

12 Day Cape Town to Windhoek – Best of Namibia

Day 1 South Africa – Cederberg Mountain Region

Leaving Cape Town we make our first stop at Table View and take photos of Table Mountain from across Table Bay. On the way to the Cederberg we visit !Kwa ttu where we enjoy a San guided tour & museum visit. After the tour, lunch will be prepared and afterwards we continue to our campsite in the Cederberg region. We arrive at our accommodation and your guides will give you a full briefing on the tour.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Marcuskraal: www.marcuskraal.co.za

Day 2 Namaqualand – Gariep (Orange) River

An early start, we head north via the distant town of Springbok, best known for its diamonds, copper and spring flowers. We then proceed to our camp located right beside the Namibian border. The camp is situated on the riverbank that forms the border between South Africa and Namibia.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Fiddlers Creek Campsite: www.bushwhacked.co.za

Day 3 Namibia – Gariep (Orange) River - Fish River Canyon

This morning there's the chance to see the beautiful river valley by canoe or just relax at camp. After lunch we cross the border and travel to the Fish River Canyon. After a scenic walk along the edge of the canyon we enjoy our dinner while watching the sunset. This is also a fantastic photo opportunity.

Optional Activities: Half-Day Canoe Adventure

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Hobas Campsite: www.nwr.com.na/hobas.html

Day 4 Namib-Naukluft National Park

We arrive at the Namib-Naukluft National Park and set up camp, then enjoy a short hike into the Sesriem Canyon. Tonight enjoy the star-studded sky and enduring silence of the Namib Desert, only occasionally interrupted by the call of a Jackal or, a rather unique lizard, the barking gecko!

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Sesriem Campsite: www.nwr.com.na/sesriem_campsite.html

Day 5 Sossusvlei Dunes - Namib-Naukluft National Park

This is our earliest morning as we prepare for our hike up Dune 45 to marvel at the sunrise. After our hike, we will have the chance to visit Sossusvlei. Later, we join a local expert on a guided hike and learn more about the unique desert ecosystem and how the Bushmen survived in the harsh desert conditions.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Desert Shelter Cha-re: No website available



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Day 6 Swakopmund

After a brief photo stop while crossing the Tropic of Capricorn, we travel onto Namibia's Atlantic coast and the adventure capital, Swakopmund. Often there are flamingos at the Walvis Bay lagoon, just before we arrive in Swakopmund. You will be briefed on the many optional activities available here and then there is time to explore the town before dinner out at one of the local restaurants.

Optional Activities: *Dinner out*
 Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
 Overnight: Dunedin Star Guest House: www.dunedinstar.com

Day 7 Swakopmund

The whole day is free to relax, explore or partake in one of the many activities available here. Most popular are quad biking in the Dunes or Tandem Skydiving. On a clear day's skydiving you can see all the way to the next day's destination! Taking a walk around Swakopmund's shops and having a leisurely lunch is also a great way to spend your day.

Optional Activities: *Quad biking, Sand boarding, Sky Diving, Scenic Flights, Dinner out etc.*
 Meals: Breakfast
 Overnight: Dunedin Star Guest House: www.dunedinstar.com

Day 8 Spitzkoppe

Leaving the coast we drive through arid landscapes to Spitzkoppe Mountain. The enormous granite monoliths dominate the otherwise flat landscape and we set up camp in the wild plain at the base. This afternoon our guide will take us on a guided walk to explore the unique rock formations. The more adventurous among us may want to try some mountain climbing behind camp for some stunning views of the landscape.

Optional activity: *Guided hike to the San rock paintings at bushman paradise*
 Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
 Overnight: Spitzkoppe Community Campsite:
<http://www.namibian.org/travel/community/spitzkoppe.htm>

Day 9 Himba Tribes

After some early morning exploration we continue north and drive towards Kamanjab. Today we have the chance to experience life within a Himba tribe. The Himba are a pastoral people and predominantly breed cattle or goats. They are easily recognisable by their unique style of dress. The Himba have been extremely diligent about upholding the roots of their culture, but they are also very curious about visitors to their home.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
 Overnight: Kamanjab Camp: No website available



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Day 10/11

Etosha National Park

Etosha is the venue for some of the most unique game viewing experiences in Africa. The sparse grasslands allow great opportunities to see animals normally hidden in dense vegetation. You may even see some of the amazing animals crossing the road in front of your truck! We will go on various game drives, and spend our evenings at the abundant water holes for some excellent game photography.

Optional Activities: *Night or Dawn Drives in safari vehicles*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Halali and Okaukuejo: www.nwr.com.na/etosha_national_park.html

Day 12

Windhoek

After an early morning game drive we set off towards Windhoek, the Capital city of Namibia. On the way we stop at a popular craft market where you can barter for handmade gifts to take home. Windhoek is not only the capital; it is also the cultural, social and economic centre of the Namibia. On arrival in Windhoek our guide will take us on a short city tour in our truck. Your tour ends on arrival in Windhoek, but it is nice to join the group for a final meal out at Joe's Beer House, an exciting dining experience!

Optional Activities: *Dinner out*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

