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Namib Desert Safari

Inspiring Landscapes

Welcome to the oldest, and one of the most scenic deserts on earth, the Namib. With its iconic ochre dunes, huge plains and unique desert adaptations, this seemingly in-hospitable place leaves us enriched by its majesty.

About the Safari

- From Windhoek back to Windhoek 11 days/10 nights. 7 riding days, 2 nights accommodated (first and last), 8 nights camping
- Arrive in Windhoek on the first day of your safari preferably in time for pre-dinner group briefing and arrive back at Windhoek International Airport (Hosea Kutako) in time for flights leaving after 15:00
- To book follow [this link](#) for instructions and booking forms packing lists, [Indemnity](#) and our [Riding policy](#).
- Note that this is a challenging ride and not for inexperienced nor the feint-hearted! It is however undeniably the ride of a lifetime and possibly why many of our guests come back for more year after year..

Being on Safari

- Camp life has a leisurely pace - days begin at sunrise with the aroma of freshly brewed 100% Arabica coffee wafting through camp. After a hearty breakfast we start riding around 8am for 4 - 5 hours. Lunch breaks are 1 - 2 hours, followed by another 2 - 3 hours riding in the afternoon.
- We ride 20 - 60 km per day at all places and over rough terrain - some very long canters
- Our [GALLERY](#) page gives good insight into what it's like to be on safari
- Consult our [Riding Policy](#) before booking - by signing the required [Indemnity](#) it is assumed you have understood the terms and conditions contained therein.
- Because of the remoteness of our riding safaris, all guests require comprehensive medical insurance including repatriation.

Summary of Itinerary

Days 1 - 4: Windhoek to the Namib

Welcome to Namibia! Windhoek Airport Shuttle service will collect you from Windhoek International Airport (Hosea Kutako) to your first overnight in Windhoek. Meet fellow riders and your host and guide Andrew Gillies for pre-ride briefing and dinner.

Early breakfast and then the exciting journey into the desert (approximately 4,5 hours) with a dramatic drop off the escarpment. Lunch in camp and followed by an afternoon visit to Sossusvlei area returning to camp at sunset.

Our first riding day starts amid the encircling Naukluft (narrow gorge) mountains - a short ride to lunch to get acquainted with your horse, the terrain and the delightful companionship...

Day 5 and 6 The Canyons

While Namibia's westward-flowing rivers rarely flow, they all run through deep valleys etched at a time when Namibia was wetter and sea levels were lower. We cross two river canyons on our way to the Namib plains; the Gaub and the much larger Kuiseb which forms a dramatic end to the 400-km long Namib Sand Sea. Following the tracks of Mountain Zebra which crisscross the steep sides of the canyon, a technical descent requires some walking/scrambling into and out of the Canyon. The high, narrow walls of the canyon preserve an almost year-round supply of precious water for the game in this area.

Day 7 – 10 Namib Plains to the Swakop River

Good going affords some fast-paced riding on the wide grassy plains on the Namib. Dry watercourses, distinguishable by the long lines of acacia trees marking their courses, are much favoured resting place of Giraffe, Springbok and Oryx. As the plains become more arid strange shapes form and disappear in mirages and dinosaur-like plants, the gnarled Welwitschia Mirabilis, tell of a land of great antiquity and of tremendous solitude.

The Swakop river basin has eroded a truly ancient geology (600 million years old) exposing a bizarre moon like landscape. Curious black ridges of dolerite intrusions form whalebacks on the hills surrounding the river basin. And finally to the sea with the last canter along the beach - the end of a truly epic adventure.

Day 11 Departure

Early breakfast and transfer to Windhoek (just over 5-hour commute) arriving 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 Windhoek International airport on day of departure.
- A visit to the World Heritage site of the Namib Sand Sea at Sossusvlei - if you come fit enough, you can climb to the top of a dune for a spectacular view!

Rates Exclude

- 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
- Single supplement will be waived if prepared to share guesthouse accommodation
- 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.