

13 Day Cape Town to Windhoek

This trip begins in Cape Town, South Africa and travels north through South Africa and Namibia, before ending in Windhoek, Namibia.

This trip departs from Cape Town early on Sunday morning. Should you wish to explore Cape Town, 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:	CW13
Accommodation style:	Camping
Length of trip:	13 Days
Starts in:	Cape Town, South Africa
Finishes in:	Windhoek, Namibia
Pre-departure Meeting:	Held at the Departure Point at 17h00, the day before your departure.
Departure point:	Ashanti Lodge & Travel Centre: 11 Hof Street, Gardens, Cape Town
Check-In Time:	07h30
Departure Time:	08h00
Countries visited:	South Africa & Namibia

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 ATC were 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.

Your journey begins at Africa's Southern gateway. Gaze at the spectacle that greeted the early explorers, as Table Mountain appears to rise from the sea – a stunning setting for a very special city. Explore the ghostly deserts of Namibia, nothing but endless horizons and vast expanses of night stars. Go where giant sand dunes merge with the Atlantic Ocean. Go on safari in Etosha, "the Great White Place", where the fireside tales will be of lion, rhino, elephant and much more.

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

Wine Tasting, half day canoeing on the Gariep (Orange) River, Fish River Canyon, Namib Naukluft National Park, Transfer to Sossusvlei, Swakopmund, Spitzkoppe (**day trip**), Etosha National Park.



DAY 1: Cape Town to Cederberg Area (Lunch / Dinner)

We head around Table Bay and continue north through the wheat growing 'bread basket' of South Africa. We cross the Piekenierskloof Pass into the rich fruit growing area along the Olifants River, named for the vast Elephant herds that used to roam in this fertile valley. Our first night is spent in a picturesque campsite with a view of the surrounding wine farms. This afternoon we have the opportunity to sample some of the nectar of the gods after taking a short walk in the surrounding vineyards to explore the exquisite views of the Cederberg Mountains. Tonight, we camp under a canvass of stars – the perfect way to begin our African adventure.

Included Activity: Wine Tasting in Cederberg Area

DAY 2: Cederberg Area to the Gariep River (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

From the Cederberg, we travel further north through the region known as Namaqualand, well known for its prolific display of Namaqua wildflowers that occur each spring. After stopping for supplies in the small town of Springbok, we continue on through the desert area of the Richtersveld to the Gariep River, the natural land border between South Africa and Namibia, where we camp at a beautiful campsite on the South African bank of the river.

DAY 3: Gariep River to Fish River Canyon (Namibia) (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

This morning 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. After lunch we cross into Namibia where, after a short drive, we reach 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.

Included Activity: Canoeing on Gariep River

Included Activity: A visit to Fish River Canyon

DAY 4: Fish River Canyon to Sesriem (Breakfast / Lunch / Diner)

An early start today, heading north we enter the area of the Namib-Naukluft desert, one of the oldest in the world. We base ourselves at Sesriem, a good place to experience the Namib and its many moods. A short distance away is Sossusvlei, surrounded by a dramatic array 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. Make sure you look up at the stars tonight; the desert puts on a show like nowhere else in the world!

DAY 5: Sesriem (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

This morning we enter the Namib-Naukluft National Park where we spend the morning exploring this amazing area. We take some time to climb to the top of Dune 45 - a truly memorable experience. Following our once in a lifetime experience you will take the desert shuttles a further 5kms into the desert where you can take a walk to Sossusvlei and explore the surrounding area.

Included Activities: Climbing Dune 45, Namib Naukluft National Park

Included Activity: A Visit to Sossusvlei



DAY 6: Sesriem to Swakopmund (Breakfast)

This morning after breakfast we head off in a north-westerly direction to meet the Atlantic Ocean at Walvis Bay. Our drive takes us across the Tropic of Capricorn – the ‘imaginary line’ that shows the southernmost point of direct sun, and signals the southern hemisphere’s mid-summers day. From Walvis Bay, we follow the coast for some 35 km to arrive at Namibia’s prime holiday resort - Swakopmund where we enjoy 2 nights of rest, relaxation and a little bit of adrenalin for those that are keen! Accommodation will be in dormitories for the next 2 nights, upgrades into private rooms are possible, but depend on availability and can be booked with your trip leader.

DAY 7: Swakopmund (Breakfast)

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!

Optional Activities: 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).

DAY 8: Swakopmund to Brandberg (UIS) (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Our departure from Swakopmund takes through the ‘Matterhorn of Namibia’ - Spitzkoppe. The 1728 m high rock formation, one of Namibia’s most recognised landmarks, is well known as an ancient San sacred site. Explore the surrounding area and its San rock paintings or simply enjoy the magnificent views. After our visit to Spitzkoppe we head off to our next destination – Brandberg.

Included Activity: Visiting Spitzkoppe (Day trip)

DAY 9: Brandberg (UIS) to Etosha National Park Area (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

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

DAY 10: Etosha National Park Area (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

We head to the area of Etosha National Park. Covering 22 700 km², Etosha is Namibia’s premier nature and wildlife reserve. Situated around the Etosha Pan with a large variety of animal and bird life, the extensive network of gravel roads affords us the opportunity of accessing even the most remote areas of the park. After lunch, and once it has cooled off a bit, we spend the remainder of the day exploring the park’s southern area. Keep an eye out for the striking Oryx and Springbok as these are endemic to desert National Parks! Tonight’s camp is situated just outside the parks boundaries, only 10kms from Anderson Gate. Perhaps a quick dip in the pool or a sun downer on the deck before dinner, followed by a relaxing evening in this interesting bar.

Optional Activity: Game Drive

DAY 11: Etosha National Park (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

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 spend the evening relaxing at our camp in the north of the park,

Namutoni. After dinner why not head to the waterhole where you can sit and observe the animals may come to drink in the evenings.

Included Activity: Game Drive in ATC Truck

Optional Activity: Night Drive

DAY 12: Etosha National Park to Windhoek (Breakfast & Lunch)

After our breakfast, we head out of the park while doing a game drive. Today's drive will take us through small rural towns and scenic landscapes. Nestled between the hills, Windhoek is a rather small capital city but has many places of historical interest. This afternoon is spent at your leisure with time to visit the local museum or haggling at the street side markets. There are also many shops for those in need of a bit of retail therapy.

Optional Dinner at Joes Beer house

Day 13: Windhoek (Breakfast)

Your trip ends after breakfast this morning

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

Flights, Airport departure taxes departure transfer, visas, meals unless otherwise stated, travel insurance, laundry, personal items, sleeping bag, pillow, tips & 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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