

13 Day Windhoek to Cape Town

This trip begins in Windhoek, Namibia and travels south through the desert of Namibia before ending in Cape Town, South Africa.

Should you wish to explore Windhoek extensively, ATC or your travel agent can assist you, in booking your activities as well as accommodation. However, costs due to earlier arrival, will be for your own account.

Trip code:	WC13
Accommodation style:	Camping
Length of trip:	13 Days
Starts in:	Windhoek, Namibia
Finishes in:	Cape Town, South Africa
Pre-departure Meeting:	Held at the Departure Point at 17h00, the day before your departure.
Departure point:	Urban Camp, No.2 Schanzen Street, Windhoek
Check-In Time:	08h45
Departure Time:	To be advised at the pre-departure meeting
Countries visited:	Namibia & South Africa
Local Payment:	US\$ 290

PLEASE NOTE:

This itinerary should be used as a guide only and may vary from day to day depending on road & weather conditions, political situations and group decisions.

All prices & Local Payments are subject to change.

Due to Tourism Laws in some of the countries we visit, there may be a truck and crew change during the trip. Your arrival transfer and pre-trip accommodation in a dorm bed is included in your trip price. Should you choose not to make use of these, or in the event that Africa Travel Co was not updated with your arrival details, no refund will be paid for services not used.

Please ensure you've received a copy of our pre-departure information document with information on what to expect on this overland safari.

Namibia means "open plains" in the ancient Hottentot language. Its vast horizons and moonlike terrain give a wonderful feeling of space and freedom. Etosha is a unique National Park. With its flat open salt pans, it is easy to see why the local people call it "The Great White Place". The Namib Desert is said to be one of the oldest deserts in the world and you will climb some of the world's highest sand dunes at Sossusvlei. Onwards to the Fish River Canyon, this takes you back in time as the river cuts through 100 million years of the earth's geological history. Your adventure safari ends at the fairest Cape beneath the majestic Table Mountain.

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

Etosha National Park, Spitzkoppe, Swakopmund, Transfer to Sossusvlei, Namib Naukluft National Park, Fish River Canyon, canoeing on the Orange River, wine tasting & Township Tour.



Day 1: Windhoek to Etosha National Park

Today we make our way across the park, keeping a look out for the many different mammals, reptiles, birds and insects in the various regions. As the vegetation types change, so does the animal and bird life that relies on it, and so different sections of the Park offer a variety of different game options. After a full day of game viewing, we exit the park through Anderson gate and head to our camp just 10kms away; perhaps the chance for a quick dip in the pool before dinner, followed by a relaxing evening in this very interesting bar.

DAY 2 & 3: Etosha National Park Area (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Today's drive takes us further south through the Namibian countryside to our campsite, located in the vicinity of Etosha National Park.

Included Activity: Game Drive in ATC Truck

Optional Activity: Night Drive

DAY 4: Etosha National Park area to Brandberg (UIS) (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Today we head down south to the area of the Brandberg. All depending on the time of arrival we will have the opportunity to explore the area.

DAY 5: Brandberg (UIS) to Swakopmund (Breakfast)

Today we head for Swakopmund, via Spitzkoppe (**day trip**). Founded by the Germans in 1892, their colonial influence is still evident today. Swakopmund has a selection of excellent coffee shops, restaurants & bars as well as many arts and crafts shops selling Namibian curios. There are fine beaches to walk along as well as a great museum, aquarium and galleries to visit. Alternatively, the lovely beach and promenade make for a great relaxing walk – though bathing in the ocean waters may be somewhat chilly!

DAY 6: Swakopmund (Breakfast)

The next day can be spent relaxing or participating in a myriad of Optional Excursions.

Optional Activities: Include sky diving, quad biking, sand boarding, scenic desert flights, dolphin cruises, fishing trips, golf, horse riding and more. An activity briefing will be held on arrival in Swakopmund (see price guide at the end of this document).

DAYS 7 - 8: Swakopmund to Sesriem (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Leaving Swakopmund, we head south to the industrial Walvis Bay before turning inland and toward the desert. Continuing our journey, we enter the Namib-Naukluft Park in one of the oldest deserts in the world. We base ourselves at Sesriem, a great place to experience the Namib and its many moods. A short distance away is Sossusvlei, surrounded by a dramatic sea of sand dunes reputed to be the highest in the world. Magnificent views of the desert can be seen from the top of the dunes, some over 300 m high. We spend the afternoon exploring this amazing area.

Included Activity: Climbing Dune 45

Included Activity: A Visit to Sossusvlei

**DAY 9: Sesriem to Fish River Canyon (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

Heading out early, we see the sunrise over this beautiful area and we leave the serenity of the dunes to head south to the Fish River Canyon. At 161 km long, 27 km wide and about 550 m deep, it's the second largest canyon in the world. The outer canyon was formed by tectonic activity, while the erosion of the Fish River formed the inner canyon. A road follows the eastern rim, giving us access to several viewing points from where we can take in the spectacular vistas.

DAY 10: Fish River Canyon to Gariep River (South Africa) (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

This morning we continue south, where, after a short drive, we reach the Gariep River - the natural land border between Namibia and South Africa. We camp at a beautiful campsite on the South African bank of the river. This afternoon we partake in a half-day canoe trip on the beautiful Gariep River, affording us the opportunity of some bird watching or just a scenic and relaxing paddle. Tonight, there's a chance for some fun at the awesome camp bar overlooking the river!

Included Activity: Canoeing on the Gariep River**DAY 11: Orange River to Cederberg (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

An early morning start see us travel south through the Richtersveld and the town of Springbok, before reaching the region known as Namaqualand, well known for its prolific display of Namaqua wildflowers that occur each spring. We spend tonight in a picturesque campsite surrounded by local wine farms and have the opportunity to sample some of the nectar of the gods or to explore the surrounding beautiful Cederberg Mountains. Tonight, is our last night under the stars!

Included Activity: Wine Tasting in Cederberg Area**DAY 12: Cederberg to Cape Town (Breakfast)**

We leave the scenic Cederberg area and travel south towards Cape Town. We travel through the rich fruit growing area of Citrusdal before crossing the Piekenierskloof Pass into the Cape Winelands region. Our first sighting of the Mother's City Table Mountain across Table Bay means we've reached our final destination. Tonight's accommodation is in dormitories in one of Cape Town's best loved hostels. After we have checked in and got ourselves lunch, we will depart on a township tour in and around Cape Town. We will be dropped back at our hostel once we have finished the township tour.

Included Activity: Township Tour**DAY 13: Cape Town (No Meals)**

This morning we exchange addresses and part ways, having just experienced a trip of a lifetime!

There are a wide range of activities available in Cape Town and the surrounding areas, including day trips, short tours and longer tours travelling up the picturesque coast of South Africa. We suggest you extend your stay by a few days to participate in some of the exciting activities available here. Post tour accommodation can be booked directly at: info@ashanti.co.za or through your agent & the Africa Travel Co office.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

International flights, Airport departure taxes, Departure transfer, Visas, Meals unless otherwise stated, Travel Insurance, Laundry, Personal Items, and Tips, Sleeping bag, pillows & bottled water.

Meals on tour

Meals and menus vary as food is purchased en-route, and is subject to produce that is available seasonally in the areas we travel through. As we support the local communities along the way, fresh produce is mostly purchased direct from the producer or local grower and therefore has an organic appearance. Our safari cooks are able to offer a wide variety of menus with the ingredients available, even if the produce on offer is not of the same selection as what you may be used to back home.

The breakfast spread consists of bread (toast when time allows), spreads and cereals with a hot breakfast every few days. Lunches are mostly prepared en-route with a supply of 'build your own' sandwich ingredients available. Dinners are cooked in the evenings on arrival at the campsite. A wide array of dinner menus is on offer during your safari, consisting of curries, stews, pastas, BBQ's and even roasts!

Transport on tour

Our overland vehicles are custom built converted trucks that have seating space for our passengers and a storage area for luggage and all trip equipment. The trucks seat between 27-30 passengers on our camping trips. Most seats are forward facing, though some models have a combination of forward, backward and some inward facing seats with tables. Vehicles have sliding glass windows, and the seating area is raised providing a great advantage for game viewing and photography. Seats are cushioned and there is storage space for personal items like cameras, snacks and day packs in the seating area.

Participation on tour

All of the tours operated by ATC are participation trips meaning that all passengers are expected to help out around camp. The crew members running the trip will set up a rota system that will be followed. One day you may be on cleaning duty, the next day you may be on cooking duty and so forth. This is not only to make the trip easier for all involved but also for you as the passengers to get to know one another while on trip.

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OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

SOUTH AFRICA:	
Various activities in Cape Town	Dependant on the choice of activity
NAMIBIA:	
SWAKOPMUND ACTIVITIES:	
Quad Biking – 1Hr/2 Hr	100US\$
Sand Boarding – Lie Down/ Stand Up	55US\$ / 70 US\$
Township Tour	80 US\$
Tandem Skydive	(Weather Permitting) 350 US\$
Horse Riding (2Hrs)	100 US\$
Fishing	145 US\$
Dolphin Cruise	80 US\$
Kayaking	95 US\$
Paragliding	(Weather Permitting) 150 US\$
Scenic Flight (various)	(Weather Permitting) As per Operator
Hot Air Ballooning	(Weather Permitting) 450 US\$

PLEASE NOTE: That this is not a full list of available activities. There are many more to choose from. Prices are approximate and can change at any given time. Only to be used as a guideline.

The staff and management look forward to welcoming you aboard and trust that you will enjoy your trip with us.

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