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Namibia Explorer

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Explorer safari

Bound by water, sculpted by wind, Namibia is a country where the play of light and color across the dunes inspires silent awe. Plants and animals have evolved to thrive in this land of raw, rugged beauty where humans are few and far between. This active adventure is an eye-popping introduction to one of the world's ecological wonders and a piece of Africa few Americans have seen. Cross the oldest desert on earth. Marvel at wildlife sustained by a blanket of morning fog—formed as trade winds drive the icy Benguela Current from Antarctica towards rising desert heat. Gaze at some of the darkest night skies ablaze with stars. Sip a cold drink at day's end while you tap sand out of your shoes—sand that was here 50 million years before humankind.



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Welcome to Deeper Africa

Wildlife encounters, at once spontaneous and beyond imagination, result from our in-depth knowledge of seasonal wildlife migrations and patterns. Our guides possess a lifetime of African lore and all the skills of a master tracker. It's being in the perfect place at the perfect time.

As a worldwide team with vast experience, we provide you with exceptional personal service. We attend to every detail. We help you learn about Africa's important conservation issues. Arrive in Africa fully prepared and ready to explore.

We believe that local African communities must benefit and prosper from the conservation and enjoyment of Africa's wildlife. They ensure the future. Your dollars protect wildlife and wild lands, as well as support and nurture local small businesses that in turn support our safari business. Your dollar makes change.

Experience wondrous wildlife, enjoy local culture and discover more about the vibrant people and complicated politics unique to Africa. We love this wild continent.

explorer safaris with Deeper Africa

FOR THE CURIOUS, ENERGETIC SAFARI TRAVELER WHO IS OPEN TO DISCOVERY

An adventure in contrast

One night finds you dining by candlelight in an exquisite lodge; another night's dinner is served by the campfire at a well-staffed bush camp. One day you'll experience thrilling, whisker-close encounters with the "Big Five" by Land Cruiser. Another, you'll hike through the bush with local guides who can uncover the subtle meanings of bird songs and animal tracks.

THE DISCOVERIES ARE INFINITE FOR AN EXPLORER.

Safari schedule at a glance

International flight #1

Departs: TBD

Arrives: TBD

International flight #2

Departs: TBD

Arrives: Windhoek

Day 1:

Arrival in Windhoek

Drive to N/a'an ku sê Reserve

Overnight at N/a'an ku sê Lodge

Days 2 & 3:

Bush flight to Möwe Bay Airstrip,

Skeleton Coast National Park

Overnights at Shipwreck Lodge

Days 4, 5 & 6:

Drive to Sesfontein Conservancy, Kaokoland

Overnights at Hoanib Valley Camp

Days 7 & 8:

Bush flight from Fort Sesfontein Airstrip to

Safarihoek Lodge Airstrip, Etosha Heights

Private Reserve

Overnights at Safarihoek Lodge

Day 9:

Bush flight from Safarihoek Lodge Airstrip to
Windhoek for international flights

DAY 1

N/a'an ku sê Lodge N/a'an ku sê Reserve

N/a'an ku sê, a 22,239 acre (9,000 hectare) nature reserve is dedicated to conservation and protecting biodiversity. Set on the Khomas Hochland plateau, it contains a variety of animals and landscapes including a magnificent mountain range, vast plains and an enormous lake surrounded by vegetation and bush.

N/a'an ku sê Lodge & Wildlife Sanctuary rehabilitates and protects injured and orphaned lions, leopards and cheetahs. Its animal center is staffed with volunteers from around the world who care for orphaned meerkats, baboons, African wild cats and mongoose. Threatened animals are rescued, fostered, given medical attention and eventually relocated to other conservation-friendly farms offering the proper habitat and food chain.

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Namibia is the first African country to enshrine conservation as a principle of governance in its constitution. Its empowerment of local communities to manage their wildlife resources is visionary.

Wildlife viewing
Get your checklist ready

Baboon, Black-backed jackal,
Caracal, Cheetah, Giraffe,
Hartmann's mountain zebra,
Kudu, Oryx, Red hartebeest

Activities included
Keep your camera close

Wildlife viewing

DAYS 2 & 3

Shipwreck Lodge

Skeleton Coast

National Park

Wildlife viewing
Get your checklist
ready

Activities included
Keep your camera close

Baboon, Elephant,
Giraffe, Lion, Oryx, Seal,
Springbok

Wildlife viewing
Guided walking safari
Beach combing
Visiting shipwrecks
Elephant tracking
Sundown dune drives
Desert botanical walks
Stargazing

Named for sun-bleached whale bones and skeletal shipwrecks half-buried in shifting sands, the Skeleton Coast is the most unusual coastal wilderness in the world. It's a landscape of astonishing beauty where some of earth's oddest and rarest plant species prosper. The ocean brings just enough water to support species that have adapted over the centuries to survive in this austere environment. Gaze at the land forms, shipwrecks and rapture of the mist. Walk the beach and the dunes. Join expert guides in discovering the amazing flora and vulnerable desert-adapted animals that survive in this most unique place—including Namibia's only viable lion population outside of Etosha National Park. Marvel at the fragility and hardiness of life here on the edge.

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Alcohol & Beverages

Namibia means
“open space” and
the country keeps
that promise.

NAMIBIA EXPLORER

DAYS 4-6

Hoanib Valley Camp Kaokoland Sesfontein Conservancy

Northwest Namibia is one of the most visually stunning wildernesses on the continent. In the rainy season, brief torrential showers bring desert blooms. But, it's the daily fog that bathes the land and sustains the bit of life here that has adapted to this desert landscape. Climb the sand dunes. Join the Sesfontein Community rangers to track rhino on foot. Or track desert-adapted elephant and giraffe through dry riverbeds. Spot Hartmann's mountain zebra, kudu, and oryx as they make their way atop the dunes. Take in the profound silence and ponder how life can prosper with so little water. Some of the planet's best dark sky viewing occurs at night here. Gaze up at the Southern Cross, Alpha Centauri and the bright bursts of the Magellanic Clouds. Each night booked in this camp invests money into the local communities in the Sesfontein Conservancy.

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Alcohol & Beverages
Laundry

Wildlife viewing
Get your checklist
ready

Black Rhino, Elephant,
Giraffe, Hartman's
Mountain Spring, Lion,
Oryx, Steenbok

Activities included
Keep your camera close

Lion, elephant, giraffe &
rhino tracking
Walking safaris
Giraffe Conservation
Foundation visit
Himba and Herero
cultural experiences
Stargazing

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Desert Adaptations

The choice is starkly Darwinian here—adapt or die. Certain species meet the challenge brilliantly.

The Namibia Lion doesn't need to drink water. It stays hydrated by consuming prey. The oryx pumps blood through baffles in its skull to cool indrawn air, keeping brain temperature at a safe level. Elephants roam as far as 37 miles (60 km) a day in search of water. Upon finding water-rich sand, they dig watering holes with their tusks, benefiting other species as well. Ostriches raise their body temperatures to stop sweating and reduce water loss. And the little toktokkie beetle trudges to the top of the dunes, hunches over, spreads its wings wide and faces the wind. It traps the misty air, condenses it to water and guzzles it on the spot. Plant life here is no less heroic. The welwitschia mirabilis plant can survive more than 2000 years just on mist. And scientists from all over the world come to study the profusion of rare lichen species that paint the valleys green and gold after the rains.

Few realize the giraffe has experienced a forty percent decline in the last thirty years.

Giraffe Conservation Foundation

Giraffe Conservation Foundation works within the Sesfontein Conservancy monitoring desert-dwelling Angolan giraffe. Ancient San people carved rock engravings of giraffe in the valley. The giraffe has adapted, being able to go long periods without water, getting water from dew on the leaves they eat in the morning. This program is one of the first ever long-term ecological monitoring efforts with giraffe in Africa. Hoanib Valley Camp offers logistical support, data collection assistance and sustainable funding. Giraffe Conservation Foundation field researchers access camp whenever they need. Hoanib Valley's guides are trained as research assistants and assist in collecting data.

Deeper Africa donates on behalf of each of our guests that stay in Hoanib Valley Camp to the Giraffe Conservation Foundation's efforts in the Sesfontein Conservancy. It is also possible to spend time in the field with one of the Foundation's teams for a donation of \$500 USD.

Learn more about the
Giraffe Conservation Foundation at
giraffeconservation.org

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DAYS 7 & 8

Safarihoek Lodge Etosha Heights Reserve

Head into a private reserve deep in Namibia's most wildlife-rich land, featuring savannas, woodland forests and Namibia's famous salt pan—so large it can be seen from space. The salt pan's pale oval floor is hostile to all life forms except a few micro-organisms that can tolerate the highly saline water. Minerals in the salt pan nourish spring fed grasses and shrubs along its edge, drawing wildlife from miles around. Abundant water here brings plenty of animals, including black rhinos – best viewed in the winter months. Come summer, the skies fill with migratory and wetland birds.

Track rhinos on foot with guides and rangers trained by Save the Rhino Trust. Hang out in the photography hide (think duck blind with a camera) to get astonishing close-ups. Savor the solitude and stillness here so close but so far away from tourist-heavy Etosha National Park.

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Alcohol & Beverages
Laundry



Wildlife viewing
Get your checklist ready

Aardvarks, Black Rhino,
Cheetah, Desert-adapted
Elephants, Leopards, Lions,
Mountain zebras, Springbok,
White Rhino, 340 species
of Birds

Activities included
Keep your camera
close

Photography
Wildlife viewing
Night wildlife viewing
Guided walking safaris
Stargazing

DAY 9

Flights & International Travel

Transfer to Windhoek International Airport for your flight home.

Includes: Breakfast

Flight #1 (Day 9)

Departs | Windhoek, Namibia

Arrives | TBD

Flight #2 (Day 10)

Departs | TBD

Arrives | TBD



2020 Pricing: \$10,250 - \$11,050

2020 Custom Pricing & Departures

Nov - June

- \$10,250 USD per person
- *Single supplement:* \$1,300 USD

July - August

- \$11,050 USD per person
- *Single supplement:* \$1,600 USD

All pricing is in US dollars. Arrivals and departures through Windhoek Hosea Kutako International Airport. Prices do not include international airfare. Park fees fluctuate. All itineraries and prices are subject to change.

Namibia Explorer safari includes:

- Start to finish safari expertise
- Accommodations in all lodges & tented camps
- All meals as specified in itinerary
- All park fees and entrance fees
- Private safari guide & private 4x4 Land Cruiser
- Visit N/a'ankuse Animal Center, 4x4 to Clay Castles, Hoarusib River excursion, view shipwrecks on Skeleton Coast, rhino trek, guided walkign safari, night safari
- All in-country transportation
- Safe drinking water available at all times
- Enrollment with SATIB Evacuation Service
- Laundry at some camps and lodges
- Beverages in your 4x4 safari vehicle
- Alcohol & beverages at some camps and lodges
- Extensive pre-departure briefing & materials

International airfare, gratuities and alcohol and certain beverages in some camps not included.

We plan your adventures in areas where wildlife habitats are known to exist for the season and time you're traveling. Still, animals are not in a zoo. They run freely and we cannot accurately pinpoint their movements 100% of the time.



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