

7 DAY NAMIBIA SOUTH

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This trip begins in Swakopmund, Namibia and travels south through Namibia before ending in Cape Town, South Africa.

This trip starts in Swakopmund on Sunday morning. Should you wish to explore Swakopmund, ATC or your travel agent can assist you, in booking your activities as well as accommodation. However, costs due to earlier arrival, will be for your own account.

Trip code:	SC7
Accommodation style:	Camping
Length of trip:	7 Days
Starts in:	Swakopmund, Namibia
Finishes in:	Cape Town, South Africa
Pre-departure Meeting:	Held at the Departure Point at 17h00, the day before your departure.
Departure point:	Adventure Hotel Swakopmund - Nathaniel Maxuiliili Street, Swakopmund
Check-In Time:	08h45
Departure Time:	To be advised at pre-departure meeting
Breakfasts included:	5
Lunches included:	5
Dinners included:	5
Brunches included:	0
Countries visited:	South Africa, Namibia
Local Payment:	US\$ 410

PLEASE NOTE:

This itinerary should be used as a guide only and may vary from day to day depending on road & weather conditions, political situations and group decisions.

All prices & Local Payments are subject to change.

Due to Tourism Laws in some of the countries we visit, there may be a truck and crew change during the trip. Your arrival transfer and pre-trip accommodation in a dorm bed is included in your trip price. Should you choose not to make use of these, or in the event that ATC were not updated with your arrival details, no refund will be paid for services not used.

Please ensure you've received a copy of our pre departure information document with information on what to expect on this overland safari.

From the slopes of Cape Town's majestic Table Mountain to Namibia's most popular seaside resort of Swakopmund, this trip takes in dunes, desolate coastline and the impressive Fish River Canyon. Climb the highest sand dunes in the world at Sossusvlei and experience action and adrenaline in the Namib Desert, where you can try your hand at skydiving, sand boarding and quad biking, or simply wind down in the colonial town of Swakopmund.

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

Swakopmund, Transfer to Sossusvlei, Namib Naukluft National Park, Fish River Canyon, Canoeing on the Orange River, Wine Tasting & Township Tour.

NAMIBIA

This sandy yet spectacular country gained its independence from South Africa in the year of 1990 and its largest city, also the capital city is Windhoek. This is a country of compelling beauty and wide horizons dominated by the brooding and desolate Namib Desert, which has the highest sand dunes in the world.

DAY 1: Swakopmund to Sesriem (Lunch / Dinner)

Leaving Swakopmund, we head south to the industrial Walvis Bay before turning inland and toward the desert. Continuing our journey, we enter the Namib-Naukluft Park in one of the oldest deserts in the world. We base ourselves at Sesriem, a great place to experience the Namib and its many moods.

DAY 2: Sesriem (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

A short distance away is Sossusvlei, surrounded by a dramatic sea of sand dunes reputed to be the highest in the world. Magnificent views of the desert can be seen from the top of the dunes, some over 300 m high. We spend the afternoon exploring this amazing area.

Included Activity: Climbing Dune 45

Included Activity: A visit to Sossusvlei

DAY 3: Sesriem to Fish River Canyon (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Heading out early, we see the sunrise over this beautiful area and we leave the serenity of the dunes to head south to the Fish River Canyon. At 161 km long, 27 km wide and about 550 m deep, it's the second largest canyon in the world. The outer canyon was formed by tectonic activity, while the erosion of the Fish River formed the inner canyon. A road follows the eastern rim, giving us access to several viewing points from where we can take in the spectacular vistas.

Included Activity: Visit to Fish River Canyon

SOUTH AFRICA

With nine different provinces, 11 official languages and 3 capital cities, South Africa will most definitely make you stop in your tracks and go – WOW.

DAY 4: Fish River Canyon to Gariep River (South Africa) (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

This morning we continue south, where, after a short drive, we reach the Gariep River - the natural land border between Namibia and South Africa. We camp at a beautiful campsite on the South African bank of the river. This afternoon we partake in a half-day canoe trip on the beautiful Gariep River, affording us the opportunity of some bird watching or just a scenic and relaxing paddle. Tonight there's a chance for some fun at the awesome camp bar overlooking the river!

Included Activity: Canoeing on Gariep River

DAY 5: Orange River to Cederberg (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

An early morning start see us travel south through the Richtersveld and the mining town of Springbok, before reaching the region known as Namaqualand, well known for its prolific display of Namaqua wildflowers that occur each spring. We spend tonight in a picturesque campsite surrounded by local

wine farms and have the opportunity to sample some of the nectar of the gods or to explore the surrounding beautiful Cederberg Mountains. Tonight is our last night under the stars!

Included Activity: Wine Tasting

Cape Area

Starting in the mother city, Cape Town has much to offer, such as the flat topped Table Mountain, which is awesome for hiking and providing you with an aerial view of Cape Town. Then there is the pulse of the city – Long Street, which will provide you with all the food and entertainment needed on holiday. If that does not fulfil your holiday needs, the Cape area can provide you with a full day of education, sightseeing, breathe taking views and wine when partaking in a winelands tour. A saying that will forever stick by us Capetonians – You don't need a holiday, you need Cape Town.

DAY 6: Cederberg to Cape Town (Breakfast)

We leave the scenic Cederberg area and travel south towards Cape Town. We travel through the rich fruit growing area of Citrusdal before crossing the Piekienierskloof Pass to the Cape's wine growing regions. Our first sighting of the Mother's City Table Mountain across Table Bay means we've reached our final destination. Tonight's accommodation is in dormitories in one of Cape Town's best loved hostels. After we have checked in and got ourselves lunch, we will depart on a township tour in and around Cape Town. We will be dropped back at our hostel once we have finished the township tour.

Included Activity: Township Tour in Cape Town

DAY 7: Cape Town (No Meals)

This morning we exchange addresses and part ways, having just experienced a trip of a lifetime!

There are a wide range of activities available in Cape Town and the surrounding areas, including day trips, short tours and longer tours travelling up the picturesque coast of South Africa. We suggest you extend your stay by a few days to participate in some of the exciting activities available here. Post tour accommodation can be booked directly at: info@ashanti.co.za or through your agent & the Africa Travel Co office.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

International flights, Airport departure taxes, Departure transfer, Visas, Meals unless otherwise stated, Travel Insurance, Laundry, Personal Items, Sleeping Bag, Pillow and Tips.

Meals on tour

Meals and menu's vary as food is purchased en-route, and is subject to produce that is available seasonally in the areas we travel through. As we support the local communities along the way, fresh produce is mostly purchased direct from the producer or local grower and therefore has an organic appearance. Our safari cooks are able to offer a wide variety of menu's with the ingredients available, even if the produce on offer is not of the same selection as what you may be used to back home.

The breakfast spread consists of bread (toast when time allows), spreads and cereals with a hot breakfast every few days. Lunches are mostly prepared en-route with a supply of 'build your own' sandwich ingredients available. Dinners are cooked in the evenings on arrival at the campsite. A wide array of dinner menus are on offer during your safari, consisting of curries, stews, pastas, BBQ's and even roasts!

Transport on tour

Our overland vehicles are custom built converted Mercedes Benz or MAN trucks that have seating space for our passengers and a storage areas for luggage and all trip equipment. The trucks seat between 27-30 passengers on our camping trips. Most seats are forward facing, though some models have a combination of forward, backward and some inward facing seats with tables. Vehicles have sliding glass windows, and the seating area is raised providing a great advantage for game viewing and photography. Seats are cushioned and there is storage space for personal items like cameras, snacks and day packs in the seating area.

Participation on tour

All of the tours operated by ATC are participation trips meaning that all passengers are expected to help out around camp. The crew members running the trip will set up a rota system that will be followed. One day you may be on cleaning duty, the next day you may be on cooking duty and so forth. This is not only to make the trip easier for all involved but also for you as the passengers to get to know one another while on trip.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

NAMIBIA:	
SWAKOPMUND ACTIVITIES:	
Quad Biking – 1Hr/2 Hr	100US\$
Sand Boarding – Lie Down/ Stand Up	55US\$ / 70 US\$
Township Tour	80 US\$
Tandem Skydive	(Weather Permitting) 350 US\$
Horse Riding (2Hrs)	100 US\$
Fishing	145 US\$
Dolphin Cruise	80 US\$
Kayaking	95 US\$
Paragliding	(Weather Permitting) 150 US\$
Scenic Flight (various)	(Weather Permitting) As per Operator
Hot Air Ballooning	(Weather Permitting) 450 US\$
SOUTH AFRICA:	
Various activities in Cape Town	Dependant on choice of activity

PLEASE NOTE: That this is not a full list of available activities. There are many more to choose from. Prices are approximate and can change at any given time. Only to be used as a guideline.

The staff and management look forward to welcoming you aboard and trust that you will enjoy your trip with us!

“Safari Njema”