

Information guidelines

The following information will serve as a guideline to your tour. Please take time to read this document as it includes important and helpful information.

Should you require any additional information please feel free to visit our website at www.CheapAfricaTours.com or www.GoedkopeAfrikaReizen.nl

This document consists of the following details:

A: All the necessary information you need to know before travelling

B: Full tour itinerary

C: Optional activities with rates.

A: Basic information:

DEPARTURE POINT

This tour will depart on selected Sundays from:

- Hotel Safari, Corner of Auas & Aviation Roads, Windhoek at 14h00, Tel: +264 61 296 8000
- Guests not staying at the Hotel Safari must arrive at the Hotel at 13h00.

Clients can either book accommodation and airport transfers directly with the Safari Hotel or through us. Rates are listed on our website.

Please note that we strongly advise against flying out on the day that the tour ends. We and our partners will not be held responsible for missed flights on this day. We generally travel long distances and late arrivals are common.

ACCOMMODATION ON TOUR:

Please note that linen will be provided at Hotel Safari, BUT you will need a sleeping bag and pillow for the rest of the tour. The nights specified as accommodated on tour should be seen as an upgrade from camping, but stays very basic.

- Batteries can be charged from a 220 volt source pre tour departure in Windhoek, on most nights at the lodges and every day on the truck while the truck is driving from a 12 V inverter.
- Currency exchange opportunities: Arrival at Windhoek Airport, Swakopmund
- Please note that Namibia accept South African Rand as the currency is 1 to 1 with SA.
- Limited Laundry facilities: Windhoek (Essential washing only)

ON SAFARI

All our tours require participation from all group members. This entails assisting with the food preparation, washing of dishes, keeping the truck clean and the setting up the camp.

Please keep in mind that flexibility and an open mind will greatly contribute to an enjoyable safari.

We are travelling in developing countries therefore please do not expect the punctuality you have come to expect in first world countries. Things do not always run according to plan, however we do endeavor to run according to the itinerary as best as possible.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Please ensure that you are in possession of valid travel documents for all the countries you will visit during this tour (Namibia and South Africa).

Although we will endeavour to assist, we do not accept any liability or obligation for your travel documents.

Make sure that your passport has at least six months' validity from your planned date of return to your home country and make sure there are enough blank pages for visas.

Make two photocopies of valuable documents such as your passport, tickets, visas and travelers cheques. Keep one copy with you in a separate place to the original and leave another copy with someone at home.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Please note that Southern African weather conditions vary tremendously from season to season. During summer months temperatures of up to 40°C can be experienced. During the winter months of June, July and August the nights are very cold - temperatures may drop well below 0°C - although the day temperatures will be pleasant at around 20°C.

FOREIGN CURRENCY

Namibian Dollar is the currency used in Namibia and in South African it is the Rand. South African Rand can also be used in Namibia, but not the other way around. All major currencies can be exchanged in Namibia. Please ensure that you have enough Dollar/ Rand as there are only limited opportunities to exchange foreign currencies. Major credit cards are widely accepted and can be used to pay for almost everything.

On this tour the overland truck has safe-keeping facilities for extra cash/flight tickets/passports.

INSURANCE

It is compulsory that all passengers make arrangements for adequate travel insurance to financially safeguard against unforeseen circumstances. If you need further information please do not hesitate to contact us. We and our partners do not accept responsibility for any loss, injury, damage, accident, fatality, delay or inconvenience experienced whilst on tour. You will be required to complete and sign a full indemnity prior to tour departure.

CLOTHING & PERSONAL EFFECTS

Herewith a recommended guide of what to bring along:

**Backpack / Barrelbag / Soft Suitcase	Torch / Flashlight / batteries
Sleeping Bag & Small Pillow	Toiletries
Sport Shoes / Sneakers	Sun Cream
Sandals	Insect Repellent
Long Trousers / Tracksuit	Mosquito Net (Optional)
Shorts	Malaria Prophylaxis
Waterproof Windbreaker	***Refreshments
Jersey / Jumper	Money (Sundry expenses, gratuities)
T-Shirts / Shirts	Camera, Binoculars
Socks & Underwear	Books (Birds, Mammals etc.)
Swimming Costume & Towel	Pen
Hat	Passport / Visas (if applicable)
Water Bottle	Smaller day pack

* A camping bed for each guests will be supplied while on tour. (L=205; W=73; H=51)

** Luggage should be limited to a maximum of 15kg's

HARD SUITCASES ARE NOT SUITABLE!!

*** Refreshments can be purchased en-route on the first day of the tour, and at regular intervals throughout the tour.

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS & REQUIREMENTS

Please consult with your general practitioner regarding any necessary prophylaxis. Prevention is better than cure, please use insect repellent on exposed areas after sunset. You will find good repellants in all the convenient stores in Namibia.

On tour there will be a first aid box for use in emergencies, however we recommend that you bring along your own basic supply of medication, headache tablets etc.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS

Meals are provided as indicated in this document/website. Soft drinks, bottled water and alcohol are for your own expense; obviously there is ample opportunity during the tour to buy refreshments. The guide will advise when you need to stock up for a couple of days. Drinking water will be available on the truck, please note that this is not bottled water.

PERSONAL EXPENSES

A reasonable amount of personal spending money must be brought on our tours. This is to cover own expense meals, snacks, sundry goods purchased - such as batteries, suntan cream etc., all bottled water, alcohol and soft beverages, curios, optional extra excursions, airport tax, transfers and tips. In Africa it is common courtesy to tip casual help for services rendered. In the case of your guide, if you were happy with his or her services, an amount of R50 per day per person would constitute a reasonable tip.

GROUP SIZE (Max 17)

Group size varies from 4 – 17.

B: Itinerary: Best of Namibia | Camping | 17 days

OVERVIEW:

An Adventurer's Playground - Namibia - the land of unrelenting sun, where the ground appears to beg the heavens for rain and the vast landscapes stretch uninterrupted for hundreds of kilometers without signs of Man's intervention. Living Deserts where one gazes in wonder and amazement at the displays of changing natural colors, and at the animals and plants that somehow survive in this seemingly harsh environment.

This tour covers all of the popular highlights but also includes many "off the beaten track" destinations seldom visited by mainstream tourism.

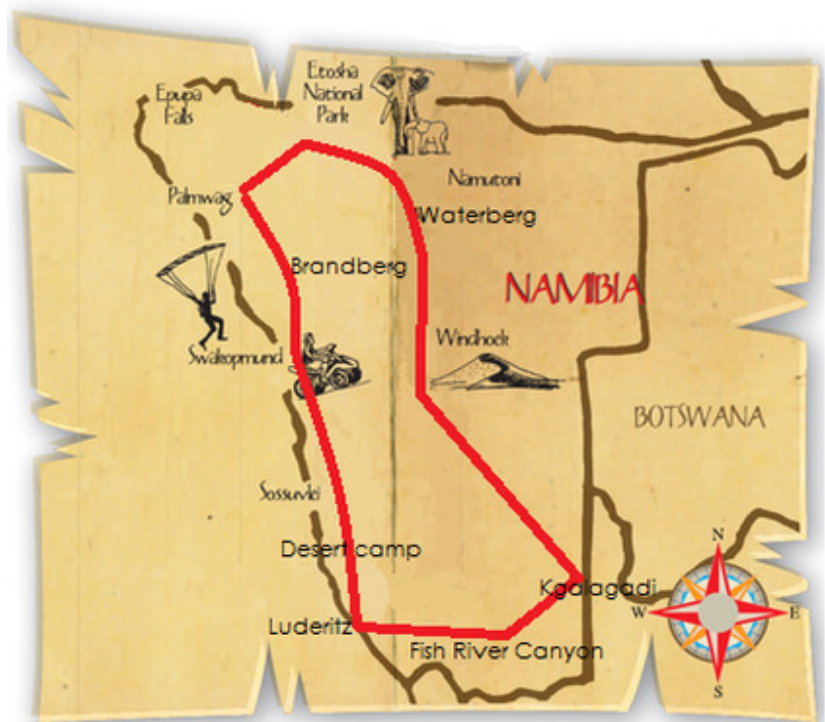
Flexibility, a willingness to participate, an awareness of the elements, and a desire for unlimited adventure, are essential in order to best absorb all that this tour has to offer.

Route: Windhoek to Windhoek

Accommodation: 13 nights camping, 1 night hotel, 2 nights lodge

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Windhoek City Tour
- Kalahari Wild Camp
- Kgalagadi Trans frontier National Park
- Fish River Canyon
- Ai-Ais Hot Springs
- Orange River
- Kolmanskop Ghost Town
- Luderitz
- Desert Horses
- Private Namib Desert Reserve
- Open-vehicle Game Drive
- Game Walks
- Desert Night Drive
- 4x4 trip to Sossusvlei Dunes
- Sesriem Canyon
- Walvis Bay
- Swakopmund
- Skeleton Coast
- Cape Cross Seal Colony
- Spitzkoppe
- Twyfelfontein Rock Engravings
- Palmwag Reserve
- Etosha National Park
- Waterberg National Park



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Quad biking
- Dune Boarding
- Sky Diving
- Marine Wildlife Boat Trip

Day to day description:

Day 1: Windhoek

Our Namibia group tour begins in the Capital city of Windhoek at 14h00 when everyone meets at our hotel for a short tour briefing. We then set off on an afternoon of driving through Windhoek and viewing the attractions of the city, including the local museum and church before setting off to enjoy the warm hospitality and an own expense dinner at the infamous restaurant "Joe's Beerhouse", or a similar restaurant. We spend the night in comfort at our hotel and prepare for the next day's adventure

Meals: Dinner own expense

Included highlights/ activity: Windhoek city Tour

Day 2: Windhoek - Kgalagadi

This morning, we leave the city behind, and begin our winding adventure south into the open plains of the vast Kalahari Desert. Our journey today takes us through remote farming towns that are seldom visited by travellers and where we possibly stop to engage with the local inhabitants. Our ride will take the majority of the day but there will be plenty of scenic beauty to keep us occupied. We will arrive at our camp in the Kgalagadi in the late afternoon.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included highlights/ activity: Scenic drive through the Kalahari Desert

Day 3: Kgalagadi Trans-frontier Park

After a sumptuous breakfast, we embark on our safari (game drive) through the Kgalagadi Trans-frontier Park, a National Park spanning both South Africa and Botswana. Well known for its predator population, including cheetah and the massive Black Maned Lion, the Kgalagadi Park offers unique game viewing opportunities and spectacular bird life. We will spend most of the day traversing the South African side of the park in search of animals. Our guide will take time to give us more information on the animals we encounter in the park and will explain how they survive in the desert conditions. Tonight we camp amongst the Camel Thorn trees.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included highlights/ activity: Extensive Game viewing experience (Game = Wild animals)

Day 4: Kgalagadi - Fish River Canyon

Rising early, we witness the sunrise over the red dunes before breakfast. Today we travel one of the most scenic Kalahari roads, crossing numerous high dunes which offer spectacular viewpoints. We make our way to Keetmanshoop where we have a short comfort break and then continue onto the Fish River Canyon - the second largest canyon in the world. We spend some time taking in the views of the canyon by visiting a couple of viewpoints before moving onto our stop for the night, Ai - Ais, the Hot Springs located in the depths of the canyon.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included highlights/ activity: Keetmanshoop, Fish River Canyon, Ais Ais Hotsprings

Day 5: Fish River Canyon - Aus

This morning we will enjoy a short walk at the base of the canyon before travelling on remote roads to the southernmost point of our journey – the mighty Orange River. Forming the border with South

Africa, the Orange River creates a narrow band of green vegetation that winds its way through the towering rugged mountains of this seemingly burnt landscape.

We will enjoy a lunch stop and possibly even a swim in the river. This afternoon we travel north along the diamond mining area of the Sperrgebiet and make our way to the charming little town of Aus where we spend the next two nights camping.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included highlights/ activity: Morning walk, Orange River

Day 6: Aus - Luderitz - Kolmanskop - Aus

We have an early start as we make our way across the open desert plains toward the Atlantic Ocean. Our first stop today will be at the Ghost Town of Kolmanskop. Once the site of a prosperous diamond mine, the town is slowly being reclaimed by the shifting sands of the desert. We enjoy an entertaining tour and a walk around the town and through the old buildings.

Then it's on to Luderitz, a small harbour town on one of the most inhospitable coastlines imaginable. We will visit the cross planted here by Dias in 1487 and we will spend some time strolling around town, enjoying the unique architecture. This afternoon we travel back into the desert and will stop on route to hopefully see a colony of wild desert horses. Lunch today will be own expense.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner (Lunch at own expense)

Included highlights/ activity: Ghost Town of Kolmanskop, Luderitz, Wild desert horses

Day 7: Namib Desert Reserve

After a relaxed start we enjoy breakfast before we continue travelling north into the dry interior of Namibia. Today we venture into the heart of the Namib to a privately owned game reserve, taking in its vast plains, red dunes, and towering mountains of stone. Our next two nights will be spent at the remote desert camp nestled against a rock outcrop within a conservancy that forms part of the vast Namib Rand Nature Reserve. The reserve is home to a variety of desert adapted ecology and wildlife and we will enjoy extensive walks as well as day and night game drives during our time here.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included highlights/ activity: Private desert lodge, Private desert game reserve

Day 8: Desert Reserve

We awake to desert views that extend further than the eye can see. This protected wilderness has been conserved and is protected through the proceeds of tourism. All animals here exist in completely natural surroundings and are free to move unrestricted over the full extent of the 22,000 hectare reserve.

Our guide will help us understand the unique desert fauna and flora. Today we start off with an informational and educational walk in this beautiful environment, looking for tracks and signs of animal's behavior and survival strategies allowing them to exist in these harsh conditions.

There is time to relax during the heat of the day after which we do a desert drive in search of some desert adapted animals by covering a bit more distance with the open safari vehicle.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included highlights/ activity: Open vehicle desert safari, game walk

Day 9: Sossusvlei dunes

It will be an early start to the day as we continue across the endless desert plains to the Sesriem Canyon and the awesome Sossusvlei dunes – said to be the highest in the world. After exploring the canyon on foot, we will transfer into the heart of the dunes and will spend time climbing these spectacular mountains of sand before moving on to our campsite in the desert. On this day we take you to climb the dunes and explore the Sesriem Canyon, Sossusvlei and Deadvlei with a 4×4 transfer in and out of these attractions.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included highlights/ activity: Sesriem Canyon, Sossusvlei, Deadvlei, 4×4 transfer into these areas, dune climbing

Day 10 - 11: Swakopmund

Crossing through the Namib Naukluft Park, we make our way to the coastal town of Walvis Bay to view the lagoon. Then it's on to Swakopmund where we spend two nights in a centrally located, comfortable lodge. We explore this holiday town and its surroundings thoroughly and enjoy both our evening meals at a local nightspot (own expense).

Swakopmund is the adventure capital of Namibia and offers guests a variety of adventure activities. Clients will have the opportunity to go quad biking, sand boarding or even skydiving!. For those that simply want to relax, the town offers a variety of restaurants and shops where one can sit and enjoy the town atmosphere.

Meals on day 10: Breakfast, Lunch (Dinner at own expense)

Meals on day 11: Breakfast (Lunch and Dinner at own expense)

Optional activities: Skydive, quad bikes, dune boarding, desert tours, boat cruises

Included highlights/ activity: Scenic drive through Namib Naukluft National Park, welwitschia desert plants, Walvis Bay Lagoon, Swakopmund

Day 12: Skeleton Coast - Spitzkoppe

Today we head up along the barren Skeleton Coast, scene of many a shipwreck, to the seal colony at Cape Cross where thousands of Cape Fur Seals can be seen ashore. We will get within very close proximity to these wild animals. We continue and travel through the desert to visit the towering granite peaks found at Spitzkoppe. After exploring the outcrops in the afternoon, we set up camp and enjoy the play of the light during sunset from our seat in the mountain. We spend the night at the foot of the mountain.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included highlights/ activity: Cape Cross seal colony, Spitzkoppe

Day 13: Twyfelfontein - Palmwag

It will be a busy day with many stops as we visit the Organ Pipes and the Ancient Rock Engravings at Twyfelfontein before entering Damaraland and crossing the Grootberg mountain pass to spend the night near the oasis of Palmwag. This is one of a few permanent waterholes used by the rare Desert Rhino, elephants, and many other desert adapted species. We hope to see these magnificent animals up close today.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included highlights/ activity: Organ Pipe rock formations, Twyfelfontein, Palmwag oasis

Day 14 - 15: Etosha National Park

Entering Etosha National Park today, arguably the highlight of the tour, we will spend two nights here within the park in search of the big game this park is so well known for. One evening will be spent at a floodlit waterhole watching the many animals that come down to drink. During these days, we will conduct extensive game drives, visiting all the little waterholes during the heat of the day and staying within the park the entire time. Each night we will stay in one of the rest camps of the park.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner on both days

Optional Activities: Own expense night drive (safari) within the park

Included highlights/ activity: 2 days in Etosha, extensive game viewing

Day 16: Etosha - Waterberg

After a short morning game drive, we exit the park and travel down to the impressive Waterberg Plateau National Park. This plateau is ecologically diverse and has over 200 different bird species, some rare species of small antelope occur on the lower hills of the mountain. We will hike up the mountain in the afternoon and enjoy the views of the Kalahari from the summit. We enjoy our last night of Namibia tour at the base of the Waterberg.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included highlights/ activity: short morning game drive, hike in the Waterberg

Day 17: Windhoek

We are up early again to pack up and begin our journey back to civilization. The drive to Windhoek will take approximately 5 hours and we intend to be back in the capital by 13h00 where the tour will officially come to an end. Lunch will be enjoyed at your own expense. For those who want to fly out this afternoon, please allow for check-in time and at least an hour for the airport transfer.

Meals: Breakfast

Included highlights/ activity: scenic drive to Windhoek

Please note: The day by day descriptions published are intended as a rough guideline only.

Adventure travel by nature is unpredictable, weather patterns, game migrations, road conditions and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that ultimately are for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible and open minded in this regard.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This is an adventure tour and as such involves a certain amount of walking - a small daypack is advisable.

The price includes all transport, accommodation, meals as per the itinerary, tea and coffee at the Lodges, group equipment, permits, entry fees, and professional guides.

The price does not include alcohol, bottled water and soft drinks, meals where stipulated, curios, tips and optional excursions.

Before departure clients will be required to enter into an agreement pertaining to our booking conditions and general information as defined on our website and in our brochure.

Clients are required to have their own comprehensive personal travel insurance.

C: Optional activities available on this tour

- Please note all rates are subject to change without prior notice
- ALL activities are booked and paid directly on arrival

Swakopmund and surrounds:

Skydiving

N\$ 2500.00 per person

Professional Cameraman - 3 Options available.

Basic Video: N\$ 900.00 incl. photos and short video

Handcam, Outside Video (all angle shots) and photos N\$ 1400.00.

Handcam, Outside Video (all angle shots) photos and T-Shirt N\$ 1550.00

Quadbiking:

1 hr - N\$ 520.00 pp

1.5 hr - N\$ 620.00 pp

2 hr - N\$ 720.00 pp

Sundowner Tour

N\$ 700.00 per person.

Township tours

N\$ 500 pp

Sandboarding

Lie down : N\$ 470.00 pp

Stand up: N\$ 600.00 pp

Living desert tours

N\$ 750.00 pp

Ocean adventures

N\$ 750.00 pp.

Sunset tour

Includes: Sparkling non-alcoholic Champagne & Transfers

MIN. 4 pax

N\$650.00pp

Enjoy a 90min quad drive as the sun is setting and stop at the top of the dune to enjoy fresh oysters and non-alcoholic champagne watching Namibia's beautiful sunsets.

Enjoy your adventure of a lifetime!