



NAMIBIA HORSE SAFARI COMPANY

30 Years Experience

perfecting the art of remote
horse riding safaris in one of the most
beautiful places on the planet,

the Namib desert

This safari is a scheduled 9 nights, 7 of which are camping wild in some of the most remote and dramatic terrain the Skeleton Coast has to offer. First and last nights are accommodated (first night River Crossing Lodge)

This adventurous ride includes some of the Namib's most breath-taking coastal desert landscapes.

Included in the rate is your transfer from Windhoek International Airport to first overnight; transfer next day to start of the ride on the coast.

On the last day of safari, transfer back to Windhoek International Airport from Henties Bay.

Otherworldly Landscapes

From the formidable Skeleton Coast into remote western Damaraland and back onto the wild Atlantic Coast, this adventurous riding safari covers some extraordinary dream-like landscapes. Some will be hard to forget, remembered forever as stirring the primal ethers deep within us.

About This Safari

- Timing: Arrive in Windhoek on the first day of your safari preferably in time for pre-dinner group briefing at 18:00 and arrive back at Windhoek International Airport (Hosea Kutako) on last day of safari in time for flights leaving after 15:00
- Excursion: We visit the [Cape Fur Seal Colony](#) at Cape Cross on the afternoon of day two.
- To book follow [this link](#) for instructions and [booking forms](#), recommended [packing list](#), [Indemnity](#) and our [Riding Policy](#) - we assume you have read our riding policy when you sign the indemnity form.
- The well-being of our horses are our first priority - please be accurate about your weight, fitness and riding ability when filling in the booking form.
- Note that this is a fairly challenging ride and not for inexperienced riders, but both fit intermediate plus and advanced riders will find it comfortable. The landscapes are simply astonishing - you might feel as though you've been transported to Mars. See [blog on aridity](#) for a deeper understanding of these extraordinary places.

These are undeniably some of our most thrilling landscapes.

- Because of the remoteness of our riding safaris, all guests require comprehensive medical insurance including repatriation. Consult our Riding Policy before booking - by signing the required Indemnity it is assumed you have understood the terms and conditions contained therein. Travel insurance is highly recommended.

Link to our [You Tube Channel](#) which features each of our safaris.

Being on Safari

- Camp life has a leisurely pace - days begin at sunrise with the aroma of freshly brewed coffee wafting through camp. After an ample breakfast we start riding around 8 am for 4 - 5 hours with a dismounted apple-break in-between. Lunch breaks are 1 - 2 hours, followed by another 2 - 3 hours riding in the afternoon.
- We ride 20 - 50 km per day at all paces over rough desert terrain. The landscape is diverse and undulating, requiring some technical riding down scree slopes
- Our [Gallery](#) page gives good insights into what it's like being on safari - eating, sleeping, riding....living with horses 24/7 and those perfect evenings around the campfire. Also see our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page for more information

- While camping hot bucket showers are available in the evenings and either chemical or long drop toilets at all campsites.
- You sleep in a warm, comfortable bedroll on a stretcher - tents are available if required - although you miss out on the spectacular stars overhead - few places on earth have zero light pollution.....this is one of those few.
- We try to cater for dietary exclusions, however, the remote nature of these safaris makes some difficult to cater for.

Summary of Itinerary

Days 1 + 2 Windhoek to the Skeleton Coast

Welcome to [Namibia](#)

A shuttle service will collect you from Windhoek International Airport (Hosea Kutako) to your first overnight in Windhoek (your name will be on a welcome board). Meet your fellow riders and host/riding guide Andrew Gillies for sundowners and dinner at [River Crossing Lodge](#). Andrew will give you a briefing about your adventure.

Early breakfast and then the journey to the rugged Skeleton Coast - approximately 4 hours to our lunch spot in the charming town of Swakopmund, and then a further 3 hours up the coast to our remote camp.

We visit the [Cape Cross Fur Seal Colony](#) on the way - 10 000 seals in one spot is quite a sight to behold! Settle in and explore your surroundings - here you will meet your crew and, most importantly, your horse. Andrew will give an orientation around the camp as well as how to be 'desert savvy'. See blog on [Aridity](#)

The abundance of oxygen will surely knock you out for a good nights sleep tonight while the Atlantic Ocean roars in the background.

Days 3 + 4 Up the Skeleton Coast

Our first riding day begins with a saddling briefing and getting acquainted with your horse. The landscape changes all the time and the pace quickens as the terrain allows.

As the soft evening light descends we get into camp in time to enjoy sundowners as the spectacular Milky Way appears overhead. Here, where there is no light pollution, the stars are simply magnificent and sitting around a companionable campfire with new acquaintances, sharing the experiences of the day is a joy.

Days 5 + 6 The Coastal Plains and Inland

Riding in a landscape which look like they belong on another planet means you need to have your camera ready!

The undulating terrain changes colour depending on the desert substrate - from brick red to startling white, the yellows and greens of this unique '[fog-deserts](#)' lichen fields, to dry river washes and interesting geological formations. (Link is to a blog on our fog desert)

Damaraland has a violent geological history, leaving a legacy of unusual landshapes and topographical features which quite astound.

Days 7 - 10 Back to the Atlantic

We ride around the massive Messum Caldera (collapsed volcano) and camp on its now eroded western rim. Next day we climb a less eroded ridge of the caldera for a striking view of the distant Brandberg. Our final ride is along the beach to Henties Bay and our last overnight in a private house on the beach with a wonderful sea view..

Day 11 Departure

Early breakfast and transfer to Windhoek (just over 5-hour commute) arriving around 13:00 - in time for departure flights from Windhoek International Airport after 15:00

Rate Includes

- All riding, accommodation and meals and drinks while on the ride - excluded are drinks at lodges, restaurants, and petrol stations en-route.
- Ground transfers from Windhoek International Airport to starting point of ride and return transfer to central Windhoek or Windhoek International airport on day of departure.
- A visit to the Cape Fur Seal Colony at Cape Cross.

Rate Excludes

- Extra horse charge for riders 85kg and over in riding gear. For our horses' sake, please be accurate regarding weight and level of fitness. Please consult our [Riding Policy](#). Maximum weight 95kg
- Single supplement will be waived if prepared to share lodge and guesthouse accommodation on first and last night of safari only.
- Personal drinks and refreshments at all lodges, restaurants, and petrol stations en-route.
- Accommodation and transfers not listed on the itinerary. Any extra transfers (for any reason including flight delays) other than those included in the itinerary – will be for guest's personal account.
- Additional activities and packages. We are happy to assist with recommendations.
- Safari staff gratuities.