

Departures throughout July/August/September  
Departs the UK every Thursday.

Flights:

LHR/JNB – SA237 – 2100/0915

JNB/WDH – SA76 – 1315/1420

WDH/JNB – SA77 - 1610/1800

JNB/LHR – SA234 – 1950/0625

1 x pre night in Windhoek – Elegant Guest House

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### **Saturday Kalahari Desert**

Leaving Windhoek, we travel into the largest sand mass on Earth, the Kalahari Desert. The Bushman refer to it as the “Soul of the World”, an emotive description for this area! With its deep red sand dunes and endless grass plains interspersed with acacia’s and shrubs, it is the only form of survival for a vast amount of specially adapted wildlife. Enjoy the opportunity to experience the fauna and flora that has survived this desert environment. B

**Bronze: Intu Africa Camelthorn Lodge**

**Gold: Intu Africa Zebra Lodge (D & Nature Drive in the Kalahari)**

### **Sunday Fish River Canyon**

We travel south through expansive rocky plains, visiting the unique quiver tree forest. Nestled amongst huge dolerite boulders, stacked in a mysterious way, the area is also aptly referred to as “Giant’s Playground”. We continue to our lodge, situated in close vicinity to the Fish River Canyon, and can optionally explore the area on foot or on a guided nature drive in the later afternoon.

**Bronze: /Ai - /Ais Hotsprings Spa (B)**

**Gold: Canyon Lodge (B, D)**

### **Monday, Tuesday**

Our morning starts on the edge of the Fish River Canyon, where we gaze 550 meters into this magnificent geological phenomenon, the second largest of its kind on Earth. Afterwards we travel to the Succulent Karoo, the most specie diverse desert on Earth. On the second day we travel to Lüderitz and visit Kolmanskop ghost town. Other attractions visited consist of the wild horses of the Namib Desert, Diaz Point and the coastal town of Lüderitz itself.

**Bronze: Bahnhof Hotel (B)**

**Gold: Klein Aus Vista, Eagle’s Nest (B, D)**

### **Wednesday Namib Desert**

After breakfast we travel north through the pre-Namib to our lodge in the Namib Desert. This is the gateway to Sesriem Canyon and Sossusvlei, where some of the highest sand dunes on Earth stand towering over the white desert plains. The afternoon can be spent relaxing at the pool, or taking part in optional activities offered at our lodge.

**Bronze: Hammerstein Lodge (B)**

**Gold: Sossusvlei Lodge (B, D)**

### **Thursday Namib Desert**

This morning demands an early start. The first rays of sunrise paint the mountains of sand into a variety of apricot, red and orange, contrasted against a crisp blue skyline, enrapturing our senses, and providing an opportunity to capture this awesome landscape on film. Sossusvlei, where the mostly dry Tsauchab River ends abruptly amongst majestic dunes, sees us walking up one of these

dunes to admire the desert landscape. Thereafter we visit the Sesriem Canyon, a life sustaining natural phenomenon in the heart of the Namib Desert.

**Bronze: Namib Desert Lodge (B)**

**Gold: Sossusvlei Lodge (B, D)**

### **Friday Swakopmund**

After breakfast we travel via the desolate, rolling hills of the Kuiseb Moon Valley towards the Atlantic Ocean. In Walvis Bay we visit the shallow lagoon, one of the most important wetland areas on the African continent and a RAMSAR World Heritage Site. Over 80% of the African flamingos feed in this lagoon and present a breath-taking picture when they appear in groups counting a few hundred thousand. Having arrived in Swakopmund, the rest of the day is spent at leisure.

**Bronze: Swakopmund Hotel (B)**

**Gold: Hotel Zum Kaiser (B, D)**

### **Saturday Swakopmund**

Swakopmund is the perfect location for walking tours, shopping, relaxing at a quaint coffee shop or taking a stroll along the sandy beaches. Being Namibia's playground, a wide variety of activities are on offer, ranging from dolphin cruises, desert tours and scenic flights to quad biking, paragliding, parachuting and kite surfing.

**Bronze: Swakopmund Hotel (B)**

**Gold: Hotel Zum Kaiser (B, D & Marine Cruise)**

### **Sunday Damaraland**

Heading further north, we travel via the Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain (2579m), into the Damaraland, one of the least populated and geologically diverse areas in Africa. This harsh, rocky environment is home to the rare desert elephant, the black rhino and free-roaming antelope species. We visit to Twyfelfontein, a heritage site where Bushman communities engraved and painted over 2500 pictures some 6000 years ago! Close by we explore the Burnt Mountain, Organ Pipes and the Petrified Forest - all geological phenomena's depicting the creation and evolution of some of the oldest landmasses on Earth. Here we also visit the Welwitschia mirabilis plant – the oldest living desert plant on Earth. After a visit to a traditional Damara village we proceed on to our lodge, situated on the edge of the Damaraland. **Bronze: Igowati Lodge (B)**

**Gold: Ugab Terrace Lodge (B, D)**

### **Monday Etosha National**

Park After a relaxed breakfast, we travel towards the Etosha National Park, famous for its vast amount of wildlife and unique landscape. Once we have reached our camp, we have the rest of the day at leisure, but can optionally also book an afternoon game drive in open vehicles with the lodge.

**Bronze: Etosha Safari Camp (B)**

**Gold: Eagle Tented Lodge & Spa (B, D)**

### **Tuesday Etosha National Park**

The day is devoted purely to the abundant wildlife found in the Etosha National Park, which surrounds a parched salt desert known as the Etosha Pan. The park is home to 4 of the Big Five - elephant, lion, leopard and rhino. The waterholes support a rich diversity of birds and mammals, including rare species such as black-faced impala, roan, cheetah, and Namibia's smallest antelope, the Damara dik-dik.

**Bronze: Mokuti Etosha Lodge (B)**

**Gold: Eagle Tented Lodge & Spa (B, D)**

### **Wednesday Etosha National Park**

Today we take a game drive in the Etosha National Park. We may encounter animal species we have not seen the previous day and look forward to any new surprises at the different waterholes visited. In the afternoon we travel to our lodge, where we enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure.

**Bronze: Mokuti Etosha Lodge (B)**

**Gold: Onguma Game Reserve (B, D)**

#### **Thursday Return to Windhoek**

After breakfast we continue southwards to Windhoek, where we visit the craft markets in the main street of the capital city, where after we are dropped off at our hotel. Overnight before your flight home the following day.

Tour Information (EN) Days / Nights 13 / 12 Departure

Saturday Pick-up Windhoek, as from 08h00

Drop off Windhoek, during the afternoon

Languages English / German Category

Bronze & Gold Bronze min/max pax min 2 / max 20

Gold min/max pax min 2 / max 6

**From TOTAL per person sharing - £ 3128.00**

**From Gold tour an additional £ 1985.00 per person sharing**