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Partaking in an adventure tour in Africa involves covering hundreds if not thousands of kilometres and our tours are as much about this journey as they are about the destinations we visit. Use your time during these drives to talk to your fellow travellers, have a drink and take note of the world passing by your window. Some roads you travel on will be smooth and easy while others could take up to an hour to cover 1 kilometre. There is just no telling what could happen with road, weather, traffic and other conditions that may exist that will either increase or decrease the amount of time you spend on the road so take your watch off, put your iPad away, turn off your phone and just relax. An average day could take anything from 5 to 14 hours, it all depends on the day... and that's only an "average"!

**Please ensure that you have downloaded and read a copy of the [PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION](#) booklet as this document contains important information (e.g travel insurance, visas, your money, health etc) you need to know before you depart on tour**

## Pre-Tour Meet Up

Join us for an optional pre-tour meet up from 17:00 to 19:00 the evening before departure, in the reception area of the DoubleTree by Hilton Upper Eastside Hotel (official departure point). It's a great chance to meet your fellow travellers and our crew, ask any questions about the tour, and complete any last-minute paperwork in a relaxed setting. Attending will help you feel more prepared and connected before the adventure ahead. If you can't make it due to prior commitments, don't worry—the morning meeting on departure day will still be available to finalize everything

## Tour departure point

Please ensure you arrive at the departure point at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time.

**08:00am** DoubleTree by Hilton Cape Town – Upper Eastside

31 Brickfield Road, Woodstock, Cape Town

Tel: +27 (0)21 404 0570, <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/cptuedi-doubletree-cape-town-upper-eastside/>

## Tour ending point

Arebbusch Lodge, Cnr of Golf & Auas Rd, Olympia, Windhoek, Namibia

Tel: +264 61252255 <https://www.arebbusch.com>

## Maximum Number of Passengers

12

## After hours emergency contact

Our reservations staff are available to receive emergency calls. We would like to request that you respect this emergency number and use it only in the event of emergencies. Please only contact this number if, for example, you have missed your incoming flight, you cannot find your airport transfer or you are running late for your tour departure.

*If calling from outside South Africa:* 0027 82 578 2199

*If calling within South Africa:* 082 578 2199

## Arrival / Departure

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends to allow for delays and changes.

## Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

If you require accommodation before or after your tour we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers – contact your travel agent or Nomad to make these bookings.

## What's included

Meals as outlined in the tour itinerary / accommodation / qualified crew / transport in a 12-seater truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

## What's excluded

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, bottled water, soft drinks, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities) / souvenirs

## Countries Visited

South Africa, Namibia

## Green Seats – Travel Responsibly in Africa

Nomad has a non-profit Trust that looks after the people, animals and places that we visit. We realise that a footprint is left where we travel and for this reason, the Nomad Africa Trust was established. Your donation to the Trust is called a "Green Seat". If you would like to help Nomad

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making Africa Greener, simply choose the tick box during your booking process (or contact us afterwards to add it) and we will take care of the rest. The Nomad African Trust is responsible for the administration of the funds collected from the sale of the green seats and these funds are distributed to various projects as identified by the Trust.

## TOUR ITINERARY

## Day 1 - South Africa – Cederberg Region

Leaving Cape Town we make a last stop for a look back at Table Mountain from across Table Bay. No road trip is complete without a stop at a traditional “Padstal”, these small farm stalls dot the byways of South Africa and offer a variety of homemade treats and bakes. The Cedarberg region not only boasts spectacular mountains and orange farms, but it is also the home of the Rooibos bush. Indigenous to the mountain slopes of the Cedarberg, this herbal beverage has earned an international reputation as a healthy and refreshing alternative to regular tea. A dinner at our overnight stop offers an opportunity for us to get acquainted while enjoying some South African hospitality.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Marcuskraal <a href="http://www.marcuskraal.co.za/index1.html">http://www.marcuskraal.co.za/index1.html</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Cape Town to Citrusdal
<b>Meals</b>	Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Traditional Dinner

## Day 2 - Namaqualand – Gariep (Orange) River

Namaqualand presents us with our first experience of the Desert vistas that will accompany us in the days ahead. We continue our journey north and after a short stop for supplies in Springbok, we travel to our camp on the banks of the Orange River. If you are fortunate enough to be travelling in the spring months (July to September) you may encounter the wild flowers that have made this region famous. No matter the time of year though, the strange desert vistas offer a unique backdrop to this day's travel.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Felix Unite Cabanas <a href="http://www.felixunite.com/accommodation/cabanas">http://www.felixunite.com/accommodation/cabanas</a> OR Norotshama Resort <a href="https://www.norotshamaresort.com/">https://www.norotshamaresort.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Citrusdal to Orange River
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Dinner
<b>Border Post</b>	South Africa: Vioolsdrift, Tel: +27 (27) 277 618 760, Open 24 hours Namibia: Noordoewer, Tel: +264 (0) 63 297 122, Open 24 hours

## Day 3 - Namibia – Gariep (Orange) River

While the Orange River was named after the Dutch Royal House, in recent times it has been referred to by its original name of Gariep, which simply means “river” in the indigenous Khoekhoe language. Beginning its journey in the mountains of Lesotho, the Orange River is the longest river in South Africa and offers a unique contrast to the desert landscapes along its banks. The best way to experience the river is by getting out on the water and this morning we have the opportunity to join an optional canoe trip on the river. Around midday (after lunch) we depart the Orange River and head inland to our overnight stop. At Ais Ais, you will have the opportunity to enjoy the mineral and sulphur rich hot springs.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Ai Ais Resort <a href="http://www.nwr.com.na/index.php/resorts/ai-ais-hotspots-spa">http://www.nwr.com.na/index.php/resorts/ai-ais-hotspots-spa</a> OR Canyon Roadhouse <a href="https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/canyon-roadhouse">https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/canyon-roadhouse</a> OR Hobas <a href="https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/hobas-lodge/">https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/hobas-lodge/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Orange/Gariep River to Ai-Ais
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Dinner
<b>Pre-Bookable Optional</b>	Orange River Canoe Trip
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Ais-Ais Hot springs

## Day 4 – Fish River Canyon, Quiver Tree Forest and Giants Playground

Having its source in the eastern parts of the Naukluft Mountains, the Fish River Canyon is the longest river in Namibia and the largest Canyon in Africa. We will drive to the rim of the Fish River Canyon and have an opportunity to stretch our legs with a gentle walk along the rim of the canyon. Afterwards, we turn west and head for Keetmanshoop. Our afternoon will be spent meandering through the Quiver Tree Forest and The Giants Playground – named for the way in which the massive dolerite boulders have been placed on each other - creating rock formations and a series of mazes.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Schutzenhaus Guesthouse <a href="http://www.schuetzenhaus-namibia.com/">http://www.schuetzenhaus-namibia.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathrooms <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Fish River Canyon to Keetmanshoop
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Dinner
<b>Included Highlights</b>	Scenic walk along the rim of Fish River Canyon (could be previous day) / Visit to Quiver Tree Forest and Giants Playground

**Day 5 - Namib-Naukluft National Park**

Every overland journey has some long travelling days and today is one of those as we venture deeper into the Namib Desert. Our destination is the dune fields that cover the western reaches of the desert. Long dusty roads and sparsely populated farmlands offer us an insight into the vastness of rural Namibia. From the grasslands in the east to the red dunes of the west the slowly changing landscapes represents the many faces of this desert country. Tonight we camp on the doorstep of the dune fields and fall asleep to the unique calls of the elusive Barking Gecko.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Taleni Desert Quiver Camp <a href="https://www.desertquivercamp.com/">https://www.desertquivercamp.com/</a> OR Taleni Desert Camp <a href="https://www.desertcamp.com/">https://www.desertcamp.com/</a> OR Solitaire Roadhouse <a href="https://www.solitairenamibia.com/#roadhouse">https://www.solitairenamibia.com/#roadhouse</a> OR Namib Naukluft Lodge <a href="http://www.namib-naukluft-lodge.com/namibnaukluftlodge.html">http://www.namib-naukluft-lodge.com/namibnaukluftlodge.html</a> OR Soft Adventure Camp <a href="http://www.namib-naukluft-lodge.com/softadventurecamp.html">http://www.namib-naukluft-lodge.com/softadventurecamp.html</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Keetmanshoop to Namib Naukluft NP
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Dinner

**Day 6 - Sossusvlei Dunes – Namib-Naukluft National Park**

Today we will rise early for our drive to the Namib-Naukluft National Park. We will enter the park just after sunrise and travel through to the famous Dune 45. A brisk climb up Dune 45 offers us the perfect vantage point to marvel at the changing colours of the desert. Once satisfied we descend this famous dune and enjoy a hearty breakfast before catching a 4x4 transfer into Sossusvlei, here we will spend time on foot visiting the pans at Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. Our desert exploration concludes with a visit to the Sesriem Canyon. Tonight we empty the red sand from our shoes and spend the night under the magnificent desert stars, knowing that we have spent a full-day enjoying the wonders of this harsh land.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Taleni Desert Quiver Camp <a href="https://www.desertquivercamp.com/">https://www.desertquivercamp.com/</a> OR Taleni Desert Camp <a href="https://www.desertcamp.com/">https://www.desertcamp.com/</a> OR Solitaire Roadhouse <a href="https://www.solitairenamibia.com/#roadhouse">https://www.solitairenamibia.com/#roadhouse</a> OR Namib Naukluft Lodge <a href="http://www.namib-naukluft-lodge.com/namibnaukluftlodge.html">http://www.namib-naukluft-lodge.com/namibnaukluftlodge.html</a> OR Soft Adventure Camp <a href="http://www.namib-naukluft-lodge.com/softadventurecamp.html">http://www.namib-naukluft-lodge.com/softadventurecamp.html</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Hike up Dune 45, 4x4 shuttle to Sossusvlei / Deadvlei / Sesriem Canyon

**Day 7 – Swakopmund**

On our final day in the desert, we have the privilege of joining a local expert for an enlightening desert excursion (this activity could take place the previous afternoon). While bidding a reluctant farewell to the Namib, we make a stop to commemorate our crossing of the Tropic of Capricorn. Having taken in the wonders of the Namib Desert we turn west and head into the sunset to our next destination, the bustling coastal town of Swakopmund where adventure awaits along with a welcome touch of civilization. Upon arriving in Swakopmund, we will be presented with the opportunity to book any number of thrilling adventures available. Tonight we'll enjoy an optional dinner out at a local restaurant.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Stay@Swakop <a href="http://www.stay-at-swakop.com/">http://www.stay-at-swakop.com/</a> OR Swakopmund Plaza <a href="https://www.swakopmund-plaza-hotel.com/">https://www.swakopmund-plaza-hotel.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Namib Naukluft National Park to Swakopmund
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Tropic of Capricorn, Guided desert walk with local expert

**Day 8 - Swakopmund**

While for many it is the adrenaline fuelled adventures that will grab their attention, Swakopmund offers all that and more. Take the opportunity today to explore the town at your leisure, as there are a number of attractions for every taste. Not to be missed is the selection of famed coffee shops and bakeries that offer a delightful range of German inspired treats. Swakopmund offers all the conveniences of a small city and is the perfect launching pad for the journey through the northern reaches of the land.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Stay@Swakop <a href="http://www.stay-at-swakop.com/">http://www.stay-at-swakop.com/</a> OR Swakopmund Plaza <a href="https://www.swakopmund-plaza-hotel.com/">https://www.swakopmund-plaza-hotel.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast
<b>Pre-Bookable Optionals</b>	Swakopmund Quadbiking / Dolphin Catamaran Cruise / Living Dunes Tour / Sandwich Harbour Dune Drive / Skeleton Coast Cape Cross / Spitzkoppe Adventure Drive ( <i>min numbers may apply to activities</i> )

**Day 9 – Swakopmund to Brandberg**

Our exploration of the desert continues with a trip up north, where the hot desert sands meet the cold waves of the Atlantic Ocean. We'll stop at seaside holiday town of Wlotskabaken for a photo opportunity before heading to the Lichen Fields for a viewing and talk by your guide on the Lichen Colonies. We then turn our attention to The Brandberg (Burning Mountains), which are regarded as the highest in Namibia and home to the famous White Lady, one of more than 45,000 rock paintings in the area. We will make the  $\pm$ 2-hour return hike to visit the painting that is said to be around 2,000 years old. (*Please be advised that this activity will take place either this evening or tomorrow morning early. The hike does traverse rough terrain along the gorge of the normally dry Tsisab River.*)

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Accommodation	Brandberg White Lady Lodge <a href="https://www.brandbergwillodge.com">https://www.brandbergwillodge.com</a> OR Brandberg Rest Camp <a href="https://www.brandbergrestcamp.com/">https://www.brandbergrestcamp.com/</a> OR iGowati Country Hotel <a href="https://igowaticountryhotel.com/">https://igowaticountryhotel.com/</a>
Facilities	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom
Route	Swakopmund to Brandberg
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner
Included Highlight	Brandberg Hike with your Nomad Guide

## Day 10 – Brandberg to Etosha National Park Area

With vast salt pans, savanna and woodland, Etosha is one of Africa's finest game parks. At 18 000 sq km, it is one of the biggest Parks in Southern Africa. Etosha means “great white area”, which refers to the large dried pan in the middle of the Park. We will prepare ourselves for our visit into the park the following day.

Accommodation	Okaukuejo <a href="https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort">https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort</a> OR Taleni Etosha Village <a href="https://etosha-village.com/">https://etosha-village.com/</a> OR Etosha Safari Camp <a href="https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/etosha-safari-camp">https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/etosha-safari-camp</a> OR Omusati Lodge <a href="https://daosa.com.na/omusati-lodge/">https://daosa.com.na/omusati-lodge/</a> OR Mondjila Safari Camp <a href="https://www.mondjilasafaricamp.com/">https://www.mondjilasafaricamp.com/</a> OR Eldorado <a href="https://www.etoshaaccommodation.com/">https://www.etoshaaccommodation.com/</a>
Facilities	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Brandberg to Etosha National Park Area
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 11 - Etosha National Park

Etosha allows for a full day to continue our exploration of the park. No day on safari is ever the same and the suspense before that special sighting is the motivation that keeps our eyes wide open. We explore the edges of the Etosha Pan in search of the abundant wildlife that occur in the park.

Accommodation	Okaukuejo <a href="https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort">https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort</a> OR Taleni Etosha Village <a href="https://etosha-village.com/">https://etosha-village.com/</a> OR Etosha Safari Camp <a href="https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/etosha-safari-camp">https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/etosha-safari-camp</a> OR Omusati Lodge <a href="https://daosa.com.na/omusati-lodge/">https://daosa.com.na/omusati-lodge/</a> OR Mondjila Safari Camp <a href="https://www.mondjilasafaricamp.com/">https://www.mondjilasafaricamp.com/</a> OR Eldorado <a href="https://www.etoshaaccommodation.com/">https://www.etoshaaccommodation.com/</a>
Facilities	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Etosha National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner
Pre-Bookable Optional	Full day 4x4 safari in Etosha National Park (Nomad truck drive will be forfeited) ( <i>min numbers may apply to activities</i> )
Included Highlight	Full day game drive (in the Nomad truck)

## Day 12 – Windhoek

This morning is free for you to relax around camp. You will be met at camp by a representative (between 11h00 and 12h00) who will be transferring you to Windhoek. The shuttle service is expected to take between 4 – 5 hours. The shuttle service is offered exclusively to Nomad guests and the number of travellers is dependent on the number of guests booked. Sit back, relax and enjoy your drive to Namibia's capital, Windhoek. Your tour will end upon arrival in the city in the late afternoon.

Accommodation	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad.
Route	Etosha National Park area to Windhoek
Meals	Breakfast