

EXPERIENCE NAMIBIA



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ITINERARY NAMIBIA

DAYS 1 - 3: SOSSUSVLEI DESERT LODGE

Arriving at Windhoek Airport you will be met by representatives from Roberts Safaris and assisted through the airport - time permitting you will then board your internal flight to the stark and beautiful Sossusvlei Desert, for guests arriving later an overnight in Windhoek may be required.

The lodge is situated within the Sossusvlei Private Desert Reserve, a vast 12 715 hectare (31 419 acre) expanse deep in the Namib, the world's oldest living desert. Set amidst an ocean of dunes, rocky outcrops and gravel plains, the utter tranquility and extraordinary clarity of light makes this area one of Africa's most compelling landscapes. The night skies are heavenly, with the concession bordering the International Dark Sky Reserve of the NamibRand Nature Reserve. A canvas of beauty that invites reconnection with yourself and nature.

Activities include game drives, star gazing, quad biking, hiking - it is also possible on longer hikes to visit some magnificent caves with exhibits of ancient Bushman Rock Art.

DAYS 4 & 5: SHIPWRECK LODGE, Skeleton Coast

After breakfast you will depart for your flight north to the Atlantic Ocean and the stark contract of Shipwreck Lodge. The plane will need to refuel in Swakopmund on the journey.

Uniquely designed around the enigmatic shipwrecks that line Namibia's Skeleton Coast, there's nowhere on the continent quite like Shipwreck Lodge. It's a raw, rugged and impossibly remote slice of African wilderness, where towering dunes and wind-swept plains roll as far as the eye can see, buffeted by the icy Atlantic seas. However, there's much more to the area than simple isolation.

Activities here are as varied as the area from the lodge reflect the environment, with 4WD excursions heading either up the Hoarusib River to take in the magnitude of the Clay Castles, the towering dunes and the chance for wildlife . Alternatively if you would prefer to head down the coastline you will encounter some of the shipwrecks of the area or the abandoned diamond mines, finishing with the seal colony at Möwe Bay. For guests who would prefer to something away from driving, quad biking is also available around the dunes or a spot of onshore fishing, subject to permits.

Some exceptional hiking and walking is also available and this offers the chance to explore some of the desert fauna and flora up close, all this being said, sometimes there is nothing better than sitting on the top of dune, gin and tonic in hand and takem in the changing colours and landscapes as the horizon rises to meet the sun, herelding the end of another day of adventure in Africa.



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DAYS 6 & 7: SERRA CAFEMA, Kaokoveld

Heading North East, your next destination will be the Kunene River & Serra Cafema. This river is the only permanent source of water in this region, creating an oasis along its banks – a winding band of green surrounded by the lunar-like landscape of the Namib Desert which stretches to the Serra Cafema mountain range in the north. Game viewing in this area is limited to small herds of gemsbok, springbok and Hartmann's mountain zebra. The Kunene River has a large population of Nile crocodiles. Burchell's courser and Benguela long-billed lark are among the characteristic bird species to be found in this area. There are also a number of endemic reptiles, the desert plated lizard being a particular speciality.

Aside from the usual activities that would expect this is also an area where sensitive and authentic interactions with the Himba people will stay with you long after the sand has been washed from your feet. The Himba are considered the last (semi-) nomadic people of Namibia. Himba people, especially women, are famous for covering themselves with otjize paste, a cosmetic mixture of butterfat and ochre pigment, to cleanse the skin over long periods due to water scarcity and protect themselves from the extremely hot and dry climate of the Kaokoland as well as insect bites. This distinctive orange or red-tinge colour is considered a highly desirable aesthetic beauty cosmetic, symbolizing earth's rich red color and blood the essence of life.

DAYS 8 - 10: LITTLE ONGAVA, Private Reserve bordering Etosha National Park

Designed for privacy, luxury and an intimacy with the land, Little Ongava boasts pristine views across the Ongava plains. Little Ongava is perched on the crest of a hill commanding magnificent vistas of the plains stretching for miles to the horizon, offering an extraordinary experience as the focal point of an Etosha journey. This intimate camp has only three spacious suites each with its own plunge pool, en-suite bathroom, "sala", and outdoor shower. The lounge and dining areas have wonderful views of a productive waterhole below the camp, the open deck allowing for relaxed, stylish dining under the African sky. Guests at Little Ongava share a dedicated guide and vehicle, ensuring the best possible nature experience at one of Africa's great wildlife destinations.

Day and night wildlife-viewing drives, visiting hides overlooking waterholes, walks and rhino tracking with experienced guides can all be enjoyed exclusively on this reserve. Game drives and day trips into nearby Etosha National Park are also offered. This is also a stronghold for both black and white rhino that can frequently be viewed around the property.

DAY 11: Departure



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SOSSUSVLEI



Sustainability and uncompromised luxury go hand in hand at Sossusvlei. 10 beautifully appointed stone and glass suites, spread out along the curve of the escarpment, open onto ever-changing outlooks. Each spacious air conditioned suite offers a secluded shaded veranda complete with private plunge pool, a living room with a fireplace, a large retractable skylight above the bed and an ensuite bathroom with a glass-encased rain shower offering 180° desert views.

The two-bedroomed Star Dune Suite is an ideal option for families or groups of friends. The split-level guest area is an inspired masterpiece of glass, rock and steel. Large glass panels fold away to reveal unobstructed desert vistas. Inviting amenities include a central-island bar, comfortable sitting room, walk-in cellar, interactive kitchen and rim-flow pool. Other signature features include numerous shaded private spaces, a sunrise-view gym and sunset-facing wellness centre which offers both a treatment room with a private spa-bath, and a separate wet-room spa.



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The Skeleton Coast National Park is officially the least visited of all of Namibia's parks. Shipwreck Lodge is located in the Skeleton Coast Central Concession Area, a critically important piece of land for protecting vulnerable wildlife species.



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Set under verdant trees on the banks of the Kunene River, Serra Cafema is one of the most remote camps in Southern Africa. Guests can truly disconnect, unwind and relax to the sound of rushing water and explore one of the driest deserts in the world. Respectful interaction with the semi-nomadic Himba community, fascinating nature walks, boating (water levels permitting) and low-impact guided quad-bike excursions complete the experience.

The eight chalets are set on elevated decks and crafted in wood, canvas and thatch to create a unique camp that is at one with its surroundings and celebrates the culture of the Himba people. The Ozonganda (Herero, meaning “main area”) affords spectacular views over the Kunene River. We have a mutually-beneficial partnership with the Marienfluss Conservancy, which is owned primarily by the Himba people, the benefits of which include lease fees, employment and skills transfer.

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