



Skeleton Coast Fly In Safari 2009

The Skeleton Coast Park is one of our planet's most inhospitable, but hauntingly beautiful places - it is wild, desolate and uninhabited. It has everything from roaring sand dunes, windswept plains, towering canyons, salt pans to seal colonies, shipwrecks and even one of the most productive fishing grounds anywhere.

Fresh water springs permeate through barren sands to create rare oases in the desert, which sustain pockets of wildlife. Springbok, Gemsbok (Oryx), the Desert Elephant, Ostrich, Jackal and Brown Hyena eke out an existence in this rugged terrain, along with vegetation like Welwitschia which has adapted to the harsh conditions.

The arid desert environment in the Skeleton Coast is within the northern reaches of the Namib Desert. The Benguela current brings cold waters all the way from Antarctica and helps to moderate temperatures. The cool air off the ocean meets the hotter desert air, and nearly every morning, a cool mist envelops the coastline, bringing life sustaining moisture to the desert.

There are many regions in the Skeleton Coast. On these Safaris, we visit the most isolated, beautiful, remote (and private) northern sector of the park, from just north of Mowe Bay to just south of the Kunene River. This area has been set aside by the government for low volume, exclusive safaris.

The area is so vast and there is so much to see and experience. If you have the time available, make sure you book the five-day safari. We abandon our traditional early morning and afternoon activities and leave camp after breakfast and spend the full day exploring the park. A picnic lunch is enjoyed out in the wild and we return to base camp in the later afternoon. We travel in 4x4 Land Rovers and cover an extraordinary variety of terrains. All safaris visit remote Himba villages just outside the park for an incredible cultural experience.

Even though this is a "Five Paw" safari, the terrain is harsh, rough and rugged. We will try and make this as comfortable as possible, but we have no way of hiding from elements. Sometimes we can experience cold temperatures - and then 400m up the valley, we encounter warm desert winds. This is not a safari for those without a spirit of adventure, but it will be enjoyed by those who are looking for a true wilderness experience in some of the most spectacular scenery in Southern Africa.

The 4-day (3 night) safari departs every Wednesday, i.e. returns Saturdays. The 5-day (4 night) safari departs every Saturday, i.e. returns Wednesdays. Safaris depart Windhoek not later than 10h00 am and return between 16h00 and 17h00 pm. Pickup/Drop off at Damaraland, Doro Nawas, Palmwag, Okonjima and Swakopmund are free of charge. For Ongava a surcharge of US\$ 216,00 net per person is applicable (min 2 pax).

Price per person sharing: 01 DEC 08 – 30 NOV 2009

for 3 nights / 4 days: US\$ 4.470,00

for 4 nights / 5 days: US\$ 4.690,00

Single supplement, 4 Days: US\$ 595,00 net

Single supplement, 5 Days: US\$ 740,00 net

Notes:

Luggage restriction is 20 kg per person in a soft bag including camera equipment and hand luggage.



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