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12 Days Cape & Namibia Serviced Camping



This tour offers the budget traveller 12 days from Cape Town, South Africa to Windhoek, Namibia.

Cape Town is home to one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature and one of the most widely recognised mountains in the world. Flat as a table on top, and often with a tablecloth of cloud, it remains one of the most exquisite views to behold at the southern end of Africa.

You'll have 12 magnificent days to explore, starting off with the bustling and sophisticated city of Cape Town, nestled between mountains, beaches and Winelands, admire the sunset at Fish River Canyon, journey over the Namib Desert with its splendid red dunes, go on safari in Etosha National Park to finish in Windhoek.

Camping under the African sky whilst being transported in our air-conditioned Adventure Overland Safari Vehicle (fitted with 20 luxury, reclining seats) ensuring that you have an unforgettable camping experience. With time to explore on your own and optional activities including hikes and skydiving, you will soak up the beauty and diversity of Southern Africa.

Tour Highlights

Cape Town: Home to one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature, Table Mountain.

Fish River Canyon: Second largest canyon in the world.

The Namib Desert: The oldest desert and the the worlds highest dunes

Swakopmund: Coastal town with various optional activities

Brandberg: Highest mountain in Namibia. Various self-drive UAT tours

Etosha National Park: One of Africa's greatest wildlife parks with unique landscapes

Accommodation Grade:

Serviced Camping with 3 star graded hotels and lodges

Predominantly camping, with standard hotel accommodation at your start and end locations of each tour and depending on the itinerary, some nights in between. Tents are 2.5m x 2.5m dome tents with mesh windows and doors which acts as a mosquito net. 2 Travellers per tent – All accommodation is shared between (same gender) members of the tour group unless you booked a single supplement

Physical Rating / Trip Pace:

Medium / Adventurous

Our tours are of an adventurous nature and some activities could require a person to be actively involved, so we require all participants to be "young at heart", in good health and have a flexible outlook on problem-solving and participation in a group setting.

You need to be fit enough to take your own luggage in and out of the vehicle and carry it to and from your tent/room. You need to be able to travel long distances on some days and you must be able to get in and out of an overland safari vehicle with ease and un-assisted.

General:

Tour code:	CWAC
Style:	Serviced Camping
Comfort level:	Adventurous
Group size:	Max 20
Days:	12
Start:	Cape Town
End:	Windhoek
Distance:	3600km

Included:

Transport:	Adventure Overland Safari Vehicle
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Meals:	11 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches, 8 Dinners
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Accommodation:	Hotel (3 nt), Serviced Camping (8 nts)
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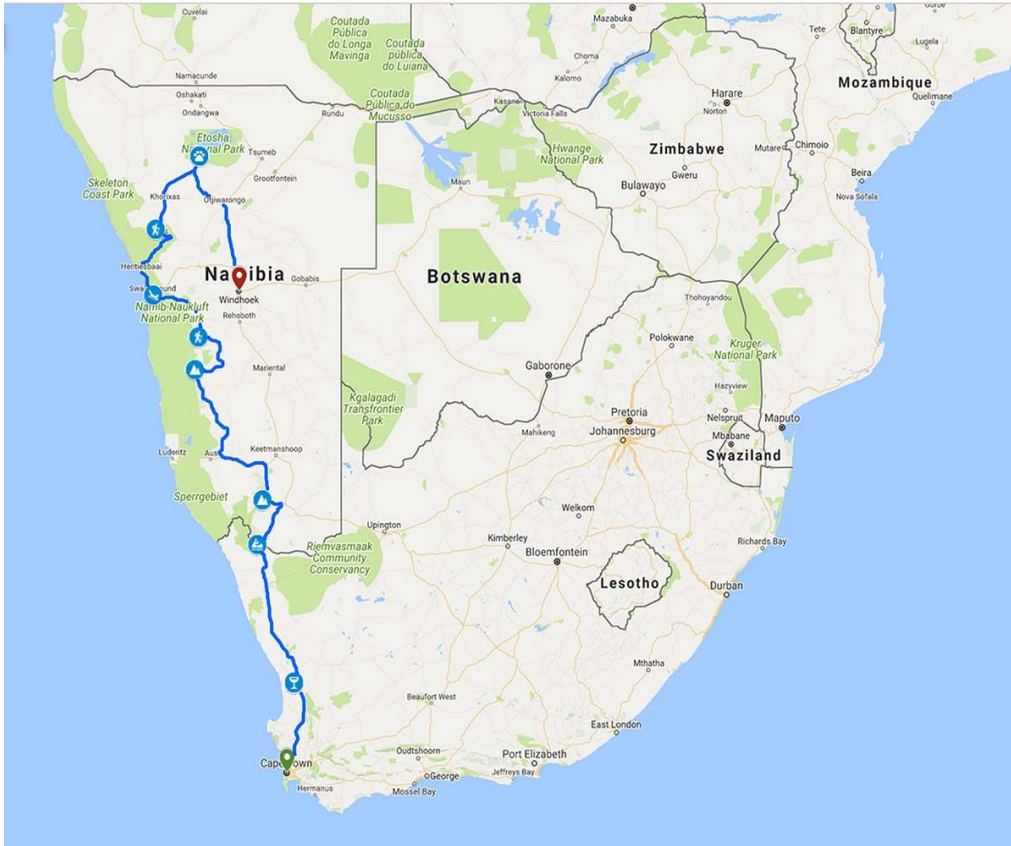
Entrance fees:	Fish River Canyon, Namib Naukluft National Park - Sesriem / Sossusvlei, Etosha National Park
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Activities:	Fish River Canyon, Sesriem Canyon, Dune 45, Sossusvlei/Deadvlei Visit and Transfer, Etosha National Park Game Drives
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Airport transfer:	Inclusive of your arrival transfer. Please see "Joining Instructions" for more details
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Serviced Camping:	No Duties! Sit back, relax, and enjoy the adventure: Services of a Tour Leader, Driver and Camp Assistant for the duration of the tour, local guides as per activities included. All chores covered by the crew – cooking, cleaning, pitching & packing of tents
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Route Map:



Joining Instructions

On arrival in the beautiful Cape Town, you will make your way to the joining hotel. As an added service to our travellers, your arrival airport transfer is included. Walk out of the international arrivals area and look for a transfer person holding Africa4us signage and your name. Ask him/her what hotel he/she will be taking you to (do not volunteer this information). Then present your passport for proof of identity.

The tour departs in the morning of day 2. A brief departure meeting will be held in the hotel reception area in evening on day 1 of your tour at 6 PM. Upon arrival, the reception will provide information from your Tour Leader regarding the meeting place and time.

NB: As a precondition we require your arrival flight details no later than four weeks prior to the start date of your tour. Kindly e-mail this information to: flights@africa4us.com. Please make sure that you receive your travel voucher confirming the transfer. The transfer is non-refundable if not used.



Itinerary:

Day 1: Cape Town

Explore the cosmopolitan city of Cape Town during the day and meet your group and your Tour Leader in the evening at 18:00 to get acquainted and review your trip details. Cape Town offers an unbelievable variety of experiences, tastes and sightseeing. Try a variety of exotic tastes, like some of the delicious Cape Malay curries, the famous local dish Bobotie, or the freshest seafood at one of exquisite seafood restaurants. Make sure to arrive a day early to go to the world-famous Robben Island where former President Nelson Mandela spent 18 of his 27 years in prison, visit Cape Point or go with a cable car up Table Mountain to enjoy a panoramic view of Cape Town from the top.



Meals Included: None



Travel time: N/A



Activities Included: Airport Transfer, Welcome Meeting at 18:00
 Activities Optional: Table Mountain, Robben Island, V&A Waterfront, Cape Point Tour



Entrance Fees Included: N/A



Hotel: Lady Hamilton or similar



Day 2: Cape Town to Trawal

Today you leave behind the delights of Cape Town and depart on the first leg of your journey. The first overnight stop will be on a small vineyard farm in the vicinity of the Cederberg Mountains. Grapes are produced for the local cellars and you have an opportunity to taste and buy some of the local wines in an optional wine tasting activity.



Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Travel time: 5 hrs



Activities Included: N/A
Activities Optional: Wine Tasting



Entrance Fees Included: N/A



Camping: Highlanders Camp and Lodge or similar



Day 3: Trawal to Gariep River

Travel through the Northern Cape's vast fields of wild flowers (in bloom between August and November) to the Namibian border. End the day with spectacular sunset views over the Gariep River.



Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Travel time: 7 hrs



Activities Included: N/A
Activities Optional: N/A



Entrance Fees Included: N/A



Camping: Felix Unite or similar



Day 4: Gariep River to the Fish River Canyon

Enjoy a slow morning and sleep in or go on an optional canoe trip down the river. Later during the morning, we travel to the Fish River Canyon, the largest canyon in Africa. Explore the canyon rim on a short hike as the sun slips over the horizon to end your day of exploration.



Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Travel time: 3 hrs



Activities Included: Fish River Canyon
Activities Optional: Canoeing on Gariep River



Entrance Fees Included: Fish River Canyon



Camping: Hobas Campsite or similar



Day 5: Fish River Canyon to Sesriem

Today is an early departure and a long drive north to the Namib Desert. On the way to Sesriem, you pass the small towns of Bethanie and Helmeringhausen and farm settlements, but other than that it will mostly just be the wide-open Namibian landscape with spectacular scenery. Arriving in the late afternoon, you will visit the Sesriem Canyon. Admire the lofty red sand dunes in the distance that form a gateway into the Namib Desert, which means "vast place."



Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Travel time: 9 hrs



Activities Included: Sesriem Canyon afternoon visit
Activities Optional: N/A



Entrance Fees Included: Namib Naukluft Park – Sesriem/Sossusvlei



Camping: Sesriem Campsite or similar



Day 6: Sesriem to Boesman's Camp

An early departure allows you to experience a beautiful desert sunrise over the dunes. Climb the majestic Dune 45 before continuing to the entrance of Sossusvlei, a seemingly endless expanse of sand dunes. In the afternoon, you can join an optional guided walk during which you will explore these desert dunes and learn about the survival skills of many of the different inhabitants of the desert.



Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Travel time: 5 hrs Dune 45 & Sossusvlei, 3 hrs Drive to Boesman's Camp



Activities Included: Dune 45 visit, 4x4 Transfer to Sossusvlei / Deadvlei
Activities Optional: Walking Desert Experience



Entrance Fees Included: Namib Naukluft Park



Camping: Boesman's Campsite or similar



Day 7: Boesman's Camp to Swakopmund

Today we will travel to the coastal town of Swakopmund. There will be several photo-stop opportunities along the way as you cross the Tropic of Capricorn and drive through the surreal landscapes of the Kuiseb and Gaub passes.



Meals Included: Breakfast



Travel time: 4 hrs



Activities Included: N/A

Activities Optional: Quad Biking, Sand Boarding, Skydiving etc



Entrance Fees Included: N/A



Lodge: Amanpuri Travellers Lodge or similar



Day 8: Swakopmund

Swakopmund's variety of attractions and activities cater for all tastes and styles. Take a walk along the beach and dip your toes in the icy Atlantic Ocean or visit the Kristal Gallery which boasts the largest Quartz Crystal Cluster on display in the world, weighing in at 14,100 kilogrammes. Browse the many excellent bookshops and curio shops and spoil yourself with a unique gift from the area. If adrenalin and the outdoors thrills you, you can enjoy optional activities like quad biking, sand boarding, 4x4 safaris, skydiving (weather permitting) and more.



Meals Included: Breakfast



Travel time: N/A



Activities Included: N/A

Activities Optional: Quad Biking, Sand Boarding, Skydiving etc



Entrance Fees Included: N/A



Lodge: Amanpuri Travellers Lodge or similar



Day 9: Swakopmund to Brandberg (Uis Area)

We travel northeast to Brandberg which is home to Königstein, at 2,573m above sea level the highest peak in Namibia. At Brandberg we offer a variety of guided self-drive tours with our Polaris Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV). Enabling you to enjoy the spectacular scenery and wildlife of the Brandberg area as well as experience the thrill of driving one of these customised vehicles. Tours are led by professional local guides and backup includes satellite phone communications and vehicle tracking.

We suggest booking the 4-hour White Lady Ultimate Adventure – a self-drive of fun and adventure. On this trip, you visit the famous White Lady Bushmen Painting. Around the lodge area, there is a great chance of seeing the famous desert elephant, sometimes casually wandering into the lodge premises.



Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Travel time: 4 hrs



Activities Included: N/A

Activities Optional: Ultimate Adventure Tours, White Lady Bushmen Painting, Hikes



Entrance Fees Included: N/A



Camping: Brandberg White Lady Lodge or similar



Day 10: Brandberg to Etosha National Park

Travel through the vast expanse of Northern Namibia to the Etosha National Park, one of Southern Africa's most loved wildlife sanctuaries. Head out for a game drive in search of elephant, antelope and

lion around various watering holes. Etosha is home to more than 100 species of mammals including the endangered black rhino. It is a birdwatcher's paradise with species such as the famous Kori Bustard, ostrich, several vultures, and eagle species and after heavy rains, you might even find water birds such as flamingos and pelicans.



Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Travel time: 7 hrs



Activities Included: Game Drives in Adventure Overland Safari Vehicle

Activities Optional: Night Drives



Entrance Fees Included: Etosha National Park



Camping: Okaukuejo/Halali or similar:



Day 11: Etosha National Park

Enjoy a full day's game drive in your air-conditioned Adventure Overland Safari Vehicle. Gather memories of unique sightings that you will not likely experience again. Watch how ghostly grey-white elephants bathe themselves in the white dust of the area or zoom in on the magnificent sight of giraffes etched against a wide and open horizon. Fall asleep with the haunting calls of hyena or a lion's roar in the distance.



Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Travel time: N/A



Activities Included: Game Drives in Adventure Overland Safari Vehicle

Activities Optional: Night Drives



Entrance Fees Included: Etosha National Park



Camping: Okaukuejo/Halali or similar:



Day 12: Etosha National Park to Windhoek

Travel to Windhoek, Namibia's capital. Arrive in Windhoek, after lunch this will be our last goodbye, an end of another incredible tour.

Book an additional day or two in Windhoek to make the most of your stay. One of the most famous is the display of 33 meteorites, the Gibeon Meteorites in the Post Street Mall. Take pictures of and touch these extra-terrestrial bodies that are corrosive resistant due to the high amount of nickel the bodies contain. Shopping opportunities abound and for the historically inclined there are many museums and historical buildings within walking distance in the town centre. One of the most widely photographed and a historical landmark is the Christ Church, a Lutheran church, built in the Gothic revival style.



Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch



Travel time: 7 hrs
