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Journeys of a Lifetime



DIVERSE NAMIBIA
An Adventurer Exploration

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Diverse Namibia takes in the soaring red dunes of Sossusvlei, the life-filled blue Atlantic Ocean, the desert and denizens of Damaraland, and the dense plains game and predators of Etosha National Park. Throughout the Exploration are interspersed activities such as scenic walks, mountain biking, visiting the spectacular and ancient rock engravings at Twyfelfontein and rhino tracking, along with optional hot air ballooning and horse-riding – all together, a true Namibian adventure with a range of activities impossible to beat!

This Exploration is led by highly skilled and qualified professional guides with a passion for the natural regions in which they work. Sharing the adventure and guiding you on this journey of discovery combined with their vast knowledge of the natural world, history and culture are their professions and personal hobby. Experience in the field and a depth of understanding of animal behavior and the environment will leave you with a sense of complete wonder.



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Days 1 - 2: Kulala Adventurer Camp, Sossusvlei

You will be met at Windhoek Airport by your Explorations guide and begin your journey by driving 211 miles through the Khomas Hochland mountains and down into the iconic Sossusvlei region, a driving time of approximately five hours.



The first two nights are spent at Kulala Adventurer Camp on the private Kulala Wilderness Reserve, a 91,430 acres tract of land near the spectacular sights of Sossusvlei, bordering the expansive Namib Naukluft Park. The camp, comprising dome tents under the shade, is perfect for taking in the Reserve's expansive vistas and stark beauty and enjoys views into the Namib Naukluft National Park. Dining under the star-filled Namibian skies and watching a blood red sunset punctuated by the cacophony of barking geckos are a few highlights, as is spending unrushed quality time at the towering dunes of Sossusvlei, known for their red coloring in the early morning sunlight, accessed through our private gate which is

closer to the dunes than the main park entry gate. Desert-adapted wildlife such as ostrich, springbok and gemsbok can be seen on the reserve, as well as smaller creatures like bat-eared fox, black-backed jackal and Cape fox.

Other activities include day and night scenic drives and walks, and optional early morning ballooning, horse riding or camel rides (the last three at extra cost).

Days 3-4: Hansa Hotel, Swakopmund

We depart camp early, driving through the snaking roads of the Kuiseb Canyon and out onto the expansive gravel plains before arriving in Walvis Bay and then finally driving up the skeleton coast into the quaint town of Swakopmund, a drive of about 5 -6 hours (approximately 230 miles).

On day 4, we explore the ice-blue Atlantic coast, from the port town of Swakopmund to its incredible marine mammals. A private “Dolphin and Seal” catamaran cruise from Walvis Bay (weather permitting)



provides a wonderful opportunity to explore this beautiful bay and coastline. The cruise takes in the Oyster Platforms, where we learn about the oysters cultivated here – including tasting the delicacies – before moving on to Pelican Point to see the lighthouse, and an area in which three species of dolphins may be encountered, namely the rare endemic Heaviside’s dolphin, dusky and Atlantic bottlenose dolphins. Aside from spotting diverse pelagic (ocean-going) birdlife, pelicans and flamingo, and Cape fur seals, the massive sunfish, leatherback turtles, southern right and humpback whales can be seen in season.

Accommodation is at the Hansa Hotel, an iconic place that forms part of Swakopmund's architectural culture and is said to be one of the oldest buildings in the town. It is ideally situated in the centre of Swakopmund within easy walking distance of town and the beach. The luxury of the hotel, its excellent cuisine and friendly service are well known locally and internationally. We will have an opportunity to appreciate this hotel as well as other restaurants and sights in Swakopmund over the two days.

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Days 5 - 7: Drive to Damaraland Adventurer Camp, Damaraland

We continue our journey by road 200 miles (approximately 8-hour drive) to Damaraland, west of the Brandberg Mountain (the second largest monolith in the world after Ayre’s Rock, Australia), stopping for lunch at Ugab Save the Rhino Trust Camp. The Save the Rhino Trust (SRT) has been involved with rhino conservation in this area since the early eighties, and has been singly responsible for helping these rare animals survive and thrive, so that today this area boasts the largest concentration of black rhino anywhere on the planet outside of a national park. Community game scouts employed by the Trust as monitors are the trackers and guides.

Once in the private area around Damaraland, we are in the heart of the rocky desert, an ancient glacial landscape. Damaraland and this area, boasts a varied and breathtaking assortment of desert-adapted species including one of the highest concentrations of desert elephant and black rhino, and a surprisingly high diversity of wildlife including Hartmann's mountain zebra, kudu, giraffe, gemsbok, and springbok, with occasional cheetah sightings. Our activities range from nature walks, mountain biking, viewing the rock engravings at Twyfelfontein (a World Heritage Site) to day and night nature drives, exploring the mountains, hills and ephemeral river beds and springs.



Looking south from camp toward the imposing Brandberg Mountains, Damaraland offers its guests endless vistas and one of the best wilderness areas in Namibia. 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.

Days 8 - 9: Road transfer to Andersson's Camp, Ongava Game Reserve

We drive approximately 205 miles (approximately 5 hours' drive time) to Ongava Game Reserve on the boundary of Etosha National Park, to experience big game viewing and this iconic salt pan.

Etosha remains the highest density wildlife area within Namibia, its' fame justly acknowledged. The salt pan (largest salt pan in the world) is speculated to be a remnant of an ancient glacial lake - today being maintained by scouring winds across its surface and sporadic ephemeral flooding. Springs along the edge of the pan attract and quench the thirst of a dense and varied conglomeration of wildlife, mixing savanna and desert species like impala and springbuck. On day 9 we embark on a full day game drive into Etosha, exploring the southern roads of Etosha Pan from Okakeujo through to Halali (where we stop for lunch and relax in the cool shade watching the game coming in to drink at the waterhole), meandering our way from waterhole to spring and enjoying the endless vistas and mirages of the pan itself.

On the southern boundary of Etosha National Park and forming a buffer to the Park lies Ongava Game



Reserve, a prolific 74,130 acre private concession. It is a haven to large concentrations of wildlife: notably lion, cheetah, black rhino, white rhino, springbok, gemsbok, wildebeest, Burchell's zebra, Hartmann's mountain zebra, waterbuck, red hartebeest, giraffe, eland and the largest population of the endemic black-faced impala outside of Etosha. Andersson's Camp makes for a comfortable modern day, eco-friendly exploration of the Etosha landscape. Its resurrected

farmstead fronts onto a waterhole and the 20 tented guest units, each with en suite bathroom, are raised on decks for an enhanced view.

To further enhance our Etosha experience and while accommodated on the private Ongava Reserve, we can enjoy night game drives and walks, while evening game viewing is enhanced with a floodlit waterhole out the front of the main area.

Day 10: Drive to Windhoek

Driving south, we return to Windhoek at 1pm (approximate distance – 260 miles) where the adventure ends.

Land Cost

Diverse Namibia operates with a minimum of 2 guests and a maximum of 8 guests for each safari.

Prices for travel January 20 - May 31 and November 1, 2012 – January 6, 2013

From US\$4,008.00 per person sharing
From US\$ 355.00 single supplement

Prices for travel June 1 – October 31, 2012

From US\$4,470.00 per person sharing
From US\$ 387.00 single supplement

SAFARI INCLUDES:

- Accommodation on a per person sharing basis
- All meals from Lunch on Day 1 (excluding dinner on the second night in Swakopmund) to the end of the scheduled safari
- Teas, coffees and bottled water in the vehicle within Namibia
- National park fees
- Activities as per the itinerary

SAFARI EXCLUDES:

- Flights
- Visas
- Compulsory comprehensive insurance
- All relevant entry and departure government taxes
- All drinks
- All personal purchases (including curios, spirit liquors, telephone calls, etc.)
- Gratuities
- Laundry
- Optional extra activities
- Pre and post safari tours
- All other travel arrangements before or after the safari
- Any new government taxes, levies, fuel or industry increases which are beyond our control

Additional Safari Notes:

Exclusive experience: Most areas in which we travel are private concessions, with Adventurer Camps being for the sole use of Adventurer Safari guests. At the lodges and hotels en route we have the chance to meet other Wilderness Safaris guests.

An Adventurer camp (Kulala Adventurer Camp and Damaraland Adventurer Camp): 3m x3m (9.84 ft x 9.84 ft) dome tents (maximum of two guests per tent) on a slightly raised wooden platform, covered in shade cloth, which are semi permanent. Our dome tents are well ventilated with a mini veranda.

Stretcher beds with mattress and crisp linen, duvets and pillows and towels and amenities (soap, shower gel and conditioning shampoo) are provided. In addition, there is a coir mat (inside) and a 12v reading light. The tents are large enough to stand in and move easily. The camps aim to provide simple camping comfort that is serviced.

Hurricane lanterns and a good campfire light up the evening camp. Delicious meals are prepared around our campfire by our safari staff, creating a great atmosphere.

The dining area is under the stars to ensure the 'camping wilderness' feel. A full dining table, director chairs and bush style stainless steel place settings and drinks glasses are set up to accentuate simple serviced comfort in pure wild areas.



The bathrooms will be en-suite with the entrance to the canvas-wrap open air bathroom (zip door) through the rear of tent. There is an en-suite bathroom with a flush toilet, basin and shower – with hot and cold running water available whenever guests require it.

International air connection onto the safari: If arrival is planned for the day of the safari's departure, please ensure that this is with the earliest possible international flight arrival, before 10am. Arrival on a later flight may necessitate additional road or air transfers (as the main group's departure for the first camp/lodge will already have taken place), subject to extra cost.

Please note that if you overnight in Windhoek on the night before the safari begins, you will be met by the guide in the Explorations' vehicle from the hotel where you stayed. If you arrive by flight on the day the safari commences, you will be met at the airport.

International air connections leaving the safari: Please ensure that your departure flight is booked for after 3:30pm from Windhoek. For earlier international departure flights, an additional transfer will be required to arrive for this connection, subject to extra cost.