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12 - Day Itinerary

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Highlights: Mountains and sand dunes of the Namib Desert, meet the Himba people who continue their traditional semi-nomadic way of life and explore the isolated yet diverse Skeleton coast.

Explore the NamibRand Nature Reserve, Kaokaland and isolated Skeleton Coast for a unique appreciation of the silence and total tranquility of the areas and its inhabitants.

Day 1 – Windhoek

Arrive at Windhoek International Airport where a representative will meet and transfer you to the hotel. The transfer time is approximately 45 minutes.

A luxurious sanctuary set in a quiet Windhoek suburb, The Olive Exclusive Hotel combines a cool, contemporary and stylish atmosphere with a warm heart and authentic African soul. Seven suites are individually decorated to reflect a different region in Namibia. Each suite boasts a private lounge area with a fireplace and a dining room for private dining. Wide glass doors open onto spacious decks where guests can relax on a shady daybed. For those not dining in their suite, the hotel's excellent restaurant features a seasonal menu filled with inventive signature dishes.

Overnight: The Olive Exclusive Hotel

Day 2 – Namib Desert

Depart Windhoek Airport on a one hour flight to NamibRand Nature Reserve where a representative will meet and transfer you to the lodge.

Surrounded by the mountains and sand dunes of the Namib Desert, Sossusvlei Desert Lodge is an escape to the world as it should be. Sheer silence, total tranquility and romantic luxury. From stargazing to intimate picnics in the desert, this is an extraordinary desert wilderness. Guest areas flow into vast desert views, as the stone and glass structure of the Lodge melts into wraparound verandas. Cool water gushes from an underground spring into the refreshing lodge pool. The ten stone and glass desert villas blend the grandeur and solitude of the Namib with sophisticated elegance and comfort. Massive windows open up onto the endless vistas, framed in the background by the ever-changing colours of the dunes. Each air conditioned suite is furnished to complement the majestic hues of the desert and features a private veranda, split-level bedroom and living room with fireplace, en suite glass-encased bathroom and outdoor shower. The suites are equipped with a star- viewing skylight, discrete music system and custom-stocked personal bar.

The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the camp activities on offer. These include nature drives, quad biking, dune dining, guided nature walks and hiking trails and excursions to Sossusvlei and Sesriem Canyon.

Overnight: Sossusvlei Desert Lodge

Day 3 – Namib Desert

The days are at leisure to enjoy the camp activities on offer. Set out on a quad bike trail through the dunes, led by an experienced guide. Enjoy the solitude and majesty of the desert as the trail winds over the dunes and rocky outcrops. As the day winds to a close, stop to enjoy a chilled sundowner as a dazzle of stars slowly comes to full, blazing life in the velvety night sky.

Set off on a scenic night drive to the fascinating petrified dunes, a frozen landscape of endless undulating waves or choose to explore the massive boulders of Bushman's Koppies, haphazardly strewn one on top of the other like a giant's building blocks. Stop to admire the thousand hues of a desert sunset before returning to the lodge in the evening. Scenic drives offer an opportunity to encounter a variety of desert-adapted animals such as gemsbok, zebra, springbok, bat-eared fox, aardwolf, caracal and jackal. As the sun's first rays peek over scarlet sand dunes, the hot air balloon drifts slowly upward revealing the undulating landscapes of Sossusvlei. This soul-satisfying journey offers excellent photographic opportunities. Available at an additional cost. The lodge's observatory provides the ideal place to gaze in awe at the wonders of the clear desert sky, with the resident astronomer on hand to point out the brightest and most beautiful constellations.

Overnight: Sossusvlei Desert Lodge

Day 4 – Namib Desert

Enjoy another day at leisure to enjoy the camp activities on offer

Overnight: Sossusvlei Desert Lodge

Day 5 – Kaokaland

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airstrip for your onward shared light aircraft flight to Kaokaland. On arrival a representative will meet and transfer you to the camp.

Serra Cafema is located in the extreme north-west of Namibia on the banks of the Kunene River in the Hartmann's Valley. Serra Cafema is an intimate, peaceful camp inspired by the area's Himba people, with a unique mix of rustic and luxury elements

nestled amongst shady albida trees. Accommodation consists of eight riverside wood, canvas and thatched villas on spacious, elevated decks blended smoothly into the picturesque surroundings. Each tent has an en suite bathroom, ceiling fan and mosquito nets. The Ozonganda, or main area, comprises indoor and outdoor dining areas, sunken lounge, library, curio shop and swimming pool, all sharing views of the Kunene River. The day is at leisure to enjoy the camp activities on offer. These include a visit to the Himba community, quad biking and boating trips on the Kunene River, nature drives and walks.

Overnight: Serra Cafema

Day 6 – Kaokaland

The day is at leisure to enjoy the camp activities on offer. Informative nature drives in open Land Rovers allow guests to experience the true Namib in its unbridled glory, while walking provides unique opportunities to see the smaller denizens of the desert, from the famous fairy circles to the desert chameleon. Guided quad bike excursions through the fragile environs, is done with utmost care along specifically allocated pathways, so as to tread lightly on the dunes and preserve the unique and delicate habitats of this landscape.

In this isolated area, the Himba people continue their traditional semi-nomadic way of life and, when they are in the area, guests have an opportunity to learn about their lifestyle and customs. Boating on the Kunene River (water levels permitting) provides our guests with the opportunity to venture through the lush riverside oases. Crocodiles and water birds seem out of place in this surreal, lunar-like landscape.

Overnight: Serra Cafema

Day 7 – Kaokaland

Enjoy another day at leisure to enjoy the camp activities on offer.

Overnight: Serra Cafema

Day 8 – Skeleton Coast

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airstrip for your flight to the Skeleton Coast. The flying time is approximately one hour and 45 minutes with a stopover. On arrival, a representative will meet and transfer you to the camp which is approximately 10 minutes from the airstrip.

Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp is scenically located in a broad valley at the confluence of two tributaries of the dry Hoanib River. Its location straddles the Palmwag area and the iconic Skeleton Coast National Park, in one of the most remote areas. The camp consists of seven large tents and one family unit, each comprising stylish en suite bedrooms with shaded outdoor decks. Flanked to the east and west by rugged hills, the camp looks out over stunning, starkly beautiful scenery and offers guests all the luxuries and amenities for an unforgettable stay.

Explorations of this isolated yet diverse area take place via game drives along the riverbed's narrow ribbon of vegetation, where a surprising wealth of desert-adapted wildlife can be found: elephant, giraffe, gemsbok and springbok, with glimpses of lion and brown hyena. The Skeleton Coast with its desolate rocky coastline, noisy colonies of Cape fur seals and remains of shipwrecks is accessed either by a fascinating drive or scenic flight, depending on the weather.

Overnight: Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp

Day 9 – Skeleton Coast

The days are at leisure to enjoy the activities on offer. Morning, afternoon or full day game drives showcase the magnitude of the landscape and offer the best possibilities of seeing desert-adapted wildlife. Nature walks from camp are an exciting way to get up close and personal with desert-wildlife. As well as the possibility of spotting big game, it is also a good opportunity to study the smaller creatures and the fascinating plant life of the concession.

On a stay of three nights (or more) full-day excursions to the Skeleton Coast are offered. The fascinating 4x4 trip to the coast takes you via the wilderness and wildlife of the Hoanib River and floodplain, the dune fields and Klein Oasis, while the Skeleton Coast itself reveals a rocky coastline with its huge Cape fur seal colony and shipwreck remains. Weather dependent, a scenic flight back to camp offers a magnificent perspective of your journey from the air.

Overnight: Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp

Day 10 – Skeleton Coast

Enjoy another day at leisure to enjoy the activities on offer.

Overnight: Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp

Day 11 – Windhoek

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airstrip for your flight to Windhoek via Doro Nawas. Arrive at Windhoek International Airport where a representative will meet and transfer you to the Olive Exclusive Hotel. The transfer time is approximately 45 minutes.

Overnight: Olive Exclusive Hotel

Day 12 – Day of departure

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