

**ITINERARY: African Luxury Safari
Namibia & the Desert Flying Safari**

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(B): Breakfast; (BB): Bed & Breakfast; (L): Lunch;
(D): Dinner; (b): Bed only

Day 1,

Depart from a gateway city, either Atlanta, Washington Dulles, or New York's JFK to Johannesburg. Delta has non-stop service from Atlanta. South African Airlines has non-stop service from JFK, the Dulles flight stops in route.

Overnight flight

Day 2,

The Delta flight and the SAA Dulles flight arrive in Johannesburg, South Africa at about 5PM. South African is six or seven hours ahead of us, depending on daylight savings time. There is no Visa required for US Citizens. Depending on the budget, there is the Intercontinental at the airport or the Garden Court five minutes away by free shuttle.

Garden Court (BB) or Intercontinental Hotel

Day 3,

This morning you will fly to Windhoek, Namibia. Windhoek lies in a pretty valley with buildings very much in the German architectural style. The German presence can be strongly felt in the food, restaurants - and of course the beer.

Olive Exclusive Boutique Hotel Jr Suite (BBD)

Day 4,



After breakfast, you will transfer back to the airport for your flight to the Skeleton Coast via Conception Bay. The Kuiseb Canyon and adjoining red dunes are a spectacular view from the air. The flight includes an aerial view of the famous Eduard Bohlen shipwreck at Conception Bay. After landing and refueling at

Swakopmund, you continue with a low-level flight north along the Skeleton Coast past the seal colony at Cape Cross. There stop for a light picnic lunch near the beach. After lunch you cross the desert by aircraft to the Ugab formations, a nearly lifeless 'moon landscape' of numerous black ridges in stark contrast to the white desert floor. From there you proceed to the Huab River Valley where you stay for the night. Ancient rock engravings are found amongst the rocks within walking distance of the camp.

Fixed Tented Camp (BB)



Day 5,

After breakfast we depart by Land Rover to explore the colorful red lava and yellow sandstone of the Huab River environs. There you are introduced to the ecological aspects of this area with its wide diversity of flora and fauna. This includes the Welwitschia Mirabilis, a tree that has been dwarfed by the rigors of the encroaching desert climate. You have lunch at Kuidas camp before flying along the coast to Terrace Bay in the Skeleton Coast Park. The most prominent shipwrecks along this part of the coast are the Montrose and Henrietta.



At the coast you access the roaring dunes by Land Rover. You also visit the beach with its profusion of multi-colored pebbles consisting of agate, lava, granite and quartz. Interesting to see are old bleached whale bones scattered along the beach above the high tide

mark. You return to the aircraft and continue north to the Hoarusib Valley in the Kunene Region.

Purros Camp (BBLD)



Day 6,

After breakfast you will take a scenic drive along the Hoarusib Valley to visit a settlement of the nomadic Himba people. Modern life hasn't made it to this part of Africa. From here we continue north along the Skeleton Coast by aircraft to the Kunene River acting as a border to Angola. Shipwreck and pieces from old sailing vessels lie scattered along this part of the coast. From the airfield you take a scenic drive by Land Rover to a favorite lunch site. Then you continue through the mountains and dunes of the Hartmann Valley.

Kunene River Camp (BBLD)

Day 7

Today, you can look forward to an early morning boat cruise along the Kunene River that snakes its way through the desert landscape. A beautiful ride with exceptional bird (and perhaps some crocodile) sights. You will arrive back in time for lunch at the Camp before climbing back into your light aircraft for your flight to Swakopmund Airport.

Hotel Zum Kaiser (BB)

Day 8,

After breakfast, you will take a short flight to the Sossusvlei Airstrip. One of the highlights of any trip to Namibia is a visit to Sossusvlei in the heart of the enormous Namib-Naukluft Park. Easily accessible to visitors, Sossusvlei is a clay pan, only rarely filled by water, but a place of awe-inspiring beauty.

Sossusvlei Desert Lodge (BBLD)

Day 9

Visitors to the region will be left spellbound by the magnificent ochre-colored sand dunes, which rise 1,000 ft. into the sky - the highest sand dunes in the world.

Sossusvlei Desert Lodge (BBLD)

Day 10,

Choose one Sossusvlei excursion each day. Adventures include scenic drives with an opportunity to encounter a variety of desert-adapted animals such as gemsbok, zebra, springbok, bat-eared fox, aardwolf, caracal and jackal. Guided walks, hiking trails, and guided quad bike trails through the dunes are available. A resident astronomer and high-powered telescope provide breathtaking views of the night skies.

Sossusvlei Desert Lodge (BBLD)



Day 11,

After breakfast, you will take a flight back to Windhoek, continuing on to Johannesburg. There connect to your flight home.

Overnight flight

Day 12,

All flights arrive early morning in the US where you will clear Immigration and Customs.

Price: Please check with us for current pricing. All of our Safaris are custom. Price will be based on your choice of accommodations. Prices are usually based per person sharing. Single supplements will apply.

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Included:

12 days, 9 night's accommodations, all breakfasts, 7 dinners, 6 lunches, along with local brand wines and liquors in the bush camps. All the transfers and tours per the above itinerary are included. A 50% deposit is due to book the safari, with the balance due 90 days prior to departure.

Not included: are long haul international air tickets from the US, nor, the ticket between Johannesburg, and Windhoek, and the return back to Johannesburg. Departure taxes, if any and items of a personal nature such as gratuities, phone calls, and meals not specified in the above.