

NATIONAL PARK · NAMIBIA · HARDAP (SESRIEM, NAUKLUFT)

Sossusvlei (Namib-Naukluft National Park)

at a glance

Red star dunes up to 325 metres above their base, a white clay pan with dead camel thorn trees – and a gate that opens at sunrise.

around **45 km**

LOCATION OF DUNE 45
(28 mi) beyond the gate

around **133,000**

VISITORS
to 214,000 a year

BEFORE YOU GO



Namibia's largest protected area

According to the environment ministry, Namib-Naukluft National Park covers 49,768 square kilometres.



Dunes up to 325 metres

According to NWR the star dunes at Sossusvlei are among the highest in the world, up to 325 metres (1,066 ft) measured from their base.



334 kilometres from Windhoek

NWR gives 334 kilometres (208 mi) from Windhoek to Sesriem Campsite, 340 to Sossus Dune Lodge and 253 kilometres to Naukluft Camp.



Gate times: sunrise to sunset

According to NWR's terms and conditions, park gates open at sunrise and close at sunset.



Not after sunset

Leaving a camp before sunrise or reaching it after sunset is prohibited, as is crossing the park boundary in between.



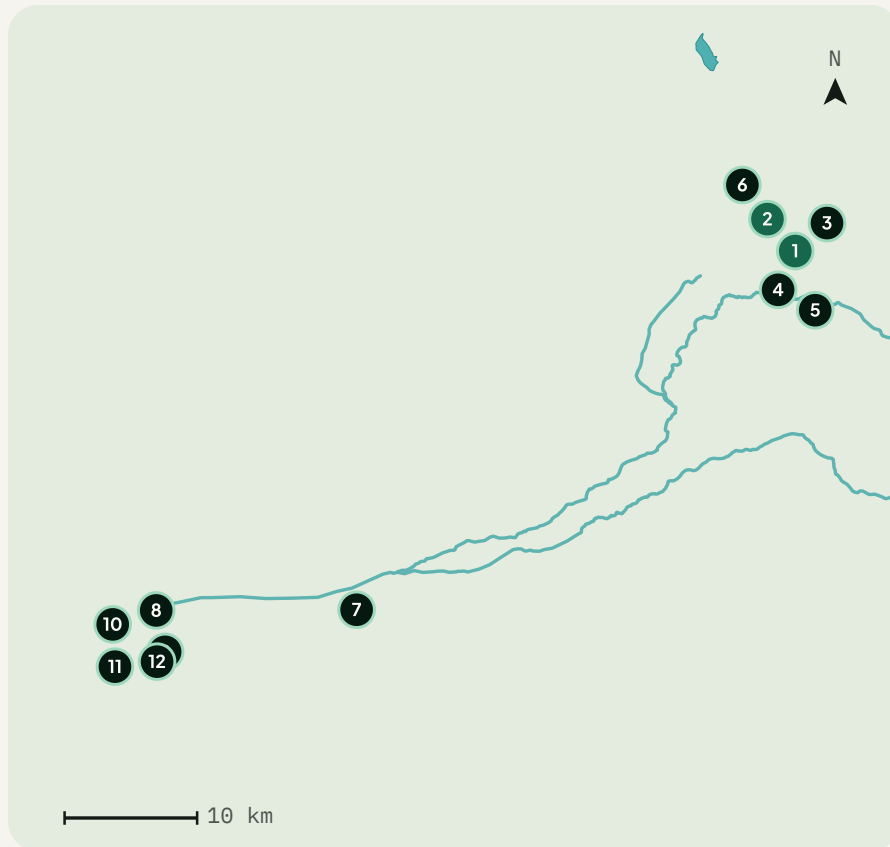
Only on signposted roads

Drive only on roads with official signs and stay overnight only in the camps.



Fees and opening hours, up to date

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date:
nationalparksatlas.com/en/namibia/sossusvlei



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| 1 Sesriem gate | 7 Dune 45 |
| 2 Sesriem Campsite | 8 2x4 car park |
| 3 Sesriem permit office | 9 Hidden Vlei |
| 4 Sossus Dune Lodge | 10 Sossusvlei |
| 5 Sesriem Canyon | 11 Deadvlei 4x4 car park |
| 6 Elim Dune | 12 Deadvlei |

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DEADVLEI



DUNE 45



SESRIEM CANYON

THINGS TO DO

Only four dunes may be climbed

According to the report to UNESCO, the ministry allows visitors only on Dune 45, Big Daddy, Big Mama and ...

Shuttle from the 2x4 car park

The concessionaire drives 4x4 vehicles from the 2x4 car park to Deadvlei.

Naukluft on foot

In the mountain section of the park, the Olive Trail, 10 kilometres (6.2 mi) in about four hours, and the ...

Fog instead of rain

Fog is the main source of water in the sand sea.

[More on the park page](#)

Deadvlei on foot

From the 4x4 car park you walk across the sand into the white pan with the dead camel thorn trees.

Sesriem Canyon

According to NWR the gorge is about one kilometre long and 30 to 40 metres deep; after good rains there are ...

A conveyor belt of sand

According to UNESCO the sand comes from the interior of Africa: carried to the sea by rivers, moved north by ...

Desert wildlife

The ministry lists oryx, Hartmann's mountain zebra, giraffe, springbok, brown hyena, leopard and baboon, as ...

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