

Khan & Swakop River Desert Hiking Adventure 3 Days / 2 Nights

Explore the Moon Landscape of Namibia

Guided desert hiking through Namibia's most spectacular river valleys.



What this adventure is really about

Three days of exploring Namibia's ancient desert landscapes on foot.

Walking through dry riverbeds, dramatic rock formations and the extraordinary Moon Landscape, far away from crowds and city noise.

Along the way you will discover unique desert plants, fascinating geology and wide open horizons – while sharing campfires, meals and stories under one of the clearest night skies on Earth.

A journey of freedom, adventure and connection with nature – safely guided, well organised and unforgettable.

Day 1 – Arrival and Afternoon Hike at Moonriver Valley Camp

The group meets at Moonriver Valley Camp at 14:00. The camp is located near the confluence of the Khan and Swakop Rivers in an area known as the Moon Landscape. This dramatic terrain has been shaped by millions of years of erosion, revealing sculpted valleys, exposed geological layers and weathered rock formations that give the landscape its distinctive lunar character.

After settling in, hikers have time to explore the camp and its surroundings before the first walk begins.

At 16:00 we set out on an introductory hike of approximately 8 km, with a shorter option available for anyone who prefers a gentler start. The route leads through the characteristic Moon Landscape terrain, past unusual rock formations, desert-adapted vegetation and expansive views across ancient valleys. Along the way, the group will be introduced to Namibia's iconic Welwitschia plant and its remarkable adaptations.

The day concludes with a relaxed braai at camp. Far from city lights, the desert sky offers an exceptionally clear and unforgettable view of the stars.





**Fitness level:
moderate
Daily distance: 8–15 km
Terrain: sand, rock,
riverbed**





Day 2 – Khan River Loop

We start the morning at first light with coffee and rusks before setting out along the Khan River. Today’s hike follows a 15 km loop through the winding riverbed, passing impressive rock formations and sculpted canyon walls. In the early morning light, the layered cliffs and boulders reveal their full colours and textures. Several side arms of the river feel like hidden corridors, each enclosed by its own natural rock walls.

Breakfast is served along the way at our overhang viewpoint – a sheltered spot with beautiful views across the river terraces and the surrounding desert landscape.

Hikers carry only their personal essentials during the walk, while our backup team takes care of the logistics.

We return to camp around lunchtime. The afternoon is free to relax and enjoy the facilities at Moonriver Valley Camp, a true oasis in the desert. The camp offers hot showers, flushing toilets and a swimming pool – a welcome comfort after a morning on the trail. Guests can swim, read, play football, enjoy a game of pool billiards or board games, dance, or simply relax in the shade and take in the peaceful rhythm of the desert.

In the evening we gather again for another braai at camp, while the surrounding hills slowly change colour as the sun sets.





**Price: NAD 4500
per person sharing**

**Min 10, max 18
hikers**

Kids rates available

**Please enquire
about special group
prices**





Day 3 – Swakop River Downstream Expedition (15 km)

Today's hike takes us deeper into the upper Swakop River – a remote and seldom-visited area that invites exploration. The 15 km route leads along the river system through wide plains, river terraces, stretches of soft sand and striking dolerite ridges. The contrast between the pale river sediments and the darker volcanic rock creates a fascinating landscape, both geologically and visually.

Breakfast is enjoyed along the way at Flintstone Cave, a broad natural rock shelter overlooking the quiet riverbed and surrounding slopes.

From here we continue through the side river system, where hikers can observe desert varnish on exposed rock surfaces, ancient flood lines along the banks and the diverse patterns shaped by erosion over time. The trail then follows the Swakop River downstream toward Goanikontes, one of the oldest and most well-known river oases in the region.



We reach Goanikontes by late lunch time, where we take time to celebrate the completion of the hike. The lush green oasis, shaded by palm trees and vegetation, forms a striking contrast to the surrounding desert landscape.

Guests will have some time to explore the oasis while we shuttle the drivers back to camp to collect their vehicles, marking the end of a memorable desert journey.



What's included

All meals from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 3

Coffee and tea available throughout the day

Fridge space to keep personal drinks cold and freezer space for ice

Camping equipment, including tent, stretcher, mattress, sheet, pillow and pillowcase, side table and tent light (please bring your own sleeping bag)

Shared ablution facilities

Camping and conservation fees/permits for both nights

Three guided hikes

Support team to set up camp, prepare meals, manage food logistics outside of camp, clean, and handle all tour logistics

What else:

Please note that there are no opportunities to buy water, soft drinks, snacks or similar items during the trip. Hikers must bring everything they need in advance. We recommend bringing at least 5 litres of drinking water per person, as the tap water in this area has a noticeably brackish taste.

Participants should also bring their own drinks for the duration of the trip, including beer, wine or anything they would like to enjoy for sundowners at camp. Fridge space will be available to keep drinks cold and freezer space is available for ice. Cellphone reception at the camp and along the hiking routes is limited. While there are a few isolated spots where signal may occasionally be available, coverage cannot be relied upon. In case of emergency, the tour guide will be reachable at certain times.

Meals are prepared with locally sourced ingredients and often include a selection of game meats. Vegetarian alternatives are available. If any participant has specific dietary requirements, please inform us in advance so we can plan accordingly.

All hikers are required to sign an indemnity form prior to the start of the trip.

A detailed packing list will be provided once your booking is confirmed.

We're so excited to share the natural beauty and serenity of Namibia with you!



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Getting there

The meeting point at Moonriver Valley Camp is approximately a 1-hour drive from Swakopmund. Detailed directions will be provided after booking.

Transport from and back to Windhoek can be arranged on request.

During the hikes, a backup vehicle will remain nearby along the route. This allows hikers the flexibility to take a break or shorten the walk if they prefer a more relaxed pace.



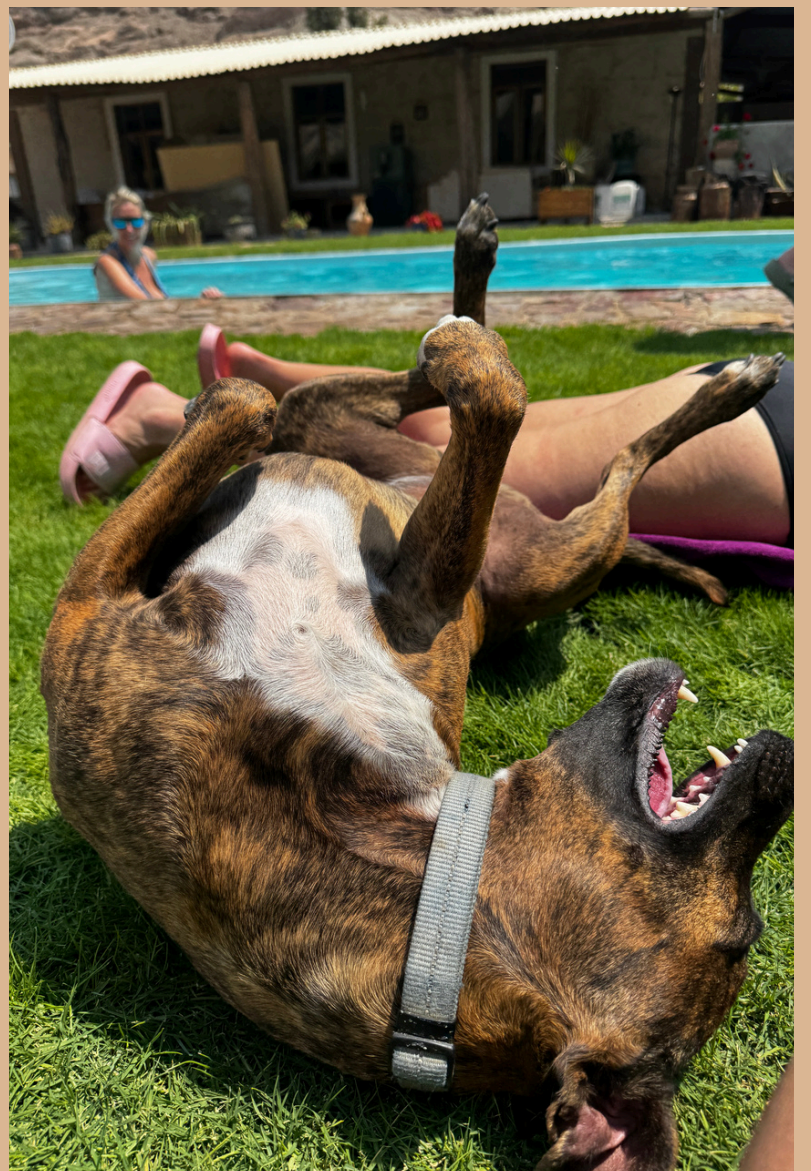


Experience & Safety

This hiking route has been successfully established since 2021 and has welcomed many groups over the years.

Guests of all ages – from young hikers (7+) to experienced adventurers (70+)– have enjoyed exploring this remarkable desert landscape.

This hike is led by our experienced team who knows the terrain intimately and ensures a safe, well-organised and enjoyable experience throughout the journey.





HIKERS TESTIMONIAL



Wild Cherry Adventures did an outstanding job organizing our recent class trip. From start to finish, everything was incredibly well planned, allowing both students and teachers to relax and fully enjoy the experience. The team was fantastic with the kids. They were patient, encouraging, and genuinely invested in making the trip special for everyone.

Our journey through the Khan River, hiking through the breathtaking canyons each day, was a true adventure. While the hikes were challenging, they were made manageable by the thoughtfully planned breaks and the stunning natural surroundings. The students had a wonderful time and made memories they'll never forget.

Thank you to the entire Wild Cherry Adventures team for providing such a meaningful and unforgettable experience!

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DATES FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS OR
COLLEAGUES.

TRIP SUMMARY

DURATION: 3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS

DISTANCE: 8-15 KM PER DAY

FITNESS LEVEL: MODERATE

ACCOMMODATION: DESERT CAMP

LOCATION: MOON LANDSCAPE /

KHAN & SWAKOP RIVER

