

12 Day Namibian / South African and Mozambican Wanderer Deserts – Wildlife and Tropical Shores

Day 1: SUNDAY - Overnight WHK – WHK Country Club

Welcome to one of the most desolately placed capital cities in the world and your gateway to an exciting mix of dunes, deserts and ancient cultures. Arriving on flight one of our representatives will meet you and escort you to the hotel. You can enjoy a meal at the hotel but we do recommend a stop at the legendary Joe's Beerhouse for some awesome game meats in particular the Oryx Steak in a Dill and Garlic Butter Infusion – out of this world!

Your journey which will allow you views of the the Hyper Arid Namib National Park and infamous Sossusvlei then moves via the jagged and treacherous coastline to the original German Colonial town of Swakopmund. Spend a couple of days partaking in day tours to ancient rock art sites, get lost on a guided 4x4 expedition into the dunes in search of the elusive Welwitschia and the Aptly named moon Landscape. At night enjoy some genuine German Beer and tuck into original style Eisbein. Following a brief overnight in the City of Gold we fly you to Inhambane in Mozambique for a surreal appreciation of the majesty of the coastline and diving here.

Pulsing with life, opportunity and a sparkle of adventure, Windhoek is a multicultural city characterised by tranquil co-existence and enough lebensraum for all its citizens, which number 223 364(2001 census).You can enjoy the best of both worlds like the more European-style culture and comforts offered in the city, to the vivid drumbeats of Africa in its environs.

Depart: N/A

Stops: Windhoek

Activities: N/A

Breakfast: Included for the entire tour.

Lunch: N/A

Dinner: N/A

Day 2: Transfer to Namib – Sossusvlei Dune Lodge

Your private flight charter will depart WHK Eros airport at around 10am. Arriving at the Sossusvlei Dune Lodge Airstrip approximately 1 hour later - you will be met by a representative from the lodge and shown to your rooms and briefed on the area and issues of safety. After lunch you are invited to join a guide who will take you to view the Sesriem Canyon just down the road. Coming back to the lodge freshen up and cool down while the sun dips below copper dunes.

The Sossusvlei Dune Lodge is one of the newest additions to the Namibian Parks portfolio and offers an exclusive experience. With no other lodges and the only accommodation based in the park you will have access to the dunes and the silence of the desert as few are able to appreciate her.

Depart: 10:00

Stops: N/A

Activities: Guided walk to Sesriem Canyon – Guides will be happy to point out the night skies and do evening walks

Lunch: included

Dinner: Included

Day 3: Sossusvlei Dune Lodge

Namib: a Khoikhoi (Hottentot) word meaning "desert" or "place of no people." Spend the day appreciating the wonder of this desert, the oldest oxidized red desert in the world, here the life cycle of a grain of sand and stand in awe as you realize the rich diversity of life in this inhospitable land.

The ocean winds and Benguela Current have a profound effect on the hyper-arid Namib ecosystem. They temper the climate of the coastal desert, bringing life to the shores, and allowing for sediments deposited into the ocean to be carried back inland to form the Namib's extensive dunes. In the early morning hours, the cooler waters of the Benguela interact with the warmer air to produce fog -- a life-giving fog that fosters the survival of the many creatures that exist on the inland dunes, we trust this is enough to whet your appetite for more on this – one of our favorite places on the planet.

Depart: Early Morning – Dependant on Sunrise Time.

Stops: Namib

Activities: Guided journey into the Namib including, Sossusvlei, Dooivlei and other Dune formations.

Lunch: incl

Dinner: incl

Day 4: Swakopmund – Swakopmund Hotel

Your flight transfer from the airstrip will leave around 10 am and wind its scenic flight via Sossusvlei, "Old Diamond Mines", Conception Bay (Eduard Bohlen & Shaunee Shipwrecks), "Lange Wand", Sandwich Bay (Flamingo's), Walvis Bay (Saltpans) to Swakopmund drop off. The flight lasts approximately 2:15min and is the only way to fully appreciate the scale of the moving desert after having paced her skin yesterday.

On arrival you will be transferred to your hotel to check in and get the formalities out of the way. You are only a 5 min walk from the centre of town, however being a Sunday expect it to be quiet.

Swakopmund, known as Swakop in *Namibia* is the country's biggest coastal town and a mecca for Namibians on holiday. The city's German origins are quite pronounced in beautiful old German Colonial buildings throughout the city, making an even starker contrast for this town sitting at the edge of the Namib Desert. One artifact of the German colonization includes an old museum/store, selling genuine artifacts from the 19th century. Cover a child's eyes, because some of what is on sale is aesthetically--and historically--difficult to look at.

Depart: 10:00

Stops: Hopefully none until Swakop...

Activities: Scenic Flight as detailed above.

Lunch: N/A

Dinner: N/A

Day 5: Swakopmund – Swakopmund Hotel

This morning you will be collected at the hotel at 08:30 and transferred to the jetty where you will board what is locally known as the "Rolls Royce" of Dolphin Safaris on the Catamaran Excursion. We have yet to meet anyone who has not enjoyed this experience and sightings are almost guaranteed...plus a few nice surprises. You will make it back to the mainland for lunch and have the afternoon free.

Why not check out the Crystal Gallery or the Natural History Museum or stroll down the beach at The Mole. Concierge at the hotel will be able to assist with other arrangements.

Depart: 08:30

Stops: N/A

Activities: Dolphin Cruise on Catamaran.

Lunch: N/A

Dinner: N/A

Day 6: Swakopmund – Windhoek Country Club

Please ensure your bags are ready to be packed this morning as you will not be returning to the hotel.

You will head inland for approximately an hour to view the Matterhorn of Africa as well as some rock paintings left by the Khoi San a hybrid of the Khoi – Khoi and San peoples who roamed these plains. Other areas you will view are The Natural Bridge and the 3 areas of Spitzkoppe (the second highest peak in Namibia). After a lunch prepared for you at one of the sites you will make your way back to Swakopmund and partake in a 4 x 4 excursion to view the: Musical Rocks, Welwischia Plants, Swakop River Bed, Moon Landscape and the threatened Lichen Fields.

Your guide will then transfer you straight to the airport for your transfer to WHK at approximately 4pm.

Depart: Just after 8.

Stops: Windhoek

Activities: Spitzkoppe - (Kleine, Pondok and Grosse), Bushman paradise rock paintings. 4 x 4 Excursion.

Lunch: Incl

Dinner: N/A

Day 7: Pilansberg National Park Kwa Maritane

Welcome to Joburg - the heartbeat of the country. It's the economic and cultural centre of South Africa, where people work hard and play harder. On arrival at JHB International on flight, there will be a representative to meet you and escort you to the car where you will load up and transfer to Pilansberg National Park by road, approx a 1,5hr drive – a mere 10 minutes from the bustle of Sun City but with the advantage of game drives and Bush Braais!

Depart: 07:00

Stops: JHB International

Activities: Transfer to Pilansberg National Park.

Lunch: N/A

Dinner: Included – A evening Bush Braai in an enclosed Boma in the Park under the stars – very nice. Weather and people dependant.)

Day 8: Pilansberg National Park Kwa Maritane

Go on a morning game drive in a specially built vehicle from the Park. Guided by a professional game warden from the area you will get informative knowledge of the surrounds and wildlife you will find.

Depart: Depending Sunrise and Park Times – Please check at reception on arrival.

Stops: N/A

Activities: Morning Game drive, Transfer to Sun City for a day their at own expense.

Lunch:

Dinner: N/A

Day 9: Mozambique Barra Lodge

Transfer from Kwa – Maritane leaving at 09:00 and catch your flight to Moz / Inhambane - on arrival a representative from the Lodge will be there to meet you and complete the 30min transfer to Barra Lodge. Barra has secluded, unspoilt beaches, and is bordered by the Inhambane estuary on one side and the sea on the other. The lodge is nestled amongst groves of coconut trees and the warm Indian Ocean offers safe bathing all year round. Wide open, sun-drenched beaches offer hours of walking pleasure.

Mozambique is a country of note. Here you can enjoy an unspoiled island oasis in total tranquillity. You can also wander through the markets to collect souvenirs or enjoy the buzz around you. The diving and snorkelling has been compared with the best in the world and the coastline boasts over 1000 species of marine life.

Depart: 09:00

Stops: N/A

Activities: N/A – There are a host of activities that you can indulge in and are attached for your perusal – these can be booked on site and easily. Credit Cards are accepted. You will also have access to the activities on offer at Flamingo Bay just down the road connected by 4x4 taxis shuttling between them.

Lunch: Incl

Dinner: incl

Day 10: Barra Lodge

Day at leisure and activities of your choice – we highly recommend the Whale Shark Diving also known as the Ocean Safari!!!

Depart: N/A

Stops: N/A

Activities: N/A

Lunch: Incl

Dinner: Incl

Day 11: Barra Lodge

Why not partake in a 4 hour flight to Pomene Island Lodge and relax Robinson Crusoe style including a meal (no boy Friday alas) to see the stunning Reefs and Moz coastline from the air.

Depart: N/A

Stops: N/A

Activities: N/A

Lunch: Incl

Dinner: Incl

Day 12: Fly back to JHB

You will be transferred to the airstrip in Inhambane for your flight to JHB – End of Services.

Tour Cost Includes:

Bed & breakfast for duration of the tour
Lunches as indicated in itinerary
Full board at Sossusvlei Dune Lodge and Barra Resorts (No Drinks)
Namib Naukluft Park drives in 4x4 vehicles including, Sossusvlei, Dooieivlei and Dune 45.
Guided walks to Sesriem Canyon and Evening Star Walks (Please request at reception when you are ready.)
Dolphin Excursion 3 – 4 Hours (We advise nausea tablets as a precaution)
Spitzkoppe and 4 x 4 Moon Landscape and Lichen excursion.
Scheduled flights as per itinerary
Private charter as per itinerary
Park entrance fees
Airstrip transfers
Limited laundry at all properties

Tour Cost Excludes

All items of a personal nature
Any activities not included in the itinerary
International flights and visa fees
Gratuities to camp staff
All statutory increases beyond our control
Personal and Travel Insurance