

Upper Residential Expedition Summary

Overview: This holiday programme invites overseas senior secondary or post-A Level students to experience a unique and inspiring learning environment and unforgettable adventure to in Namibia's Skeleton Coast - one of the wildest and most remote places on Earth. The 4-week field trip is designed to combine academic learning with adventure, hands-on fieldwork, and unforgettable wildlife encounters. Based in the coastal town of Lüderitz, students benefit from a bespoke, small-group learning experience that includes exploration of both the local area and wider regions of Namibia.

Outcomes for Students:

- Observe endemic and rare wildlife
- Explore vast sand dunes, rugged coastlines, and starlit skies
- Learn hands-on about conservation, the environment, and local cultures
- Meet like minded individuals and make new friends

Lüderitz and the surrounding environment: Lüderitz is a special place nestled between two national parks the Namib Naukluft National Park and the Tsau//Khaeb (Sperrgebiet) National Park which are themselves an extension of Namibia's famous Skeleton Coast.



Due to the challenges with accessibility, the empty desert landscape and strict access control, the local ecosystems offer some of the most pristine terrestrial and coastal environments on Earth.

From Lüderitz, there is access to rocky coastline, sandy coves, tidal salt flats and rocky desert. Out of town there is a virtually unique succulent karoo, supporting a high diversity of succulent desert adapted plants, many of which are endemic and estimates suggest that 90% of the invertebrates in this area are unknown to science!

Fig 1: Location of Lüderitz within Namibia

Facilities and activities: Guest students enjoy full access to a wide range of ecology-based day trips and wildlife monitoring projects, as well as broader expedition-style travel throughout Namibia. Activities include desert camping adventures, observing endemic marine wildlife, tracking hyenas, desert exploration and much more.

Students are accommodated in our stunning boarding house and are supported throughout their stay by our experienced and dedicated team. We ensure regular opportunities to contact home, and after each exciting day of activities, there's always something fun happening to keep students entertained.

How to Get There: International flights can be taken to Namibia's International Airport (Windhoek Hosea Kutako) From Windhoek we collect pupils and drive them to Luderitz, a wonderful chance to view the picturesque landscapes in the area.

2026 Dates of the programme:

31st August – 25th September

Cost: £2400 per person

This fee covers:

- Transport to and from Windhoek Hosea Kutako International Airport
- Full board and accommodation during the visit
- All relevant visa processing
- All field trips and extracurricular activities

What is not included:

- International flights from the UK to Windhoek Hosea Kutako International Airport
- Medical insurance
- Vaccinations

What to do next: If this programme is something that is of interest to you or you have any further questions we can help with, please follow the link to arrange a free meeting with the programme's coordinator: <https://calendly.com/patrick-davis-luderitzblueschool/>