

Namibia to Cape

14 days | Windhoek to Cape Town



Travelling from the capital Windhoek, experience the very best of Namibia including wildlife rich Etosha National Park, the towering dunes of Sossusvlei and colonial Swakopmund. Discover massive Fish River canyon, quaff wines in Cederberg and end in fantastic Cape Town!

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- **Namibia:** Fish River Canyon, the world's 2nd largest canyon. Namib Naukluft National Park - Sossusvlei & Dune 45. Etosha National Park, Namibia's finest wildlife sanctuary. Swakopmund, a charming colonial coastal town. Damaraland - Spitzkoppe.
- **South Africa:** Cape Town - extend your stay to explore the city. The Cederberg Area and the Gariiep River.

What's Included

- Arrival transfer from Windhoek Airport on day 1
- 1st night at Windhoek Urban Camp in garden tent (upgrade available), 2 nights twin share accommodation in

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

Sunday. Welcome to Namibia! Upon arrival at Windhoek airport, you'll be met and transferred to our campsite in the town centre. At 17:00, there will be a welcome meeting at the campsite with fellow travellers and tour crew. **Overnight - Windhoek**

Day 2 : Etosha National Park



Windhoek - Etosha. Leaving Windhoek, we head to Etosha National Park. This 20,000 km2 desert nature reserve is home to many species of wildlife, including the oryx and springbok, and is easily explored on the gravel roads stretching across the park. After dinner, sit by the waterhole and watch the animals quench their thirst as the evening approaches. **Overnight - Etosha National Park (B, L, D)**

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Days 3-4 : Etosha NP

Today we embark on a long game drive through the park, keeping an eye out for the many game options. The varying vegetation creates changing habitats, and so we will see different animals in each section of the park. At the end of the day, we head to our nearby campsite, with time for a dip in the pool and a leisurely dinner. The next day, we continue driving south through Etosha to our second campsite. **Overnight - Etosha National Park area** (B:2, L:2, D:2)

Day 5 : Brandberg



Etosha - Brandberg. We depart south to the Brandberg desert area, where Namibia's tallest mountain can be found. We may have a chance to explore depending on arrival time. **Overnight - Brandberg** (B, L, D)

Days 6-7 : Swakopmund

Brandberg - Spitzkoppe - Swakopmund. Leaving Brandberg, we travel to Swakopmund today, with a brief stop at the Spitzkoppe peak. Swakopmund was established by the Germans in 1892, and the colonial influence can still be seen in the city's elegant architecture. Enjoy some free time to explore the restaurants & cafes, arts & crafts shops, and of course the coastal beach.

Spend the following day at leisure, relaxing or partaking in one of many optional excursions available. Some of our fellow passengers may leave us here, to be replaced by new passengers joining us for the final leg of our trip. **Overnight - Swakopmund** (B:2)

Days 8-9 : Sossusvlei



Swakopmund - Sesriem. Leaving Swakopmund, we head south to the industrial Walvis Bay before turning inland and toward the desert. Continuing our journey, we enter the Namib-Naukluft Park in one of the oldest deserts in the world. We base ourselves at Sesriem, a great place to experience the Namib and its many moods. A short distance away is Sossusvlei, surrounded by a dramatic sea of sand dunes reputed to be the highest in the world. Magnificent views of the desert can be seen from the top of the dunes, some over 300 m high. We spend the afternoon exploring this amazing area. **Overnight - Sesriem** (B:2, L:2, D:2)

Day 10 : Fish River Canyon

Sesriem - Fish River Canyon. Heading out early, we see the sunrise over this beautiful area and we leave the serenity of the dunes to head south 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. The outer canyon was formed by tectonic activity, while the erosion of the Fish River formed the inner canyon. 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 11 : Gariep River

Fish River Canyon - Gariep River (South Africa). This morning we continue south, where, after a short drive, we reach the Gariep River - the natural land border between Namibia and South Africa. We camp at a beautiful campsite on the South African bank of the river. This afternoon we take a half-day canoe trip on the beautiful Gariep River, affording us the opportunity of some bird watching or just a scenic and relaxing paddle. Tonight there's a chance for some fun at the

wonderful camp bar overlooking the river!
Overnight - Gariep River (B, L, D)

Day 12 : Cederberg



Gariep River - Cederberg. We depart our pretty riverside setting this morning for the mining town of Springbok. We continue through the Namaqua region and spend our last night camping near the Cederberg mountains. Our campsite tonight is surrounded by wine farms and we get the opportunity to sample some. **Overnight - Cederberg** (B, L, D)

Day 13 : Cape Town

Cederberg - Cape Town. On this final leg of our journey, we head south towards Cape Town and its landmark Table Mountain. After passing through Citrusdal, the Piketberg Pass, and wine regions, we arrive in the city, for an evening at leisure. **Overnight - Cape Town** (B)

Day 14 : Cape Town

Saturday. Our journey ends this morning. We suggest you extend your stay by a few days to see all that Cape Town and the South African coast have to offer. (B)

HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard. If you require a complete list of the confirmed hotels for your tour please request this from your reservations consultant two weeks prior to your departure. **Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.**

Urban Camp

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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.



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.



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.



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.



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 gender.

PRICES / DATES 2019

| Date | Twin Share | Single |
|--------|------------|-----------|
| 21 Jul | USD 1,095 | USD 1,095 |
| 04 Aug | USD 1,095 | USD 1,095 |
| 18 Aug | USD 1,095 | USD 1,095 |
| 01 Sep | USD 1,095 | USD 1,095 |
| 15 Sep | USD 1,095 | USD 1,095 |
| 29 Sep | USD 995 | USD 995 |
| 13 Oct | USD 995 | USD 995 |
| 27 Oct | USD 995 | USD 995 |

PRICES / DATES 2019

| Date | Twin Share | Single |
|--------|------------|-----------|
| 10 Nov | USD 995 | USD 995 |
| 24 Nov | USD 995 | USD 995 |
| 08 Dec | USD 995 | USD 995 |
| 22 Dec | USD 1,095 | USD 1,095 |

PRICES / DATES 2020

| Date | Twin Share | Single |
|--------|------------|-----------|
| 05 Jan | USD 1,045 | USD 1,940 |
| 19 Jan | USD 1,045 | USD 1,940 |
| 02 Feb | USD 1,145 | USD 2,040 |
| 16 Feb | USD 1,145 | USD 2,040 |
| 01 Mar | USD 1,145 | USD 2,040 |
| 15 Mar | USD 1,145 | USD 2,040 |
| 29 Mar | USD 1,145 | USD 2,040 |
| 12 Apr | USD 1,145 | USD 2,040 |
| 26 Apr | USD 1,145 | USD 2,040 |
| 10 May | USD 1,145 | USD 2,040 |
| 24 May | USD 1,145 | USD 2,040 |
| 07 Jun | USD 1,145 | USD 2,040 |
| 21 Jun | USD 1,145 | USD 2,040 |
| 05 Jul | USD 1,245 | USD 2,140 |
| 19 Jul | USD 1,245 | USD 2,140 |
| 02 Aug | USD 1,245 | USD 2,140 |
| 16 Aug | USD 1,245 | USD 2,140 |
| 30 Aug | USD 1,245 | USD 2,140 |
| 13 Sep | USD 1,245 | USD 2,140 |
| 27 Sep | USD 1,145 | USD 2,040 |
| 11 Oct | USD 1,145 | USD 2,040 |
| 25 Oct | USD 1,145 | USD 2,040 |
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