



BELLINGHAM SAFARIS
WORLDWIDE WILDLIFE EXPERIENCES



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TRAVEL ITINERARY

Bellingham Safaris Scheduled Expedition

Namibia

01 to 10 June 2017



TOUR AT A GLANCE

Day	Date	Location	Accommodation
01	1 Jun 17	Sossusvlei	Kulala Desert Lodge
02	2 Jun 17	Sossusvlei	Kulala Desert Lodge
03	3 Jun 17	Swakopmund	Hansa Hotel
04	4 Jun 17	Swakopmund	Hansa Hotel
05	5 Jun 17	Damaraland	Damaraland Camp
06	6 Jun 17	Damaraland	Damaraland Camp
07	7 Jun 17	Ongava	Ongava Lodge
08	8 Jun 17	Ongava	Ongava Lodge
09	9 Jun 17	Ongava	Ongava Lodge
10	10 Jun 17	Day of departure	

COST OVERVIEW

These costs are based on 6 adults travelling

Per adult in double room

R96,400.00

INCLUDES

- Accommodation
- All meals from lunch on day 1 to breakfast on day 10, excluding dinner on the second night in Swakopmund which will be at leisure
- All local drinks whilst at Kulala Desert Lodge, Doro Nawas and Ongava Lodge (but not at Hansa Hotel)
- Laundry (except Hansa Hotel)
- Ground transportation
- Scheduled activities at each camp including game drives and guided walks; marine boat trip at Swakopmund
- Park entrance fees
- Services of a specialist Bellingham Safaris Guide

EXCLUDES

- Premium drinks, champagne, cognacs, cellar wines, cigars and cigarettes
- Gratuities
- Items of personal nature
- Visa fees (please be sure to check if visas are required)
- Travel Insurance
- Flights to and from Windhoek
- Changes to the itinerary
- Any items not included in the inclusions above

LOCATION: SOSSUSVLEI

IN: 1 JUNE 2017 | OUT: 3 JUNE 2017

A Namibian experience would be incomplete without time spent in the remarkable dunes of Sossusvlei. This area is home to one of the most barren and inhospitable landscapes on earth. Many visitors to Namibia will say that no part of the desert is visually more stunning than Sossusvlei, with its monumentally high dunes, which are shaped by strong multi-directional winds and have three to five graceful crests, which meet at their highest point to give them their star shape. These gigantic star-shaped mountains of sand are a sought after subject for photographers worldwide. One of the largest dunes was measured from its base to be 325 meters high. The warm ochre tint of the sand contrasts vividly with the dazzling white surfaces of the ancient clay pans at their bases. One of these, referred to as Dead Pan, is a large ghostly expanse of dried white clay, punctuated by skeletons of ancient camel-thorn trees, carbon-dated as being between 500 and 600 years old. One will get to explore the fascinating geological formations and dramatic scenery and learn of the intricate and delicate ecology of this ancient desert. Climbing the dunes is a must and if you can. Big Daddy provides a challenging climb to the top, where you are met with a view that is unparalleled on this continent or perhaps even this planet! A range of incredible creatures like the endearing Namaqua Dwarf Chameleon and the flighty Dune Lark, endemic to the area, may be encountered as you explore. Although not mammal rich, you may come across desert adapted species including Springbok, Gemsbok, Bat-eared Fox and if you are very lucky, Aardwolf.



PHOTO CREDIT: SOSSUSVLEI DUNES BY OLWEN EVANS; ORYX BY SOSSUSVLEI DESERT LODGE

LOCATION: SWAKOPMUND

IN: 3 JUNE 2017 | OUT: 5 JUNE 2017

Swakopmund is a quaint seaside town and an example of German colonial architecture, whose name is based on the San language, namely from “xwaka” (rhinoceros) and “ob” (river). Surrounded by the barren Namib Desert on three sides and the cold Atlantic waters to the west, Swakopmund enjoys a mild desert climate. The cold Benguela current supplies moisture for the area in the form of fog that can reach as deep as 140 km inland. While this has proved a major hazard to ships as more than a thousand wrecks litter the Skeleton Coast, it is a vital source of moisture for desert life. The fauna and flora of the area have adapted to this phenomenon and now rely upon the fog as a source of moisture. There are a number of optional excursions and one of the highlights is a boat cruise in search of the region’s marine creatures. Aside from the abundant seals, these include schools of playful Heavyside dolphin (which is the only endemic cetacean to the west coast of southern Africa) and Bottlenose Dolphins, as well as the possibility of Southern Right and Humpback Whales. Birds are also particularly plentiful due to the fish-rich Atlantic Ocean, and comprise huge flocks of Cape Gannets, Skuas, Petrels, Gulls and Terns. One could also head into the nearby dunes to explore the smaller creatures, take an informative journey to the vibrant township, enjoy a walk along the towns’ most iconic symbol; the Swakopmund jetty, or simply explore the charming town. Being located on the Atlantic Ocean the town is known for its seafood with local delicacies such as fresh oysters and delicate crayfish (rock lobster).



PHOTO CREDIT: SEAL COLONY BY OLWEN EVANS; FLAMINGOES BY DANA ALLEN

LOCATION: DAMARALAND

IN: 5 JUNE 2017 | OUT: 7 JUNE 2017

Damaraland is one of the most scenic areas in Namibia - a vast, untamed, ruggedly beautiful region. The name Damaraland is derived from the fact that the Damara people live in this area (they were relocated here as a result of the Odendaal Plan in the 1960's). The area is most famed for its population of desert-adapted Black Rhino and Elephant. The starkly beautiful landscape comprises of rolling rocky hills, flat-topped mountains, interesting succulent plants including the bizarre welwitschia, scrubby vegetation and isolated clumps of trees. Elephant herds traverse the Aba-Huab riverbed seasonally in search of water and vegetation. Wildlife viewing, along this riverbed that sometimes fills with floodwater in the rainy season and along the valleys, can be very productive. While there are no large concentrations of wildlife in this arid environment, it is home to Gemsbok, Hartmann's Mountain Zebra, Red Hartebeest, Kudu, herds of iconic Springbok, Steenbok, Klipspringer, Duiker, both Spotted and Brown Hyaena, Bat-eared Fox, Black-backed Jackal, Caracal, small numbers of Lion, Leopard and Cheetah. Birdlife is excellent, with Ostrich and many of Namibia's near-endemics such as Ludwig's Bustard, Damara Hornbill, Bare-cheeked Babbler, Rosy-faced Lovebird, Rüppell's Parrot, Benguela Long-billed Lark Hautlaub's Francolin, Violet Woodhoopoe, White-tailed Shrike, Herero Chat and Rockrunner. Endemic birds such as Rüppell's Korhaan, Carp's Tit and Monteiro's Hornbill are also possible. Raptors are well represented with Secretarybird, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Booted Eagle and Black-chested Snake-Eagle.



PHOTO CREDIT: HARTMANN'S MOUNTAIN ZEBRA BY SIMON BELLINGHAM; DAMARALAND LANDSCAPE BY DAMARALAND CAMP

LOCATION: ONGAVA AND ETOSHA

IN: 7 JUNE 2017 | OUT: 10 JUNE 2017

Ongava is a 30 000 hectare private reserve, which forms a buffer to the Etosha National Park's southern boundary. Famed for its largest population of Black-faced impala outside of Etosha, Ongava is also a haven to large concentrations of Lion, Wildebeest, Springbok, Hartmann's Mountain Zebra, Red Hartebeest, Giraffe and Eland. Successfully introduced into this reserve were both the Black and White Rhino. There is also easy access from Ongava into Etosha, Namibia's premier wildlife and game viewing destination. Over 340 species of birds may be seen here. Within this prolific list includes Short-toed Rock Thrush, White-tailed Shrike, Rüppell's Parrot, Hartlaub's Francolin and a wealth raptors. Etosha National Park is one of the continent's most spectacular wildlife sanctuaries and here you can enjoy a rewarding combination of waterhole viewing and game drives. The word 'Etosha' is derived from the local Herero language and means 'great white place' - an apt description of the huge, flat depression (or pan) around which the park is situated. The Pan was created by a geological shift which dramatically changed the course of the Kunene River. The 'Pan', a staggering 5,000 km² in extent and about a quarter of the park's size, was formally and ancient lake. It provides an awesome white backdrop of shimmering mirages in an area of otherwise semi-arid savanna grassland and thorn scrub. During the drier months of June to November, the park's many water points act as magnets to many mammal species and represent some of the best game viewing in Africa. On occasion, up to a dozen species can be seen at once as they mill around the saline water.



PHOTO CREDIT: BLACK RHONO AT ONGAVA BY MIKE MYERS; ETOSHA WATERHOLE

ACCOMMODATION: KULALA DESERT LODGE

IN: 1 JUNE 2017 | OUT: 3 JUNE 2017



Kulala Desert Lodge is located within the arid Namib Desert on the 37 000-hectare private Kulala Wilderness Reserve. Comprising 23 thatched and canvas "kulalas" with en-suite bathrooms and verandas, each unit is built on a wooden platform to catch the cooling breezes and has a deck on the flat rooftop for sleep-outs under the stars. There are also three tents which can accommodate a family of four each.

The convivial main area includes a lounge, bar, dining area, plunge pool, and wrap-around veranda overlooking the riverbed – a perfect location to view and photograph the desert vista and to contemplate the day's exciting activities.

Rates include: Accommodation, all meals, twice daily scheduled camp activities, laundry, park fees, all local drinks (premium imported brands excluded).

ACCOMMODATION: HANSA HOTEL SUITE

IN: 3 JUNE 2017 | OUT: 5 JUNE 2017



The Hansa Hotel is located in the centre of Swakopmund only a few minutes' walk away from the main beach, shops, cafés, restaurants, craft markets and boutiques.

Each of our 5 family units, 4 suites and 49 twin/ double rooms are individually fitted and decorated. All rooms are fitted and furnished with under tile and/or carpet heating, 15 television and radio channels, direct dialling telephones, hair-dryers, safes, coffee/tea facility and en-suite bath/showers.

The hotel has two restaurants, the "Terrace" where lunch is offered and the "Equestrian Room" where we serve a full English breakfast in the morning and a la carte dinner in the evening. Further there is a Bar, two function rooms (with function equipment available), two computer stations, Wi-Fi covering the entire hotel and 16 secure parking spaces, available.

Rates include: Accommodation and all meals (except dinner on 2nd night)

ACCOMMODATION: DAMARALAND CAMP

IN: 5 JUNE 2017 | OUT: 7 JUNE 2017



Damaraland Camp is situated in the Torra Conservancy – an inspirational community partnership – with sensational views of the surrounding desert plains, ancient valleys and distant peaks of the Brandberg Mountains. New technology blends with ancient construction methods to create innovative, eco-friendly luxury in the desert, with the camp's 10 elevated adobe-styled, thatched units (including a family unit). A spacious, thatched living area is complete with a fireplace, bar, and swimming pool. An open campfire and outdoor 'boma' can be enjoyed during calm evenings.

Rates include: Accommodation, all meals, twice daily scheduled camp activities, laundry, park fees, all local drinks (premium imported brands excluded).

ACCOMMODATION: ONGAVA LODGE

IN: 7 JUNE 2017 | OUT: 10 JUNE 2017



Accommodation at Ongava Lodge consists of 13 chalets and 1 family room, attractively built out of brick, rock and thatch. Each chalet has an en-suite bathroom with flush toilet, shower and double hand basins. Air-conditioning and overhead fans keep guests cool in summer. Mosquito nets are fitted to the windows and each room features a tea/coffee station and a safe. The rooms have glass-fronted doors which lead out onto a private, covered veranda, overlooking the plains.

There are impressive views of the waterhole and surrounding plains from the main lounge, bar and dining areas. Meals are either served in the main dining area under thatch or on the dining deck under the stars.

Rates include: All meals, twice daily scheduled camp activities, laundry, park fees, all local drinks (premium imported brands excluded).

DAILY DETAIL

Day 1, 1 Jun 2017

Sossusvlei

On arrival in Windhoek, Namibia's capital city, you will be met by your Bellingham Safaris Tour Leader and your Namibian adventure will begin (please make sure you are on a flight arriving before 8am: suggested flight from Johannesburg is Air Namibia 722, alternatively we can arrange a pre-tour night in Windhoek). From the airport you will transfer by road, approximately 360km, to the Namib Naukluft Park. Kulala Desert Lodge boasts a private entrance to the reserve and the closest location to Sossusvlei, while magnificent views of its famous red dunes, mountainous scenery and vast open plains make it the most spectacular!



Transfer: Windhoek to Kulala Desert Lodge (approx. 360km)



Overnight: Kulala Desert Lodge

Day 2, 2 Jun 2017

Sossusvlei

Today you will have a full day to explore the famed Sossusvlei dunes including the "Dead Vlei".



Overnight: Kulala Desert Lodge

Day 3, 3 Jun 2017

Swakopmund

After breakfast you will transfer by road, approximately 400km to the Hansa Hotel in Swakopmund, in time for a well-deserved sundowner overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.



Transfer: Kulala Desert Lodge to Swakopmund (approx. 400km)



Overnight: Hansa Hotel Suite

Day 4, 4 Jun 2017

Swakopmund

This morning after breakfast you will embark upon Dolphin and Seal Cruise. Keep a look-out for schools of playful Heavyside Dolphin (which is the only endemic cetacean to the West coast of southern Africa!). The evening is at leisure.



Overnight: Hansa Hotel Suite

Day 5, 5 Jun 2017**Damaraland**

This morning after breakfast you will transfer by road, approximately 350km to your next destination - Damaraland. In time for an afternoon/evening game drive, you may head out in search of the famed desert-adapted Elephants of the region.



Transfer: Swakopmund to Damaraland (approx. 350km)



Overnight: Damaraland Camp

Day 6, 6 Jun 2017**Damaraland**

You have a full day to explore the region.



Overnight: Damaraland

Day 7, 7 Jun 2017**Ongava**

This morning after a game drive and breakfast, you will transfer by road, approximately 210km, to Ongava Lodge, in time for an afternoon/evening game drive. The lodge lies close to the top of a hill in the foothills of the Ondundozonanandana Mountain Range, in the largest privately owned game reserve in Namibia, the Ongava Private Game Reserve.



Transfer: Damaraland to Ongava Lodge (approx. 210km)



Overnight: Ongava Lodge

Day 8 & 9, 8 to 9 Jun 2017**Ongava**

Here at Ongava you will have the opportunity to go on both day and night game drives. A highlight may be tracking White Rhino on foot with an experienced guide. This game reserve contains a healthy predator population, which includes Lion, Leopard, Brown Hyena, Black-backed Jackal, African Wild Cat, Aardwolf and Caracal. Day trips into the easily accessible Okaukuejo area of Etosha National Park are incredibly rewarding.



Overnight: Ongava Lodge

Day 10, 10 Jun 2017**Day of Departure**

Today, after a final morning game drive and breakfast, you will transfer back to Windhoek, approximately 310km. Here you will bid farewell to your guide and your travels with Bellingham Safaris will conclude.



Transfer: Ongava Lodge to Windhoek (approx. 310km)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Payment

In the event of a go ahead we will require a non-refundable **30% deposit** and the balance to be settled 2 months prior to arrival.

We may have to impose more stringent **payment and cancellation terms**, should that be demanded of us by any of our individual suppliers that have been included in your itinerary.

The **tour price** is always fixed in the currency quoted, and the actual cost in the other currencies will be adjusted according to prevailing exchange rates at the time of final invoicing (payments can be made either in **USD or ZAR**). We use the exchange rate of the day with a 3% margin (the typical exchange rate applied by credit card companies), using this source: <http://www.oanda.com> – the currency quoted is plugged into the “Currency I Want” and the INTERBANK +/- is adjusted to 3% automatically generating the rate of the day. Guests are given 7 days to process with wire, after which we may need to update the exchange rate.

Please note

- Upon confirmation of this tour, the **cancellation policy** for Bellingham Safaris will be effective immediately and the parties agree to be bound by the Terms and Conditions as stated in our booking form. In the event of the Booking Form not being signed, the placement of any booking/s, by any means including e-mail, shall be deemed to be confirmation that the Terms and Conditions have been **read, understood, any queries have been addressed to the satisfaction of the parties and that the parties agree to be bound by thereto.**
- **Scheduled tour** prices are based on group numbers and should the need arise there may be a **small group supplement**. However if this does occur you have the right to cancel your tour without incurring any cancellation charges as long as you notify Bellingham Safaris within 7 days of the announcement. The announcement will be made prior to final invoicing.
- **Rates quoted** are subject to **change** if there are any increases in park fees, fuel, sales tax or VAT, third-party services, currency fluctuations or any other circumstances beyond our control. We will use our best endeavours to bring such changes to your attention, but **you are nevertheless bound thereby.**
- Prices are subject to **unforeseen increases** in tour related costs. Should an amendment in a routing or itinerary be necessary, we will adjust the price but such **adjustment will be for your account.**
- If the **number of nights or dates of travel or number of participants** should change, this may have an effect on the cost. We will re-cost accordingly and you **agree to be bound** by such re-costing.
- Please be sure to carefully check your **visa requirements** before your intended date of travel, as Bellingham Safaris **cannot be held responsible** should the necessary visa requirements not be fulfilled. Please remember that in some cases you may need to apply for a multiple entry visa. Please be sure to carefully check your **passport requirements** before your intended date of travel, as Bellingham Safaris **cannot be held responsible** should the necessary number of blank pages and passport validity dates not be fulfilled.
- Please **consult your physician** before you travel for advice on **vaccinations and prophylaxis.**
- Bellingham Safaris strongly advises that you take out comprehensive **travel insurance** covering yourself for personal effects, cancellation and curtailment. Personal accident, medical and emergency travel expense insurance is **mandatory** on any of our tours. Some activities and services may have **weight and/or height restrictions** per guest. For the sake of your own comfort, please advise us at time of booking if you are particularly bulky or tall and we will do our best to accommodate you. Please note **additional costs** may apply.

- **Luggage restrictions** are applicable including the use of hard suitcases. Details of luggage restrictions per region are available on our pre-departure documentation. Should your weight be above the limit set by an airline, a surcharge may be applicable, over and above the quoted tour price. **Please peruse all flight information supplied by the airline concerned.**
- Some flights may involve stops before reaching the final destination. **Please check your itinerary and all flight information supplied by the airline concerned.**
- Although we will try to stick as closely to the itinerary as possible and include all the activities mentioned there may be changes due to **weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Flights, times and routes are subject to change without notice.** Please make sure that you are aware of the check-in times for flights and give yourself ample time in this regard.
- Please advise us prior to booking should you have any **health concerns**. Also please notify us if your age is above 80 as you may require a doctor's certificate.
- There may be some **age restrictions with certain activities**, most notably canoe rides and walking.
- All accommodations, activities and other services are **subject to availability** at the time of booking

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