



SAMPLE ITINERARIES

NAMIBIA

Day 1:

Upon arrival at Johannesburg International Airport, you will be met by a representative of Ashworth Africa and assisted with check-in for your flight to Windhoek, the capital of Namibia. You will be met and transferred to your accommodation, Hilltop House. Set in a quiet area this guest house has all the facilities you might expect from a large hotel yet it manages to maintain a welcoming, personal touch. The luxury rooms are decorated in colonial style and all have large en suite bathrooms.

This afternoon enjoy a city tour of Windhoek. Set in an airy basin surrounded by rolling mountains it has a combination of innovative modern constructions and old German colonial buildings. The tour of the city, which combines African and European cultures, gives you a perspective of Namibia's turbulent past.

Overnight:

Hilltop House

Day 2:

After breakfast you will fly by light aircraft to the Etosha National Park for two nights. Little Ongava is situated within the Ongava Game Reserve, a private 74 000 acre game reserve that is located adjacent to the southern boundary of Etosha National Park. This luxury thatched lodge is built along a crest of a hill with wonderful views onto the plains below. Each of the three spacious suites has its own plunge pool, en suite bathroom, a 'sala', an additional outdoor shower and a view of the waterhole in front of camp.

Overnight:

Little Ongava

Day 3:

Activities include day and night game drives in open 4x4 vehicles, visits to hides at waterholes and walks with armed guides. Lion, elephant, cheetah, gemsbok (oryx), springbok and hartebeest can be seen at many of the water holes in the park. Ongava Game Reserve has resident white and black rhino, giving guests the opportunity to see both species.

Overnight:

Little Ongava

Day 4:

This morning you will be transferred by light aircraft to Serra Cafema Camp for two nights. Serra Cafema is one of the most remote camps in Southern Africa and offers one of the most memorable experiences in Namibia. The small 16-bedded camp, whose only access is by air, is located in the extreme north-west of the country. Serra Cafema shares this region with the Himba people who are some of the last true nomads in Africa. The Kunene River is the only permanent source of water and creates an oasis along its banks surrounded by rugged mountains and sand dunes.

Overnight:

Serra Cafema





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Day 5:

Activities include traversing the sand dunes in 4x4 Land Rovers and boating on the Kunene River where one can look out for the Kunene crocodiles. Highlights include walking in the remote mountain and river valleys and carefully guided quad-bike excursions. Serra Cafema is often visited by the native Himba families who live in the nearby vicinity, providing guests with the opportunity to learn about their lifestyle and traditions.

Overnight:

Serra Cafema

Day 6:

Fly by light aircraft to Doro Nawas Camp, situated amidst the rugged beauty of the Damaraland area. The unique design and lodge outline allows for an unspoilt panoramic view of this diverse and dramatic landscape that includes tabletop outcrops, small canyons, dry riverbeds and savannah-filled vistas. Guests are housed in sixteen natural walled, en suite units, the design and decor unique to the surrounding scenery with attention paid to comfort and luxury in these semi-arid desert conditions.

Overnight:

Doro Nawas Camp

Day 7:

Activities include nature drives, appreciating the spectacular views and desert scenery and star gazing. Wildlife viewing concentrates on the game found in the riverbed and along the valleys that sometimes fill with floodwater in the rainy season (between October and March). A highlight is the fascinating expedition to the rock art site at Twyfelfontein with its renowned San (Bushman) art engravings and the largest collection of petroglyphs – prehistoric rock art – in Africa.

Overnight:

Doro Nawas Camp

Day 8:

This morning you will drive to the town of Swakopmund via the Skeleton Coast with a private driver and guide. En route you will stop at Cape Cross with its enormous Cape fur seal colony. This drive will take ±6 hours.

Upon arrival at Swakopmund you will check into Beach Lodge, about 3 miles north of the town centre and situated right on the beach. Enjoy the magnificent view of the sea from each room, listen to the waves and smell the fresh sea breeze. Swakopmund is an eclectic mixture of Bohemian and Bavarian, home to an intriguing mix of artists, hippies, strait-laced descendants of German settlers, stately Herero women in Victorian dress and hard bitten miners, safari operators and fishermen.

Overnight:

Beach Lodge

Day 9:

Today you will depart on a private tour to Sandwich Harbor. Scenically stunning, this is one of the most difficult to reach destinations in Namibia and one of the most memorable. After enjoying a boat cruise across Walvis Bay to Bird Island you drive by 4X4 vehicle to Sandwich Harbor. A legally protected bird reserve and marine sanctuary, at peak times bird counts of 200,000 have been recorded, while seals dolphins and even the occasional whale can be seen. All that remains of an old whaling station is a solitary deserted building and a surreal fresh water lagoon.





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Beach Lodge

Day 10:

Today you fly to Sossusvlei for three nights at Little Kulala. Little Kulala is situated on a large private reserve bordering the Namib Naukluft Park in the heart of the Namib desert. The camp offers magnificent views of the famous red dunes of Sossusvlei, majestic mountainous scenery and vast open plains. Little Kulala has eight thatched and canvas chalets of Kulalas (Kulala in the Namibian language Oshiwambo means “to sleep”), each built on a wooden platform to provide maximum airflow. Bedrolls can be placed on the private stargazing platforms on top of each room to allow guests to sleep out under the stars.

Overnight:

Little Kulala

Days 11 & 12:

Early morning guided game drives to the spectacular dunes are via a private gate on the Tsauchab River. Game drives and walks are also offered on the private reserve with incredible views, desert animals and smaller desert fauna and flora to discover. A popular option is a hot air balloon trip beginning at first light. The balloon safari offers a truly unique experience; soar silently above the magnificent sand dunes and desert, with a champagne breakfast being served at your landing site. A magnificent way to end your Namibian safari!

Overnight:

Little Kulala

Day 13:

Fly to Windhoek to connect with your flight back to Johannesburg International Airport. You will be met upon arrival and assisted with check-in for your flight home.

