

All information provided in this tour dossier is subject to change without prior notice, changes would always be in consideration of your safety first and a better quality experience. This would be where we are able to make improvements, sometimes last-minute decisions due to the nature of the tour/event. Overnight accommodation stops can change depending on road or weather conditions or any unforeseen circumstances. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the properties listed in this dossier, these are to be used as a guideline only. We recommend that you download the most up to date version of this tour dossier one week prior to your tour departure date.

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

*This itinerary has been written with the Activity Package items included. If you wish to participate in all the activities listed, you will need to purchase the Activity Package.*

### Maximum Number of Passengers

24

### 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**  
**07:00am** 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](http://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

<b>Accommodation</b>	Marcuskraal Campsite or similar. <a href="http://www.marcuskraal.co.za/index1.html">http://www.marcuskraal.co.za/index1.html</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <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>Included Highlight</b>	Visit to the Spice Route
<b>Activity Package</b>	Wine tasting

**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, 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 days travel.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Fiddlers Creek Campsite or similar. <a href="http://www.bushwhacked.co.za">http://www.bushwhacked.co.za</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Citrusdal to Vioolsdrift
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Spring Wild Flowers (Seasonal July – September)

**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. Later this morning we cross the border into Namibia and travel onwards to the Fish River Canyon, one of the largest in the world. This afternoon we take a walk along the rim of the canyon and end our day with a memorable sunset on the canyon edge.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Hobas Campsite or similar. <a href="http://www.nwr.com">http://www.nwr.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Campsite Shared Ablutions <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 Fish River Canyon
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Scenic walk along the rim of Fish River Canyon
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Half-day canoe trip

**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 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. Tonight we camp on the doorstep of the dune fields and fall asleep to the unique calls of the elusive Barking Gecko.

**Accommodation**

Sesriem campsite or similar. <http://www.nwr.com>

**Facilities**

Campsite with Shared Ablutions

*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*

**Route**

Fish River Canyon to Namib Naukluft

**Included Highlight**

Sesriem Canyon

**Day 5 - Sossusvlei Dunes – Namib-Naukluft National Park**

Watching the sunrise over the red dunes is an iconic highlight of any trip to Namibia and this morning we rise before the sun to capture this magnificent moment. A brisk climb up Dune 45 offers us the perfect vantage point to marvel at the changing colours of the desert sunrise. 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 day in the desert continues this afternoon as we join a local expert for an educational desert excursion. 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.

**Accommodation**

Boesman's Camp or similar. (No website)

**Facilities**

Campsite with Shared Ablutions

*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*

**Route**

Namib-Naukluft NP – Naukluft Area

**Included Highlight**

Sunrise hike up Dune 45, 4x4 shuttle to Sossusvlei / Deadvlei

**Activity Package**

Guided desert walk with local expert

**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. Reluctantly we leave the Namib behind and after a stop to mark our crossing of the Tropic of Capricorn, we continue to the Atlantic coastline. We make a brief stop at the Walvis Bay lagoon, where we hope to catch a glimpse of the Flamingo's that feed in the shallows. Arriving in Swakopmund we will have the opportunity to book some of the many adventures on offer.

**Accommodation**

Amanpuri Travellers Lodge or similar. <http://www.amanpurinamibia.com>

**Facilities**

Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*

**Route**

Naukluft Area to Swakopmund

**Included Activity**

Tropic of Capricorn, Walvis Bay Lagoon

**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**

Amanpuri Travellers Lodge or similar. <http://www.amanpurinamibia.com>

**Facilities**

Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

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**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**

Khorixas Restcamp or similar. <https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/khorixas-camp>

**Facilities**

Campsite with Shared Ablutions

*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*

**Route**

Swakopmund to Khorixas (via Spitzkoppe)

**Included Highlight**

Visit and explore Spitzkoppe 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

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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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Opuwo Country Lodge or similar. <a href="http://www.opuwolodge.com">www.opuwolodge.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Spitzkoppe to Opuwo
<b>Activity Package</b>	Himba Tribe Visit

### Day 10 - Etosha National Park

Rising early this morning we drive to the Etosha National Park. Etosha is the venue for some of the most unique game viewing experiences in Africa. Today we 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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Okaukuejo or similar. <a href="http://www.nwr.com.na">http://www.nwr.com.na</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Opuwo to Etosha National Park
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Afternoon 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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Sachsenheim Guest Farm or similar. (no website available)
<b>Facilities</b>	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Included Highlight</b>	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.**

<b>Accommodation</b>	Own arrangements
<b>Route</b>	Sachsenheim Guest Farm to Windhoek
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Craft market stop en-route, walk through Windhoek with your guide

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