

*Africa*



**& BEYOND**

## SOSSUSVLEI DESERT LODGE

*NamibRand Nature Reserve*



## NAMIBIA



One of the most pristine areas on Earth, the Namib Desert is a world of vast spaces, endless horizons, dramatic landscapes and jagged mountain heights. The largest private nature reserve in Southern Africa, the NamibRand Nature Reserve consists of 180 000 hectares (445 000 acres) of this unspoiled desert wilderness. Part of the biggest dune field south of the Sahara, an area known as the Namib Sand Sea, the spectacular dunes at Sossusvlei, arrayed in magnificent hues of orange, buttermilk, pumpkin and sienna, tower over a vast, dry pan.

Over 230 metres (750 feet) high and constantly twisted and shaped by the wind, these breathtaking dunes are among the highest in the world. Known as the Living Desert, the dunes of the Namib abound with specially adapted beetles, spiders, lizards, gerbils, golden moles and other creatures, all leaving their tell-tale tracks in the fine sand. The plains and dry watercourses are home to oryx, springbok, Burchell's and Hartmann's zebra, kudu, ostrich and giraffe. Predators include leopard, spotted hyena, black-backed jackal, Cape and

bat-eared foxes, termite-eating aardwolf and African wildcat. More than 114 bird species can be seen in the desert skies. The fascinating wildlife, combined with the endless spaces, utter tranquility and extraordinary light, make this one of Africa's most compelling natural regions.



Cradled against the ancient mountains, **&Beyond** Sossusvlei Desert Lodge is renowned for its luxurious accommodation overlooking the starkly beautiful Namib Desert. Designed to capture the splendour and solitude of the desert, just ten stone and glass suites spread out along the curve of the escarpment, allowing absolute privacy. Each air conditioned suite is furnished to complement the majestic hues of the desert and features a private veranda, split-level bedroom and living room with fireplace, ensuite glass-encased bathroom and outdoor shower. The suites are equipped with a star-viewing skylight, discrete music system and custom-stocked personal bar. The guest area, where walls have become windows that fold away completely, boasts unimpeded desert vistas. The split-level lodge boasts a fire-lit bar, comfortable sitting room, wraparound veranda and Safari Shop. A fine selection of wines from an impressive walk-in wine cellar complements the delicious meals. Guests can escape the desert heat with a revitalising midday dip in the pool, fed by water from an underground spring. At sunset, animals are drawn to a nearby waterhole, enhancing desert sundowner drinks. A state-of-the-art observatory and resident astronomer provide insight into the magnificent constellations of Africa's first International Dark Sky Reserve.

## AT A GLANCE

- 10 air-conditioned stone and glass desert suites
- In-room fireplaces for the colder months
- Outdoor showers
- Star-viewing skylights above the beds
- Lodge swimming pool

- Safari Shop
- Observatory with professional astronomer
- Family-friendly
- Oryx, Burchell's and Hartmann's mountain zebra, springbok, ostrich, leopard

## WHAT SETS US APART

- Exceptional star gazing, with star-viewing skylights and fully equipped observatory
- Mysterious fairy circles
- Beautiful views over the desert plains
- Sense of timelessness and tranquillity
- Africa's first International Dark Sky Reserve
- Africa's biggest private nature reserve
- Situated on the edge of the Namib Sand Sea, the biggest dune field south of the Sahara
- Variety of dune types
- Magnificent open spaces
- The tranquillity of the desert
- Specially adapted desert wildlife – oryx, springbok, Burchell's and Hartmann's zebra, bat eared foxes, as well as a variety of insects and lizards

## ACTIVITIES

### Included

- Nature drives
- Excursions to Sossusvlei, Sesriem Canyon and Dead Vlei
- Guided nature walks
- Hiking trails
- Quad bike excursions
- San rock paintings
- Stargazing at a state-of-the-art observatory, accompanied by a resident astronomer
- Petrified dunes

### At an additional charge

- Ballooning



## GUEST SAFETY

The lodge is not fenced off and, although there are no dangerous animals within the grounds, we request guests to be vigilant at all times.

## ACCESS

- There are scheduled daily charter flights to the lodge's private airstrip.
- The lodge is a 400-kilometre / 248-mile drive from Windhoek and a 380-kilometre / 236-mile drive from Swakopmund on good quality gravel roads. It is advisable to use a 4x4 vehicle during the rainy season, from November to May.

## ACCOLADES



2013 - **&BEYOND** SOSSUSVLEI DESERT LODGE LISTED AS #69 IN THE SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER COLLECTOR'S EDITION OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVELLER MAGAZINE'S 100 BEST HOTELS AND RESORTS IN THE WORLD



2012 - **&BEYOND** SOSSUSVLEI DESERT LODGE IS AWARDED A TRIPADVISOR CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE



2012 - **&BEYOND** SOSSUSVLEI DESERT LODGE BECOMES NAMIBIA'S FIRST VIRTUOSO PROPERTY.



2012 - RESORTS MAGAZINE'S TOP 100 PLACES TO STAY

*"We had the most wonderful experience at Sossusvlei Desert Lodge. The accommodation was amazing, very luxurious and elegantly decorated, with gorgeous bathrooms. The staff were very well trained and their attention to detail was superb. We were blown away by the variation in the Namibian landscape and took advantage of all the trips on offer. We climbed up the red dunes to the top and trekked up the mountain to see the Bushman paintings. A highlight was the meals that they served in the desert. On our last night we arrived to find dinner laid out on the sand with fairy lights! Quite spectacular! Our guides were outstanding and managed to find all the game for us, including two cheetah on the last morning."*

*Sue Band - &Beyond guest*



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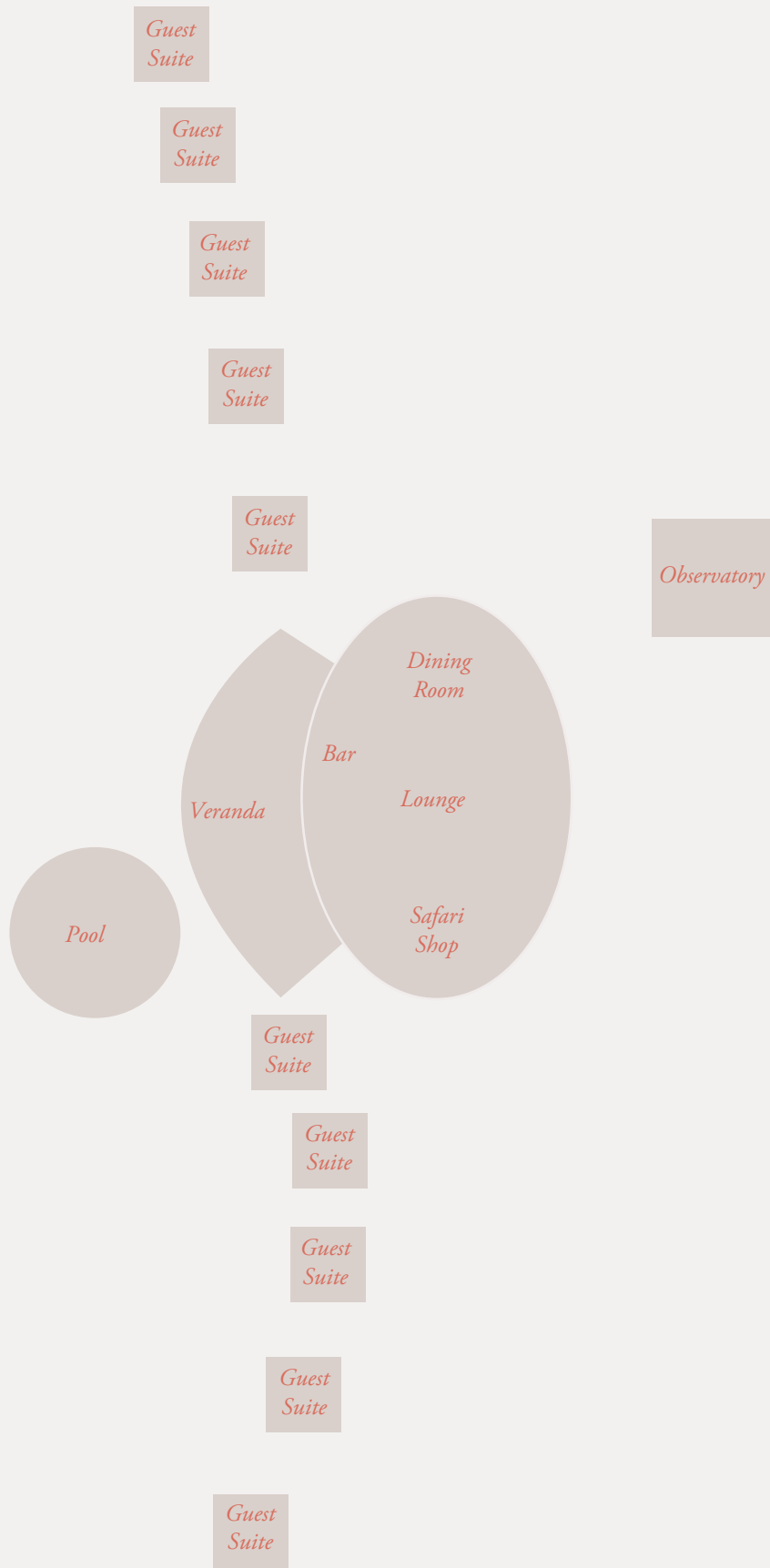
NUMBER OF SUITES	10
MAXIMUM GUESTS	20
CHILDREN	Yes - children 5 years and younger cannot participate in scheduled safari activities; children aged 6 to 11 can participate in scheduled safari activities at the lodge manager's discretion; children under the age of 16 cannot participate in quad bike (ATV) excursions
CHILDMINDING	Available at an additional cost
GUIDE'S ACCOMMODATION	Available
TRIPLES	One (only for children 16 years or younger)
TWIN BEDS	All convertible to doubles
AIR CONDITIONING	Yes
FIREPLACE	Yes
LODGE POOL	Yes
INDOOR SHOWERS	Yes
OUTDOOR SHOWERS	Yes
BATHS	No
SEPARATE W.C	No
IN-ROOM SAFE	Yes
PERSONAL BAR	Yes
TELEPHONE	Yes
HAIRDRYER	Yes
LAUNDRY INCLUDED	Yes
WHEELCHAIR ACCESS	Not recommended, but possible with assistance
DISTANCE BETWEEN ROOMS	20m / 65ft
CHECK IN / CHECK OUT	12h00 – 14h00 / 11h00

POWER	220v AC Please note that the generator is generally switched off overnight; with prior notice we are able to provide 24-hour electricity for guests with special requirements
INTERNET ACCESS	Yes, wifi in guest area only
CREDIT CARDS	Visa, MasterCard
IN-ROOM MASSAGE	Yes
EXERCISE EQUIPMENT	Dumbbells, Pilates ring and floor mat available on request
WEATHER	Namibia has hot summers with comfortable nights and warm, sunny winters with cold night-time temperatures
RAINFALL	Rain can be experienced from January to March. Average rainfall varies widely, from less than 50mm / 2" per year along the coast to 350mm / 13" in the central regions
TEMPERATURE	Summer: 18 °C / 65 °F to 42 °C / 107 °F Winter: 5 °C / 41 °F to 32 °C / 90 °F
BEST TIME TO TRAVEL	Year-round
MALARIA	Sossusvlei Desert Lodge is in a malaria-free area
AIRSTRIP	Private gravel airstrip; coordinates are 24° 48'11" S and 15° 53'29" E
GPS COORDINATES	S24° 48.017' and E15° 53.490'
CAMP CLOSURE	Open year-round

## NOTE

- Please note that park fees and government charges may apply. Speak to your travel consultant for more details.
- Drones are not permitted at **&Beyond** Reserves and Lodges.

CAMP LAYOUT



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