

# CAPE TOWN TO WINDHOEK

South Africa & Namibia



## 14 day small group tour (overland camping)

Travel from South Africa's most cosmopolitan city to the diverse nation of Namibia. Visit Fish River Canyon, the second largest canyon in the world, the Namib Desert, home to the world's highest sand dunes and the wildlife-rich pans of Etosha National Park. Be amazed by the wonders of Namibia's interior and Atlantic coastline and spend time in Namibia's two contrasting cities, Swakopmund and Windhoek.





#### Cost includes:

- transport in an custom-built over-land truck with a maximum of 12 passengers
- services of two registered English-speaking guides
- 9 nights in self-erected domed tents with shared ablutions, 4 nights in twin-share rooms with en-suites
- 11 x breakfasts, 9 x lunches, 7 x dinners
- entrance fees to national parks
- visits Cape Point Reserve, Fish River Canyon, Sossusvlei dunes, Sesriem Canyon, Swakopmund, Spitzkoppe, Cape Cross, Etosha National Park, Windhoek

#### Cost excludes:

- visas and international flights
- international airport taxes if applicable
- meals and drinks not listed
- dining rooms tips
- personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
- telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature
- optional 4WD safaris and excursions.

**B - breakfast**

**L - lunch**

**D - dinner**

#### Cape Town to Windhoek

**Accommodation:** self-erected dome tents with shared ablutions and twin-share rooms at guesthouses / lodges

**Departs:** Thursdays

**Group size:** maximum of 12

**Product code:** SUCW14

#### Itinerary overview:

Day 1: South Africa, Cape Town - Sweetest Guesthouse or similar

Day 2: Namibia, Cederberg - campsite

Day 3: Namibia, Gariep River - Felix Unite campsite or similar

Day 4: Namibia, Fish River Canyon - campsite

Day 5: Namibia, Namib Desert - campsite

Day 6: Namibia, Namib Desert - campsite

Day 7: Namibia, Swakopmund - Dunedin Star Guesthouse or similar

Day 8: Namibia, Swakopmund - Dunedin Star Guesthouse or similar

Day 9: Namibia, Spitzkop - campsite

Day 10: Namibia, Ugab Wilderness - campsite

Day 11: Namibia, Etosha National Park - campsite

Day 12: Namibia, Etosha National Park - campsite

Day 13: Namibia, Windhoek - Klein Windhoek Guest House or similar

Day 14: Namibia, Windhoek - ends

Pre-tour accommodation in Cape Town and post-tour accommodation in Windhoek can be arranged prior to departure on request.



## Cape Town to Windhoek - camping

### Day 1: Cape Town, South Africa

Cape Town is one of the most picturesque cities in the world, with the majestic Table Mountain providing its central focus. This morning after a tour briefing you depart Cape Town at 8:00 am to visit the African penguin colony in Boulders where you can walk amongst the penguins on raised boardwalks. Following your penguin encounter we continue on to Cape Point Nature Reserve, 7750 hectares of rich and varied flora and fauna located at the tip of the Cape Peninsular. Then we head to the beaches of Hout Bay for some relaxation. On return to Cape Town we sample some of the city's culinary wonders at a local restaurant in the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront (own expense). **Sweetest Guesthouses or similar - twin room with en-suite.**

### Sweetest Guesthouses

The guesthouses are individually decorated houses located near the popular V&A Waterfront. Tour group passengers may be spread among any of the houses, which are within easy walking distance of each other. The tour group will all enjoy breakfast in the same house. All rooms are twin with en suite facilities.

### Day 2: Cederberg, South Africa - ± 250 km, 3½ + hours driving, excluding stops for sightseeing

From Cape Town you head north to the rugged landscape of Cederberg. This area is a massive rock wilderness with giant sandstone boulders that have been sculpted by wind and rain into bizarre and artistic shapes. We explore the rugged landscape of the area on foot before relaxing in chalets for the evening. **Campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers (BLD).**

### Day 3: Gariep River, Namibia - ± 500 km, 7 + hours driving, excluding stops for sightseeing and border crossing

We make our way into more arid landscapes. On entering Namibia we stay at a lodge on the Gariep River, the natural land border between South Africa and Namibia. Namibia's southern border river flows quietly and peacefully and the river valley is hardly affected by tourism. The riverbed is sandy, the water clean and clear. There is free time for swimming and relaxing, or you can venture down the river in canoes (own expense). **Campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers, restaurant and bar (BLD).**

### Day 4: Fish River Canyon - ± 300 km, 4 + hours driving, excluding stops for sightseeing

Fish River Canyon, situated along the lower reaches of the Fish River, is one of the most impressive natural beauties in the southern part of Namibia. With its depth of up to 550 metres, the Fish River Canyon is the second largest canyon in the world. We make our way to the canyon and in the afternoon watch a spectacular sunset over the canyon's rim. **Campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers, swimming pool and shop (BLD).**

### Days 5 - 6: Namib Desert - ± 550 km, 7½ + hours driving, excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch

The parched Namib Desert has endless orange dunes blown into sharp ridges by the sand-shifting wind at Sossusvlei, forming a gateway into the Namib Desert. We will walk to Sossusvlei, explore Sesriem Canyon and from the comfort of our lodge outside the national park, watch dramatic sunsets over the world's highest sand dunes. **Campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers and shop (BLD).**

### Day 7: Swakopmund - ± 350 km, 5 + hours driving, excluding stops for sightseeing and a gravel road

We hit the coast at Swakopmund, a popular seaside resort with a slightly nostalgic atmosphere, characterized by numerous colonial buildings. Founded by the Germans in 1892 their colonial influence is still evident today.



Tour vehicle in Cape Town



Fish River Canyon



The town has a selection of excellent coffee shops, restaurants and bars, as well as many arts and crafts shops selling curios. There are fine beaches to walk along as well as a great museum, aquarium and galleries to visit. **Dunedin Star Guest House - twin room with en suite and restaurant (BL).**

#### Day 8: Swakopmund

Today is free to explore the town. Swakopmund is known as the adventure activity capital of Namibia. We spend today enjoying optional activities such as quad bike riding on sand dunes and kayaking in the bay. **Dunedin Star Guest House - twin room with en suite (B).**

#### Day 9: Spitzkoppe - ± 250 km, 3½ + hours driving, excluding several stops for sightseeing, Cape Cross and lunch

Our first stop today is a real unexpected treat. Over 50,000 cape fur seals call Cape Cross home. We spend time watching them play, fight and interact on the beach and in the cold waters of the Atlantic. Our journey covers some beautiful desert landscapes as we move. **Campsite - basic ablution facilities (BLD).**

#### Day 10: Ugab wilderness - ± 200 km, 2½ + hours driving, excluding stops for sightseeing and lunch

Leaving the pans of Etosha behind we drive south west to the harsh landscapes for which Namibia is so famous. Namibia is a land of great contrasts and Damaraland demonstrates this with stark plains and ancient valleys leading to rocky outcrops and the soaring peaks of the Brandberg Massif Mountains. The Ugab wilderness is one of the most scenic areas in Namibia, a huge, untamed, ruggedly beautiful region. Here there are prehistoric water courses with open plains and grassland, massive granite koppies and deep gorges. Animals such as the desert elephant have adapted to survive the harshness of the sun-blistered, almost waterless desert spaces. We visit ancient bushman art with your guide. **Campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers and swimming pool (BLD).**

#### Days 11 - 12: Etosha National Park - ± 400 km, 5½ + hours driving, excluding game drive, day 12 is a full day game drive in the park

We continue north to the salt pans of Etosha. Once a vast lake fed by the Kunene River, the pan that is Etosha National Park dried up thousands of years ago when the river waters chose a new course. Covering 20,000 square kilometres, Etosha is Namibia's premier nature and wildlife reserve offering big game park. We take game drives in our own vehicle around the huge pan to find elephant, herds of antelope and lions around the waterholes. Here you stay at a lodge on the outskirts of the national park. **National Park campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers, swimming pool, restaurant, bar and shop (BLD).**

#### Day 13: Windhoek - ± 400 km, 5 + hours driving, excluding stops for sightseeing

Namibia's friendly capital, beautifully situated in a valley, combines the architecture of a modern city with numerous buildings in the style of the German colonial era. The charm of the city of Windhoek lies in its harmonious blend of African and European cultures and the friendliness of its people. We visit the cosmopolitan capital and enjoy a restaurant meal (own expense). **Klein Windhoek Guest House - twin room with en-suite, swimming pool, restaurant and bar (BL).**

#### Klein Windhoek Guest House

The guesthouse is situated in one of Windhoek's best suburbs in a quiet area next to the Klein Windhoek Riverbed. Guest have access to the fully licensed Riverview Restaurant, a swimming pool and free Wi-Fi. All rooms have en suite bathrooms.



## Cape Town to Windhoek - camping

### Day 14: Windhoek

Bid farewell to your travelling companions after breakfast as the tour comes to an end. *A transfer to Windhoek airport can be arranged on request at an additional cost. (B).*

#### Important information:

- It is the responsibility of the client to be at the tour departure point at the time assigned by the tour operator. On completion of the tour, flights must be booked taking into consideration the time recommended by the tour operator.
- The tour operator may re-route the itinerary or change campsites and accommodation in rare cases of non-availability, or if local conditions restrict accessibility.
- The tour operator has the right to use an alternative or replacement vehicle if necessary.
- There is no air-conditioning or toilet onboard the overland truck. Convenience stops are made along the way at regular intervals.
- A mattress is provided, however passengers must bring their own sleeping bag, pillow and towel.
- Meals are prepared by the crew with assistance from passengers on washing-up duties.
- Suitcases are unsuitable for overland safaris due to limited space. We recommend luggage packed in inexpensive barrel style bags or soft sided bags not exceeding 12kgs.
- This tour includes some long days of road travel which are necessary in order to visit all the listed regions.
- Prices for flights, airport taxes, park fees and applicable government taxes and levies may be changed without prior notice. Any change is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed on.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- A single supplement is not compulsory if you are happy to share with a fellow passenger of the same gender, however a single supplement does apply if you want your own tent / room.
- Some participation is required on tour with camp chores, eg taking turns to assist with washing-up duties, putting up and taking down your tent and loading your bags into the vehicle.
- Children between 12 – 17 years are accepted on this tour but they must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 12 years of age are not permitted on some activities.
- Passengers over 65 years are required to supply a medical certificate stating they are fit and healthy to join an adventure travel group.

