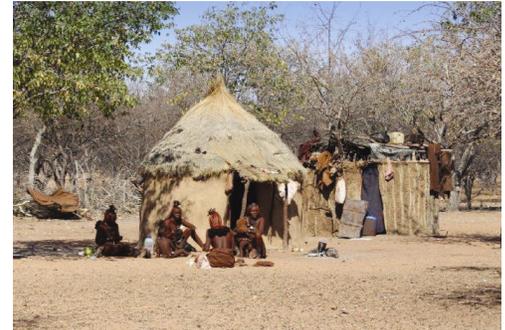


Unspoiled Africa: Adventure in Namibia

October 16 – 31, 2014



With its diverse geography, deep history and low population density, Namibia is Africa's best-kept secret. Gaining independence from South Africa as recently as 1990, Namibia is a young country despite its rich history hidden in the shipwrecks off the Skeleton Coast and the astonishing ancient rock engravings at Twyfelfontein. Our journey together begins in the capital city of Windhoek, where you will immediately feel the historic German influence that exists here and in the pleasant coastal town of Swakopmund. We explore the massive Fish River Canyon and towering Sossusvlei dunes, two magnificent geological wonders with unique ecosystems. Through our travels, you will learn about the variety of ethnic groups that live here, some of them continuing their traditional lifestyles in remote areas. You will experience some of southern Africa's finest game viewing in the renowned national park of Etosha. Namibia is the last place on earth where the black rhino roam free, the only home of the desert-adapted elephant and home of 25% of the world's cheetahs. Come on our adventure to unspoiled Namibia where you will discover surreal landscapes, a rich natural and cultural history and view game to your heart's content!

Tour Itinerary & Highlights

Day 1 Windhoek

Individual arrivals at Hosea Kutako Airport. Transfer to luxury lodge with private game reserve. Welcome dinner and stargazing.

Day 2 Windhoek

Tour the capital city known for a combination of European and African sensibilities. Visit ethnic township of Katutura.

Day 3 Fish River Canyon

Fly by small charter aircraft to the second largest canyon in the world. Enjoy an afternoon nature drive and sunset cocktails.

Day 4 Fish River Canyon

Spend the day exploring the canyon, its geology and the plants and animals that thrive in this unique ecosystem. Barbecue lunch.

Day 5 Sossusvlei

Fly by small charter aircraft over towering sand dunes, canyons and the Atlantic Coast. Sunset cocktails and exotic game barbecue.

Day 6 Sossusvlei

Sunrise drive to Dead Vlei and champagne breakfast at the famous dunes of Sossusvlei. Observe majestic oryx (or gemsbok), Hartmann's mountain zebra, springbok and other native animals.

Day 7 Swakopmund

Drive by coach to this pleasant coastal town important during German colonial times.

Day 8 Swakopmund/Walvis Bay

Depart from the nearby port of Walvis Bay on a marine cruise, enjoying fresh oysters while viewing dolphins, seals, seabirds and large colonies of flamingoes. View the world's largest quartz crystal cluster at the Kristall Galerie.

Day 9 Twyfelfontein

Drive to Damaraland, home to ancient rock engravings. Visit the Damara Living Museum to learn about local cultures.

Day 10 Twyfelfontein

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage site of Twyfelfontein, followed by a visit to the Rock Arts and Organ Pipes rock formations. Track and learn about the desert-adapted elephant.

Day 11 Etosha (West)

Experience the Himba way of life at one of their last villages. Gaze at impressive sunset views upon arrival in Etosha.

Day 12 Etosha (East)

Begin the day with an open vehicle game drive, visiting the famed watering holes. Continue game viewing in our coach this afternoon. Learn about rhinos at Onguma.

Day 13 Etosha (East)

Savour another full day of game viewing. Explore the surroundings of Onguma, set on a 20,000 hectare nature reserve.

Day 14 Okonjima

Experience the thrill of leopard tracking. Learn about the mission of Africat. Enjoy a unique nighttime game experience!

Day 15 Windhoek

After cheetah tracking, enjoy a scrumptious brunch followed by our drive to Windhoek. Farewell dinner overlooking the city.

Day 16 Windhoek

Individual departures from Hosea Kutako Airport. Do any last minute shopping in town if time permits.

Hotels

Goche Ganas Lodge – 2 nights
Fish River Lodge – 2 nights
Sossusvlei Lodge – 2 nights
Swakopmund Hotel – 2 nights
Twyfelfontein Lodge – 2 nights
Etosha Safari Lodge – 1 night
Onguma Bush Camp – 2 nights
Okonjima Main Camp – 1 night
River Crossing, Windhoek – 1 night

ROMtravel Coordinator

Dianne Armstrong brings her long-standing interest and experience with travel to the ROM. Her organizational skills have been honed juggling a young family, an investment company and several volunteer roles.

Tour Cost

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| Double Occupancy | \$ 8,250 |
| Single Supplement | 1,000 |

International flights are NOT included.
Tour starts and ends at
Hosea Kutako Airport, Windhoek.

Please note this trip involves two internal flights in 4-6 person aircraft with 2-4 windows, long driving distances on gravel roads, game drives in 4x4 open vehicles and considerable walking – often on uneven surfaces.



Photos

- Dead Vlei, Cheetah, and Himba Village.
- All courtesy of Dianne Armstrong.

Terms & Conditions

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Tour Cost

Double Occupancy: \$8,250 per person
Single Supplement: \$1,000

International flight costs to/from Toronto are NOT included.
Worldwide Quest can assist in booking international flights.

Tour Cost Includes

- Group bus transfer from Hosea Kutako Airport to hotel on October 16 for those arriving before or at the same time as the ROMtravel Coordinator.
- Group bus transfer from hotel to Hosea Kutako Airport on October 31 for those departing at or after the time of the ROMtravel Coordinator.
- Flights: Windhoek/Fish River/Sossusvlei.
- Portage of one standard sized suitcase per person.
- Ground transportation in a deluxe private air-conditioned bus.
- Accommodation in double occupancy room with private facilities.
- Meals: breakfast daily; 14 lunches; 14 dinners. Bottled water on the bus.
- All scheduled sightseeing, experienced local guides, entrance fees and local speaker fees.
- All taxes & tips for all goods and services, drivers, hotels, restaurants & guiding staff related to the basic tour; all hotel & local taxes.
- Services of a ROMtravel Coordinator, English-speaking local guides, and Worldwide Quest Tour Escort.
- Pre-trip orientation, a travel handbook, and a post-trip reunion.

Not Included

- International flight costs. Airline baggage fees where applicable.
- Items of a personal nature, e.g., laundry, telephone calls, internet.
- Meals, snacks, and beverages unless specified.
- Trip cancellation and hospital/medical insurance.

Costs

All prices quoted herein are based on rates, fees and taxes as of August 27, 2013. Costs are subject to change without notice. Should tour costs increase, Worldwide Quest International Inc. (as per TICO regulations) reserves the right to increase the price accordingly up to a maximum of 7%. Note that the itinerary may be subject to change without notice.

ROM Membership Requirement

Participants must be members of the Royal Ontario Museum. Individual annual membership is \$97; family annual membership is \$149 (if both partners join the tour, only one needs to be a member). Non-resident family annual membership (outside L/M postal zones) is \$102. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Deposits and Final Payment

A **non-refundable deposit of \$800.00 per person** is required at the time of booking. Optional trip cancellation and hospital/medical insurance, and single supplement are also payable at this time. A **second deposit of \$2,000.00 per person is due March 1, 2014.** The balance of payment, \$5,450.00 is due July 4, 2014.

Reservations

As the number of participants is limited, reservations should be made as soon as possible. In the event of over-subscription, a waiting list will be maintained.

Physical Limitations or Disabilities

Any physical limitation or disability requiring special attention or treatment must be reported when reservation is made. Worldwide Quest International Inc. and/or its agents reserve the right to decline to accept or retain anyone who may in their sole judgment require care or attention beyond that which can be provided.

Cancellations

Should a confirmed participant cancel, notification must be received in writing by Worldwide Quest International Inc. **All payments are non-refundable.** Optional trip cancellation insurance may provide compensation in the event of cancellation. No refund will be issued for unused services. No claim or refund will be considered unless submitted in writing and received by Worldwide Quest International Inc. within 30 days of the termination of the tour.

Documents

A passport valid for six (6) months after the return is required. Neither Worldwide Quest International Inc. nor ROMtravel is responsible for missing or incorrect travel documents.

ROMtravel values your Privacy

Your contact information will be published in the Trip Handbook unless you advise NOT to do so. It is for the sole use of trip participants, ROMtravel and the Travel Agency, and will not be shared with anyone else.

Insurance

Comprehensive insurance to afford protection against penalties caused by cancellation of trip due to injury, illness or death of tour participant or member of participant's family is recommended. It is underwritten by RBC Insurance. The insurance premium is non-refundable and must be submitted at time of deposit. A waiver will be necessary if insurance is not taken. Taxes are included in the quoted prices. The rates quoted below are subject to change until insurance policy is issued.

| Based on accommodation in double occupancy room | | | | | |
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| Age | Deluxe | Non-Medical | Age | Deluxe | Non-Medical |
| To 59 | \$522.00 | \$465.00 | 65-69 | \$781.00 | \$665.00 |
| 60-64 | \$659.00 | \$578.00 | 70-74 | \$1,126.00 | \$767.00 |

For single accommodation, or for those aged 75 and over, or for other non-comprehensive coverage, please contact Worldwide Quest International Inc.

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Worldwide Quest International Inc. and their agents act only as agents for the passengers with respect to services supplied to passengers by others, including but not limited to transportation, hotel and restaurant services, on the express condition that they are not liable for any failure in such services, or injury, loss or damage, delay or inconvenience arising out of or in connection with any defect in any vehicle or any act, omission, accident or error in providing such transportation, hotel, restaurant or other services. There is no refund for unused portions of the tour. In case of an accident occurring during the land portion of any tour, the passenger must submit any claim therefore only to the competent judicial authorities of the jurisdiction where such accident occurred, to be determined exclusively in accordance with the laws of such jurisdiction. By accepting the coupons and tickets and utilizing the services, the passenger agrees that neither the Royal Ontario Museum nor Worldwide Quest International Inc. nor any affiliated or subsidiary companies or representatives shall be liable for any loss, injury or damage to the passenger or belongings or otherwise in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other services or resulting directly from any occurrences beyond its control including breakdown in equipment, strikes, theft, delay or cancellation or changes in itinerary or schedules, etc. Worldwide Quest International Inc. and its agents reserve the right to refuse to accept or retain any person as a member of this tour. The right is reserved to withdraw any or all of the tour or portions thereof. All tour services including, but not limited to hotel accommodations, restaurants, guide services and transportation are furnished by independent contractors.

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