



Self-drive excursions - Walvis Bay

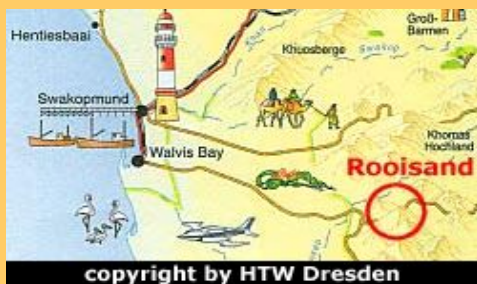
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Walvis Bay + Swakopmund

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Walvis Bay and Swakopmund are definitely well worth a visit. You will need around 2.5 to 3 hours for the roughly 190 km from Roosand to Walvis Bay.



A large part of the route is well-maintained gravel road which takes you over the Kuiseb Pass and across the Namib Desert. This excursion is quite suitable for a daytrip, but the coast offers a host of attractions and we therefore recommend that you spend at least one night.

For accommodation we recommend Eberwein Hotel. Located in the centre of Swakopmund, you can leave your car parked and explore the old part of the town on foot. The email address is eberwein@iafrica.com.na and for the hotel's website [click here](#).



Here are some ideas for your visit to Walvis Bay / Swakopmund:

- Flamingos and salt production
- Levo Tours for seal and dolphin watching
- Namib Naukluft National Park, Welwitschia Drive
- Historic desert tour by quad-bike
- Shopping in Swakopmund and stroll through the town
- Crystal Gallery in Swakopmund

- **Picture gallery: Levi Tours, Namib Naukluft and Welwitschia Drive**





Drive into Walvis Bay and continue along the coast for a few kilometres to watch large flocks of flamingos feeding in the shallow waters of the lagoon. All along the coastal road there are spacious parking areas where you can stop and watch the flamingos and many other seabirds.

If you continue along the coastal road you come to a large factory where table salt is produced. Turn right and drive between shallow basins in which raw salt remains as the seawater evaporates. Here, too, you can watch many species of seabirds.

A seal and dolphin cruise (just under five hours) with the "seal whisperer" of Levo Tours is without doubt a very special experience.

On this truly memorable tour it may just happen that seals come and join you on board; you will also encounter turtles, pelicans and ghost ships (see our picture gallery on Walvis Bay and Swakopmund).

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The story of the "seal whisperer" is featured on the Bwana website at bwana.de (german only).



Turtles ...



... pelicans and



... ghost ships



Another good choice for an unusual, individual dolphin and seal cruise is [Catamaran Charters](#), also located in Walvis Bay.



Namib Naukluft National Park with Moonscape, Welwitschia Drive and the Oasis of Goanikontes

Another highlight is a drive through the moonscape of Namib Naukluft Park to the Welwitschia Plain and back to Swakopmund via the oasis of Goanikontes. This tour takes about 4 hours and can be done with any ordinary car.

Take the C28 from Swakopmund and then turn onto the D1991. You will pass several lookout spots with grand views of the moonscape before you turn onto the Welwitschia Drive. You have to retrace part of the way in order to drive straight through the moonscape to Goanikontes. Take the B2 tarred road back to Swakopmund, passing the villages of Namib and Nonidas.



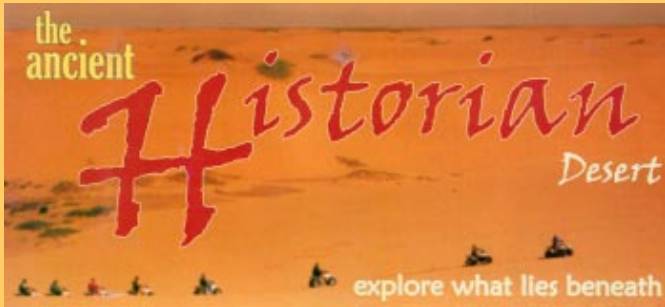
The moonscape of the Namib Naukluft Parks seen from one of the lookout points



A Welwitschia, not particularly beautiful but very rare and up to 2000 years old



in the "lunar" landscape, close to the oasis of Goanikontes



Kuiseb Delta Adventures takes you and your whole family into the desert on quad-bikes. They will show you some historical sites and give you many interesting facts on the Namib Desert in general.

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By the way: If you just want to romp in the dunes and/or the desert on a quad-bike (basically a motorbike with four wheels), you will find a number of quad-bike rentals along the coastal road between Walvis Bay and Swakopmund. You can join a guided tour or go for it on your own.



Taking a stroll in Swakopmund and looking around the shops is always worth your while. If you love colours and shapes you will want to shop till you drop ...



in the cosy centre of town ...



at the street market ...



or one of the many shops



For those who love minerals and gems, the Crystal Gallery (close to the railway station) is an absolute MUST.

All types of minerals that can be found in Namibia are beautifully displayed there. In addition the gallery houses the world's largest cluster of quartz crystals, weighing in at more than 14 tons.




The gallery also sells jewellery and minerals, of course. However, items on offer take a discreet back seat, and the Crystal Gallery really is a gallery true to its name.

Visitors who know little or nothing about minerals and gems will equally enjoy this experience.

See Rooisand's picture galleries for many more pictures of Walvis Bay, Swakopmund and Namib Naukluft Park.



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