



HORSE TRAILS • FACTSHEET 2022

EXPERIENCE THE NAMIB DESERT ON HORSEBACK

For the more adventurous of spirit, Desert Homestead offers a unique experience where guests can ride out onto our private reserve and sleep out in nature. The reserve is situated in between the majestic red sand see of the Namib Desert and the rugged Naukluft mountains.

Leaving the stables and lodge behind, you will set off on an unforgettable journey through wide open plains riding over a varied terrain changing from soft, sandy, stretched open fields, to rockier mountain trails, through dry riverbeds, under Sociable Weavers nests and around Camel thorn trees.

Your experienced guide will eagerly tell you more about the environment, fauna and flora. You are almost guaranteed to come across a herd or two of grazing Oryx, springbok, or Zebra and some varieties of smaller carnivores, such as Jackal and Bat-eared foxes.

Riding takes place at a comfortable pace so that everyone is comfortable. Slower riders can hang back while more experienced riders go for long stretched out gallops over grassy plains while winding your way towards the tented Camp, where refreshments await for a truly remarkable sundowner with magnificent views. After watching the sunset over the majestic mountains it's time to kick off your boots, relax and enjoy the Namibian night skies. While we get Dinner ready on the bushfire true Namibian style a refreshing shower awaits.

Dinner is served next to the crackling fire whilst conversation is sure to revert to the days riding. Then it's time to retire to your comfortable tent or even a stretcher outside, should you prefer to sleep out in nature under starry skies to get some rest before the next day's riding.

Wake up the next morning to the smell of coffee brewing and bacon and eggs cooking over an open fire while watching the horses being prepared for the next stretch of riding. After a hearty breakfast, it is time to stretch the legs once again and set off on your trusty partner who eagerly awaits the rest of the adventure. This experience can be tailored. There are three different offers. The 'Namib Night' begins in the afternoon and consists of two stages riding and one overnight stay in tents. The 'Desert Experience' begins early in the morning and has three stages slightly longer riding with an overnight stay in tents.

And 'Stars of the Namib' with five stages of riding and two overnight stays (Desert Homestead Outpost / tented camp) offers a very intense experience for horse lovers, coupled with the

exploration of nature in the Namib Desert. Riding to the next destination is done during the cooler time of day, while enjoying some lunch and down time during the heat of the day.

Horses vary from very tame and easy to ride -even if you have never ridden before-, to ones that are just as easily manageable, but willing and able to give a more exiting ride.

Beginners are just as welcome to join on this adventure as more experienced riders.

HORSE TRAILS WITH SLEEPOVER

'NAMIB NIGHT'

- sleep-out ride with one overnight stay
- Horses to suit varied levels of experience from novice to more accomplished
- start at the stables in the afternoon for a 2 hours ride, with an experienced guide
- Arrive at the camp and enjoy a spectacular sunset, facing the red dunes of the Namib. Luxury camping in the desert – fine bush cuisine
- next morning, after breakfast at the camp about 2 hours ride and arrival at the lodge about 10 am
- minimum of 2 guests or single supplement applicable, max. 8 guests, children 12 years and older accompanied by a responsible adult
- includes experienced guide, water, dinner and breakfast at the camp, non-alcoholic beverages.
- Overnight stay in tented camp
- Arrival at the Lodge no later than 2 pm

'DESERT EXPERIENCE'

- sleep-out ride with one overnight stay (rest at Desert Homestead Outpost)
- Horses to suit varied levels of experience from novice to more accomplished riders
- experience starts in the early morning from Desert Homestead Lodge with a 3 hours ride through the savannah and over the mountain. Lunch break in the heat of the day at Desert Homestead Outpost with light lunch and time to rest at the pool
- in the afternoon the ride leads for 3 hours along spectacular landscape to the horse sleep out camp in the desert. Sundowner, dinner and overnight stay in the camp under the stars of the Namib Desert
- next morning, after breakfast at the camp about 2 hours ride and arrival at the lodge about 10 am
- minimum of 2 guests or single supplement applicable, max. 8 guests



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- includes experienced guide, water, dinner and breakfast at the camp with non-alcoholic beverages.
- Overnight stay in tented camp

„STARS OF THE NAMIB“

sleep out ride with two overnight stays

- Horses to suit varied levels of experience from novice to more accomplished riders

Day 1

The tour starts. In the afternoon we meet for coffee and cake in the Desert Homestead Lodge. To make the afternoon relaxing, the arrival at the lodge should not be later than 2 pm. After acclimatising and saddling the horses we start with an approximately 2 -hours ride through wide open plains and rocky paths from Desert Homestead Lodge to the Desert Homestead Outpost. After the horses are fed, make yourself at home in one of the tents of the Outpost, where you can enjoy the view towards the dunes of the Namib Sand Sea from your private terrace. The luggage for the night awaits you there. Later dinner in the restaurant and overnight stay. (Transfer of car and baggage from Desert Homestead Lodge to Outpost)

Day 2

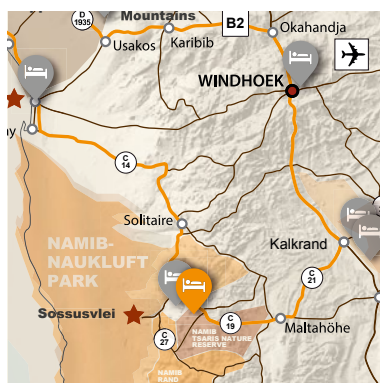
After a small breakfast early morning departure for a 2 hours ride in a magnificent mountain scenery, to a panoramic point from which the Sossusvlei dunes are visible, with views over the valley of the Tsauchab. After another 2 hours ride, return to Desert Homestead Outpost and break until the afternoon ride in the Namib Desert. You spend the hot midday hours on the pool terrace and have a light lunch. The ride in the afternoon takes about 2 hours through spectacular scenery to the tent camp in the desert. It features a ‚sundowner‘ - drink at the campfire and dinner. The day comes to an end under the stars of the Namib with an overnight stay in tents. The next morning after breakfast and a cup of tea or coffee about 2 hours ride back to the Lodge.

Arrival at 10 am

IMPORTANT TO KNOW

- The tours and durations of the rides vary according to the needs of the guests
- minimum of 2 guests or single supplement applicable, max. 8 guests
- includes experienced guide, water and non-alcoholic drinks, snacks & meals, overnight stay at Desert Homestead Outpost and Tented Camp, all meals. Transfer of car.
- The camp offers shaded platforms with tents, camping beds, unheated outdoor shower, braai
- children 12 years and older accompanied by a responsible adult

RATES: See rates information of Desert Homestead Lodge / Desert Homestead Outpost



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