catching of our local specie.

Days are spent keeping on the move, while also enjoying some time spend on the beaches, fishing, exploring the natural world of this is very secluded and inhospitable world while at night – weather permitting – star gazing can be an excellent choice before dozing away.

<u>Days 5 – 6:</u> We spend our time in the remote areas between St. Francis Bay and Fisherbrun - fishing and exploring. This part of our journey presents the first time since we left, that we are able to replenish our fresh water stocks from a well that feeds of the underground water system of the Tsauchab River, one of Namibia's many ephemeral rivers.

At the southern end of Meob Bay, we pass the remnants of two old surf boats which were used by the diamond prospectors many moons ago to transport goods ashore.

Further down the road, our team will pass former diamond prospecting claims staked out, old horse carriages left behind by the men who tried their luck here, as well as the two deserted mining villages of Grillenberg and Charlotenburg.

<u>Day 7:</u> This will be the last day of our tour. But this final stretch is packed with interesting sights. Our trail passes past Conception Bay, where the famous wreckage "Edward Bohlen" lies stranded for more than 100 years, after which it takes us to the world-renowned birding hot-spot of Sandwich Bay. The final few kilometers to the coastal town of Walvis Bay are negotiated along the beach before the high tide moves in and makes any further driving impossible.

NOTE: All accommodation on upon arriving in Walvis Bay are not included in this tour and have to be booked separately.