

# Cape Town to Windhoek

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**ACCOMMODATED OVERLAND TOUR:** Starting in the beautiful city of Cape Town travel through winelands and stunning scenery before crossing the border into Namibia. Discover the pristine Skeleton Coast, visit incredible sand dunes in the Namib Desert and spot wildlife, from lions to leopards, in Etosha National Park. Finish your incredible adventure in the vibrant Namibian capital of Windhoek.

## HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

### Trip Highlights

- **South Africa:** Cape Town - extend your stay to explore the city.
- **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

- Guided walk of Spitzkoppe
- Arrival transfer from Cape Town Airport on day 1
- 12 nights 2 - 3\* hotels & permanent tents

- 12 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 5 dinners
- Services of 3 person crew (leader, driver, cook)
- A fully equipped overland truck for transportation and game drives
- 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
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Optional activities - Check our Trip Notes for optional activities available on this tour

### Local Payment

\$490pp, paid in USD

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : Cape Town

Welcome to South Africa. Upon arrival into Cape Town Airport you'll be met and transferred to our accommodation. A pre departure meeting will be held this afternoon at 5pm. **Overnight - Cape Town**

### Day 2 : Cederberg



Cape Town - Cederberg. Departing Cape Town we make our way around the towering Table Mountain and head northwards. Our journey takes us through the wheat growing region, which is often referred to as the bread basket of South Africa. Next we cross the Piketberg Pass and along the Olifants River, an area rich in fruit growing. Later we get the opportunity to sample some of the fantastic wines produced in this region and the vineyard we visit has stunning views across the Cederberg Mountains.

**Overnight - Cederberg (B, L, D)**

### Day 3 : Orange River

Cederberg - Orange River. This morning we travel further north, through the region known as Namaqualand. Each spring this area is awash with colour as the Namaqua wildflowers bloom across the region. After a short stop in the mining town of Springbok we continue through the barren desert landscape of the Richtersveld before reaching

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the Orange (Gariiep) River, which acts as a natural border between South Africa and Namibia. Our accommodation for the evening is situated on the South African side of the river with beautiful views. **Overnight - Orange River** (B, L, D)

## Day 4 : Fish River Canyon



Orange River - Fish River Canyon. Enjoy a morning at leisure. After lunch we cross the border into Namibia and make our way to Fish River Canyon, the second largest canyon in the world. Formed by tectonic activity and erosion it measures 161km in length, 2km in width and roughly 550m in depth. Following the eastern rim we'll get the chance to stop at a number of vantage points for breathtaking views across the canyon.

**Overnight - Grunau** (B, L)

## Day 5 : Sesriem



Fish River Canyon - Sesriem. It's an early start today as we make our way north through the Namib-Naukluft desert, one of the oldest in the world. With a sea of towering sand dunes, some of which are reputed to be the highest in the world, it's an incredible part of the world. Our base for the next two nights is the Sossuvlei area, a great place to explore the region from. **Overnight - Sesriem** (B, L)

## Day 6 : Namibia's Sand Dunes

Today we further explore the amazing Namib-Naukluft National Park. We have the

opportunity to climb Dune 45, so named because it's at the 45th kilometre on the road that connects Sesriem gate and Sossuvlei. This impressive dune stands at around 80 metres at its highest point and is made up of 5 million-year-old sand. Later today you'll have the opportunity to join one of the desert shuttles that heads a further 5km into the desert, reaching Sossuvlei, characterised by salt pans surrounded by imposing red sand dunes. **Overnight - Sesriem** (B, L)

## Days 7-8 : Swakopmund

Sesriem - Swakopmund. After breakfast we head north-west in the direction of the Atlantic Ocean and the town of Walvis Bay before continuing to the seaside town of Swakopmund. During our journey we'll cross the Tropic of Capricorn.

On day 8 you have some free time to explore this beautiful colonial town or partake in some of the optional adrenaline activities on offer here. Founded in 1892 by the Germans, Swakopmund still holds a lot of colonial charm with the added excitement of various adventurous pursuits. 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, L:1)

## Day 9 : Brandberg

Swakopmund - Brandberg. We make an early departure from Swakopmund this morning and head through Spitzkoppe, often referred to as the 'Matterhorn of Namibia'. This 1728m-high rock formation is one of Namibia's most recognised landmarks. We'll explore this area, visiting the rock paintings that have been discovered in the area. We end the day at our accommodation in Brandberg. **Overnight - Brandberg** (B, L, D)

## Days 10-11 : Etosha National Park

Brandberg - Etosha National Park. On day 10 we depart for Etosha National Park. Covering over 22,000 square kilometres, Etosha is Namibia's most significant and impressive national park.

On day 11 we explore Etosha National Park further. Located around the Etosha Pan, the national park is home to a huge variety of animal and birdlife. The network of unpaved roads give us a fantastic opportunity to get deep into the remotest parts of the park. This afternoon we explore the southern area of Etosha, with a thriving Oryx and Springbok population to be seen. This evening we return to our accommodation just outside the national park where you might wish to have a quick dip in the pool or enjoy a sundowner before dinner. **Overnight - Etosha National Park** (B:2, L:2, D:2)

## Day 12 : Etosha National Park

Today we make our way through the park heading northwards, en route we'll see many different fascinating animals. Moving to a different part of the park shows the change in vegetation and how this affects the wildlife. Arriving to our accommodation this evening we can take some time to relax. You may wish to head to the waterhole where you can sit and observe the animals that come and go.

**Overnight - Etosha National Park** (B, L)

## Day 13 : Windhoek

Etosha - Windhoek. After our breakfast this morning, we head out of the park. 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. Our tour ends in Windhoek this afternoon, we recommend booking post tour accommodation. (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.

**Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.**

## Ashanti Gardens Guesthouse

Overlooked by Lion's Head Mountain, this guesthouse is comprised of two lovingly restored Victorian buildings with communal kitchens. Each room is individually decorated

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and features a private bathroom, tea and coffee making facilities and unlimited free WiFi so you can stay connected to everyone back home. Guests are also able to use the facilities of the neighbouring Ashanti Backpackers, which include a refreshing pool and the Kumasi Cafe. During the mornings you'll find a delicious breakfast buffet and by night the cafe serves a tantalising array of cocktails to enjoy with the views.



## Highlanders

Nestled amongst the farms of the Klawer wine region, Highlanders is set on the Olifants river at the foot of the Cedarberg mountain range. Originally just a campsite, it now boasts 12 luxury rooms within a lodge, each of which are complete with an ensuite and air conditioning. Tasty group meals are on offer including traditional braais or a potjie served with fresh, homemade bread. Guests can also enjoy a wine tasting of six local varieties. The wine bar and a swimming pool are perfectly positioned to take in the surrounding views whilst you enjoy a glass or two.



## Bushwhacked

Set on the banks of the mighty Orange River, Bushwhacked has the essence of a bush camp, but is equipped with modern facilities. It features grassy campsites and, for those wanting the camping experience without having to pitch a tent, there is now a glamping option. Within each glamping unit, you'll find two single beds and bedding, with the benefits of lighting and electricity. Group meals can be provided, and their speciality

is a spit braai with fresh bread baked on the coals. Guests can also enjoy a cold beer at the bar and stunning views of the sun setting over the Richtersveld mountain ranges.



## Grunau Chalets

Grunau Chalets offers the perfect stopover for those travelling between South Africa and Namibia. Its self-contained accommodation is arranged into chalets that feature a seating area, private bathroom and refrigerator. The staff here are always happy to help and a shop sells everything from postcards to Namibian biltong. At the restaurant, guests can enjoy some of the best home-made pies in the country or, alternatively, you can light up a campfire and sit back to experience the Namibian sunset.



## Adventure Village

Set in the coastal town of Swakopmund, Adventure Village is just a 15-minute walk from attractions such as the fort-like Alte Kaserne and the National Marine Aquarium. Several restaurants and a supermarket are also close by, alongside an on-site snack bar. Its modern guestrooms are simply furnished, with a private bathroom, wardrobe and free WiFi available in public areas. Each of the rooms has also been built out of colourful shipping containers, offering a unique stay within Namibia.



## Brandberg White Lady Lodge

Open since 2004, the Brandberg White Lady Lodge is a warm and hospitable lodge at the foot of Namibia's highest mountain. Choose from chalets or rooms, all are well furnished with en suite facilities and a private patio/veranda. There are 2 large outdoor pools perfect for cooling down in. The famous 'White Lady' Bushman painting is a popular half-day excursion from here - which is not to be missed!



## Okaukuejo Resort

With a popular waterhole for game viewing and a range of luxury chalets and standard rooms Okaukuejo Resort is the perfect place for relaxing and game viewing. Guest rooms range from Bush Chalets to Premium Waterhole chalets (which overlook the animals' drinking place). Evenings are a great time to relax at the waterhole and watch the amazing wild life come down for their evening drinks - you could even take your own beverage and join in with the drinking. Okaukuejo is accessed from the southern entrance of the park and is about 17km in.



## Eldorado

Family-run Eldorado offers an authentic taste of Namibian hospitality and farm life. Its guestrooms have been individually crafted from existing old farm buildings and provide a private bathroom, coffee making facilities and air conditioning. Guests can grab a bite to eat in the on-site restaurant or enjoy a refreshing drink at the bar. The outdoor pool is also an inviting spot to cool off after a day out wildlife-spotting in the African heat.

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## 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 above are per person travelling. Single travellers will be paired up in tents with another person of the same gender.

## PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
31 Mar	AUD 3,895	AUD 4,685
28 Apr	AUD 3,895	AUD 4,685
26 May	AUD 3,895	AUD 4,685
23 Jun	AUD 3,895	AUD 4,685
18 Aug	AUD 3,895	AUD 4,685
15 Sep	AUD 3,895	AUD 4,685
13 Oct	AUD 3,895	AUD 4,685
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