

# SOUTHERN SKY ADVENTURES

IN YOUR WILDEST DREAMS



# NAVIGATING NAMIBIA

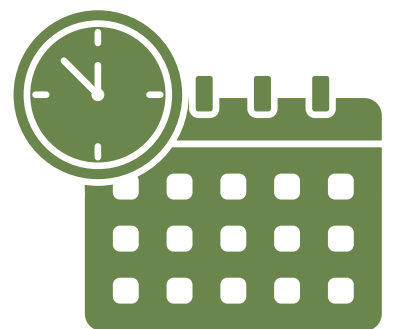
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# Tour Route



## Day to Day

### Day 1

A Southern Sky Adventures team member will meet you upon landing at the Johannesburg Airport in the late afternoon. The group will be taken to the City Lodge Hotel where you can check in, shower and gather again for dinner.



### Day 2

You will eat breakfast in the hotel and head back over to the airport where you will take a flight to Windhoek, Namibia. As soon as you arrive at Windhoek airport, your guide and overland truck will pick you up and take you to your accommodation for the evening. You will get a chance to settle in after your flight and receive a briefing from your tour leader about the great adventure ahead. You will have ample opportunity to ask questions and stock up on snacks for the road ahead. Tonight, you will have dinner at a famous restaurant in Namibia called, Joe's. Here you can sample some of the delicious local delicacies before a well-deserved rest.

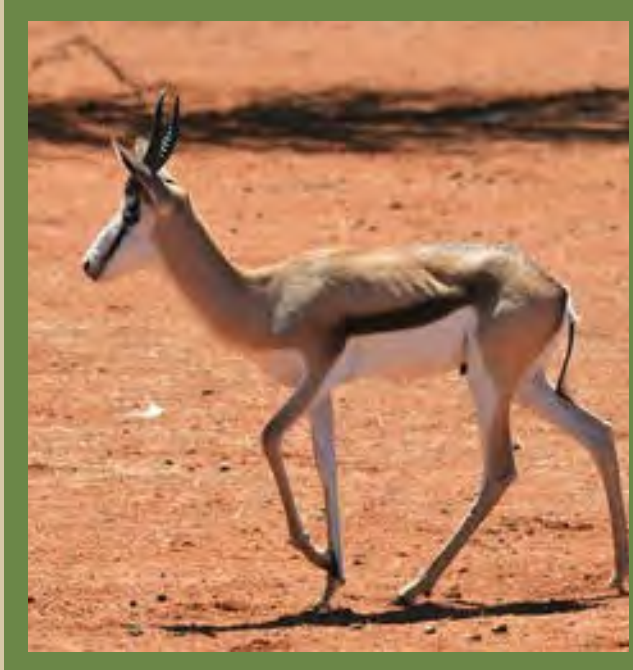




## Day to Day

### Day 3

You will make an early start as you have a four and half hour drive ahead of you. You will travel southeast from Windhoek to the edge of the great Kalahari dunes and stop in a town called Gochas. This village has been the main settlement of the Kharakhoen, a sub tribe of the Nama people, for many decades. The Nama are the largest group of the Khoikhoi people, most of whom have largely disappeared as a group. Music, dancing, poetry and storytelling have been passed down many generations. Here you will stay for 2 nights working on a community project to improve the local school and sports facilities.



### Day 5

You will make an early start for the drive across the border into South Africa, and spend your next 2 nights at Mata Mata camp in the Kgalgadi Transfrontier Park. You will arrive at camp around lunch time, set up your tents and head out for an afternoon game drive, there is also a game hide near the campsite from which to view animals at a watering hole. The best time to view game is early morning and late afternoon, get up early the next day for a day out in the park! You will head north towards Nosob camp where you will have lunch and then slowly make your way back down to your campsite in the afternoon. You can expect to see giraffe, zebra, gemsbok, springbok, hopefully a lion so you should keep your eyes open and hope for the best.



### Day 7

You leave Kgalgadi Transfronteir park behind and will make your way further south towards the great Orange River. You will head for a place called Noordoewer from where you will start your rafting tour the following day.



### Day 4



The efforts to improve the local school facilities and sports fields could consist of painting school rooms, construction, clean up, stocking supplies or just playing with the children on the playground.

### Day 6

Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park is a vast wildlife reserve in the Kalahari Desert region of Botswana and South Africa, bordering Namibia to the west. It's characterized by red dunes and dry rivers. Wildlife includes migrating herds of wildebeest and springbok, plus predators like raptors and black maned Kalahari lions.



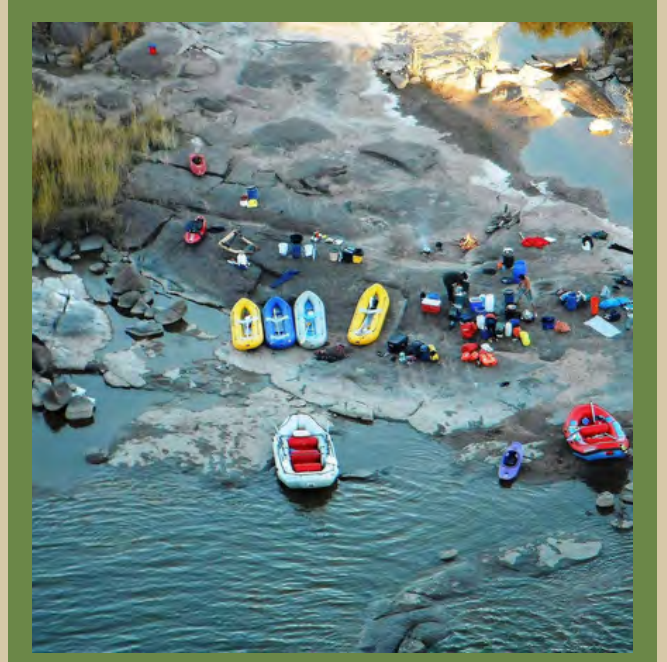
### Day 8

Your rafting trip will see you paddling and floating along the mighty Orange River through the deserts of the Richtersveldt. You will set out on your rafting adventure with all your necessities on the raft with you.



### Day 9

You will paddle in 2-man inflatable rafts which are very easy to handle and very comfortable. You will spend the next 4 nights along the banks of the river, camping where the guides find a suitable spot. There are no facilities along the river and you will experience raw nature by bathing in the river and eating around the camp fire at night. You don't even have to bring your tent along and can sleep out under the blanket of the stars!





## Day to Day

### Day 10



The paddling is easy-going and you will spend most of your time swimming, relaxing or even fishing. You can even try a nappy run (swimming down one of the rapids wearing your life jacket as a nappy) to get the adrenalin flowing.

### Day 12

We have an early start from the Fish River canyon and another long day on the truck ahead of us, we are on our way to the heart of the Namib Desert. We reach Sesriem campsite in the late afternoon and setup camp. The camp is beautifully situated at the entrance to the Namib Naukluft Park, near the Sesriem Canyon and approximately 37 miles (63 km) from Sossusvlei. There are 20 camping sites in the shade of ancient camel thorn trees available.



### Day 14

After a spectacular sunrise in the desert, you will continue your journey to Swakopmund. En route you can visit the oldest plant in the world: the *Welwitschia Mirabilis*, in the Moon Landscape. Swakopmund, Namibia's second biggest town and traditional "summer capital", is one of the most surreal places in this land of contrasts. You approach the town through the endless expanses of the Namib Desert, one of the world's largest wilderness areas. It is known as the "Jewel of Namibia", glistening in the sunshine, tucked between ocean and desert.



### Day 11

After your unforgettable rafting trip, you will get picked up next to the river by your overland truck and make a short trip to Ais-Ais Hot Springs where you will make lunch and get the opportunity to swim in the hot springs before you continue your journey to the Fish River canyon. Once you arrive at Hobos campsite you will set up your tents before driving to the view point of the Fish River canyon, just before sunset. The Fish River is 650 kilometres long, the longest river in Namibia. It is one of the most impressive natural beauties in the southern part of Namibia and has become a popular hiking destination. The river is situated in the largest canyon in Africa, and is listed as the second most visited tourist attraction in Namibia. The canyon features a gigantic ravine, in total about 100 miles (160 km) long, up to 16 miles (27 km) wide and in places almost 550 meters deep.



### Day 13

You will explore Sossusvlei and the Sesriem Canyon which is a narrow gorge about one kilometre in length, resulting from centuries of erosion. At the foot of the gorge, which plunges down between 30 and 40m, are pools that become replenished after good rains. Sesriem derives its name from the time when early pioneers tied six lengths of rawhide thongs together to draw water from the pools. The various layers of sediment rock form the surrounding desert floor. Sossusvlei, is in the heart of the Namib Desert, and is a huge clay pan, enclosed by giant sand dunes. Some of the spectacular hills of sand are at a height of 300 meters, the highest in the world. Only after heavy rainfall, which is a rare event in this area, does the vlei fill with water. As the clay layers hardly allow any water infiltration, the turquoise lake will



remain empty for quite some time. The dunes of the Namib Desert have developed over many millions of years. You will discover all of this and more the next day, after a good night's rest. .



## Day to Day

### Day 16

After two nights in the adventure capital of Namibia, you will head back to the road and continue your journey to Brandberg, or the 'Burnt mountain'. The Brandberg is a spiritual site of great significance to the San (Bushman) tribes. The main tourist attraction is The White Lady rock painting, located on a rock face with other art work, under a small rock overhang, in the Tsisab Ravine at the foot of the mountain. The ravine contains more than 1,000 rock shelters, as well as more than 45,000 rock paintings. To reach The White Lady rock painting, you will hike for about 40 minutes over rough terrain, along the ancient watercourses threading through the mountain. You will arrive at Brandberg at around lunch time and hike up to the rock art in the afternoon.



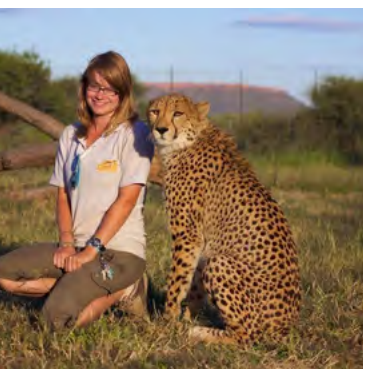
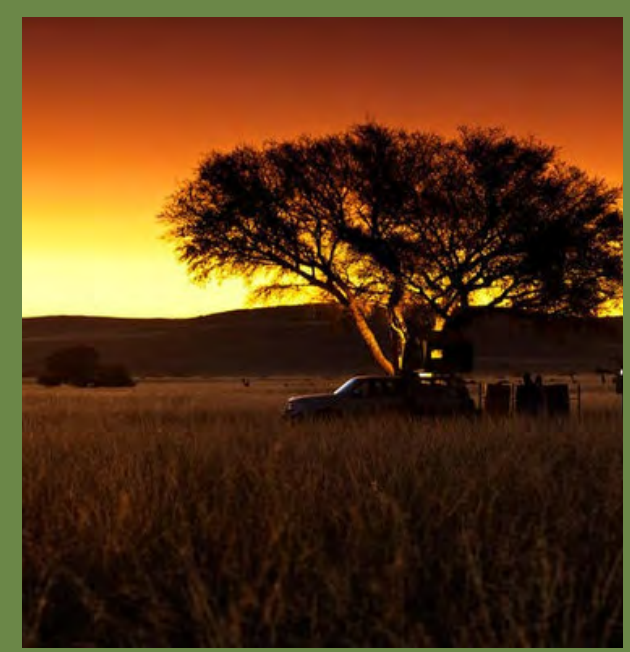
### Day 15

While Swakopmund is small in the global sense, it is big when it comes to hospitality. Here, where desert and sea meet in perfect harmony, there is plenty to do for the youth and Swakopmund offers a relaxed atmosphere for the older generation. The town is a precursor of history, an oasis for the soul, a place for encounters and consciousness. With its mild climate, the natural unspoilt beauty of its surroundings, friendly and healthy people sun bathed in tradition, Swakopmund is a good place to relax in. Activities available include sand-boarding and -skiing, quad biking, camel rides and off-road driving and other fun excursions including a boat ride to see dolphins, seals, and shore based angling (some of the best in Africa). You will spend two nights here, giving ample opportunity to experience all Swakopmund has to offer.



### Day 18

Your last day has arrived and you will have an early start and make your way down to Windhoek where you will go straight to the airport for departure (depending on our flight times out of Namibia). Sadly, we must say good bye after an amazing tour of Namibia!



### Day 17

On your second to last day, your adventure is far from over as we will make our way to Otjiwarongo, where another highlight of the tour awaits us. You will spend the night at a Cheetah sanctuary which holds many surprises. There are unlimited opportunities to see these beautiful carnivores in their natural environment within the huge Okonjima Nature Reserve. You will also get the opportunity to witness the critical conservation work undertaken by the AfriCat Foundation, which researches and rehabilitates cheetahs, wild dogs, and hyenas.





# WHY VISIT NAMIBIA?



Namibia is one of Africa's best-kept secrets, particularly for those seeking the wilderness. It is a large, mainly arid Southern African country slightly more than half the size of Alaska. It borders the south Atlantic Ocean, and is situated between Angola and South Africa. Namibia boasts remarkable natural attractions such as the Namib Desert, the Fish River Canyon Park, Etosha National Park and the Kalahari Desert. Namibia is one of the last remaining unspoiled areas in the world and features one of the world's lowest population density, giving it a wide diversity of habitats and large tracts of wilderness untouched by roads, telephone poles and even civilization. It is truly a Technicolor dreamscape. Essentially a desert country, Namibia offers contrasting but equally striking landscapes. Namibia has four primary geographic regions, all of which are of great interest to the adventure traveler. The desolate Namib Desert is said to be the oldest in the world, with its high dunes and awe-inspiring sense of space. The central plateau, with its thorn bush savannah and rugged mountains, rising abruptly from the plains, gives way to the majestic Fish River Canyon in the south. In the north of the country, landscapes range from dense bush and open plains of the great Etosha Pan, to woodland savannah and lush vegetation. Namibia generally attracts eco-tourists, with the majority visiting to experience the different climates and natural geographical landscapes such as the great eastern desert and plains, where extreme sports such as sand-boarding, and 4x4-ing have become popular. The abundance of wildlife offers excellent opportunities for game viewing and bird watching in many of Namibia's numerous National Parks, game reserves and private game farms. Though few people populate Namibia, those few constitute an unusually diverse set of people and cultures. With its pleasantly warm and dry climate, clean air, good water and an unspoiled coastline, vast untouched scenery and nature conservation areas, and excellent infrastructure, Namibia is healthy by nature and offers sheer bliss for the body and soul – and never fails to enthrall its visitors.



# TERMS

## Included

- Accommodation as per schedule
- Meals as indicated
- Game Park Fees
- Activities as indicated
- Services of guide with vehicle, fuel & taxes

## Excluded

- Visas
- Meals not indicated
- Activities not Indicated
- Drinks, Gratuities, Personal Spending
- International flights

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\*All itineraries can be adjusted/customised to suit your specific needs



# ABOUT Us

## Southern Sky Adventures

For almost two decades Southern Sky Adventures has introduced discerning travellers to the sheer magnificence of AFRICA. A land of warm welcomes, breath-taking sunsets, pristine wilderness areas and diversity as colourful as the local artwork.

Our tailormade- and expertly-guided safaris showcase Africa's finest hidden gems, the elusive BIG 5, wild remote locations and a natural space to unplug from the stress of modern-day living. We pride ourselves on the delivery of exceptional, once-in-a-lifetime and truly memorable travel experiences for not only families, honeymooners and friends but also business travellers, school- & university groups and adventure seekers. Although passionate about travel, we care deeply for the preservation of these untouched wild areas, the inhabiting wildlife and the surrounding communities.

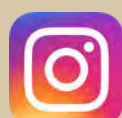
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