



LÜDERITZ TO WALVIS BAY

(INCLUDING SADDLE HILL)

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Highlights: Coastal Scenery, Dune Driving, Shipwrecks, Exclusive Fishing, Historic Old Mining Towns, Camping & Staying at the historic Saddle hill settlement.

Itinerary: Part of this new route ventures into areas closed to the public for 108 years until 2016. This new route is the highlight of the Namib Desert and involves scenery and dunes unrivaled by other Namib routes. We visit well known shipwrecks along the route and all the awesome big bays (Boats Bay, Hottentots Bay, Spencer Bay, Oyster Cliffs, Easter Point, Franciscus Bay, Meob Bay, Conception Bay, as well as Sandwich Harbour).

Part of this exciting new route ventures into unknown territory and involves some dune driving rated 4 to 5 in difficulty and clients should therefore have done one of the existing Namib Desert trails.

The adventure starts at Luderitz where the group assembles for dinner and briefing before venturing into the desert the next day. Venue and time will be conveyed to you beforehand. (Participants have to organize their own accommodation in Luderitz)

Day 1

Depart from Obelix Village 09h00. (Breakfast not included) we will proceed to the Naukluft National Park on route to Saddle Hill. We will encounter different landscapes and wild life, dune streets will prepare you for the late afternoon dune drive experience. We will arrive at Saddle Hill basecamp (Atlantis) late afternoon to enjoy a memorable evening at our facility which provides accommodation, ablution facilities, and catering equipment. Bedding not included. **PLEASE NOTE THAT EXTRA DAYS ON REQUEST CAN BE ARRANGED SINCE THERE IS LOTS TO DO IN THE AREA. THIS WILL HOWEVER INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF DAYS TO FINISH THE ADVENTURE IN WALVIS BAY.**

Day 2

Today is another scenic day which involves tidal beach zones (scary), venture past ('Point of No-Return') then Gibraltar Rock (historic border since colonial times between Diamond Area 1 and 2), travel all the way to Spencer Bay.

Here Mercury Island and the shipwreck 'Otavi' wait for us to be viewed and all the history shared. We now drive just north of Spencer Bay where we camp in a dune valley to escape the Namib south-westerly winds.

Day 3

Today's driving is tricky as well as awkward dunes will await us. We cross the dunes in a northerly direction and should reach Knoll Point beach by early afternoon.

We inspect two more shipwreck remains near Oyster Cliffs and Easter Point, as well as some old Diamond mine dating back a 100 years. Driving here is fairly difficult and routes may vary according to tides and difficulty of dunes. We pitch camp just south of Sylvia Hill or near Knoll Point. Awesome scenery and dunes and a rush of adrenalin is for certain.

Day 4

We move away from Easter Point through some technical dunes to Sylvia Hill. Lots of history here with a seal colony, penguin cave and some 800-year old Strandloper settlements.

After viewing we now venture on top of the famous 230m high 'Lange Wand' (tall wall) with St. Francis Bay on our left.

Stunning views and roller-coaster dunes take us past Black Rock in the vicinity of Meob Bay. Once again, the tide might alter the route and take us towards Fishersbrunn where we set up camp for the night.

Day 5

Today we have a fairly long beach drive past Meob Bay with its historic long boats and Customs station from German colonial days. We proceed past saltpans all the way to the 90m-long 'Eduard Bohlen' shipwreck lying +/- 800m away from the sea. We view Conception Bay along the small 'Lange Wand', pass the 'Shawnee' (shipwrecked tug boat) all the way to Sandwich Harbour.

At this beautiful setting we pitch camp for one last night in the Desert.

Day 6:

Our last day takes us through Sandwich Harbours spectacular roller-coaster dunes until we finally reach the beach north of Sandwich Bay. This is the end of dune driving for us and we travel to the Walvis Bay Salt Refinery where we pump tyres and hand back radios. We travel convoy-style to a restaurant in Walvis Bay where we finish the trip with a nice lunch and cold drink.

After planning your next adventure with us, we finally depart until the next time!

***NOTE: Dinner and breakfasts included except breakfast Day 1.



The guide reserves the right to change / alter routes should weather- and tide conditions, vehicle- and / or driver performance or Government Ministries require so. Prices subject to change without prior notice.

STS will supply:

1. Two-way radios to all vehicles
2. Guide & guide vehicle
3. Wind shelter
4. One vehicle to carry logistics
5. 2 Meals per day (hearty breakfast & dinner)
6. Water (for kitchen only)
7. Unforgettable and tailor-made experience into non-visited areas

Clients to supply / bring: (NO TRAILERS ALLOWED!)

1. Tents, Mattress, sleeping bag / blanket, chairs and camp shower. (If you are using a 'free standing' tent, we recommend canvas dome tents as they are more suitable for the weather conditions)
2. Own cutlery & crockery
3. One bag of wood per vehicle
4. Water for own consumption (minimum 20ltrs) & for showering/washing.
5. Beverages, drinks & snacks
6. Strong garbage bags – Clients will have to carry their own garbage/waste!
7. Sufficient fuel supply: Distance to be covered approx. 450km.
Guideline – Petrol vehicles: 2.5 - 3km / litre
Diesel vehicles: 4 – 5km / litre
8. Personal items, such as medication, sunblock, torch, camera, batteries etc

4x4 Vehicles:

- Make sure that your 4x4 is mechanically fit.
- 4x4 vehicle to be fitted with 'high flotation' tyres (no tube type tyres or run flat tyres)
- Pump & pressure gauge
- Emergency gear, tools & parts
- Recovery point/hook – front & rear
- Roof racks only to be loaded with maximum weight of 50kg (i.e. bedding or tents)
- More than one rooftop tent not permitted

**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL OUR GUIDE VEHICLES TOW
A VEHICLE OUT OF THE AREA. SHOULD THERE BE A BREAKDOWN,
THE VEHICLE WILL HAVE TO BE LEFT BEHIND!!**

IMPORTANT

Travel insurance and medical evacuation:

You need to arrange for your own travel insurance and medical evacuation service in case of a medical emergency.

Please supply detail of this information that we know whom to contact in case of an emergency.

Please visit our website for combination desert and fishing adventures.