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KWESSI DUNES, NAMIBRAND NATURE RESERVE: FACTS & INFORMATION

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A CLASSIC CANVAS-AND-THATCH LODGE IN THE HEART OF THE STRIKING NAMIBRAND NATURE RESERVE, OFFERING AN ESCAPE FROM THE MODERN WORLD AND A CHANCE TO RECONNECT WITH THE WILD.

WHERE IS KWESSI DUNES

24°52'33.86"S 15°54'7.18"E

Kwessi Dunes is situated in 15,000 hectares of exclusive desert with access to Namibia's NamibRand Nature Reserve, just south of the dunes of Sossusvlei. The NamibRand is an extraordinary private nature reserve of over 200,000 hectares (one of the largest in southern Africa) and was established to protect and conserve the wildlife of the Namib Desert. The landscape is compelling, with vast swathes of arid desert, gravel plains and pockets of green vegetation backed by mountains and distinct reddish dunes that have undoubtedly made the area famous.

WHEN IS A GOOD TIME TO GO

OPENING 01 MARCH 2020

Kwessi Dunes is surrounded by hyper arid desert and is great all year round (and the air conditioning will keep you cool!) In the dry winter months of April to October, the desert is pleasant and dry (with chilly mornings), whilst November to March brings thunderstorms and hotter temperatures.

Dry Season: April - October
Green Season: November - March

Please see our rates sheet for detailed information on seasons & pricing.

HOW DO I GET THERE

There are direct flights to Windhoek from Cape Town, Johannesburg, Frankfurt, Addis Ababa and Doha. Fly to Windhoek and then switch to a light aircraft to fly to our airstrip in the NamibRand. Alternatively, you may drive and the lodge is between 5 and 6 hours' drive from Swakopmund or 4 and 5 hours' drive from Windhoek. Self-drive directions are available.

WHERE WILL I STAY

There are 12 thatch-and-canvas rooms at Kwessi – 10 twin/doubles, and 2 family units with 1 king size bed and 2 single beds *(NB the two bedrooms in each family unit share a bathroom)*. All are air-conditioned and have an ensuite bathroom with indoor and outdoor showers and a shaded veranda at the front. Each room also has a separate 'star gazer' room at the back, which is completely open to the skies for the ultimate celestial experience.

WHAT WILL I EAT

Our wonderful chefs have a reputation for good, wholesome meals. Please let us know of any dietary requirements prior to arrival.

FULLY INCLUSIVE RATE INCLUDES

Airstrip transfers, all meals, daily activities, local drinks and laundry are included. Flights, some activities (trips to Sossusvlei; hot air ballooning; horse riding; heli flights), premium brand beverages, discretionary tips/gratuities, items of a personal nature and personal travel insurance are excluded.

WHAT ARE THE FACILITIES

At the heart of the lodge is a cool and comfortable main area. With high thatched ceilings, a well-stocked bar, small library area and plenty of sofas and armchairs, it's the perfect spot to relax, any time of day. Outside, there is a shaded veranda with more seating and a large fire pit area and a swimming pool – ideal for the Namibian heat.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW

- We welcome children of all ages.
  Please refer to our rates for child policies.
- Wifi is available at the lodge.
- Charging facilities are available.
- The tents have 24 hour electricity.
  (100% solar powered).
- The lodge accommodates a maximum of 24 people.

WHAT WILL I DO HERE?

Year Round:

- Morning and afternoon scenic drives.
- Nature walks.
- Skybeds experience and star gazing.
- Quad biking.
- Spa treatments.*
- Day trips to Sossusvlei.*
- Hot air ballooning* *(1 hr flight; early morning)*
- Horse riding* *(2-3 hour rides).*
- Scenic helicopter flights.*

**Subject to a surcharge.*

Children of all ages may join nature & bushmen walks.
Children from 6 years & are over 1.2 metres tall may take part in the hot air balloon safaris.
Children from 16 years may quad bike & horse ride.
Families with children under 12 years are advised to book a private vehicle for natrue & nature drives.
Children of all ages may join a helicopter flights only when accompanied by an adult who takes full responsibility.

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