

## POST SUMMIT PACKAGE: 31 OCTOBER – 04 NOV 2013

### 5 DAY DESERT CYCLING

Swakopmund to Windhoek

Combination of 2 x Nights Camping & 2 x Nights' Accommodation



The name "Namib" is of Nama origin and means "vast place" and occupies an area of around 80,900 km<sup>2</sup>, it is considered to be the oldest desert in the world.

Covering 4,976,800ha, the Namib Naukluft Park is the largest game reserve in Africa and the fourth largest in the world.

A visit to the spectacular dunes of Sossusvlei and Sesriem Canyon, where the Tsauchab River has exposed millions of years of geological history, is a must visit for any visitors to Namibia.

INFORMATION	
PRICE PER PERSON:	N\$ 6 800.00
Number Of People Need For Departure:	
MINIMUM:	5 x Cyclists
MAXIMUM:	10 x Cyclists
TRANSPORT:	
12x Seater Safari Vehicle with Custom Build-Closed Bicycle Trailer.	
REGISTRATION CUT OFF DATE:	
13 September 2013	
SUITABLE FOR KIDS:	NO

A combination of vehicle and cycling is a unique way to combine the Namibian desert scenery and is a moderate cycle and will be adjusted according to fitness standards. A few highlighted routes per day will be cycled with a support vehicle behind the last cyclist and a guide cycling amongst the group. Most of the cycling will be done on smooth gravel roads

**CYCLING GRADE: EASY TO MODERATE**

**GROUP SIZE: 5 to 10 cyclists**

#### ITINERARY:

##### DAY 1: SWAKOPMUND to NAMIB NAUKLUFT PARK (GANAB AREA)

Your Mabaruli Cycling Guide and Driver will meet you at your accommodation between 08h00 – 09h00 before transferring with the vehicle to the Namib Naukluft Park where we will cycle the amazing moon landscape and visit the largest and oldest 1500 year old Welwitchia Mirabilis plant yet discovered set to be the oldest living plant in the world. Drive via the Ganab Plains area with some true wild camping in the Namib Park.

**ACCOMMODATION: \*FC – Wild Camping in designated park site**

**MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner**

**KM'S CYCLE: 60 Km Cycle Gravel (Transfer with vehicle 130km)**



## DAY 2: NAMIB NAUKLUFT PARK (GANAB AREA) to SESRIEM

Some scientists regard the Namib Desert as the oldest in the world. We will cycle via the geologically interesting Gaub and Kuiseb Pass, home to two Germans surviving with their dog for two years during World War 2. Ostrich, springbok or gemsbok could cross our paths. We could either continue cycling 20km to the Guab pass on curvy roads or alternatively be transferred there and then cycle from the Guab pass on ascending and descending roads passing colourful landscapes to the Solitaire area for a welcoming lunch and enjoying the best apple crumble in the southern hemisphere. After lunch we transfer towards Sesriem area 60km and can cycle optionally the last 20km to camp weather permitting to Sesriem where we enter and exit the Namib Naukluft Park a few times.

**ACCOMMODATION:** \*FC – Sesriem camp

**MEALS:** Breakfast and Dinner

**KM'S CYCLE:** 60km Cycle Gravel (Transfer with vehicle 130km)



## DAY 3: DUNE 45 AND SOSSUSVLEI

Pre dawn we depart to the entrance gates to Sossusvlei. We undertake a short transfer and start cycling on a smooth flat sealed road for 20-30km as the first light hits the desert sand early morning in the Namib Naukluft Park to the red dunes of Dune 45.

We have some nice opportunities to stop on the way next to the road for beautiful photographic moments capturing the sunrise on the Dunes. A climb up the sand dunes will give a superb view up and down of the Tsaucab River Canyon which forms the valley between the famous sand dunes. Your guide will set up breakfast and prepare coffee at the bottom of the dune. After breakfast we take a short drive to the parking lot where you will undertake a 2 hour walk through to the beautiful Hiddenvlei in the Sossusvlei Area or take an optional 4x4 transfer to deadvlei. We stop for lunch at Sesriem camp, after which we will go and explore the Sesriem Canyon by foot, before heading back to our Guest Farm by transfer.

**ACCOMMODATION:** \* SH – Weltevrede Guest Farm (En Suite Rooms)

**MEALS:** Breakfast & Dinner

**KM'S CYCLE:** 40 km Sealed and 30km Gravel (Transfer 90km)



## DAY 4 : SESRIEM to REHOBOTH at LAKE OANOB RESORT

We transfer from Sesriem back to Solitaire where we start our cycling towards the Remhoogte Pass and Klein Aub. Today's cycle can be bit strenuous due to that we cycling up with altitude. At our accommodation we can relax next to the Lake enjoying a cold beer after finishing our 4 days of cycling.

**ACCOMMODATION:** \*SH – Lake Oanob Resort (En-Suite Rooms)

**MEALS:** Breakfast and Dinner

**KM'S CYCLE:** 60km Gravel (Transfer 130km)



## DAY 5 : REHOBOTH TO WINDHOEK

After a relaxing morning, enjoying breakfast we depart 10h00 with transfer back to Windhoek, as it will be short drive of 100km, where our tour finish. Our driver will be able to drop you off at your Windhoek accommodation or airport transfers can be organised, as we will arrive in Windhoek between 11h30 and 12h00.

**ACCOMMODATION:** n/a – Clients own accommodation.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**KM'S CYCLE:** none (Vehicle Transfer 100km)



### \*ACCOMMODATION DESCRIPTION:

The indication in the itinerary of what type of accommodation is provided each day are guidelines only and are used to give an idea of the accommodation offered, rather than an exact description. Please keep in mind however that standards can vary from one trip to the next, and occasionally we may need to change a night-stop without advance warning. We cannot guarantee the use of particular properties. Facilities and characteristics may vary from those described.

**CH** - Comfortable Hotels, Lodges or Guest Houses with twin or single rooms and en suite facilities. Generally good levels of service and often added amenities such as restaurant, bar, swimming pool and garden.

**FC** - FULL CAMPING: We have standard 2 man Dome Canvas tents with mosquito net in front of windows and entrance. Thick comfortable sleeping mats are provided with sleeping bag and pillow. Your tent will be pitched for you, all cooking and washing dishes are also done for you. So no camping participating necessary.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All transport, accommodation and park entrances.
- Day 1 and Day 2 are Full Camping. Tents are pitched for you, supplying with thick mattress, 1x sleeping pillow per guest and sleeping bag.
- Day 3 and Day 4 are En suite accommodation on sharing
- Meals as stated in Itinerary.
- Bicycle, helmet & water bottle (Water bottle to keep when tour end
  - Mabaruli have their own fleet of Bicycles we service and use)

#### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Flights, Visa & Travel Insurance
- Alcohol, Soft Drinks, Bottled water
- Tips, Gratuities, Spending money and all other items of a personal nature.
- Anything else that is not stated as included.
- Cycling Gear: Cycling shirt, pants, shoes and gloves.

