



13 Day Canyon & Desert Deluxe – Windhoek to Cape Town

Day 1: Windhoek

Namibia's capital is rather small but has many places of historical interest. We have the day at leisure to visit the local museums or haggle at the street side markets.

Accommodation: Lodge

Day 2: Waterberg Plateau National Park (B)

This morning we meet our fellow travellers and after a short briefing, head north to the breathtaking Waterberg Plateau National Park. Historically significant as the site of the war between the Colonial Germans and the Herero Tribe, the area has now become a haven for many endangered species. It is renowned for its incredible rock formations and nature walks. Our afternoon here is at leisure and you are free to partake in these walks or the optional game drives and guided hikes.

Accommodation: Chalet

Days 3 & 4: Etosha National Park (B ; B)

We head further north to explore the Etosha National Park by game driving with our vehicle along the many winding tracks. Etosha National Park is dominated by shimmering white salt pans and arid bush vegetation. On our drives, we search for the wide variety of wild animals that make this National Park their home - you have a chance to see the African elephant, as well as black rhino, lion, leopard and many more. Dependant on the season, we will spend either the first or the last night within Etosha (the second is spent at a lodge in the greater Etosha area).

Accommodation: Lodge / Chalet

Days 5 & 6: Swakopmund (B / L ; B)

Leaving the Etosha region, we head south and cross the barren coastal belt to the Atlantic Ocean and the delightful Bavarian style town of Swakopmund. Along the way, we may catch a glimpse of the awesome granite Spitzkoppe scenery. The mountains and granite mounds provided a home to the San people (Bushmen) for thousands of years. Swakopmund is situated snugly between sea and desert and offers great beaches, deep-sea fishing, quad-biking, dune-boarding, flights over the desert, plus an array of shops, bars and restaurants. Here you are free to explore at your leisure or partake in the many optional activities. This is also a chance to catch up on logistical matters such as laundry, banking and communication (internet facilities).

Accommodation: Lodge

Days 7 & 8: Namib-Naukluft Park (B / L ; B)

After breakfast we head inland, once again crossing the barren coastal belt and head south toward the Namib Naukluft National Park and the giant sand dunes of Sossusvlei. This is one of the world's oldest deserts, offering over 130 million years of natural wonder, and some of the highest sand dunes in the world!

On Day 15 we leave early in the morning and enter the National Park. We climb Dune 45 for stunning views of the surrounding dunes, after which we proceed to Sossusvlei and the 2x4 parking area. From here it is an approximate 5 km walk to the vlei where you are free to explore. Alternatively, there is an option to partake in a guided desert walk to learn more about this area and the creatures that survive here. Stunning photographic opportunities are available in the dunes. On our return to the lodge we will stop off at the Sesriem Canyon.

Accommodation: Lodge

Day 9: Aus (B / L)

We depart from the breath taking views of the Namib Naukluft National Park and travel further south to the Aus region where we have the possibility of seeing the famed wild desert horses. Our lodge offers spectacular views over the surrounding area and the rare opportunity to experience the surrounding solitude.

Accommodation: Lodge

Day 10: Fish River Canyon (B / L)

Travelling further south we reach the Fish River Canyon, where we partake in an optional walk along the Canyon rim. The canyon is one of the most awesome sights in Africa, and second in size only to the Grand Canyon of America. After viewing the Canyon, we head to our lodge, nestled between the local scenery.

Accommodation: Lodge

Day 11: Lambert's Bay (B / L)

After an early rise, we travel via the barren Richtersveld region before crossing the border and bidding a fond farewell to Namibia. South Africa's Namaqualand region is known for its spectacular display of spring flowers (September), when the masses of wild flowers bloom, turning the entire region into a yellow, red and orange maze. The West Coast region also displays sprawling vistas and further south, massive boulder outcrops - truly beautiful scenery.

Accommodation: Hotel

Day 12: Cape Town (B)

This morning we visit a rare breeding colony of the Cape Gannet before heading past the West Coast National Park and down to Cape Town. This afternoon we have time at leisure to begin exploring this vibrant city and all it has to offer - take a trip up Table Mountain, or visit the nearby V&A Waterfront, the choice is yours.

Accommodation: Lodge

Day 13: Cape Town (B)

After breakfast we part ways, having just experienced a Southern African overland safari of a lifetime.

Today can be spent at leisure in Cape Town to enjoy the many optional attractions and activities available in this magnificent city. Sample the sights and sounds of this magical city at the Southern tip of the African continent. Optional activities include trips to Robben Island, Cape Point Nature Reserve and Boulders Beach Penguin Colony, Table Mountain National Reserve, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens and the many wine estates of Paarl, Franschoek and Stellenbosch.

We can book airport transfers and additional accommodation through our central reservations office. Please notify us at the time of booking if you wish to make use of this service.

Optional excursions

- Swakopmund, Sky Diving - US\$ 270
- Swakopmund, Sand Boarding - US\$ 45
- Sossusvlei, Guided Walk (min of 4) - US\$ 35
- Cape Town, Shark Cage Diving - US\$ 200
- Cape Town, Robben Island - US\$ 30
- Cape Town, Table Mountain - US\$ 25
- Cape Town, Cape Point - US\$ 75
- Cape Town, Whale Watching - US\$ 75
- Cape Town, Winelands - US\$ 75

(All prices are approximate and are subject to change)