

Cape to Namibia

14 days | Cape Town to Windhoek



Depart from the 'Mother City' of Cape Town and head north up to beautiful Namibia. Discover the expansive Fish River Canyon, climb the massive sand dunes of Sossusvlei, get an adrenalin fix in Swakopmund and go wildlife spotting in Etosha National Park before ending in the capital - Windhoek.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- **South Africa:** Cape Town - extend your stay to explore the city. The Cederberg Area and the Gariep River.
- **Namibia:** Fish River canyon. Namib Naukluft National Park - Sossusvlei & Dune 45. Etosha National Park, Namibia's finest wildlife sanctuary. Swakopmund, a charming colonial coastal town. Spitzkoppe and Windhoek.

What's Included

- Arrival transfer from Cape Town Airport on day 1
- 1st night dorm accommodation at Ashanti Lodge in Cape Town (upgrade available), 2 nights twin share accommodation in

Swakopmund and 10 nights camping. Tents and sleeping mats provided.

- All camping fees and appropriate equipment
- 13 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 9 dinners
- Services of 3 person crew (leader, driver, cook)
- A fully equipped overland truck for transportation and game drives
- Wine tasting in Cederberg, half day canoeing on the Orange River, transfer to Sossusvlei for Desert Walk
- Park Entry & Game drive - Etosha NP
- All road taxes and tolls

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Sleeping bag - please bring your own
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Optional activities

Local Payment

\$390pp, paid in USD.

The local payment is a cost per person which needs to be paid in US Dollars cash only. It is this payment which in part covers the park fees and other inclusions such as meals as detailed under 'what you get'. The local payment also covers your arrival transfer and 1st night's accommodation. Please note that due to exchange rate fluctuations in the US dollar, the local payment amount may be subject to changes. This payment will be collected by your tour leader at the Welcome Meeting on day 1.

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Cape Town



Saturday. Welcome to Cape Town, South Africa! An arrival transfer to our accommodation is included. Today there is a welcome meeting at 17.00hrs where you will meet your tour leader and fellow passengers.

Overnight - Cape Town

Day 2 : Cederberg

Cape Town - Cederberg. Leaving Cape Town, we head around Table Bay and travel north to a picturesque campsite, surrounded by wine farms in the Cederburg Area. This afternoon we sample some of the nectar of the gods with included wine tasting after taking a short walk in the surrounding vineyards to explore the exquisite views of the Cederberg Mountains.

Overnight - Cederberg (B, L, D)

Day 3 : Gariep River

Cederberg - Gariep River. From the Cederberg we travel further north through the

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region known as Namaqualand and the desert area of the Richtersveld to the Gariiep River, the natural land border between South Africa and Namibia, where we camp at a beautiful campsite on the South African bank of the river. **Overnight - Gariiep River** (B, L, D)

Day 4 : Fish River Canyon



Gariiep River - Fish River Canyon (Namibia). This morning we take a half-day canoe trip on the beautiful Gariiep River before we cross into Namibia after lunch and travel to the Fish River Canyon. At 161 km long, 27 km wide and about 550 m deep, it's the second largest canyon in the world. A road follows the eastern rim, giving us access to several viewing points from where we can take in the spectacular vistas. **Overnight - Fish River Canyon** (B, L, D)

Day 5 : Sesriem



Fish River Canyon - Sesriem. An early start today, heading north we enter the Namib-Naukluft desert, one of the oldest in the world. We base ourselves at Sesriem, a good place to experience the Namib and its many moods. A short distance away is Sossusvlei, surrounded by a dramatic sea of sand dunes which are reputed to be the highest in the world. **Overnight - Sesriem** (B, L, D)

Day 6 : Namib Naukluft National Park



Sesriem - Solitaire. This morning we enter the Namib-Naukluft National Park where we spend the morning exploring this amazing area. View the sunrise from the top of Dune 45 - a truly memorable experience. Following our sunrise experience we head a further 5kms into the desert and take a walk to Sossusvlei and Deadvlei and explore the surrounding area. After our morning exploring the desert and its dunes, we exit the park and head to our next destination, the small settlement of Solitaire. **Overnight - Sesriem** (B, L, D)

Days 7-8 : Swakopmund

Sesriem - Swakopmund. Our next stop is Namibia's prime holiday resort - Swakopmund where we enjoy 2 nights of rest, relaxation and a little bit of adrenalin for those that are keen! Founded by the Germans in 1892, their colonial influence is still evident today. Swakopmund has lovely beaches, restaurants & bars as well as many arts and crafts shops selling Namibian curios. Optional excursions include sky diving, quad biking, sand boarding, scenic desert flights, dolphin cruises, fishing trips, golf, horse riding and more. **Overnight - Swakopmund** (B:2)

Day 9 : Spitzkoppe



Swakopmund - Brandberg. Our departure from Swakopmund takes through the

'Matterhorn of Namibia' - Spitzkoppe. The 1728m high rock formation, one of Namibia's most recognised landmarks, is well known as an ancient San sacred site. Explore the surrounding area and its San rock paintings or simply enjoy the magnificent views. After our visit to Spitzkoppe we head off to our next destination - Brandberg **Overnight - Brandberg** (B, L, D)

Days 10-11 : Etosha National Park



Brandberg - Etosha National Park area. On day 10 our drive takes us further north through the Namibian countryside to our campsite, located in the vicinity of Etosha National Park. The following day we explore Etosha National Park. Covering 22,700 km, Etosha is Namibia's premier nature and wildlife reserve. Situated around the Etosha Pan with a large variety of animal and bird life, the extensive network of gravel roads affords us the opportunity of accessing even the most remote areas of the park. After lunch, and once it has cooled off a bit, we spend the remainder of the day exploring the park's southern area. Keep an eye out for the striking Oryx and Springbok as these are endemic to desert National Parks! The camp tonight is situated just outside the parks boundaries, only 10kms from Anderson Gate. Perhaps a quick dip in the pool or a sun downer on the deck before dinner. **Overnight - Etosha National Park area** (B:2, L:2, D:2)

Day 12 : Etosha National Park

Today we make our way 150 km across the park, keeping a look out for the many different mammals, reptiles, birds and insects in the various regions. After a full day of game viewing, we spend the evening relaxing at our camp in the north of the park, Namutoni. After dinner why not head to the waterhole where

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you can sit and observe the animals may come to drink in the evenings. **Overnight - Etosha National Park** (B, L, D)

Day 13 : Windhoek

Etosha - Windhoek. After our breakfast we head out of the park while doing a game drive. Today's drive will take us through small rural towns and scenic landscapes. Nestled between the hills, Windhoek is a rather small capital city but has many places of historical interest. This afternoon is spent at your leisure with time to visit the local museum or haggling at the street side markets. There are also many shops for those in need of a bit of retail therapy. **Overnight - Windhoek** (B, L)

Day 14 : Windhoek

Friday. This morning your tour ends after breakfast. (B)

HOTELS

The hotels listed below are ones which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard when necessary.

Ashanti Lodge Gardens Backpackers

Situated in a Victorian mansion at the foot of Table Mountain, within walking distance of the city centre, Ashanti Lodge offers a range of 6 to 8 bed dormitories, in addition to private rooms with shared bathroom facilities. After a long day of sightseeing, travellers can unwind with a cocktail at the café-bar, take a dip in the outdoor pool, or relax in the landscaped garden. Kitchen/BBQ facilities and complimentary Wi-Fi are also available.



Highlanders Campsite & Lodge

Nestled among the wine farms at the foot of the Cederberg mountains, this campsite

is a perfect stopover in the Namaqualand region. Highlanders is set on 3 levels, giving campers plenty of space between each of the 5 individual camp areas, and a 12-room ensuite lodge has recently been added to the site. Each camp has a 'braai' pit, sink unit & power. There are stunning mountain views from the solar-powered hot showers, and a locally-sourced wine bar by the scenic swimming pool.



Oasis Sossus

This luxury campsite at the gates of Sossusvlei features 12 individually shaded camps, each with its own bathroom facilities, kitchen basin, barbecue, and electricity points. The campsite has a sparkling pool, and is within walking distance of a fully stocked shop, Internet café, and service station. The adjacent Sossusvlei Lodge offers a restaurant and Adventure Centre, where exciting desert activities such as quad biking, sunset drives, and scenic flights over the dunes can be arranged.



Urban Camp

Centrally located in Windhoek (a short walk from the legendary Joe's Beerhouse restaurant), Urban Camp is a comfortable campground combining city convenience with a quiet getaway. Free Wi-Fi, a sparkling pool, and private bathrooms all contribute to an oasis of calm in campsites housing up to 18 people. Nearby is a small shopping centre for amenities, and for sightseers looking to explore the history and architecture of Windhoek, the city centre is less than 2km away.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 4 persons. Prices shown are per person travelling. Single travellers will be paired up in tents with another person of the same sex.

PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
20 Jul	USD 1,095	USD 1,095
03 Aug	USD 1,095	USD 1,095
17 Aug	USD 1,095	USD 1,095
31 Aug	USD 1,095	USD 1,095
14 Sep	USD 1,095	USD 1,095
28 Sep	USD 995	USD 995
12 Oct	USD 995	USD 995
26 Oct	USD 995	USD 995
09 Nov	USD 995	USD 995
23 Nov	USD 995	USD 995
07 Dec	USD 995	USD 995
21 Dec	USD 1,095	USD 1,095

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
04 Jan	USD 1,045	USD 1,940
18 Jan	USD 1,045	USD 1,940
01 Feb	USD 1,145	USD 2,040
15 Feb	USD 1,145	USD 2,040
29 Feb	USD 1,145	USD 2,040
14 Mar	USD 1,145	USD 2,040
28 Mar	USD 1,145	USD 2,040
11 Apr	USD 1,145	USD 2,040
25 Apr	USD 1,145	USD 2,040
09 May	USD 1,145	USD 2,040
23 May	USD 1,145	USD 2,040
06 Jun	USD 1,145	USD 2,040
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