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Cruise Details

Name:	From Endless Dunes To Atlantic Dreams
Reference:	HAPAGEUX2761
Operator:	Hapag-Lloyd Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	MS EUROPA 2
Regions:	Africa
Departs On:	03 Jul 27
Departs From:	Cape Town
Arrives On:	21 Jul 27
Arrives At:	Santa Cruz de Tenerife
Cruise Nights:	18
Total Vacation Days:	19

Itinerary

Day 1: Cape Town (South Africa)

Arrives On: 03 Jul 27

Day 3: Lüderitz (Namibia)

In the barren expanse of the Namib Desert, Luderitz appears like a mirage on the edge of the Atlantic. The colonial houses with their bright facades tell the story of the town’s past, while time seems to have stood still in the ghost town of Kolmanskop. Penguins and flamingoes gather at the water and the natural beauty seems raw and untamed. Luderitz, where the desert meets the sea, is a place full of contrasts, in which tranquillity, melancholy and the beauty of solitude have a story to tell.

Arrives On: 05 Jul 27

Day 4: Walvis Bay (Namibia)

Walvis Bay nestles softly in the coastline of Namibia, where the dunes of the Namib Desert meet the deep blue of the Atlantic. Flamingoes and pelicans gather at the lagoons, while dolphins glide playfully through the glittering waves. The panorama of golden dunes and blue water seems surreal, as if nature is revealing its most beautiful colours. The breeze carries the salty scent of the sea over the waterfront promenade as the fishing boats bob up and down on the waves in the distance. Walvis Bay is a place in which the bleak grandeur of the desert and the tranquillity of the ocean come together in a magical way. The port city is also a good starting point for exploring Etosha National Park, one of Africa's most important game reserves – the two-day stay offers plenty of time for this.

Arrives On: 06 Jul 27

Day 5: Walvis Bay (Namibia)

Arrives On: 07 Jul 27

Day 9: Jamestown (Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha)

St Helena has a fascinating mix of unspoilt nature and historical relics. It is famous for being Napoleon's place of exile – he spent his last years on the island at Longwood House. Be amazed by the beautiful landscape: deep-green vegetation, tropical yellow and crimson-bellied birds, and the breathtaking cliffs of Sandy Bay. When out hiking, you will see how the climate and vegetation zones can change radically within just a few kilometres. The path of knowledge will take you in the footsteps of Bonaparte, who was exiled here in 1815. There was no question of escaping back then and you won't have any thoughts of escape now either, since the island has so much to offer in terms of history and natural beauty. The call is subject to weather conditions.

Arrives On: 11 Jul 27

Day 15: Palmeira, Sal Island (Cape Verde)

Sal is one of Cape Verde's "windward islands", the part of the archipelago that faces the wind. The north is characterised by impressive lava rock coasts, while the south enchants visitors with its fine, light-coloured sandy beaches and extensive dunes. The charming fishing village of Palmeira is located on the west coast of the island, just a few kilometres from the main town of Espargos. Its colourful houses give the landscape its unique charm, typical of Cape Verde, while golden beaches invite you to relax under the bright tropical sun.

Arrives On: 17 Jul 27

Day 16: Mindelo, São Vicente Island (Cape Verde)

On Sao Vicente, immerse yourself in life on Cape Verde in its cultural capital, Mindelo. The African influence is unmistakeable here: smell the exotic scents, hear the music in the air and listen to the women loudly selling their wares at the market. The windswept beaches on the island, which are popular with kitesurfers and sun worshippers, contrast with the arid, moon-like scenery.

Arrives On: 18 Jul 27

Day 19: Santa Cruz de Tenerife (Spain)

Arrives On: 21 Jul 27

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