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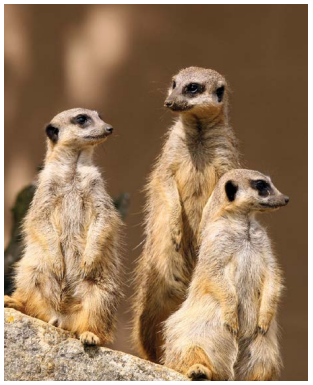
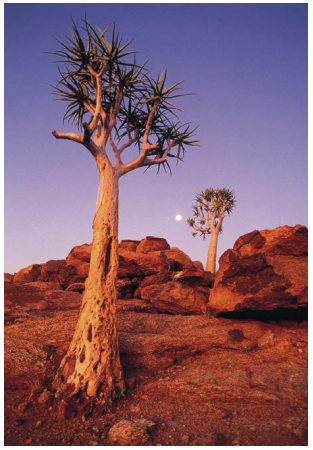
A spectacular odyssey starting in Pretoria and winding its way to the coast of Namibia, a country of compelling beauty, abundant sunshine and seemingly endless horizons. First stop is Kimberley to visit the Big Hole and Diamond Mine Museum village before continuing on to Upington for a walking tour and wine tasting. After crossing the border, visit the Fish River Canyon, second in size to the Grand Canyon, followed by tours of historical towns Lüderitz, Kolmanskop and Keetmanshoop. Enjoy a night at a Sossusvlei lodge surrounded by the dramatic dunes of the Namib-Naukluft Park with visits to the natural Sesriem Canyon and the 170m-high star dune "45". Leave the vast stillness of the Kalahari Desert for a tour of Windhoek and an overnight stay in Etosha with game-viewing activities. Arrive at journey's end in the seaside town of Walvis Bay.

PRETORIA-WALVIS BAY or reverse • 12 DAYS • 3800km





From top left: Traversing the Kalahari's afternoon game drive. Opposite from top left: Sossusvlei landscape; a gang of meerkats; Emerald Crossing Cabin; prehistoric Quiver trees; a zebra.

DUNE EXPRESS HIGHLIGHTS

• Visit **Kimberley** and the mine museum village, centre of one of the world's famous diamond rushes. • Traverse the **Karoo**. • Visit historical sights in **Upington** with a drive past the Donkey Memorial followed by a wine and brandy **tasting**. • Marvel at the **Fish River Canyon** where the vast rocky landscape breaks up into a series of spectacular cliffs. • Visit the ghost town of **Kolmanskop** and **Lüderitz**, known for its museum, colonial architecture and wildlife. • See the Quiver trees at **Garas Park**, home to roughly 300 specimens of the Aloe dichotomy. • Enjoy a **lodge stay** in **Sossusvlei** with visits to **Deadvlei** where camel-thorn trees contrast against the white-clay pan floor, **Star Dune 45** and **Sesriem Canyon**. • Tour of **Windhoek**, the Trans-Namib Transport Museum, Alte Feste, the Evangelical Lutheran Church (one of the city's most striking landmarks) and the Namibia Craft Centre. • Enjoy a **lodge stay** and **game drives** in the Big Five **Etosha**, which gets its name from the Etosha pan, a large salt pan forming part of the Kalahari Basin. • Cross the untamed **Namib Desert** to the wild **Atlantic** coast.