

# Fish River Canyon

## A geological gem

**Fish River Canyon is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful natural sites in Namibia. It is the second largest canyon in the world after the Grand Canyon in the USA. Geology and hiking enthusiasts will not be disappointed!**

The **high plateau of the canyon** overlooks the southern part of Namibia and hides many wonders. The **Fish River**, the longest river in the country, flows along the bottom of the canyon for about 161 km intermittently forming small pools where many animals come to drink, such as wild horses, zebras, baboons, leopards, kudu and springbok. At the heart of this arid, desert-canyon you will see some "**Aloe dichotoma**" or quiver trees, the emblematic tree of the country.

Fish River Canyon is 168 km long, 27 km wide and 450 - 550 m high. Two motorhome entry points are possible: Hobas and Ai-Ais. Travelling in a 4x4 vehicle will give you access to most view points. Campsites are available nearby.

The **Fish River hiking trail** stretches over 80 km and can be done over several days. Certain conditions apply before embarking on this adventure, such as a medical certificate of good health. Careful consideration must be taken for any hiking activities as the temperature can rise to above 40°C outside of the winter months. **Other activities** in the area include rafting down the **Orange River** and relaxing in the warm waters of Ai-Ais that are rich in fluoride, sulfate and chloride.