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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.

<http://nomadtours.co.za/media/Pre-Departure-Information.pdf>

Activity Package

This is an optional payment that covers what we consider to be 'essential activities' on our tours. Ideally we would include all of these, but not everyone can afford this. This payment is 100% transparent and is listed below. The Activity Package must be pre-booked along with your tour booking. We cannot always guarantee availability of the activities if you only book on the morning of your tour departing. .

Activity	Price
Wine tasting	R 70
Guided desert walk with local expert	R 370
Himba Tribe visit	R 450
	R 890

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Maximum Number of Passengers

20

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. As the activities on your tour can be moved to any day during your tour, we also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends.

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.

Your tour will be departing from the following location
07:00 am from Nomad Adventure Tours, 39 Castle Street, (Corner Castle & Burg Streets), Cape Town, South Africa.
 Tel: +27 (0) 82 578 2199, www.nomadtours.co.za

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

Your tour will be ending at the following location

Heja Game Lodge, Windhoek, <http://www.hejalodge.com>
 Tel: +264 61 257151 or 257152

What's included

Meals (Breakfast x 11 / Lunch x 11 / Dinner x 9) (unless otherwise specified, all meals are prepared and served at the Nomad truck) / accommodation / qualified crew / transport in the Nomad 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 / activity packages and optional activities.

Countries Visited

South Africa, Namibia.

Meals included on Tour:

Day	B	L	D
1	X	Yes	Yes
2	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	Yes	Yes	Yes
4	Yes	Yes	Yes
5	Yes	Yes	Yes
6	Yes	Yes	X
7	Yes	X	X
8	Yes	Yes	Yes
9	Yes	Yes	Yes
10	Yes	Yes	Yes
11	Yes	Yes	Yes
12	Yes	Yes	X

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - South Africa – Cederberg Region

Leaving Cape Town this morning we make a last stop for a look back at Table Mountain from across Table Bay, picture taken we travel to the famous winelands region of the Western Cape and enjoy a wine tasting at one of the local wine farms. We will also make a stop at the well-known Spice Route, bordering the town of Paarl. The Spice Route is an estate that brings together a collection of flavours unique to the Cape Culture – including a beer garden, artworks studio, chocolate makers and coffee makers – to name just a few. 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

Accommodation	Marcuskraal Campsite or similar. http://www.marcuskraal.co.za/index1.html
Facilities	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	Cape Town to Citrusdal
Included Highlight	Visit to the Spice Route
Activity Package	Wine tasting

Day 2 - Namibia – 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, 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. Crossing the border this afternoon we enter Namibia and settle in on the banks of the Gariep River.

Accommodation	Felix Unite Cabanas or similar. http://www.felixunite.com/accommodation/cabanas
Facilities	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	Citrusdal to Orange River
Border Post	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 – Fish River Canyon

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. Venturing north into the desert we visit the Fish River Canyon in the afternoon. We overnight at the hot springs of Ais-Ais and this evening we indulge in hot water swim under the desert skies.

Accommodation	Ai Ais Resort or similar. http://www.nwr.com.na/index.php/resorts/ai-ais-hot-springs-spa
Facilities	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	Orange/Gariep River to Fish River Canyon
Included Highlight	Scenic walk along the rim of Fish River Canyon
Optional Activity	Half-Day Canoe Trip

Day 4 - 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. Our base for the next two nights puts us at the doorstep to this desert wonderland.

Accommodation	Namibgrens or similar. http://www.namibgrens.com/accommodation/guest-farm
Facilities	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	Fish River Canyon to Namib Naukluft

Day 5 - Sossusvlei Dunes – Namib-Naukluft National Park

We start the day early and enjoy a brisk climb up Dune 45, this landmark dune offers the perfect vantage point to marvel at the endless sea of red sand. Having enjoyed an elevated view of this spectacular landscape we continue deeper into the dune fields, where a 4x4 transfer takes us to the pans of Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. Our final stop for the day is a late afternoon visit to the Sesriem Canyon, where we explore evidence of a wetter period in the history of this dry land. Tonight as we empty the red sand from our shoes, we reflect on the magic of desert we have explored.

Accommodation	Namibgrens or similar. http://www.namibgrens.com/accommodation/guest-farm
Facilities	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>
Included Highlight	Walk into Sesriem Canyon, Hike up Dune 45, 4x4 shuttle to Sossusvlei / Deadvlei, Sesriem Canyon

Day 6 - Swakopmund

Today we continue west and make our way to the coastal town of Swakopmund, where adventure and a dose of civilisation await. After a final excursion into the desert with a local expert, we make our way across the Tropic of Capricorn and continue to the Atlantic coast. We make a brief stop at the Walvis Bay lagoon, hoping to catch a glimpse of the Flamingo's that feed in the shallows. On arriving in Swakopmund we have the opportunity to book some of the many adventures on offer.

Accommodation	Stay@Swakop or similar. http://www.stay-atswakop.com
Facilities	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	Naukluft Area to Swakopmund
Activity Package	Guided desert walk with local expert

Day 7 - 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.

Accommodation	Stay@Swakop or similar. http://www.stay-atswakop.com
Facilities	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>
Optional Activity	Dolphin cruise, Skydiving, sandboarding, Quad biking, Dinner

Day 8 – Khorixas

The massive granite formations of Spitzkoppe tower 700 metres above the desert plains below and the presence of rock art indicates their significance to the San people who lived here many years ago. We will enjoy a walk with a local guide and have the opportunity to view some examples of the San's rock art before setting off for our overnight stop for the evening.

Accommodation	Igowati or similar. http://www.igowatilodge.com
Facilities	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	Swakopmund to Khorixas
Included Highlight	Visit Spitzkoppe and explore with a local guide

Day 9 - Himba Tribe

Visiting the Himba tribe can be a controversial topic that gets discussed at the camp fire, however not so much if the reason for visiting this particular tribe is understood beforehand. The income that the tribe generates from the visits goes towards the education of Himba children and assists the tribe in giving them a chance to learn about their own culture and heritage. This afternoon we have the opportunity to visit a Himba village and interact with the villagers.

Accommodation	Opuwo Country Lodge or similar. www.opuwolodge.com
Facilities	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	Khorixas to Opuwo
Activity Package	Himba Project Visit

Day 10 - Etosha National Park

Rising early this morning head for Etosha National Park. Etosha is the venue for some of the most unique game viewing experiences in Africa. Today we have a full-day to explore the edges of Etosha Pan in search of the abundant wildlife that occurs in the park. Our truck offers us an elevated platform and we will spend some time at the many waterholes dotted throughout the park.

Accommodation	Okakuejo or similar. http://www.nwr.com.na
Facilities	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	Opuwo to Etosha National Park
Included Highlight	Full day game drive in Nomad truck

Day 11 - Etosha National Park

Our second day in Etosha allows another 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 will exit the park in the late afternoon and make our way to our accommodation outside the park.

Accommodation	Etotongwe or similar. http://www.etotongwelodge.com/
Facilities	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>
Included Highlight	Full day game drive in Nomad truck

Day 12 - Windhoek

A last early morning as we take aim for Windhoek, the capital city of Namibia. Today we make a brief stop at the craft markets of Okahandja before arriving in Windhoek in the afternoon. We will take a short walk through the city centre and have the opportunity to view some its better known landmarks.

**** Your tour ends at Heja Lodge, which is just outside of Windhoek. Should you have booked your own accommodation in Windhoek, please inform the guide that you will be leaving the tour once the City Tour comes to an end, before continuing onto Heja Lodge.**

Accommodation	Own arrangements
Route	Etosha National Park to Windhoek
Included Highlight	Craft market stop en-route, short walk through Windhoek with your guide

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