

# An 11 Night Private Journey Through South Africa & Namibia



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Day 1 Shipwreck Lodge, Skeleton Coast, Namibia



Namibia possesses some of the most stunning landscapes in Africa and a journey through this incredible country should be on every traveler's bucket list. Natural wonders such as the mighty rift in the earth at Fish River Canyon and the wildlife utopia of Etosha National Park abound, but it's the lonely desert roads where mighty slabs of granite rise out of swirling desert sands that will sear themselves in any travelers' memories. Namibia is a destination unlike any other, one where sand dunes in the world's oldest desert meet the crashing rolling waves along the wild Atlantic coast. Among all this is a German legacy evident in the cuisine and art nouveau architecture, and in festivals such as Windhoek's legendary Oktoberfest.

Today you will arrive into Windhoek, Namibia's capital city, and meet your local assistant. Together you will walk to a different part of the airport where you will meet your local flight to Mowe Bay. As you fly keep a look out for herds of wild animals roaming the harsh desert landscape below. Arriving into Mowe Bay you will be met by a driver from the lodge and enjoy a stunning drive to Shipwreck lodge.

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Day 2 Shipwreck Lodge, Skeleton Coast, Namibia



Guests of Shipwreck Lodge have the rare opportunity to truly appreciate the quite beauty of this stunning landscape, either from the comfort of the remarkable lodge or by joining one of the many activities included in your stay. Learn about the fauna and flora that has miraculously adapted to survive in these harsh conditions as you explore the surrounding area.

One such experience involves an adventure out to the Möwe Bay seal colony. Here you will be visit several of the shipwrecks and abandoned remnants of civilization that give this coast its name. See the remnants of the Suiderkus Shipwreck, travel along the beach past the remains of the Karimona shipwreck, visit the abandoned Westies diamond mine and pass the remains of the Ventura Bomber.

Another great experience would see you embark on a 4x4 vehicle trip to the nearby Clay castles, a natural geological formation, where brown hyenas are often encountered. If you are fortunate you may even stumble across a desert adapted elephant or one of the areas mighty desert lions!

Day 3 Hoanib Valley Camp, Kaokoveld, Namibia



This morning you will check out of your lodge and embark on a scenic transfer flight that will take you over the arid desert as you make your way to Hoanib Valley Camp. Please note this flight is not included in your program cost.

The Kaokoveld is a dry, mountainous and sparsely populated region that encompasses the harsh beauty of the Skeleton Coast and the coppery sands of the northern Namib Desert. The area is inhabited by three main ethnic groups – the Damara, Herero and Himba people – each with their unique customs, traditions and rituals.

Situated within a stunning oasis of vegetation running through one of the most spectacularly beautiful deserts in Africa you will find Hoanib Valley Camp. The camp is incredibly eco-friendly leaving virtually no footprint on this fragile ecosystem. Large game such as desert adapted elephant, giraffe, zebra and lion move freely through this vast, mountainous & wild landscape.

Having taken some time to unpack and freshen up you then have the remainder of your day to melt into your peaceful surroundings.

Day 4 Hoanib Valley Camp, Kaokoveld, Namibia



The wildlife of the Hoanib Valley is perfectly at home in the arid environment and learning about their survival techniques is fascinating. Included at your stay at the lodge are a variety of activities including game drives, nature walks, rhino tracking and cultural experiences during which you will have the opportunity to meet the local people who have made this area their home.

Game drives will reveal desert adapted elephant, as well as stately giraffe, and, if you're very lucky, desert lion. Zebra, klipspringer and kudu move freely through the mountains and you'll find hardy herds of springbok, oryx and steenbok picking their way across the dust-blown landscapes. The region is home to a healthy population of free-ranging black rhino, and a day (or even a morning or an afternoon) tracking the magnificent beasts is an absolute must.

Bird watchers should look out for the Monteiro's hornbills or Ruppell's korhaans in the valleys, and the commanding Verreaux's eagle in the mountains.

Day 5 More Quarters, Cape Town, South Africa

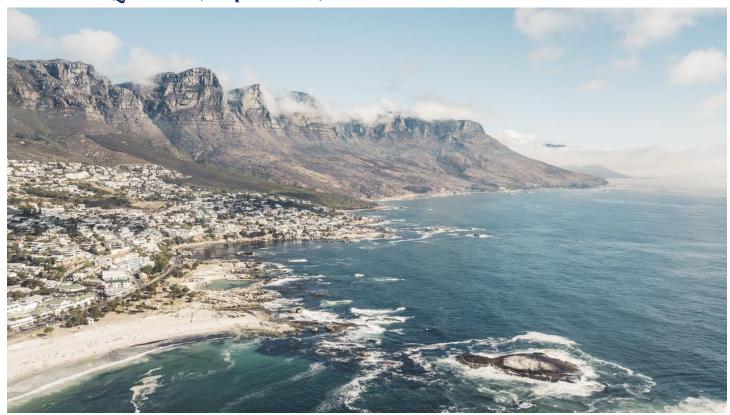


This morning you will bid farewell to your desert surroundings as you check out of your lodge and enjoy a short flight back to Windhoek's main airport, Hosea Kutako International Airport. Passing through customs you will then board your international flight to Cape Town. Please note these flights are not included in your program cost.

Cape Town is one of the world's most beautiful cities and a top international tourist destination. Large numbers of visitor's flock to Cape Town every year to enjoy this unique city with its fascinating history, interesting culture, natural beauty, award winning wineries and relaxed lifestyle.

Arriving into Cape Town you will be met at the airport by your local guide and transferred to your nearby hotel. You have the remainder of today to relax and unwind at your hotel or perhaps venture out and explore your surroundings at your leisure.

Day 6 More Quarters, Cape Town, South Africa



This morning you will meet your driver and guide in your hotel lobby and set off on an exploration of this incredible city. Today you will visit several of the Cape's top attractions, from the imposing Castle of Good Hope to the colorful cottages of the Bo Kaap, bustling Green Market Square, the South African Museum, the beautiful Company Gardens and plenty of other unique and important sites. However, a journey up Table Mountain is usually the highlight for most visitors to Cape Town and so this is where you will begin!

Having taken the revolving cable car all the way to the top, over 3000ft above the city, you are rewarded with spectacular views. Here you can take your time and enjoy this unique environment, a multitude of walking trails criss cross the top of the mountain each leading to a view more stunning than the last. You will then continue on with your experienced and knowledgeable guide, and from the comfort of an air-conditioned vehicle, as you continue to learn all about the City of Cape Town and the central role it played in the creation of this wonderful country.

Following your exciting day of touring, your guide will be happy to drop you back at your hotel and say farewell, or if you prefer, simply continue to explore this amazing city independently for the remainder of your afternoon.

Day 7 More Quarters, Cape Town, South Africa



This morning you will meet your guide and driver in your hotel lobby and embark on a full day tour of the stunning Cape Peninsula. This tour will take you around the entire Cape peninsula and show you the wonders of Cape Town - from the pristine beaches, to the spectacular sight of Cape Point, where the Atlantic and Indian oceans meet.

Situated along the Atlantic Seaboard, you will begin with the beaches of Clifton and Camps Bay, both of which have been awarded Blue Flag status. Boasting pristine white sand beaches and beautiful, clear waters these beaches are very popular with locals and visitors alike. You will then continue on to Hout Bay, a small fishing village that is often jokingly referred to as the 'Republic of Hout Bay' by Cape Town locals who see the small town as being an entirely separate entity. Here you will find a beautiful beach, delicious fresh seafood, bustling markets and plenty of restaurants that make this suburb a must-visit on any Cape tour.

You will then continue to Cape Point, a spectacular nature reserve that lies along the coast and is now one of the most famous landmarks in Cape Town, and for good reason. Situated on the very tip of the peninsula, with the Indian Ocean on one side and the Atlantic Ocean on the other, the area spans landscapes as diverse as rugged cliffs, lush fynbos and vast open spaces – no Cape Town tour is complete without a visit to Cape Point.

You will then make your way back to Cape Town via Simon's Town and its famous penguin colony. Simon's Town is the seat of the South African Navy and boasts a charming coastal town atmosphere and vibrant history. Here you will find a thriving harbor, a navy museum and plenty of other sights including Boulders Beach, one of the few places in the world you can walk among, and swim alongside penguins.

If time allows be sure to visit Kalk Bay, this quaint suburb runs along the Main Road, with the False Bay coastline running on one side, and the mountain on the other. Along the Main Road lies a host of veritable treasure troves, from antique shops to curio shops, bakeries, restaurants and plenty more.

Following your day of touring you will be dropped back at your hotel where you have the remainder of your day and evening at leisure.

Day 8 More Quarters, Cape Town, South Africa



This morning you will meet your guide and driver in your hotel lobby and embark on a full day winelands tour! It is difficult to choose the best feature of the Cape Winelands. The region produces some of the world's best wines as well as fantastic cheeses and olives, all coupled with a wealth of natural rustic beauty. Around every corner you will find vast estates shaded from the African sunshine by giant oak trees and towering mountains overlooking lush valleys.

On this full day tour, you will travel and explore the Cape Winelands' most popular route. You will visit the famous and renowned towns of Paarl, Stellenbosch and Franschhoek as you stop in for tastings at some of the region's best wineries. Look forward to a day filled with fine wines, great food and spectacular scenery!

### Day 09 Tanda Tula Safari Camp, Timbavati, South Africa



This morning you will check out of your hotel and enjoy a short transfer to Cape Town International Airport. From here you will board a flight that will take you to the beginning of your safari adventure! Please note this flight is not included in your program cost.

Arriving into Eastgate Airport you will be met by your friendly driver and transferred into the Timbavati Private Game Reserve. Timbavati Private Game Reserve shares a common, unfenced border with Kruger Park and encompasses a selection of exclusive private lodges. The region is best known for the 'white lions of Timbavati', whose lineage can be traced to two unusually pale lion cubs discovered in the region in the 1970's, their color due to a rare recessive gene. The Timbavati is a "Big Five" Game Reserve which means Lion, Leopard, Rhino, Elephant and Buffalo roam freely as do many more species of predators and antelopes. Over 40 mammal species and 350 bird species have been identified within the area.

Arriving at your lodge around lunchtime you will be shown to your luxury accommodation and given an orientation tour of this incredible property. The Manager of the lodge will explain a few precautions to take during your stay to ensure your safety as it is worth keeping in keep in mind despite your opulent surroundings you are in the middle of wild Africa!

You will then enjoy a welcome lunch before having a few hours at leisure to relax and unpack. In the late afternoon you will enjoy a casual high tea in the main communal area of the lodge overlooking the wilderness before setting off on your first safari drive!

While at Timbavati you will have the opportunity to join two safari drives every day. One in the early morning and then another that leaves in the late afternoon and returns shortly after dark. Please note you are in no way obligated to join both of these drives every day and if you would prefer to sleep in one morning and simply join the afternoon drive (or vice versa) you are of course welcome to do so. As the lodge is in the middle of the game reserve you will enjoy fantastic game sightings from anywhere around the property, including the communal areas or even often right from your bedroom!

Returning from the evening game drive you will enjoy a splendid African inspired meal prepared by the lodges talented team of Chefs. After dinner you are welcome to either relax around the communal firepit sipping your choice of beverage or retire to your room in preparation for the next day's early start. Meals Included: Full Board (Including local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)

Day 10 Tanda Tula Safari Camp, Timbavati, South Africa



This morning you will wake up just as the sun is rising above the horizon and make your way to the main area of the lodge. Here you will enjoy a selection of coffee, tea, fruit and light pastries before hopping on board your safari vehicle and continuing your exploration of this enormous game reserve.

Note that on both your morning and evening game drives your guide will find a nice area to stop for a half hour where you will enjoy some light refreshments and a chance to stretch your legs. Arriving back at the lodge mid-morning you will then enjoy a lavish brunch during which you can swap stories about that mornings game drive and decide on the plan for the remainder of the day.

Please chat with your guide if you have any specific interests that you would like to explore while on safari. These could include interests such as birding or perhaps ask about the possibility of doing a nature walk during which you can get up close and personal with the fauna and flora that surrounds your lodge. Regardless of how you choose to spend your afternoon you will return to the lodge in the early evening and enjoy another wonderful dinner.

Day 11 Tanda Tula Safari Camp, Timbavati, South Africa



Today you have the option of either joining the safari activities on offer, or simply relaxing by the pool and watching quietly as wildlife passes through the brush in front of the lodge.

# Day 12 Depart Africa



This morning you will check out of your lodge and say goodbye to the African wilderness. You will then enjoy a scenic transfer back to Eastgate Airport where you will board a short flight back to Johannesburg's OR Tambo International Airport. Here you will meet your onward flight home. Please note today's flights are not included in your program cost.

### **Accommodation**

### Shipwreck Lodge, Skeleton Coast, Namibia (2 Nights)

Located in the famous Skeleton Coast concession between the Hoarusib and Hoanib rivers in the Skeleton Coast National Park, Shipwreck Lodge is only 45 km from Möwe Bay. The shipwreck - shaped chalets are nestled between the rolling sand dunes adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean from which the cool Benguela current provides guests with a refreshing breeze. Shipwreck Lodge is the ideal base from which to explore this truly unique area and its specially adapted wildlife.



### Hoanib Valley Camp, Kaokoveld, Namibia (2 Nights)

A joint venture between the local communities and the Giraffe Conservation Foundation, Hoanib Valley Camp is an elegant, intimate affair that immerses guests into the wilds of the desert. The six rooms blend seamlessly with the environment, offering a simple aesthetic that gain inspiration from the rugged landscape. Days are spent tracking endangered rhino, desert adapted elephant and desert adapted giraffe, before retiring to your private veranda to marvel at the magnitude of your surroundings. Hoanib Valley Camp's completely remote location results in some of the most incredible star gazing opportunities available anywhere on earth.



### More Quarters, Cape Town, South Africa (4 Nights)

More Quarters consists of 23 converted heritage town homes, ideally located along a cobbled lane that adjoins the main hotel. This intimate setting creates a secluded enclave in this otherwise bustling suburb. Around the corner, the cafés, wine bars, boutiques and interior design shops of Kloof Street give this neighborhood a wonderful atmosphere. Guests at More Quarters enjoy the best of both worlds, private relaxing rooms yet all the amenities of a 5-star hotel including complimentary breakfast and access to the hotel's restaurants and cafés. One of the highlights of the General Manager's day is hearing all about your adventures and experiences over afternoon high tea or evening port, both served complimentary in the lounge.



### Tanda Tula Safari Camp, Timbavati Private Nature Reserve, South Africa (3 Nights)

Tanda Tula Safari Camp, located in the heart of the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve, forms part of the Greater Kruger National Park. As one of South Africa's most luxurious tented bush camps, Tanda Tula offers guests an unforgettable experience by combining incredible game viewing, warm hospitality and award-winning cuisine. Set on the banks of the Nlharalumi riverbed, Tanda Tula is shaded by majestic trees and overlooks a wonderful watering hole that attracts wildlife from dawn till dusk. Each of the 12 tents is completely private, surrounded by lush riverine bush with a deck overlooking the riverbed. Tanda Tula is a sanctuary to Africa's Big Five, with game drives taking place over more than 20,000 ha of wilderness and undisturbed biodiversity. Guests are guaranteed an incredible wildlife experience as the highly-skilled guide and tracker teams lead safaris both in the early mornings and evenings.



# Regional Light Aircraft Flights

Please note your itinerary requires light aircraft flights on to which normal hard sided suitcases are not allowed. Please pack your clothing and other items into a soft sided duffel style travel bag (no larger than 24 inches long and 15 inches wide) that can be easily stored along with other travellers' bags in the small luggage compartments on board.

All Exeter Safari Company clients receive a complimentary specially designed travel duffel bag that matches these specifications exactly.

Please also note there is a strict 15KG (33lbs) weight limit for your luggage. You may bring a small backpack (or similar) into the main cabin. It is also worth noting these flight schedules are quite flexible and you should not expect to arrive or depart exactly as outlined in your itinerary. Often your flight will stop on route to your destination to pick up or drop off guests from other lodges.



### **Included In Your Journey**

- Accommodation as specified in the itinerary
- Meals, drinks and laundry as specified
- Private/Scheduled transfers as specified in the itinerary
- Scheduled sightseeing and excursions as specified in the itinerary
- Scheduled game viewing activities as specified in the itinerary
- National parks, concession and landing fees where applicable
- Domestic departure tax, fuel and safety levies from airports and airstrips

# Not Included in Your Journey

- Meals, drinks and laundry not specified in the itinerary
- International and Regional flights
- Premium brand drinks, champagne, cognacs, cellar wines and cigars.
- Gratuities and any items of a personal nature
- Sightseeing and excursions not specified in the itinerary
- Flights and transfers not specified in the itinerary
- National parks and concession fees not specified in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance

# Estimated Cost of the Program

Estimated cost of the Program based on two clients traveling together sharing one double occupancy room throughout:

**Classic Program:** Includes more basic accommodation than that mentioned in the Program above: \$9,835 per person.

**Luxury Program:** Includes the accommodation mentioned in the Program above (or equivalent): \$14,925 per person.

**Premium Program:** Includes more luxurious accommodation than that mentioned in the Program above: \$16,630 per person.

Please note due to the bespoke nature of our itineraries, combined with profound seasonal variations in accommodation costs and availability, the above pricing estimates should be used only as a guide. An exact cost can be provided once exact dates and logistics have been discussed.

# **Booking Conditions**

#### **Payments**

A non-refundable deposit of 30% of the total program cost is required to secure the arrangements. The balance of payment is then due 60 days prior to departure. The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. Rates are quoted in US Dollars.

#### Insurance

Travel Insurance is always recommended to protect your investment.

#### Cancellations

Written cancellations received more than 60 days prior to departure will incur a 30% forfeit of the total trip cost. Written cancellations received less than 60 days prior to departure are subject to a 100% forfeit of the tour cost.

### Safari Vehicle Etiquette

Please note that while on safari, unless specifically stated, your safari vehicle may host other travellers from your lodge.

### Rerouted, Cancelled or Delayed Flights that Affect your Itinerary

Should any commercial or regional flights, private charters or air shuttles be cancelled, delayed or rerouted for any reason and this affects your itinerary, the Exeter Safari Company cannot be held responsible for the loss of connecting services or for new services that need to be booked because of this rerouting, cancellation or delay. This is valid for both flights that have or have not been issued by the Exeter Safari Company.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Accommodation: Lost or any additional accommodation required.
- Transport: Unused or new transfers.
- Flights: Unused connecting flights or new flights.
- Guides: Not utilized or new services to hire guides.



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