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Journeys of a Lifetime



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To observe Namibia from the air is an awe-inspiring experience: the vast expanses of moving, rippling sands, the great blue skies and grey of the ocean extending to the horizon.

This circuit explores the sands and red dunes of Sossusvlei; the spectacular scenery of the Skeleton Coast; the stark plains of Damaraland, with its desert-adapted elephants; and the amazing wildlife abundance on the Etosha savannah.

FEATURES OF THIS SAFARI

- Diverse activities enhance in-depth experience of the landscape.
- Enormous concessions and private camps combine with advantages of nearby National Parks.
- Daily departures with no minimum number of guests required.



This circuit is flexible and can be tailor made to suit your needs as long as the following circuit route is followed:

Windhoek to Sossusvlei
Sossusvlei to Swakopmund
Swakopmund to Damaraland,
Damaraland to Oshana
Oshana to Windhoek

For this circuit, you may customize your itinerary with a combination of camps/lodges for 6 nights.

Subject to availability, you may choose from the following camps/lodges:

Little Kulala Camp
Damaraland Camp or Desert Rhino Camp
Oshana Lodge or Oshana Tented Camp

Following is a suggested itinerary for this safari circuit:

Days 1 and 2: Little Kulala Camp, Sossusvlei

You begin your circuit in Windhoek where you board the charter plane for the flight to Sossusvlei. Spend 2 nights at Little Kulala Camp.

Little Kulala is a luxurious desert retreat situated in the private 37 000-hectare Kulala Wilderness Reserve - the gateway to Namibia's Sand Sea with its towering dunes and clear starry skies. Accommodation at Little Kulala consists of 11 climate-controlled, thatched "kulalas" (the word means 'to sleep') which merge impeccably into the timeless desert landscape, with exquisite fittings and fixtures, and innovative bleached decks - each with a private plunge pool. Each kulala has a rooftop 'skybed' for romantic stargazing, with both indoor and outdoor showers.

Little Kulala features an elegant entertainment area which includes a library, wine cellar, craft boutique, lounge and dining areas. Dining under the clear Namibian skies is a highlight. The interiors have been designed to provide an all-natural and unique experience in this most beautiful environment. The extensive use of neutral colours, gorgeous textures and natural light reproduce the soothing pastel tones of the desert. Pure linens, cottons and mohair dyed with natural vegetable dyes all make for a very organic camp which takes its inspiration from its surroundings, notably from the magnificent Dead Vlei in the middle of Sossusvlei. The overall mood and feel is cool, serene, organic and sheltering.



Desert-adapted wildlife such as ostrich, springbok and gemsbok eke out an existence and are sparsely distributed around Little Kulala. Smaller creatures such as bat-eared fox and aardwolf can be seen at night in the cool desert air. One bird, the aptly named dune lark, has its entire global distribution limited to the area, so dependent is it on the area's characteristic sands.



Activities at Little Kulala start with morning guided game drives to the spectacular towering dunes of Sossusvlei, through a private gate into the reserve. Sossusvlei is situated within the Namib Desert, the oldest desert in the world, which itself is part of the Namib Naukluft National Park that stretches 400km south of Walvis Bay and is sandwiched between the west coast and the escarpment that runs parallel more than 100km inland. Its huge dunes and flat valley floors make up the archetypical view of the Namib that is world famous.

Guided drives and walks are also offered on the private Kulala Wilderness Reserve with incredible views, desert-adapted wildlife and plants.

Days 3 and 4: The Skeleton Coast and Damaraland - Damaraland Camp

On this early morning you depart by light aircraft that takes you over the Namib and over Sossusvlei itself for an alternative view of the dunes from the air and then due west to Meob Bay on the Skeleton Coast. The desert and Skeleton Coast scenery is spectacular, where the dunes and the desert meet the Atlantic Ocean, arriving in Damaraland Camp, where you will spend two nights.

Situated on the northern face of the Huab River valley and looking south toward the imposing Brandberg Mountains, **Damaraland Camp** offers its guests endless vistas. Early morning mists, generated by the clash between the icy Atlantic Ocean and the warm desert air of the Skeleton Coast, drift inland along the river sand canyon, providing sustenance to the flora and fauna of the region. This comfortable and friendly camp offers walks and drives in one of the best wilderness areas in Namibia. Although wildlife is not concentrated, the camp is situated where the rare Desert Elephant roams, alongside Gemsbok (*Oryx*), Springbok, Ostrich and other hardy desert animals. Rare succulent plants somehow manage to eke out an existence in this harsh countryside. Damaraland Camp accommodates guests in 9 comfortable tented rooms, with en-suite facilities including flush toilets and showers with hot and cold running water. The combined dining room and bar are under canvas, and an open fire is enjoyed on calm evenings. A feature of the camp is the unique rock pool. Activities throughout the area are in 4x4 vehicles, and on foot.



Day 5 and 6: Etosha and Ongava - Ongava Tented Camp

Today you fly by light aircraft from Damaraland to Ongava Tented Camp, for a further two-night stay. Highlights are the game drives into Etosha National Park as well as the night drives, walks and hides on the private reserve.

Ongava Tented Camp is situated along the southern boundary of Etosha National Park in the privately owned Ongava Game Reserve. The small 12 bedded tented camp is built in a different sector of the reserve to Ongava Lodge. Accommodation comprises six large comfortable walk-in tents with en-suite facilities, including flush toilet and a hot shower. All meals are enjoyed in the main dining area under thatch. There is a small pool as well. Activities include game drives into the Okaukuejo area of Etosha where Lion, Elephant, Cheetah, Gemsbok, Springbok, and Hartebeest can be seen at many of the waterholes in the park. In addition, night drives and walks are offered on the private reserve. Ongava has resident White Rhino, and Etosha has Black Rhino, allowing guests staying at Ongava the opportunity to see both species



Day 7 : Back to Windhoek

You depart Ongava by light air charter back to Windhoek where the safari ends at either Windhoek Eros or Windhoek International Airport at about 13h00.

2012 Costs

Land Cost

January 7 – June 14, 2012 and
November 1 – December 19, 2012

US\$5,027.00 per person sharing
US\$1,344.00 single supplement

June 15 – October 31, 2012

US\$6,322.00 per person sharing
US\$1,344.00 single supplement

December 20, 2012 – January 10, 2013

US\$5,491.00 per person sharing
US\$1,466.00 single supplement

Note: This circuit is flexible and can be tailor made to suit guest requirements as long as the circuit route above is still followed, e.g. more nights per camp at an additional cost. Extensions to other areas such as Serra Cafema, Okonjima, etc . can be arranged at an additional cost.

SAFARI INCLUDES:

- All accommodation as specified
- All meals while on safari
- House wine, beer and local spirits
- Laundry service available at some camps
- Activities and all internal flights on a seat-rate basis as specified
- All excursions/tours and transfers by vehicle as shown
- Services of the lodge guides and staff
- Park fees

SAFARI EXCLUDES:

- All items of a personal nature
- Cancellation, baggage, emergency evacuation or medical insurance
- Gratuities to staff
- Any meals, drinks activities, excursions, entrance fees, portorage, tours & transfers which are not specified
- Visa fees
- Airport departure taxes
- Any new Government taxes
- International flights
- Scheduled Internal flights