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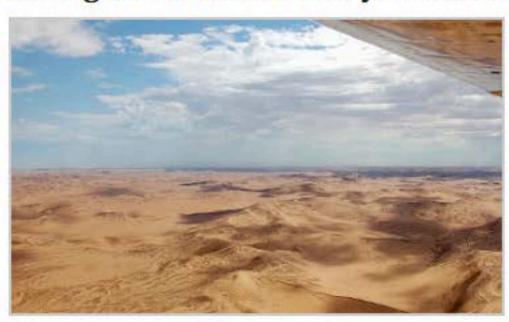
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### Desert Storm

## Taking the African Desert by Private Plane



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The Namibia Experience via Brown + Hudson Namibia, Africa + 44 203 358 0110 official website

Africa's vast desert plains:

Lovely by jeep. Charming by camel. Mind-blowing by private plane.

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Presenting The Namibia Experience, a desert-hopping adrenaline tour down Africa's dune-loaded Skeleton Coast, taking reservations now.

Your steed for this mission: a five-seat propeller plane. Your pilot: Andre Schoeman. A TOPGUN fighter pilot during the Bush Wars of the 1970s, Andre knows things. Dangerous things. Also: tons about plants.

The journey begins in Sossusvlei, an ancient desert with 1,000-foot-high dunes (the world's highest). You'll conquer them by sandboarding—basically, snowboarding minus the snow. (We're envisioning a cross between Shaun White and Lawrence of Arabia.)

Andre will then take you to Swakopmund—an old German colonial town you may recognize as the backdrop for *The Prisoner*. It's the kind of shimmering coastal environment you'll want to trample under a quad bike at the local ATV park. And trample you will.

Your accommodations will change nightly. One spot's built into solid rock face that doubles as a rehab center for cheetahs. (We hear they did great work for Chester.) Another houses Namibia's largest private space observatory. So come nightfall, you'll be treated to a private stargazing session with one of the country's top astronomers.

In case you couldn't see them from the plane.



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