

CAPE TO NAMIBIA

South Africa, Namibia

13 day small group tour
(basic accommodation)

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EXPERIENCE

This small group tour visits several Cape Town highlights, including Boulders penguin colony and Cape Point, before journeying to Namibia. Visit Fish River Canyon, Sossusvlei, the coastal mecca of Swakopmund and wildlife-rich Etosha National Park. Try canoeing on the Gariep River, sit on the edge of the world's second largest canyon, discover magnificent sand dunes and enjoy Etosha's wildlife viewing.



Sossuvlei



Cost includes:

- transport in a custom-built overland truck with a maximum of 12 passengers
- services of two registered English-speaking guides
- 12 nights basic accommodation in chalets, guesthouses, lodges and permanent tents with en-suites
- 12 x breakfasts, 10 x lunches, 8 x dinners
- entrance fees to national parks
- visits Boulders penguin colony, Cape Point Nature Reserve, Cederberg, Gariep River, Fish River Canyon, Sossusvlei dunes, Sesriem Canyon, Swakopmund, Damaraland and San cave drawings, game drives within Etosha National Park in tour vehicle
- still mineral water on board vehicle

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 excursions

B - breakfast

L - lunch

D - dinner

Cape Town to Windhoek

Accommodation: basic

Departs: selected Wednesdays

Group size: maximum of 12

Product code: CWA13

Itinerary overview:

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

Day 2: Namibia, Cederberg - Western Cape Nature C'vation or similar

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

Day 4: Namibia, Fish River Canyon - Canon Mountain Camp or similar

Day 5: Namibia, Namib Desert - Desert Camp or similar

Day 6: Namibia, Namib Desert - Desert Camp or similar

Day 7: Namibia, Swakopumund - Hotel Pension a la Mer or similar

Day 8: Namibia, Swakopumund - Hotel Pension a la Mer or similar

Day 9: Namibia, Damaraland - Brandberg White Lady Lodge or similar

Day 10: Namibia, Etosha National Park - Tarentaal Guest Farm or similar

Day 11: Namibia, Etosha National Park - Tarentaal Guest Farm or similar

Day 12: Namibia, Windhoek - Klein Windhoek Guest House or similar

Day 13: Namibia, Windhoek - ends

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

Cape to Namibia - basic

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 we 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 Peninsula. 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 - 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 amongst 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 - 250km, $\pm 3\frac{1}{2}$ hours, 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. **Western Cape Nature Conservation - 2 twin rooms per chalet with a shared bathroom (BLD).**

Western Cape Nature Conservation

Managed by the Western Cape Nature Conservation authority the Cederberg has six new cottages built in 2015. These modern two-bedroom cottages have a double bed in the main bedroom, two single beds in the other room and a sleeper couch in the living area. Each cottage has one bathroom with a shower and toilet, a terrace with beautiful views over the mountain and inside fire place. Accommodation is in two bedroom chalet with shared bathroom between two rooms.

Day 3: Gariep River, Namibia - 500kms, ± 7 hours, excluding stops for sightseeing

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 a canoe (own expense). **Felix Unite Cabanas - twin room with en-suite (BLD).**

Felix Unite Cabanas

Felix Unite offers accommodation in cabanas for guests wanting to ride the rapids, or simply relax in this stunning region. There are 17 en-suite cabanas, two family en-suite cabanas sleeping four each, and a honeymoon suite. Each cabana has air conditioning with mini coffee bars. Communal areas feature grassed grounds, a restaurant, bar and swimming pool. The camp is situated halfway between Cape Town and Windhoek. With breathtaking views overlooking the river, the camp is only 13 kilometres from the Namibia and South Africa border.





Day 4: Fish River Canyon - 300kms ± 4 hours 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. **Canon Mountain Camp - twin room with en-suite (BLD).**

Canon Mountain Camp

Canyon Lodge sits at the base of the picturesque Dolerite Hills within Gondwana Canyon Park. Built around an old farmhouse, it is a charming, rustic lodge. The rooms have been designed well to fit in amongst and between huge granite rocks and they have lots of character. The lodge's main area has quite a 'cosy farmhouse' atmosphere. It is the ideal place to stay for exploring Fish River Canyon. A considerable walk from the main area, in a peaceful and isolated spot down a long pathway past the chalets, is a stunning turquoise swimming pool with beautiful views. Comfortable loungers and plenty of shade make this a good place to relax, and there's also an honesty bar and towels for guests to use. Activities arranged by Canyon Lodge are similar to those at Canyon Village, and include a sunrise walk, a morning hike (6 km), a drive to Fish River Canyon, horseback riding and a sundowner drive or walk.

Days 5 - 6: Namib Desert- 550kms ± 7½ hours 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.

Desert Camp - permanent tent with en-suite (BLD).

Desert Camp

Nestled under centuries old thorn trees, Desert Camp has an unsurpassed 360 degrees view over the desert landscape and surrounding mountains. An absolute must for the nature lover and photographer. Facilities at the main building include a fully stocked and serviced bar with big screen television, a sparkling swimming pool and two communal bomas. our accommodation is in permanent tents with en-suites.

Day 7: Swakopmund - 350kms, ± 5 hours excluding stops for sightseeing

Swakopmund is 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. 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. **Hotel Pension a la Mer - twin room with en-suite (BL).**

Hotel Pension a la Mer

Hotel Pension a la Mer is situated in the heart of Swakopmund only minutes away from the beach and historical jetty. The hotel offers charming accommodation in 23 en suite bedrooms. Genuine hospitality is offered, along with generous breakfasts and plenty of local knowledge to assist you in choosing from Swakopmund's plethora of activities.

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. **Hotel Pension a la Mer - twin room with en-suite (B).**

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Day 9: Damaraland - 350kms ± 6 hours excluding stops for sightseeing

Namibia is a land of great contrasts and Damaraland demonstrates this with stark plains, petrified forests and ancient valleys leading to rocky outcrops and the soaring peaks of the Brandberg Massif Mountains. Damaraland 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 elephant, black rhino, giraffe, ostrich and springbok have adapted to survive the harshness of the sun-blistered, almost waterless desert spaces. **Brandberg White Lady Lodge - twin chalet with en-suite (BLD).**

Brandberg White Lady Lodge

The stylish chalets and bungalows at the lodge are spread over an area in the river valley among large, shady trees. Every unit includes electric lights, ceiling fans and a private verandah.

Days 10 - 11: Etosha National Park - 400kms ± 5½ hours excluding stops for sightseeing

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's 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. **Tarentaal Guest Farm - twin room with en-suite (BLD).**

Tarentaal Guest Farm

Decorated in African safari-style, the rooms at the guest house adjoin an open dining room where meals are enjoyed with a panoramic view of the surroundings. Above the dining room is an open-air tower room where sun-downer frinks are served at sunset. Rooms are twin share with en suite facilities and there is a swimming pool and communal bar.

Day 12: Windhoek - 500kms, ± 7 hours 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 (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.

Day 13: Windhoek

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



Custom-built touring vehicle



Petrified forest



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 the 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 toilet onboard the overland truck. Convenience stops are made along the way at regular intervals.
- Bedding is provided and most accommodation establishments provide towels, however we suggest you bring a small towel for use at the beach or swimming pool.
- 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.
- Those wishing to share a room/tent will be matched with another same-gender traveller. If you don't wish to share, a single supplement applies for a single room or tent.
- Passengers over 65 years are required to complete a medical form, which is assessed by the tour operator to ascertain suitability of the client to the tour.
- It is the responsibility of the client to have all documentation, including visas and inoculation certificates.
- An essential part of this safari is some participation. From carrying your own bag, to packing the truck in the morning – its all part of the adventure. There are some long days with early starts so everyone needs to get involved to make the trip run efficiently. Where the tour leaders provide meals, clients are asked to help (on rotation) with the washing up.