# Cape Town, Garden Route & Namibia

# 18 days Cape Town to Windhoek

Combine the stunning city of Cape Town with the magical and spectacular Garden Route followed by the red dunes of Sossusvlei.

Discover the amazing marine life just off Swakopmund, the secluded and dramatic Skeleton Coast littered with historic shipwrecks, and the rugged and rocky landscape of Palmwag home of the last free-roaming black rhino.



# Days 1-2 Cape Town

Enjoy your two night stay in Cape Town with the freedom to explore her delights. Take a tour of Cape Point, a City tour, a trip up Table Mountain or visit the prison of former President Mandela on Robben Island. Tours can be pre-booked or booked at your hotel. *The Commodore Hotel 2 nts - B* 

# Day 3 Oudtshoorn & Cango Caves

When you leave Cape Town you will travel through some amazing changes of scenery, from the coastline and mountainous Sir Lowry's Pass to the semi-arid famous Route 62 that will take you to Oudtshoorn. There will be a stop in the small town of Barrydale as you traverse the heart of the Klein Karoo. The stunning Swartberg Mountains are home to the ancient Cango Caves – not to be missed.

Hlangana Country Lodge 1 nt - BD

# Day 4 Knysna via Wilderness

Visit an ostrich farm in Oudtshoorn before encountering the splendour of the Outeniqua Pass as you travel towards the Garden Route via George to Wilderness. The amazing scenery seems never-ending at Dolphin Point and the Map of Africa look out points. Then it is onto the coastal road to Knysna. Enjoy a sunset Knysna Oyster Tour followed by dinner on Thesen Island. *Protea Hotel Knysna Quays 1 nt – BD* 

#### Day 5 Mossel Bay & Safari

Today it is off to the historical harbour town of Mossel Bay where we visit the Dias Museum Complex, made up of several different fascinating and historic displays including an Aquarium, the Shell Museum and a life-size replica of the caravel sailed by Bartholomeu Dias on his voyage of discovery to find a new trade route to India. The centrepiece if the complex is the Post Office Tree, an ancient Milkwood tree that has served as a post office since 1500. From Mossel Bay you continue on towards the Garden Route Game Lodge near Albertinia where you will enjoy afternoon game drive before check-in. Garden Route Game Lodge 1 nt – BD

### Day 6 Arniston via Swellendam

Enjoy an early game drive then a visit to the Cheetah Breeding and Conservation Centre. Leaving the bush behind, make your way via Swellendam to the seaside village of Arniston, close to Africa's most southern tip.

The Artiston Hotel 1 nt – BD

#### Day 7 Cape Town via False Bay

Today you will be at the most southern point of Africa - Cape Agulhas - where the warm Indian Ocean meets the cool Atlantic. From here you travel to Hermanus, renowned for its whale

watching, then drive along False Bay with its panoramic views of Cape Point and Table Mountain before returning to the beautiful city of Cape Town for 1 night. *The Commodore Hotel - B* 

#### Day 8 Windhoek

Say your final farewell to the Cape as you head off to Windhoek on your Namibian discovery.

Windhoek Hotel - B

# Days 9-10 Dunes of Sossusvlei

From Windhoek we drive to a lodge in the private Kulala Wilderness Reserve to explore the iconic red sand desert dunes of Sossusvlei and the moon-like landscape of Dead Vlei.

Kulala Desert Lodge 2 nts - BLD

#### Days 11-12 Swakopmund

Today is very different with a scenic light aircraft flight to Swakopmund, a picturesque town that blends European and African culture.

Explore the Atlantic coast with a private boat cruise from Walvis Bay to Sandwich Harbour (weather permitting) to see diverse pelagic (ocean based) birdlife, Cape fur seals and rare Heaviside's dolphins up close.

Hansa Hotel 2 nts - B + dinner on 1st night













# Day 13 Skeleton Coast

We continue the journey by road for approximately 380 kilometres up the legendary Skeleton Coast (named for the numerous shipwrecks the treacherous shores have claimed over the years). You can expect to see the fascinating lichen plains at Wlotzkasbaken, remains of the Zelia shipwreck near Henties Bay and the SW Seal shipwreck near Ugabmund. We also take in the ghostly disused diamond mine near Toscanini and stay in the Skeleton Coast National Park. Terrace Bay Lodge - BLD

# Days 14-15 Hoanib Skeleton Coast

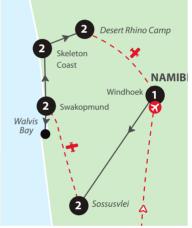
We travel through the Skeleton Coast National Park to the Möwe Bay Museum, stopping to view the remains of the Suiderkus shipwreck.

Other attractions include the Klein Oase and Auses Springs in the dunes, an intriguing "roaring" dune and spectacular desert landscape combined with whatever wildlife presents itself.

A land of rugged scenery, this remote part of Namibia is inhabited by incredible desert-adapted plant and animal life in the surrounding mountains, vast plains, dunes and dry riverbeds

Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp - BLD





#### Davs 16-17 Palmwaa

Another exciting day is spent on the road to Desert Rhino Camp. The rugged, rocky and mountainous Palmwag Concession brings with it the opportunity of seeing giraffe, gemsbok (oryx) and springbok. We bed down at Desert Rhino Camp and spend two days tracking the rare desertadapted black rhino which are monitored and protected by the Save the Rhino Trust. Desert Rhino Camp - BLD

#### Day 18

On our final day we transfer to Doro Nawas for our flight to Windhoek.

# 18 days including

#### IN SOUTH AFRICA:

- Return airport transfers
- 7 nts accommodation
- 7 breakfasts
- 4 dinners
- Entrance fees: Cango Caves; Ostrich Farm; Sunset Knysna Oyster Cruise; Diaz Museum; Agulhas Museum
- 2 game drives

#### IN NAMIBIA:

- Light aircraft and road transfers as per itinerary
- Accommodation
- Meals as per itinerary
- A selection of soft drinks, mineral water, fruit juice, house wine and beer, as well as local spirits such as gin and Amarula while at the Wilderness Camps
- National Park fees
- Laundry (excluded at Hansa Hotel & Terrace Bay Lodge)
- Scheduled activities
- All internal charters on a seat-rate basis as specified in the detailed safari itinerary.
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**Note:** This tour is based on guests arriving in Cape Town and is based on a minimum of 2 passengers.



