

12-Day Best of Namibia- CAS0428

Day 1 South Africa – Cederberg Mountain Region

Camp L,D

We depart Cape Town heading north into the Cederberg Mountain region. Cederberg is well known as one of the main Rooibos Tea growing areas in South Africa and is also home to beautiful wildflowers in October. On this first afternoon we spend some time learning about tour-life, the vehicle and equipment, we set off on a guided walk through the surrounding mountain to see Bushmen paintings and learn about the local fauna and wildlife.

Day 2 Namaqualand – Gariep/Orange River

Camp B,L,D

Today we leave the Western Cape and travel north through Namaqualand, headed for the Gariep/Orange River. The group spends the night under the stars on the banks of the river around the campfire, getting to know one another. The Gariep/Orange River forms a natural border between South Africa and Namibia and is widely used for agricultural irrigation in this arid area.

Day 3 Namibia - Fish River Canyon

Camp B,L,D

You can choose between a relaxing morning on the riverbank or the half-day canoe adventure on the river. After lunch we break camp and travel north to the Fish River Canyon, the second largest in the world. The Fish River is the longest river in Namibia at 650km in length; the canyon, situated along the lower reaches of this seasonal river, is 161 km in length and runs from Seeheim to Ai-Ais. In the afternoon we take a walk along the rim of the canyon and arrive at the main viewing point for sunset.

Optional Activities: Orange/Gariep River Half Day Canoe Adventure.

Day 4 Namib-Naukluft National Park

Camp B,L,D

From the Fish River Canyon we continue on into the remote Namibian hinterland. We arrive at camp in the afternoon and have time to go for a walk down into the smaller Sesriem Canyon.

Day 5 Sossusvlei Dunes Namib-Naukluft National Park

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An early start as we take advantage of the cooler temperatures of dawn and drive into the Namib-Naukluft National Park, where we will hike up Dune 45 for sun rise, and gain a different perspective of the desert. After this you have breakfast, and then set off into the desert with a local expert, for a guided tour, to learn about all kinds of life in the sands.

Day 6/7 Swakopmund

Hostel B,L,D (Dinner on day 7 only)

A dramatic drive through the arid Namib-Naukluft, crossing mountain passes and the Tropic of Capricorn sees us arrive at Walvis Bay; where we stop to view the flamingos, before we head towards the seaside resort town of Swakopmund. The next day is left free for each individual to pursue their own interests including many adventure activities. Optional Activities: Quad biking, Sand boarding, Sky Diving, Scenic Flights, Fishing etc.

Day 8 Spitzkoppe

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We leave all the trappings of modern life behind us and drive inland to the mysterious Spitzkoppe. It is a sacred site of the San people, where we have the chance to climb the boulders, rock formations and experience a guided hike in the area. Tonight we camp in the wild.

Day 9 Himba Tribes

Camp B,L,D

After some early morning exploration we head inland again and drive north towards Kamanjab, which is well known for its Himba tribes. The Himba are a pastoral people and predominantly breed cattle or goats. The Himba traditionally lead a nomadic life and are easily recognizable by their unique style of dress. Encountering a totally different way of living is very mind opening and a moving experience for many people.

Day 10/11 Etosha National Park

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An early rise sees us on our way to Etosha National Park and some of the most unique game viewing experiences in Africa. We have the opportunity to go on various game drives, and spend our evenings visiting the abundant water holes for some excellent game photography.

Day 12 Windhoek

Tour ends Own Arrangement B,L

After an early morning game drive we set off towards Windhoek in the center of Namibia, on route we stop at a popular craft market. Windhoek is the capital of Namibia, and is located in a basin between the Khomas Highland, Avas and Eros Mountains. Whether due to pure luck or a brilliant stroke of Germanic planning, Windhoek is situated in almost the exact centre of Namibia. In the afternoon we'll take you on a short tour of the city. End of tour.

Optional Activities: Dinner out.