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FOR 2012 DEPARTURES

ACACIA AFRICA

PREMIUM OVERLANDING

Tour Code SNSS11	**CAPE TOWN - WINDHOEK**	**11 DAYS**
Tour Departure – 08:00	**Pre-departure Meeting – 18:00 day prior to departure**	

HIGHLIGHTS

Windhoek
Etosha National Park
Spitzkoppe
Swakopmund
Namib Naukluft Park
Sossusvlei Sand Dunes
Fish River Canyon
Cape Flats Township Tour

Premium Overlanding allows you the flexibility to decide.... if your not sure camping is for you then try Premium Overlanding - if your not enjoying camping then simply upgrade! If you don't feel like helping with the cooking - then don't! It is perfectly ok on premium overlanding, remember you are on a holiday! This safari is designed to give you that extra comfort and maximum flexibility - it is all about YOU on Premium Overlanding.

INTENDED ITINERARY

There is an option to request an upgrade on 06 out of 10 nights on this safari.

This safari journeys through diverse landscapes – from eerie and barren desert to pounding Atlantic coastline, from lush and prolific game parks to wild savannah. Experience these with a range of exhilarating adventure options which will leave you wanting more!

Whilst it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the tour and on occasion it may be necessary, or in the best interests of the group, to make alterations to the published itinerary. Please therefore treat the following as a guide only. For this reason please do not attempt to pre book any of the suggested upgrade options prior to arrival & the start of your safari. Your itinerary will be confirmed at the Pre Departure meeting and requests for upgrades will be accepted then.

The vehicle used for this tour is a fully-equipped safari truck with superior equipment & additional Acacia Crew

Duration: 11 Days
Countries visited: Namibia, South Africa

DAY 1 & 2
Etosha National Park

Today we leave Windkoek and make our way north to Etosha National Park, a vast reserve of over 20,000 sq km surrounding a central salt depression or 'pan.' The pan is seasonally full of water but specially managed waterholes sustain some 114 mammal and 340 bird species. We spend two nights here, usually making camp near a floodlit waterhole. Observers frequently see a range of night visitors including elephant, giraffe, zebra, even lion and hyena, making it one of the most memorable wildlife encounters in Namibia - a truly African experience and a highlight of any trip to Namibia.
Upgrade Option : Etosha Bungalows

Namibian Wildlife Resorts offer various different accommodation options in Etosha -

5 x premier waterhole chalets / 30 x waterhole chalet double rooms /2 x family chalets (2 rooms, 4 beds) / 25 x bush chalets (2 beds) / 40 x double rooms.

The accommodation is all centrally located, and provides easy access to the floodlight waterholes, other facilities include a swimming pool, shop and bar/restaurant.

Cost : from R500 per person (twin share)

Included Meals B / L / D

DAY 3
Etosha - Spitzkoppe

Leaving Etosha we head south west to the beautiful Damaraland region and stop at Spitzkoppe to admire ancient bushman paintings still visible on the peculiar rock formations.

Spitzkoppe is situated 160 km east from Swakopmund, in the Damaraland region. The rock formations peak at 1728m above sea level, and form a spectacular view. Take your time to explore the area and its delightful calmness. Keep an eye on the ever changing colour of the rock, especially during sunrise and sunset, when they acquire intense red shades. The most impressive rock painting is “Bushman Paradise”.

The Spitzkoppe Restcamp lies at the base of the mountain. It is owned and maintained by the local community, and therefore all proceeds from our visit contribute to a better future for the local community.

Upgrade Option : Camping only - no upgrade available.

Included Meals B / L / D

DAY 4 - 6
Swakopmund

Departing the granite infused Spitzkoppe , we make our way to the Atlantic coast and Swakopmund, which is a small town redolent of Namibia’s colonial past but with modern adventure oriented attractions for the visitor. Swakopmund is Namibia’s main seaside resort, sandwiched neatly between the desert and the ocean, and is a delightful coastal oasis. Try some adventure desert based activities if you wish –quad biking, sand boarding, skydiving (weather permitting) – or else simply walk along the promenade admiring the ocean and indulge in the town’s café culture.

Upgrade Option: Amanpuri Guest House

Amanpuri Guest house is relatively new Guest House that offers a variety of accommodation options. The rooms are spotlessly clean & comfortable with well equipped common areas and WIFI. Amanpuri is very centrally located and an easy walk to the main shopping area of Swakopmund.

Cost : R320 per person (twin share)

Included Meals B

DAY 7 - 8
Namib Naukluft Park – Fish River Canyon

Continuing south through the barren desert we reach the Namib Naukluft Park. The world’s oldest desert and containing some of the highest sand dunes in the world – some of Sesriem and Sossusvlei’s dunes are over 300m high – this is an ideal spot to clamber to the top of one and see the sun rise over the empty desert. We continue deeper into the park for a nature walk across the saltpans and flat valley floors. Don’t forget your camera - the changing colours of the sand as the sun rises and sets throughout the day offer brilliant photographic opportunities.

Continuing to the very south of Namibia we admire the awesome beauty of the Fish River Canyon. One of the natural wonders of Africa, some 500m deep and over 160km long, this is the second largest canyon in the world after America’s Grand Canyon. Again, there are plenty of opportunities for keen photographers as we spend time around this area and visit the canyon’s infamous sharp river bend known as ‘Hell’s Corner.’

Upgrade Option : Camping only - no upgrade available.

Included Meals B / L / D

DAY 9 - 11
Gariep River – Cape Town

On our final leg of the journey we leave Namibia and enter South Africa stopping en route for a night next to the desolate but striking Gariep (Orange) River.

We continue south and notice the desert slowly give way to the increasingly fertile Cape Province. On the edge of Cape Town itself lie the Cape Flats, home to Cape Town's townships. We visit some of the local people and community projects in the area. The townships illustrate both South Africa's tumultuous history and its hope for the future. Finally we continue to cosmopolitan Cape Town, without doubt one of the world's most beautiful cities, where the tour ends. If time allows we recommend you spend a few days exploring the city and surrounds. Take advantage of the variety of activities normally available here – from abseiling Table Mountain and shopping at the V&A Waterfront, to wine tasting in the nearby winelands of Paarl and Stellenbosch.

Upgrade Option : Highlanders Camp

At the time of preparing this dossier, the accommodation at Highlanders Camp was still under construction - there will be an upgrade option on night one. This dossier will be updated with more information once the accommodation is finished.

Cost : TBA

Included Meals B / L / D

TOUR INFORMATION

Africa is an adventure destination and travelling here is not always predictable so be prepared to "expect the unexpected' in difficulties or delays which might come our way! However, you'll soon find that the diversity of the African landscape, the wildlife and the communities we pass on our way, make the sometimes rough travel and long driving days worthwhile.

Come with a sense of adventure and a flexible attitude and you will be sure to enjoy your Acacia overland tour across this amazing continent.

TOUR STYLE
Acacia Premium Overland Tour

WHAT'S INCLUDED

All tour highlights, walk in tented accommodation, fully equipped safari vehicle, superior camping and cooking equipment , stretcher beds/swags, service of four crew, all road and vehicle taxes, all ground transportation, meals as indicated.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Visa's, travel insurance, flight departure taxes, airport transfers, optional activities, tips, drinks, sleeping bag and items of personal nature.

ACCOMMODATION
We use extra large 2-person dome tents with fly sheets, sewn-in ground sheets, zip-up insect screens and thick foam 'swags' with camp beds.. We mainly use campsites, which usually have reasonable wash and shower facilities, electricity points and sometimes even a small shop, bar or swimming pool. We bush camp for one night in the Okavango Delta, where there are little or no facilities, but just us amidst beautiful wild scenery – a real African highlight.

TRANSPORT
24-seater, self contained, custom-built safari truck with onboard tables, plug sockets, freezer, water tank, library, i-pod jack, safety features and 70-litre individual lockers.

MEALS
Meals included are - Breakfast (B), Lunch (L), Dinner (D) as per the itinerary
These meals are prepared in camp by the group and help preparing the meals is invited. Most dietary requirements can be catered for on the road. Please ensure you inform Acacia of any special requirements when you book or at your earliest convenience.

GAME PARK VISITS
In order to maximise the quality of game driving and to comply with local authority rulings, some of our National Park visits and game viewing is carried out using services provided by local African ground handlers. As well as enhancing our experience it also allows us to contribute at a 'grassroots' level to local economies from which local people benefit. These local services are included in the Local Payment

TOUR PREPARATION

BOOKING INFORMATION
When you make a confirmed booking for your tour you will be sent your booking documents and a pre-departure booklet with detailed information to help you prepare for your trip. Once you have paid in full you will receive a Travel Voucher giving details of your joining hotel. Cape Town and Livingstone are well served by a number of airlines and your travel agent can advise on flights to the start of the tour.

JOINING INFORMATION
This tour starts in Cape Town. **The pre-departure meeting is held at 18:00 on the evening prior to departure**. **The tour departs at 08:00 on day 1 and ends in Livingstone on day 19.**

Tour end point in **Windhoek**:	Arebbusch Cnr of Golf & Auas Ed, Olympia Windhoek
Contact Details:	Tel +264 61252255
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Pre-dep. meeting:	18:00 prior to departure day
Tour start time:	08:00 on day 1

Tour end point in **Cape Town**:	**Cape Diamond Hotel** Corner Longmarket & Parliament Street Cape Town
Contact Details:	Tel +27 4612519
E-mail:	info@capediamondhotel.co.za
Tour end time:	After breakfast on day 11

PRE TOUR ACCOMMODATION
This tour departs Cape Town early on day 1; we strongly recommend therefore that you plan to arrive the day before departure to overcome any jet-lag and to acclimatise to Africa. We would be happy to book pre-tour accommodation for you – please call or email us (or speak to your agent) with your arrival details and accommodation requirements.

However please *book early* to avoid disappointment and the risk of having to find more expensive (or less convenient) lodgings.

If time allows, we also suggest planning a night or two extra (after your tour) to make the most of this part of Africa. Accommodation is usually available locally on arrival and the there is a variety of activities and excursions in the Livingstone/ Victoria Falls area you can arrange.

See below for a guide to extra accommodation costs. These prices are correct at time of print but are subject to change so please check with Acacia or your agent for current prices.

Description	Price (£)	Description	Price (£)
Arrebusch		**Cape town**	
Pre tour accommodation – Twin/Double pppn	**£ 48**	Post tour accommodation – Twin/ double pppn	**£ 50**
Pre tour accommodation – Single pppn	**£ 72**	Post tour accommodation – Single pppn	**£ 60**

WHAT TO BRING

Please try to keep your luggage to a minimum, bearing in mind that most airlines impose a 20kg limit. It should be brought in a soft holdall or rucksack along with a smaller day bag. You will need to bring a mixture of lightweight clothing and warm clothing for the evenings and early morning game drives. You also need a

sleeping bag (and small pillow if preferred). We recommended you pack a small torch or headlamp, mosquito spray and a money pouch/ belt that can be easily hidden. Please try to avoid bringing unnecessary valuables and use your hotel safe to store the bulk of your money, passport, and airline tickets. A full 'What to Bring' list is included in our **pre-departure booklet (online version)**, issued when you book.

VACCINATIONS/HEALTH
The table below indicates the vaccinations suggested for travel on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only.** You should seek professional medical advice from your GP or clinic at least six weeks prior to departure.

Please be aware that some of the areas visited on this tour are **malarial.** We strongly recommend your seeking professional medical advice for the appropriate anti-malarial tablets.

Country	Tetanus	Diphtheria	Polio	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Typhoid	Meningitis	Rabies	Yellow Fever	Malaria
Namibia	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	R	*	R
S. Africa	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	C*	R

C = Compulsory, **C* =** Anyone travelling from South Africa to Zambia (or vice versa) will require a Yellow Fever Certificate.
R = Recommended, **R*** = If travelling from infected countries a certificate of proof may be required.

VISA REQUIREMENTS
The table below indicates the visas required for travel to the countries on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only.** At least one month prior to travel seek confirmation from embassies or a visa specialist, that these requirements are still current. For UK citizens the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) offers free up-to-date travel info: www.fco.gov.uk For other nationalities a number of travel advice websites are listed on the Acacia website.

Nationality	UK	AUS	NZ	USA	CAN	BEL	IRE	NED	DEN	ITA	GER	AUT	SWE	FIN	NOR	MEX	KOR
Namibia	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
S. Africa	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No

MONEY MATTERS

PERSONAL EXPENSES
Naturally you will require extra money for your own personal spending on the tour, for snacks, drinks, souvenirs, tips and items of a personal nature. Everybody has different spending habits but as a guideline we suggest you budget US$15-20 per day. Also keep US$ cash for relevant airport taxes and visas needed, optional activities and any additional accommodation before or after your tour.

- **Spending money** is best carried as cash in US dollars, Sterling or Euro which you then exchange into local currency on arrival and as you go. Your guide can advise how and when you can change the rest of your money throughout the tour.
- **Currencies** are as follows: Namibia Dollar, South Africa – Rand. Please note that Rand is legal tender in Namibia at the same rate of exchange as the Namibian Dollar.
- **ATM machines** are found in Livingstone, Windhoek and Cape Town. Please note they are sometimes unreliable (and therefore should not be relied upon).
- **Credit cards** can be used to pay for optional activities although charges may be may be high by western standards (+/- 5%).
- **Travellers cheques** can be difficult to cash but make suitable emergency funds.

We recommend you bring your spending money in several different ways (some cash, some t/cheques, some cards); your guide can best advise on what to use where.

TIPPING
This is always a matter for your own individual discretion but as in many areas where tourism is an important contributor to the economy, it has become customary to give a small gratuity to local staff, including your tour leader and driver, at the end of a tour if services rendered have been to your satisfaction.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITES
In order to give you maximum flexibility on tour we offer a number of optional activities on the tour. To help budget, approximate prices are listed below (in US$ unless otherwise stated. All prices subject to change and availability).

Activity	Price	Activity	Price (USD)
South Africa		Deep Sea Fishing	N$850
Orange River Canoeing	R200	Scenic flights	N$2695
Namibia		Tandem skydive	N$1900
Quad Biking	N$500	Dolphin Cruise	N$480
Sand Boarding	N$250- N$350	Kayaking	N$600
		Deep Sea Fishing	N$850

INSURANCE
It is a booking condition of Acacia that you have full travel insurance valid for the duration of your tour to cover you for medical emergency and repatriation to your home country. Your guide will ask you for a copy of this when you join the tour. It is also important that you leave a copy of your insurance with the person nominated as your emergency contact. We can recommend a respected, specialist travel insurance provider for this tour. Please refer to: http://www.acacia-africa.com/travel_info/travel_documents.php for more details.

ACACIA ON THE ROAD

RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL
We strongly believe that you get the most out of a journey by respecting the culture and people of the places you visit. On our tours we try to travel in a way that benefits the communities we pass through and minimises negative impact on the environment. This can be from ensuring the campsites we use are clean when we leave and dressing respectfully in conservative areas to getting involved with local charity projects. We ask that you are open to this when you travel with us. Being proactive in responsible travel helps develop cross-cultural understanding and friendships with the local people, and will greatly enhance your experience in Africa.

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