

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 when possible. Overnight accommodation stops can change without prior notice 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

PCR Testing / Requirements

All guests participating in this tour will be required to produce a **valid negative PCR test** or undertake a PCR test, prior to departure (regardless of vaccination status).

- Nomad will not permit any antigen/antibody testing to be undertaken at any border crossing.
- All costs associated with PCR testing will be for the guests' own account.

South Africa

South Africa currently requires a valid PCR negative test no more than 72 hours from the date of test, upon arrival in South Africa.

- PCR tests will be arranged for guests in Cape Town as is the requirement for entry into Namibia
- Testing will be conducted at the DoubleTree by Hilton Cape Town on the morning of tour departure only at 07:00am.
- All guests will be charged the amount of ±R950 per person on the morning of departure for the cost of the PCR test. This must be paid by credit card directly to the company administering the PCR test. Please ensure your credit card is in working order.

Namibia (This tour crosses the border into Namibia on Day 2 of the itinerary)

Although Namibia requires the PCR test to be valid for 72 hours from the date of test up to arrival in Namibia. Therefore, all clients are required to undertake a test in Cape Town to participate in this tour.

- Although the post tour PCR tests will be the responsibility of the guests, testing will be offered upon arrival in Windhoek, together with the guests continuing on the tour to Victoria Falls. The test will take place prior to participating in the walking City Tour.
- The cost of ±R1,200 per person is charged for the PCR test at the testing lab (Diagonal Labs). This must be paid by credit card directly to the company administering the PCR test. Please ensure your credit card is in working order. (Namibian Dollars and South African Rand cash will be accepted).
- It is the responsibility of the guest to ensure they are aware of the requirements for their onward destination/country.

Nomad does not take any responsibility for PCR testing results. Nomad is acting as a facilitator to assist our guests to help obtain a test and all tests are undertaken by independent laboratories. In the event of a positive test result being received by a guest – the guest will be asked to sign off of the tour and undertake self-isolation at his/her own expense. All arrangements of self-isolation will be made by the guest.

Due to additional measures put in place for PCR testing, it is possible that additional delays at border crossings will be experienced and that itinerary items will be offered earlier or later. We ask for your understanding as these delays are beyond our control.

Tour departure point

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

07:00am 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

Safari Hotel, Corner of Auas and Aviation Streets,

Windhoek, Namibia

Tel: +264 61 296 8000 www.safarihotelsnamibia.com

Maximum Number of Passengers

12 (All protocols and government regulations in terms of carrying capacity will be adhered to at the time of travel)

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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

All meals as per the itinerary (your breakfast and dinner will be served in lodges and lunches will be a pre-packed snack pack to enjoy en-route) / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / 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

Countries Visited

South Africa, Namibia

Onward Travel

This tour can be linked with our Delta & Chobe Trail Small Group tour that will take you across Botswana and into Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. We are also able to offer you small group safari tours covering Tanzania and/or Kenya. If you are interested to enhance your tour further, please [contact us](#) to receive a list of all the available options to suite your time frame and budget

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 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 this morning we make a last stop for a look back at Table Mountain from across Table Bay. The Cederberg 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 Cederberg, 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.

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| Accommodation | Marcuskraal http://www.marcuskraal.co.za/ |
| 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 |
| Meals | Lunch, Dinner |
| Included Highlight | Welcome Dinner at Marcuskraal |

Day 2 - Namibia – Gariiep (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 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 Gariiep River.

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| Accommodation | Felix Unite Cabanas http://www.felixunite.com/accommodation/cabanas OR Bundi http://www.bundi.co.za/orangerivercanoeing.htm |
| Facilities | Two per room en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| Route | Clanwilliam to Orange River |
| Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner |

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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

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 we depart the Orange River and head inland to our overnight stop where guests will get a chance to enjoy the Ais-Ais Hot Pools this evening

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| Accommodation | Ai Ais Resort http://www.nwr.com.na/index.php/resorts/ai-ais-hotspots-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 (Ai-Ais) |
| Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner |
| Included Highlight | Ais-Ais Hot Pools |
| Optional Activity | Half-day canoe trip |

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

We rise early this morning and drive to the rim of the Fish River Canyon. We will have time to watch the morning sunrises filter through the canyon. After stretching our legs with a gentle walk along the rim of the canyon, 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.

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| Accommodation | Schutzenhaus Guesthouse http://www.schuetzenhaus-namibia.com/ |
| Facilities | 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> |
| Route | Fish River Canyon to Keetmanshoop |
| Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner |
| Included Highlights | Scenic walk along the rim of Fish River Canyon / 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.

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| Accommodation | Solitaire Lodge http://www.travel-weaver.com/Solitaire-Lodge.aspx OR Taleni Desert Quiver Camp https://www.desertquivercamp.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 | Keetmanshoop to Namib Naukluft NP |
| Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner |

Day 6 - Sossusvlei Dunes – Namib-Naukluft National Park

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. 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.

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| Accommodation | Solitaire Lodge http://www.travel-weaver.com/Solitaire-Lodge.aspx OR Taleni Desert Quiver Camp https://www.desertquivercamp.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 | Taleni to Naukluft Area |
| Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner |
| Included Highlight | Sesriem Canyon / Hike up Dune 45, 4x4 shuttle to Sossusvlei / Deadvlei |

Day 7 - Swakopmund

Today we continue west and make our way to the coastal town of Swakopmund, where adventure and a dose of civilisation await. Our day in the desert ends as we join a local expert for an educational desert excursion before making our way across the Tropic of Capricorn and 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.

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| Accommodation | Swakopmund Plaza Hotel http://www.plaza.na/ |
| Facilities | Two per room with en-suite bathroom |

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| Route | Naukluft Area to Swakopmund |
| Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner |
| Included Highlight | 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.

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| Accommodation | Swakopmund Plaza Hotel http://www.plaza.na/ |
| Facilities | Two per room with en-suite bathroom Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered. |
| Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner |
| Optional Activity | Dolphin cruise, Skydiving, sandboarding, Quad biking |

Day 9 – Spitzkoppe to Brandberg

Leaving early, we make our way to the massive granite formations of Spitzkoppe which tower 700 metres above the desert plains below. The presence of rock art indicates their significance to the San people who lived here many years ago. We will enjoy a walk with our 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.

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| Accommodation | Brandberg White Lady Lodge https://www.brandbergwllodge.com/home |
| 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 | Swakopmund to Brandberg (via Spitzkoppe) |
| Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner |
| Included Highlight | Visit and explore Spitzkoppe |

Day 10 – Brandberg White Lady

The Brandberg (Burning Mountains) 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. This morning we will make the 1-hour hike to visit the painting that is said to be around 2,000 years old. *(Please be advised that the hike does traverse rough terrain along the gorge of the normally dry Tsisab River).* After our exploration, our journey continues to the area of Kamanjab.

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| Accommodation | Melissa’s Guesthouse https://www.melissaguesthouse.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 | Brandberg to Kamanjab |
| Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner |
| Included Highlight | Brandberg White Lady hike |

Day 11 – 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. This afternoon we reach the park and begin with our first game drive as we make our way to rest camp.

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| Accommodation | NWR: Okaukuejo https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort |
| 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 | Kamanjab to Etosha National Park |
| Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner |
| Included Highlight | Afternoon game drive in the Nomad vehicle |

Day 12 - 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.

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| Accommodation | NWR: Okaukuejo https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort |
| Facilities | Two per room with en-suite bathroom Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered. |
| Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner |
| Included Highlight | Full day game drive in the Nomad vehicle |

Day 13 - Windhoek

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A last early morning game drive to the gate sees us wrap up our visit to Etosha and take aim for Windhoek, the capital city of Namibia. We will take a short walk through the city centre and have the opportunity to view some its better known landmarks. Your tour will come to an end at the conclusion of the short walk.

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| Accommodation | Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad. |
| Route | Etosha National Park to Windhoek |
| Meals | Breakfast, Lunch |
| Included Highlight | Windhoek City Tour with your guide |