



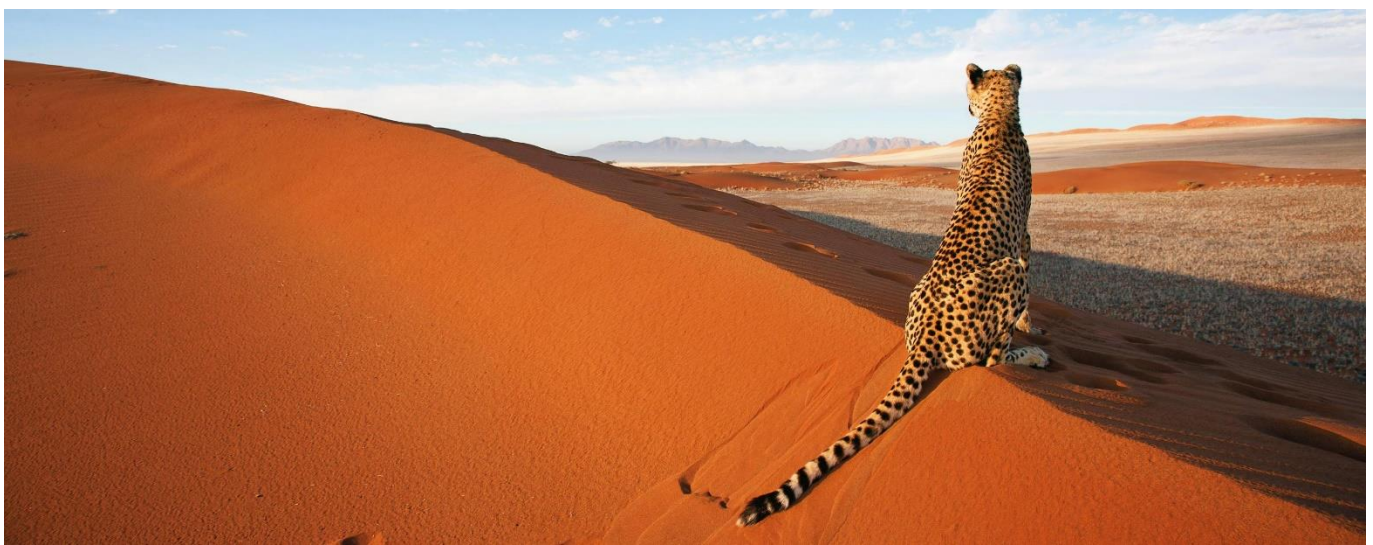
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BOTSWANA ♦ VICTORIA FALLS CAPE TOWN ♦ NAMIBIA

Friday 2nd to Saturday 25th February 2024

Personally escorted by Jacquey Turner



South Africa – a land for all seasons. A country of magnificent vistas and awe-inspiring beauty. A place that feeds the soul and fills the heart with an intoxicating sense of wonder.

Namibia offers the visitor bountiful sunshine, abundance of wildlife & game reserves, scenic beauty and a rich diversity of geological phenomena. The country is among the prime destinations in Africa and is known for its ecotourism, which features extensive national parks and wildlife reserves. The friendliness and cultural diversity of its people, a well-developed infrastructure, make it a sought-after destination.

Botswana is one of the world's most exciting destinations for exploring African wildlife in its natural state. The beauty of Botswana is found in its land formations, its wilderness and its cultural diversity. From the ancient baobabs of the Makgadikgadi & Nxai Pans, the vast open land of the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, the sand dunes of the Kgalagadi, to the savannah grasslands of Chobe National Park and the waterways of the Okavango Delta, the diversity is staggering.

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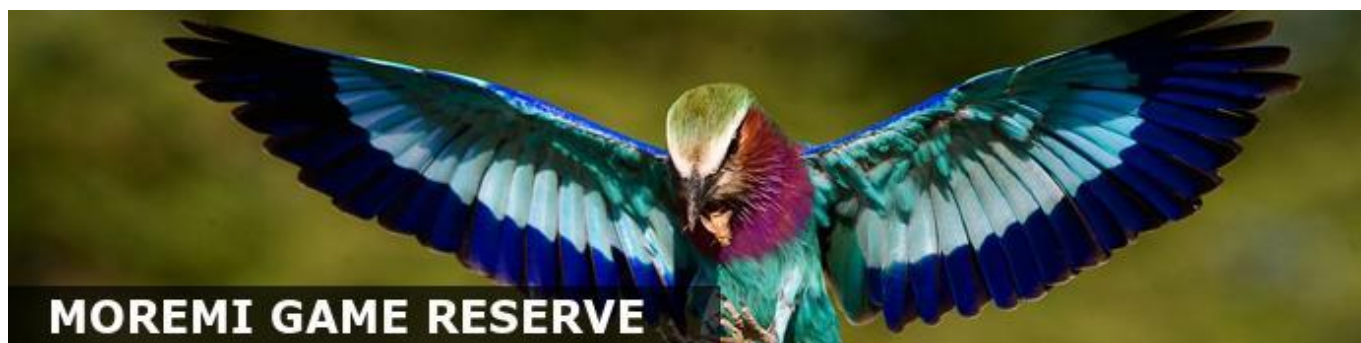
Friday 2 February **GIPPSLAND - MELBOURNE - SYDNEY** (D)

We have an afternoon departure from Gippsland to Melbourne Airport for our flight to Sydney where we shall overnight at the RYDGES SYDNEY AIRPORT HOTEL, or similar. Dinner is included tonight.

Saturday 3 February **SYDNEY – JOHANNESBURG** (D)

We have an early morning departure to Sydney Airport for our flight to Johannesburg. Once we have cleared immigration, we shall be met and transferred to our hotel for an overnight stay. Tonight, welcome drinks and dinner will be at the hotel.

ACCOMMODATION: CITY LODGE AIRPORT HOTEL, or similar



Sunday 4, Monday 5, Tuesday 6 February **SANCTUARY CHIEFS CAMP** 3 x (B L D)

After breakfast, we will be greeted and assisted with a short walk across the terminal for our flight to Maun. Once we land, we will be transferred to the Sanctuary Chief's Camp in the Moremi Game Reserve for the next three nights.

Each morning we will enjoy tea, coffee and pastries after our early morning wakeup call followed by our morning game excursion. We will return to the camp for breakfast and the rest of the day is at leisure until we get together again for an afternoon game safari or sundowner cruise.

The amazing foresight of Chief Moremi created one of the world's most famous reserves, conserving part of the Okavango Delta and the plains to its east. The reserve covers more than 4871 square kilometres of pristine wilderness, and the varied terrain includes savannah, winding waterways, and thick forest.

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This diversity supports an incredibly wide spectrum of wildlife, ranging from large herds of buffalo, wildebeest and zebra, to the rare sitatunga and lechwe antelope, and lion, cheetah and packs of wild dog in the open grasslands. The birdlife is prolific and includes most of the 550 bird species recorded on the Botswana national bird list.

ACCOMMODATION: SANCTUARY CHIEF'S CAMP



Wednesday 7, Thursday 8 February

CHOBE WATER VILLAS

2 x (B L D)

We have time for one more morning game drive and breakfast at the lodge before we check out and transfer to Pjajo Airstrip for our charter flight to Kasane Airport.

On arrival we shall be transferred to the Chobe Water Villas | Chobe River Front for a two-night stay where a warm and genuine Namibian welcome awaits you.

Each morning we will enjoy a morning game drive with coffee in the bush. We return to the camp for breakfast and the rest of the day is at leisure until we get together again for an afternoon game drive or safari cruise. During our stay there will be plenty of other optional activities, or simply relax.

Chobe Water Villas is an exclusive and intimate 'boutique' Lodge, located in Namibia at the eastern tip of the famous Caprivi Strip now known as the Zambezi Region. The Lodge is exclusively situated in the 150 km² Namibian Kasika Conservancy directly on the banks of the Chobe River and opposite the renowned Chobe National Park and the safari town of Kasane, Botswana.

This island boasts the greatest density of wildlife of any river system in the world and includes Elephant, Lion, Buffalo, Hippo, Crocodile and up to 8 species of antelope and 460 of birds and waterfowl. This spectacular location ensures that this exciting view into untamed Africa is available from the lodge and every one of its Water Villas. Chobe National Park itself is furthermore home to Giraffe, Wild Dog, Leopard, Cheetah, Jackal, Hyena and one of the greatest Zebra migrations after the Masai Mara or Serengeti in Tanzania and Kenya.

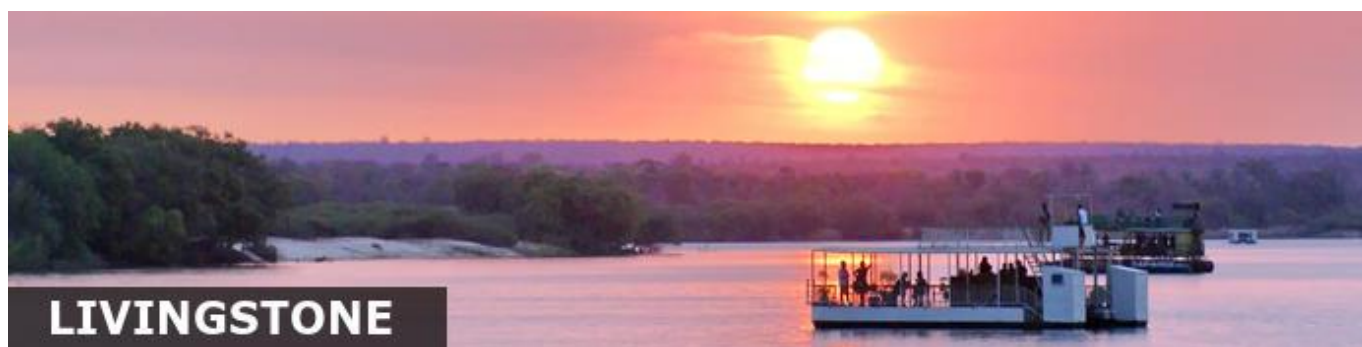


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The 117,000 km² Chobe National Park's wildlife statistics confirm that it is home to 160,000 Elephants along with some 164 mammal species representing one of the largest concentrations of wildlife in Africa. Antelope species include Kudu, Roan, Sable, Lechwe, Waterbuck, Eland, Puku, Gemsbok, Springbok, Klipspringer, Impala and the occasional rare Sitatunga.

This location at the confluence of the legendary Chobe and the mighty Zambezi Rivers is where the borders of Namibia, Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe meet. Chobe Water Villas is built under magnificent, shading Acacia trees. The arrival experience itself is unique as the only access is by a 15-minute leisurely safari boat transfer from Kasane in Botswana, cruising across the Chobe River amongst Hippo and Crocodile.

ACCOMMODATION: CHOBE WATER VILLAS | CHOBE RIVER FRONT



LIVINGSTONE

Friday 9, Saturday 10 February

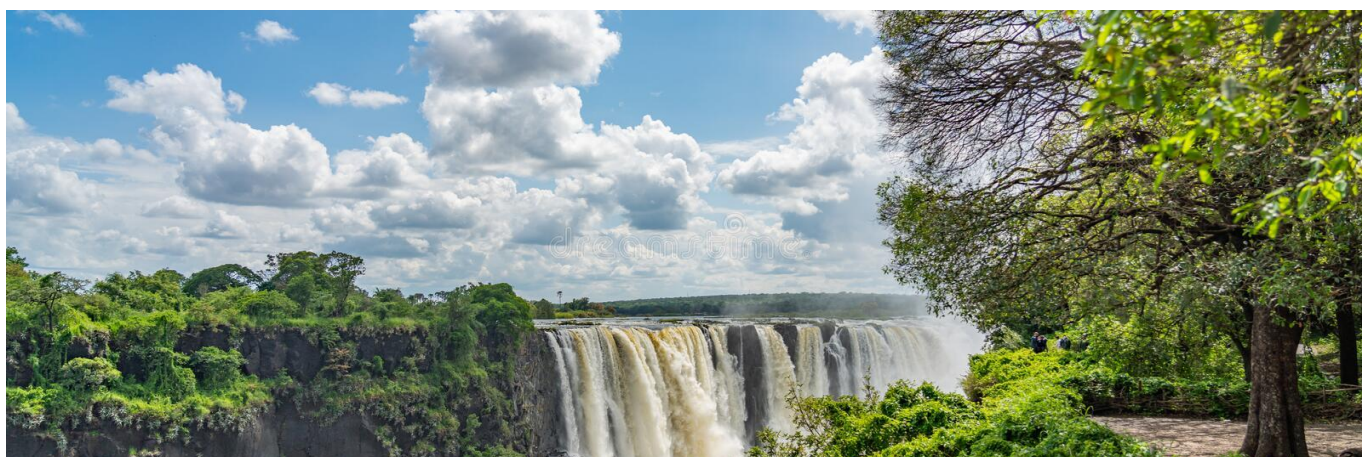
(B B L D)

After our morning game drive with a coffee break in the bush, we check out this morning and transfer by boat across the border to the Kasane Immigration. Once we clear immigration, we will be transferred to the Radisson Blu Mosi-Oa-Tunya Livingstone Resort for a two-night stay.

Zambia's flourishing border town, Livingstone, or Maramba, is situated in the South Province of the country. The British colonial city is a tourism centre for the nearby Victoria Falls, Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, and the Zambezi River.

We visit the fascinating Livingstone Museum, lunch at the famous Elephant Café Interaction and there will be time for a Signature Walking Tour of the Falls.

ACCOMMODATION: RADISSON BLU MOSI-OA-TUNYA LIVINGSTONE RESORT





Sunday 11 February

CAPE TOWN

(B D)

We check out after breakfast and transfer to the Livingstone International Airport. Here we farewell Zambia and fly to Cape Town where we will transfer to the Table Bay Hotel, or similar, for a three-night stay. After check in, the rest of the afternoon is at leisure, before we get together for delicious dinner at the Sevruga Restaurant at the V&A Waterfront.

Cape Town: Set at the confluence of the Indian and Atlantic oceans and backed by the iconic Table Mountain, the bustling city of Cape Town presents an alluring combination of drawcards. Incredible powdery white beaches, highly acclaimed wine routes, and astonishingly beautiful mountain trails surround a cosmopolitan hub. This diverse metropolis is filled with superb shops and restaurants, extraordinary heritage monuments, a multitude of entertainment venues, and a spectacular, chic waterfront harbour. Highlights include the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary African Art; Table Mountain's jaw-dropping views; Boulders Beach, where penguins might swim right up to you in the warm Indian ocean waters and Robben Island, where visitors can see the cell where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 18 years; and many more.

ACCOMMODATION: TABLE BAY HOTEL/CAPE TOWN, or similar

Monday 12 February

CAPE TOWN

(B L)

A trip to Cape Town is not complete without taking in the spectacular views of the Cape Peninsula and Cape Point. Nothing compares to the absolute beauty and ruggedness of the Cape Peninsula from the moment you see it you fall in love with it.

Today we visit the Cape Point Nature Reserve and have an opportunity to take a photo at the famous sign 'The most South Western point of the African Continent' and to travel on the funicular to observe





the old lighthouse and enjoy the panoramic views. We continue our drive to the attractive False Bay Resort and Naval Base of Simon's Town where we can walk to Boulders Beach. The Jackass penguin colony is at Boulders Beach, a short hop away from Simons Town. There will be an opportunity to stroll down the beach to photograph the penguins.

For lunch, we head to Harbour House Restaurant Kalk Bay. Situated in the picturesque working harbour of Kalk Bay, Harbour House exudes old-world charm in a world-class setting. The restaurant is built on the breakwater and offers exquisite views over False Bay and the distant mountains on one side, and the colourful harbour on the other.

We transfer back to the hotel in the late afternoon and dinner will be at leisure.

ACCOMMODATION: TABLE BAY HOTEL/CAPE TOWN, or similar



Tuesday 13 February

CAPE TOWN

(BLD)

After breakfast, we shall depart for a Robben Island tour. We explore the historic prison (and now World Heritage Site), where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated- along with countless other convicts, slaves, exiles, lepers and other political prisoners in the prison's 450-year history. From here we can view the beautiful city of Cape Town and its famous mountain from a new perspective.

We return from Robben Island and travel to the magnificent Table Mountain. Once there, we will travel by cable car to the top of Table Mountain (weather permitting) before making our way to the Milnerton area and photographing Table Mountain from across Table Bay (time permitting).

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At the top, 1000m above the city below, you are rewarded with spectacular 360 views. We take time to enjoy this unique environment, go for a walk with arguably one of the best views possible.

We return to V&A Waterfront and lunch and the afternoon is at leisure. A great time to do some shopping.

A treat tonight is dinner at the Gold Restaurant. For a taste of traditional culture infused with entertainment, Gold is a tribute to all things Africa.

We will be welcomed with singing, Mali puppetry, and African rhythms of the marimba percussion and djembe drums. Honouring the traditional culinary heritage of contemporary flavours and serving methods, the cuisine is something to experience. Each dish is brought to the table with the country of origin, cooking methods and spicing described. Gold is a mixture of influences, cultures, and people. The ambience and wonderful creative spirit make this restaurant an enriching and exhilarating experience.

ACCOMMODATION: TABLE BAY HOTEL/CAPE TOWN, or similar



Wednesday, 14 February

CAPE TOWN to NAMIBIA

(B D)

This morning we say farewell to Cape Town and transfer to the International Airport for the scheduled flight to Hosea Kutako International Airport. Upon arrival, we will be transferred to Eros Airport for Charter Flights to Etosha East Airstrip.

From the airstrip we will be transferred to the Mushara Lodge for check in, then the afternoon is at your leisure. We will meet up for dinner at the Lodge.

Etosha National Park: Situated in northwestern Namibia, the Etosha National Park offers a premier game viewing experience. The park's diverse vegetation ranges from dense bush to open plains attracting a variety of wildlife.

Located in the heart of the park is the Etosha Pan - a shallow depression that covers an area of 5000 square kilometres. Dry and shimmering for most of the year, the pans fill up with water after seasonal rains, making it the perfect habitat for wildlife. In the dry season, the wildlife is attracted to the perennial springs and waterholes that makes for excellent game viewing. Visitors can look forward to world-class game viewing including a variety of large mammals such as lion, elephant, leopard, rhino, zebra, giraffe, a diversity of birdlife such as flamingoes and pelicans.

ACCOMMODATION: MUSHARA LODGE



Thursday 15, Friday 16 February

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK, NAMIBIA

2 x(B L D)

Each day begins with an early wakeup call and a light breakfast before we depart on a game drive in Etosha National Park. We then return to the Lodge for breakfast and the rest of the morning is at leisure. Lunch will be served at the Lodge. More time to enjoy the surroundings before we head out for our afternoon game drive. We then return to the camp, freshen up for drinks, followed by dinner.

Mushara Lodge is located just 8 km from the Von Lindequist Gate on the eastern boundary of Etosha National Park. The name Mushara is derived from the Purple Pod Terminalia tree which grows abundantly on the lodge grounds and in the surroundings. The thatched public area includes a small library with a selection of good books, a bar with an extensive wine cellar, a dining area and a well-stocked curio shop. The décor is an eclectic blend of traditional African and modern works of art mixed with original older paintings.

Etosha National Park is one of Southern Africa's finest and most important game reserves. Great numbers of plains game such as zebra, kudu, oryx, wildebeest, giraffe, springbok, impala and eland abound on the grasslands while elephants can also be seen in large herds. Lions dominate the predator food chain, while smaller predators like the black-backed jackal trot about seemingly oblivious to the presence of humans.

ACCOMMODATION: MUSHARA LODGE | ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK



Saturday 17 February

CAPE CROSS, NAMIBIA

(B D)

We check out of the Lodge this morning for a Charter flight from Etosha East Airstrip to Cape Cross. On arrival we will check in to the Cape Cross Lodge. Lunch and the afternoon will be at your leisure to enjoy optional activities:

The small headland of Cape Cross lies on western Namibia's Skeleton Coast, roughly 60 kilometres north of Henties Bay. The historic area was landed on by the Portuguese in 1486, and they erected a

stone cross here in honour of the Portuguese King, however, this cross was replaced by the German settlers in the 1800's. Cape Cross best known for its extraordinary breeding colony of Cape fur seals and has been made a reserve. With the abundance of fish swimming in the cold Benguela current, the seals have plenty to snack on, and they also enjoy lying and playing out in the sun. From a 200-metre-long walkway, watch the seals at play and learn about them through the area's information points. Dinner will be served at the Lodge.

ACCOMMODATION: CAPE CROSS LODGE

Sunday 18 February

CAPE CROSS, NAMIBIA

(B L D)

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast as today there will be plenty of time to relax and enjoy the optional activities available at the Lodge. Situated on the Skeleton Coast in Namibia, Cape Cross Lodge, featuring a mix of Cape Dutch and West Coast fishing village architecture, overlooks the Atlantic Ocean and presents a unique and serene stop for travellers. There is a museum situated within the lodge.



Monday 19 February

SWAKOPMUND, NAMIBIA

(B D)

We check out of the Cape Cross Lodge after breakfast for our Charter flight from Cape Cross to Swakopmund Airport. On arrival, we are met and transferred to the Strand Hotel. After we check in, there is time to relax and explore our home for the next two nights, before we dine at the Brewer & Butcher Restaurant at the hotel.

Set along Namibia's spectacularly scenic coast, the seaside town of Swakopmund is known for its wide-open avenues, colonial architecture, and its surrounding otherworldly desert terrain. Founded in 1892 as the main harbour for German South-West Africa, Swakopmund is often described as being more German than Germany.

Now a seaside resort town, Swakopmund is the capital of the Skeleton Coast tourism area and has plenty to keep visitors happy. The quirky mix of German and Namibian influences, adventure options, laid-back atmosphere and cool sea breeze make it a very popular Namibian destination.

Strand Hotel Swakopmund is a social epicenter and destination for all visitors to and residents of Swakopmund. Its architectural inspiration finds its roots deep in Namibian-German history and reflects this in a tasteful contemporary manner. Simply very warm and comfortable, and as they say in German: "gemütlich" providing a genuine "sense-of-place" atmosphere adding to any Namibian visit.

ACCOMMODATION: STRAND HOTEL SWAKOPMUND

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Tuesday 20 February

SWAKOPMUND, NAMIBIA

(B D)

After breakfast at the hotel, we will depart on our morning excursion: Living Dunes Experience. We will discover how the ancient Namib is home to more endemic species than any other desert in the world. This living desert tour is an extraordinary exploration of the coastal dune belt just outside Swakopmund. To the untrained eye, the dunes are just a pile of sand, however, your skilled and experienced guides will introduce you to a wealth of life. Track Palmato Geckos, sand-diving lizards, the famous fog-basking tok-tokkie beetle, sidewinder snakes, spiders, scorpions, and chameleons. This 3-hour exploration will be rounded out with a short dune drive.

This evening we will experience an Open-Air Desert Dinner with Local Namib Marimba Band entertainment.

ACCOMMODATION:

STRAND HOTEL SWAKOPMUND



Wednesday 21 February

SOSSUSVLEI, NAMIBIA

(B L D)

After breakfast at the hotel, we will depart for a Cultural Township Tour of Swakopmund. We will discover the region's cultural heritage of Mondesa and the Democratic Resettlement Community from Swakopmund and gain insight into Damara and Herero culture as we explore the township, with insights provided by your guide.

We return to the hotel and check out for our transfer to Swakopmund Airport for our charter flight to Kulala Desert Lodge. When we have settled in, we will have lunch at the lodge then enjoy some afternoon lodge activities.

Wilderness Kulala Desert Lodge's location at the foot of the majestic Sossusvlei dunes allows for stunning views in every direction, while its private entrance to the Namib Naukluft National Park makes it the closest location to Sossusvlei. Thatched and canvas tents, each built on raised wooden platforms make for airy, comfortable accommodation, with a rooftop area for sleep-outs under the stars.

Afternoons around the pool provide relief from the heat, while the wraparound veranda at the main area overlooks a waterhole, and private tours of the dunes provide the ultimate Sossusvlei experience. We dine tonight at the Lodge.

ACCOMMODATION:

KULALA DESERT LODGE.



Thursday 22, Friday 23 February

SOSSUSVLEI, NAMIBIA

2x(B L D)

During the next two days, there is plenty of time to relax and enjoy the surroundings. Try your hand at desert photography – whether capturing the red colour of the dunes in the early morning light or the otherworldly tree skeletons standing starkly across the floor of Dead Vlei.

There are plenty of afternoon activities for you to be involved with; Nature Drives, Guided Nature Trail, Sundowner Drive, Sossusvlei & Sesriem Visit. Dinner tonight is at the Lodge

ACCOMMODATION: KULALA DESERT LODGE.

Saturday 24 February

SOSSUSVLEI - JOHANNESBURG

(B)

All good things must eventually come to an end, and this morning we will enjoy our last leisurely breakfast at the lodge before checking out. We will transfer to from Hosea Kutako International Airport for our charter flight to OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg. On arrival, we will be met and assisted to the check-in counters for our return international flight to Melbourne.

Sunday, 25 February

JOHANNESBURG – AUSTRALIA

(in flight meal)

On arrival in Perth, we will clear customs and immigration, before catching a domestic flight to Melbourne, where on arrival in the evening, we shall be met and transferred to Warragul by coach.

"Everything in Africa bites, but the safari bug is worst of all" Brian Jackman



JACQUEY TURNER, your tour escort, has more than 36 years' experience as a highly successful travel agent and tour guide. Jacquely's attention to detail and personal care ensures that everyone travelling in her group will have a most enjoyable holiday experience.

"I thoroughly enjoy escorting tour members to so many wonderful places in the world. The sights, sounds and history all contribute to a fabulous experience but most importantly it is the people that you meet and have the privilege of travelling with that has the most lasting impression. We always have lots of fun and continue to enjoy the memories for many years."



NAMIBIA BOTSWANA VICTORIA FALLS CAPE TOWN

TOUR COST: \$36,399 per person twin share
\$ 3,100 single supplement **VERY LIMITED**

**Business class upgrades are available on application.

**Should you wish to extend your travel arrangements after the tour, please contact me to discuss further options.

Should you select to travel on flights other than the included group flights, or upgrade to business/first class, payment for the air fares will be required at the time of booking the flights.

PAYMENT DETAILS:

\$4000 per person deposit due: within 7 days of booking
Final Payment due: Wednesday, 11 October 2023



INCLUSIONS

- Maximum group size will be 18 participants
- Personally escorted through entire tour
- Coach transfers between Gippsland and Melbourne Airport
- Melbourne/Perth/Johannesburg/Maun/Livingstone/Cape Town/Windhoek/Johannesburg/Perth/Melbourne economy airfares and taxes
- All airport arrivals and departure transfers
- Charter flights: Maun to Chiefs Camp; Chiefs Camp to Kasane Airport; Windhoek to Estosha; Estosha to Cape Cross; Cape Cross to Swakopmund; Swakopmund to Sossusvlei; Sossusvlei to Windhoek. (Luggage limited to 15kg's in soft bags only including hand-luggage and camera equipment)
- 3 nights' accommodation at Chief's Camp in Luxury Rooms including all meals, scheduled activities and national park fees plus laundry service, and all beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic)
- 2 nights' accommodation at Chobe Water Villas including all meals, scheduled activities, snacks, tea and coffee, local brand beverages and national park fees plus laundry service, and all beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic)
- Safari boat transfer from Kasane cruising across the Chobe River
- 3 nights' accommodation at the Mushara Lodge in Luxury Rooms including all meals, scheduled activities and national park fees plus laundry service, and all beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic).
- 2 nights' accommodation at Cape Cross Lodge including all meals, scheduled activities, snacks, tea and coffee, local brand beverages and national park fees plus laundry service, and all beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic)
- 3 nights' accommodation at Wilderness Kulala Desert Lodge including all meals, scheduled activities, snacks, tea and coffee, local brand beverages and national park fees plus laundry service, and all beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic)
- Luxury accommodation in hotels and lodges
- Full Day Scenic Peninsula Tour including lunch
- Robben Island and Table Mountain Cableway
- Swakopmund Living Dunes Experience
- Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary and admission fees where applicable
- Experienced local driver & guides throughout tour
- 55 included meals as per itinerary: 21 Breakfasts (B), 14 Lunches (L), 20 Dinners (D)
- Beverages included with all meals
- Porterage (one suitcase per person)
- ALL tipping of waiters/restaurant staff at included meals throughout the tour
- ALL tipping of tour directors, drivers, and local guides throughout the tour

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EXCLUSIONS:

- Travel insurance
- Expenses of a personal nature like laundry, telephone/fax calls, alcoholic beverages (other than those specified), medical expenses
- Any optional tours or activities other than those specified
- Any meals not included in the itinerary
- Zambia visa. Obtain on arrival. No fee applicable.
- Optional Activities: ie. Ballooning in Botswana (approx. US\$600pp); Helicopter Flight over Victoria Falls (from US\$150pp)
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SPECIAL NOTES

Flight schedules are subject to change.

The order of the sightseeing may vary depending on local conditions.

CANCELLATION FEES

Cancellation fees cannot be credited to another booking.

Notice of cancellation must be made in writing to Gippsland Travel Centre.

Date prior to tour departure	Cancellation fee
To secure booking	\$4000 pp deposit non-refundable
11 October 2023 onwards	100% of tour cost

If you are eligible for a refund once a booking has been cancelled, the balance less any non-refundable amounts will be forwarded to you once received by Gippsland Travel from the third-party supplier/s.

Gippsland Travel is not responsible for any delays of refunds from the third-party supplier/s. Refunds from third party supplier/s can take in excess of 6 weeks. Refunds will be processed as per original form of payment.

Travel insurance policies may provide cover for cancellation fees subject to their terms and conditions.

All costs are in Australian dollars and based on the exchange rate prevailing as at 26 April, 2023.

GIPPSLAND TRAVEL ESCORTED TOURS - TERMS & CONDITIONS

INTRODUCTION:

This contract is governed by Gippsland Travel Centre Pty Ltd and all members of the travelling parties as listed on your itinerary.

Gippsland Travel Centre acts as the agent selling and coordinating products on behalf of a third-party travel supplier/s. A separate contract with the supplier/s will apply and will be governed by the supplier's Terms and Conditions. Gippsland Travel cannot guarantee the performance of any third-party supplier/s. Gippsland Travel may receive fees, commissions, gifts or financial incentives from third party supplier/s under this contract.

BOOKINGS SOLD ON A SHARE BASIS

Bookings may be accepted on a share room basis on the proviso that the person requesting the share reservation agrees that while every effort will be made to match suitability of the passengers there is no guarantee that a share room can be provided. If a share room is not available at the time of final payment, either the single room alternative, at an additional cost, or the cancellation conditions detailed in your itinerary will apply.

COVID POLICY

If the tour cannot operate due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, the tour will be rescheduled and any funds paid will be transferred to the new tour date.

Gippsland Travel recommends you are fully vaccinated prior to travel.

LATE BOOKINGS

Higher deposit payments are required for late bookings. A guarantee of full payment is required at the time of booking for all bookings received within 4 weeks of departure.

UNUSED PORTION OF THIS TOUR

We regret refunds will not be given for any unused activities of this tour, such as meals, entry fees, accommodation or transfers.

HEALTH & FITNESS

A minimum level of fitness is required to be able to participate on a Gippsland Travel Tour, you are required to at least:

- Be able to walk at least 1 hour on uneven surfaces without the use of any walking aid (walking stick for stability is acceptable)
- Walk up multiple flights of stairs and short, steep hills
- Stand for 20 minutes without needing to sit down, often in hot/humid climates
- Carry your own hand luggage / handle your own suitcase when portage is not supplied eg. at airports.
- Get on and off various modes of transport without assistance, including small boats. Assistance will be offered where necessary.

Passengers must inform us of any medical conditions which may affect your ability to participate in the tour.

At our discretion we can exclude you in a tour or in any activity if we consider that you are unable to safely participate in that tour or activity or if we consider your participation may place the safety of other guests at risk.

You will be requested to supply a letter from your doctor indicating your prescription medication and your reason for taking it, which shall be carried in the event of an emergency. This information will remain confidential and can be supplied in a sealed envelope.

PASSPORT and VISA

A valid passport is required for all international travel.

If you do not hold an Australian passport, you may require a resident return visa.

Some countries require a visa to be issued before you depart Australia.

Gippsland Travel will advise you of all passport and visa requirements for this tour.

The Australian Government through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade regularly updates travel advice on various destinations. We recommend that you refer to www.dfat.gov.au for the latest updates before choosing to travel and prior to departure.

ITINERARY CHANGES and ITINERARY VARIATIONS

Gippsland Travel reserves the right to amend the hotels, itinerary and excursions if deemed advisable or necessary due to adverse weather conditions, road conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. Any necessary alternative arrangements will be made to a similar standard. Occasionally circumstances beyond the control of Gippsland Travel make it necessary to change airlines, hotels or amendments to daily activities. We will inform you of any changes as soon as they occur.

GENERAL CONDUCT

Gippsland Travel reserves the right to remove a traveller from a tour if they are acting in a way that interferes with the general operation of the tour or compromises the general enjoyment of the tour by other travellers in any way

FLIGHT SCHEDULES

Airlines schedules are subject to change without notice. Voluntary date changes will incur fees. Gippsland Travel is not liable for delays or disruption of air travel.

FORCE MAJEURE:

Force Majeure means the occurrence of an event that is beyond Gippsland Travel's reasonable control and which could not have been reasonably prevented by Gippsland Travel. Force majeure includes, but is not limited to: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, outbreaks of infectious disease or any other public health crisis, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, natural catastrophes and natural disasters (including but not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide), adverse weather conditions, high or low water levels; government directed travel restrictions or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, explosion, generalised lack of availability of raw materials or energy, nuclear or other industrial accident causing environmental pollution or contamination; change in law, meaning, enactment, amendment (including repeal) in the law or administration of any law in Australia or any jurisdiction or territory relevant to the booking contract, which includes changes in statute, regulation, determination, by-law, declaration, licence and the common law as applicable from time to time.

For the avoidance of doubt, Force Majeure shall not include (a) financial distress nor inability of either party to make a profit or avoid a financial loss, (b) changes in market prices or conditions, or (c) a party's financial inability to perform its obligations hereunder.

In the event that a Force Majeure is declared, the customer will be bound by the third-party supplier/s Terms and Conditions, if applicable.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:

Subject to Australian Consumer Law, Gippsland Travel does not accept any liability in contract, tort or otherwise for any injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused by a third-party supplier/s over who we have no direct control. Gippsland Travel is not liable for Force Majeure or any other event which is beyond our control or which is not preventable by us.

GOVERNING LAW

These booking conditions are governed by the law in force in Victoria, Australia.

TERMINATION OF BOOKING CONTRACT OR CHANGE OF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS DUE TO FORCE MAJEURE

If Gippsland Travel, in its reasonable opinion, considers that any Force Majeure event prevents Gippsland Travel (whether directly or through its employees, contractors, subcontractors and agents) from lawfully or safely providing any products or services subject of the booking contract with you, Gippsland Travel may immediately by written notice; (a) terminate the booking contract (in whole or part of); or (b) change your travel arrangements as reasonably practicable to ensure your safety and invoice for any additional costs.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Gippsland Travel requires all participants to obtain comprehensive travel insurance by the time of final payment. We offer a comprehensive policy with a reputable insurer if required.