

Net-NAMAKWALAND tour (= 'Only Namaqualand' tour)

This tour is a bus-only tour, and does not include the luxury of train travel between Johannesburg and Cape Town on the Premier Classe train.

The size of the group will determine the bus we take. We keep our transport in the luxury category. The advantage of a smaller group is that with a smaller bus we can go into more unique areas.

The alternative to this tour is the [NAMAQUALAND TRAIN tour](#) or the [NAMAQUALAND & Kirstenbosch \(fly-in\) tour](#) -- that is the shorter 6-day tour of Namaqualand, including a visit to Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens

*This tour of 7 (seven) days covers the Matsikamma, **the real Namaqualand**, the 'boland' of the Namaqualand, Kalahari, and through the Northern Cape, and also the HANTAM!.*

Here is a typical itinerary of the tour:

Day 1: Northern Cape Kalahari and wine region

We depart from Gauteng at 05:00. We travel through the Northern Cape towards the Orange River (Gariiep River) region, via the towns of Vryburg, Kuruman, UpingtonKeimoes, and Kakamas, where we spend our first night.

This tour is based on a bed and breakfast basis. Lunches, Dinners and drinks are for your own account.



Augrabies Waterfall

Day 2: Augrabies, Springbok

We depart after breakfast, to the Augrabies National Park, to view close-up the granite-confined waters of the Gariiep (Orange) River, where it cascades over the several falls, and continues down to the Atlantic Ocean. Augrabies means 'The place of great noise' and it lies at the heart of the remote and fascinating Augrabies National Park. We continue our travels and at Pofadder we have a brief comfort stop. We overnight with bed and breakfast in the Springbok / Nababeep or Kleinsee area.



Day 3: Namakwaland, Kamiesberg region, Vredendal

Today we visit the attractive area of Springbok, Okiep, and Nababeep, walking amongst and getting close-up to the flowers, to get those special near photos.

We continue to the areas where the flowers are most beautiful on the day, choosing amongst, for instance Goegap Nature Reserve / Namaqua National Park / Kamiesberg, etc, where fields of flowers await us. We overnight in the area of Vredendal, on Bed and breakfast basis.

Namaqualand flowers: Daisy Ursiniacalenduliflora Namaqua parachute daisy / Bergmagrietjie, with Daisy Felicia australis Sambreeltjie

Desert Primrose Grielumhumifusum Pietsnotjies, and others, growing wild in Namaqualand



Nieuwoudtville Waterfall

Day 4: Cedarberg, Clanwilliam, Lambert's Bay area

After a well deserved breakfast, we visit the Clanwilliam area. It is in this region where the much loved Rooibos tea is cultivated. A visit to the Ramskop Nature Garden, is certainly a must. We continue to the Rooibos tea factory, and also the Veldshoe Factory (vellies), attractions not to be missed. We go say hello to the Atlantic Ocean, travelling to Lambert's Bay area, where we have a late lunch / early dinner, and overnight on bed and breakfast basis in Vredendal area.

Day 5: Maskam, Nieuwoudville

Today we travel to the Flower Bulb Capital of the world, Nieuwoudville, where the bulb species grow on the 'Boland of the Namaqualand'. An amazing array of species are found here - some particularly endemic to the region. We visit the 100m deep Nieuwoudville Waterfall and the Succulent Nursery in Vanrhynsdorp - another day of hunting for the most beautiful areas of wildflowers.

We overnight on one of the farms in the area of Nieuwoudville, amongst the flowers!

Day 6: Nieuwoudville, Calvinia

After an interesting night and a morning on the highveld of Namaqualand, we continue to Calvinia, into the Hantam - yet another day of taking in the beauty of this region. Here we hunt for another treasure of unique vistas and wild flowers. We overnight on Bed and breakfast basis.



Daisies in Calvinia, by Peter Maas



The Cedarberg Mountains, named after the Cedar Tree which is now threatened in this region.

Day 7: Hantam, Boesmanland, Gariep

After breakfast, our journey continues through the southern region of the Boesmanland, through Brandvlei, to the Great Gariep, and Olifantshoek. We see the last of the amazing flowers, and take a few photos of rows and rows of community birds' nests, telephone lines, and many quiver trees. We overnight on Bed and breakfast basis.

Day 8: We return home

with lots of memories and good friends, again travelling through the Upper Northern Cape, back home to Gauteng, the province of Johannesburg and Pretoria, to arrive late afternoon / early evening