



#1 RATED TRIPADVISOR KRUGER PARK SAFARI OPERATOR

4 NIGHTS 5 DAYS ITINERARY

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Accommodations

Day	Destination	Accommodation	Details
1	Mariental	Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge	Breakfast and Dinner
2 - 4	Fish River Canyon	Fish River Lodge	Breakfast and Dinner
4	Mariental	Zebra Kalahari Lodge & Spa	Breakfast and Dinner

Itinerary

Day 1: Mariental



Welcome to beautiful Namibia!

Arrival at the Windhoek International Airport, here you are able to exchange some money and also purchase a MTC telephone card. Here you will get a transfer to the Zebra Kalahari Lodge. It is important to arrive latest by 13:00 as it is an approximate drive of 250 km (3h00 drive) to the lodge.

Check-in and then you take part in a sundowner drive.

Here you can experience a safari into the sunset, in style and in a relaxed state of mind. A guide with extensive knowledge of the region and its flora and fauna will take you out into the open countryside in an open jeep.

On the way you can review the events of the day in the light of the setting sun, enjoy the picturesque landscape of Namibian countryside and perhaps even observe some animals active at twilight.

Once you've arrived in the middle of the Kalahari dunes, in the dry savannah, you can make yourself comfortable and enjoy a cool drink while watching the sun slowly disappear behind the horizon. Immerse yourself in what is probably the most beautiful time of the day, when all the countryside is bathed in warm light.

After taking time to pause and reflect, our travellers are finally brought back to their lodge.

Dinner, bed and breakfast, Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge.

Spreading across Botswana, South Africa and Namibia, the Kalahari meaning 'the great thirst' is an exceptionally beautiful living desert. The landscape is characterised by a large semi-arid sandy savannah draped over a gently rolling inland sea of sand covering most of Botswana and large parts of Namibia and South Africa. It is also the last bastion of the indigenous San people with the modern world having enveloped all the other areas they once roamed. The Namibian portion is made up of red sands covered in thin, wispy, mostly golden grass and dotted with acacia trees and wide-ranging wildlife including gemsbok, impala, jackals and cheetah.

Travel distance: 242.8 km

Day 2: Mariental to Fish River Canyon



After a hearty breakfast transfer to the Fish River Lodge.

Check-in and time at leisure.

Lunch and in the afternoon you can enjoy another breathtaking sundowner drive.

The afternoon drive will take you along the top of the plateau where we will stop at two different viewpoints for you to experience the canyon at its most dramatic and take photographs. Our guide will also explain the geology, flora and fauna along the way before the last stop where you will catch a glimpse of the meandering Fish River below. Drinks and snacks will be served.

Dinner, bed and breakfast, Fish River Lodge.

Carving out an epic rocky wonderland in the south of Namibia, the Fish River has created Africa's largest and the world's second largest canyon. Hot, dry and stony, the Fish River Canyon measures a whopping 160 kilometres in length, at times 27 kilometres in width and 550 metres in depth. The awe-inspiring natural beauty of this ancient geological marvel draws visitors from around the globe. For those looking for adventure, the intense 85 kilometre Fish River Hiking Trail through 1.5 billion years of geological history will definitely thrill avid adventure enthusiasts, and for visitors looking to relax, head over to the canyon's southern end to enjoy a soak in the mineral waters of the renowned hot springs of Ai-Ais, or take in the spectacularly scenic views from Hobas Restcamp as well as numerous other viewpoints along its rim. Other popular activities include: scenic chartered flights, horse riding, nature drives and seasonal kayaking.

Travel distance: 457.8 km

Day 3: Fish River Canyon



Canyon Drive

After an early breakfast you will take part in the Canyon Drive.

This is the only access route by vehicle anywhere in the Fish River Canyon. As you journey into the depths of the canyon, you will witness first hand millions of years of geological upheaval when the earth's continents separated and a tectonic shift created the canyon. Petrified rippled mud and glacial deposits, dramatic fault lines, rough limestone, shiny quartzite are but a few of the features you will see along the way. Guides will point out evidence of rhino that once navigated the gorges and pairs of territorial Klipspringers as they feast on succulents. The drive ends at the permanent rock pools. Lunch will be served before heading back to the Lodge. The excursion is approximately 7 hours.

Departure time from the lodge – After an early breakfast between 06h00 – 07h00.

Early afternoon arrival at the lodge and time at leisure.

Dinner, bed and breakfast, Fish River Lodge.

Day 4: Fish River Canyon to Mariental



After a hearty breakfast transfer to the Zebra Kalahari Lodge.

Check-in and then you can enjoy your lunch and time at leisure.

Game drive in the late afternoon which allows the Kalahari to show off its magical sunsets. After a 2-hour drive, the guides set out a lavish display of snacks and drinks for our guests to enjoy as they watch the sun set.

Game drives are the most popular activity at the Intu Afrika Game Reserve because of the high density of animals that live here and because of the different landscapes one can lose themselves in.

The sparse vegetation allows one to easily spot the plethora of game that live in the reserve and the high density of the game enhances our notion of respect for nature and will delight any traveller wishing to reconnect with Mother Nature.

Let our guides explore this 10 000 hectare paradise in the Kalahari with you as they are extremely clued-up on the fauna and flora of the area and have many interesting anecdotes to share with our guests.

The reserve is home to Zebra, Oryx, Wildebeest, Springbuck (including the black Springbuck), Waterbuck, Kudu, Blesbok, Tsessebe, Eland, Ostrich, Giraffe and even a lioness and there are many interesting bird species to discover whilst enjoying one of the two and a half hour game drives on offer. The guides are extremely knowledgeable and zealously share their passion for the animals, the plants and the area. The lone lioness whose partner succumbed to illness last year is a sight to behold in the Kalahari which is their natural habitat. She is enclosed in a 1000 hectare electrified camp.

Dinner, bed and breakfast, Zebra Kalahri Lodge.

Travel distance: 456.6 km

Day 5: Departure



Today after breakfast, depending on your return flight **(this may not be before 12h00, otherwise 1 night in Windhoek must be added)** transfer back to the International Airport for your return flight.

We look forward to welcoming you back to Southern Africa!

Hotels

Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge



KALAHARI RED DUNES LODGE, a lodge designed with a lot of passion for details, is located in the impressive Kalahari landscape characterized by red sand dunes and camel thorn trees. Its “Luxury of Solitude”, offers ample space and privacy.

The main house, consisting of reception, lobby, restaurant and bar, pool and shaded deck is situated in a dry lake (vlei). A wooden boardwalk connects the main building with the chalets which are nestled around the ‘vlei’, where often animals can be observed. Each chalet has a thatched roofed tented and a stoned section as well as a private terrace. During the Nature/ Game Drives and nature walks guests can experience the breathtaking beauty of the Kalahari with it’s up to 30 m high red dunes and a huge variety of game.

The guest houses with their thatched roofs are each decorated in an individual style and are connected to each other by a paved walk-way.

The vastness of the African Savannah can be experienced on the 2-day TRANS KALAHARI WALK. This guided hike leads through desert-like sceneries and their habitat of giraffes, zebras and antelopes and offers one overnight stay in a luxury tented camp in the dunes.

Fish River Lodge



Fish River Lodge in southern Namibia is the only lodge perched directly on the rim of the Fish River Canyon offering guests breathtaking views of the canyon from sunrise to sunset.

Experience first hand the geological forces that unfolded 300 million years ago, when the Fish River began to etch its way through hard quartzite forming a Canyon 90 kilometers long, 549 meters deep and 28 kilometers wide in some places, making it the world's second largest Canyon. The 45 000 hectare Canyon Nature Park is a natural sanctuary for Karoo succulent flora and endemic wildlife.

Incredible hiking trails meander down into the heart of the canyon affording guests spectacular scenery combined with 75 km river frontage made up of permanent water holes and rock pools that attract Hartmans Zebra, Kudu, Oryx, Springbok and many other smaller wildlife species and endemic bird life.

Zebra Kalahari Lodge & Spa



Simply stylish and elegant, the Zebra Kalahari Lodge is the most decadent of the 3 lodges on the Intu Afrika Private Game Reserve. After a short drive through the contrasting Kalahari Desert where game languish under trees or in pans, guests are welcomed with a much-needed refreshing drink and a smile as warm as the desert sun. The gurgling fish pond and the beautiful stone and wood buildings immediately soothe one's soul and guests are ushered into the coolness of the lounge area overlooking a rather vibrant waterhole and swimming pool whilst logistics are efficiently handled.

The rooms area are huge and the walls are decorated with ancient African masks and ebony furnishings and are fitted with air conditioners, a mini bar, a hairdryer and a coffee and tea station with a very large bathroom leading out to an outside shower.

There are 8 rooms adjacent to the lodge area which consists of a lounge with comfortable leather seats, a dining area on a deck mirroring the waterhole and swimming pool and a bar. This lodge is ideal for families or for more mature travellers as the facilities at the main lodge are easily accessible from their rooms.

Included

- 4 Nights' accommodation on Dinner, Bed and Breakfast only
- 2 Lunches Fish River Lodge
- 1 Lunch Zebra Kalahari Lodge
- 3x sundowner drive (Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge, Fish River Lodge and Zebra Kalahari Lodge)
- 1x Canyon Drive at the Fish River Lodge
- 1x transfer from the International Airport to the lodge
- 1x transfer from the Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge to the Fish River Lodge
- 1x transfer from the Fish River Lodge to the Zebra Kalahari Lodge
- 1x transfer from the lodge to the International Airport
- Tourism Levy
- 15% VAT

Not Included

- Flights
- Travel insurance
- Optional and recommended Excursions or Spa treatment
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Visa fees (where applicable)
- Airport taxes
- Souvenirs

Cost & Validity

Net per person sharing a standard double room ZAR 23, 950.00

Cancellation Policy Namibia

90 – 45 days prior to travel:	20% (forfeit the deposit paid)
44 – 30 days prior to travel:	30%
29 – 15 days prior to travel:	40%
14 – 08 days prior to travel:	60%
07 days – NO SHOW:	100%

Special cancellation terms may apply for certain products and services.

Terms & Conditions

General Terms:

- The hotels mentioned in the itinerary will depend on availability at the time of making the booking. Should alternatives be used it would be of similar standard.
- It is compulsory to sign an indemnity form when entering South African National Parks. More information in the regulation and the parks can also be found on the official SANPARKS website: www.sanparks.org

Health:

- See your doctor for advice in regards to vaccinations and malaria prophylaxis.

Travelling with children:

- Parents travelling with children will be requested to provide an unabridged birth certificate (including the details of the child's father as well as the mother) of all travelling children. This applies even when both parents are travelling with their children.
- When children are travelling with guardians, these adults are required to produce affidavits from parents proving permission for the children to travel.
- The above applies to foreigners and South Africans travelling to or from South Africa as well as travelers in transit.
- Please note that the child must be the appropriate age (according to accommodation stipulated) at the time of travel
- Unless otherwise specified, children under 12 years of age qualify as a child rate and over 12 years of age as an adult rate.

Recommended driver/guide per vehicle guidance:

- 1 – 9 pax: Driver only
10 + pax: Driver and guide

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