

Damaraland Riding Safari

11-day Namibia riding safari, starting and ending in Windhoek



This is an exhilarating small group riding safari through some of the most dramatic landscapes in southern Africa. You will ride well off the beaten track as you explore the rugged terrain of Damaraland and the Skeleton Coast. Your ride starts along the Aba Huab Riverbed and continues on to the coastal plains. The landscapes are stunning, and so too is the wildlife; en-route you can hope to see desert-adapted elephant, rhino, oryx, springbok, and very occasionally lion and cheetah. At the end of each day, after a delicious meal, you will climb into your camp bed and fall asleep under the magnificent star-lit skies of Africa.

The horses are superb – a mix of Arab, Trakehner, Haflinger and specially bred ranch horses which originate from South Africa. They are all accustomed to the tough terrain and are very reliable.

This ride is for experienced riders only who are comfortable spending several hours a day in the saddle and can sustain an independent seat. Expect to ride between 4-8 hours a day covering a distance of 20-50 kms. Riders need to be confident enough to allow the horse to do as it knows best. If you meet this criteria, then you are guaranteed a 'ride of a lifetime' experience!

Day 1: Arrive Windhoek

You will be met on arrival in Windhoek and transferred to the River Crossing Guesthouse, where you will meet with the other members of your riding group. The rest of the day is at leisure to get to know the group. If members of the group are arriving early into Windhoek, we can arrange a short afternoon guided tour, or you can choose to explore independently.

In the evening, following dinner at River Crossing, there will be a short briefing, during which you can ask any questions you may have about the riding itinerary.

Day 2: Windhoek to Twyfelfontein

An early start this morning, as you depart Windhoek and journey north to Twyfelfontein (approx. 7 hours' drive), stopping en-route for lunch.

Arrive at Aba-Huab camp in time for an early dinner and overnight. Late this afternoon you will meet your guides and crew and of course you will be introduced to the horses.

Day 3: Twyfelfontein

After breakfast you will have a short ride so that you and your horse can get to know each other. Follow the shaded Aba-Huab riverbed, where you will have the possibility of a few quick canters. Here you will have your first glimpse of the impressive geology of the Twyfelfontein region, notable for its massive rock and sandstone formations. There will also be time to visit the Twyfelfontein rock engravings, one of Namibia's most important national heritage sites.

End the day with sundowners at a scenic viewpoint, before returning to Aba-Huab camp for dinner.



Days 4 – 7: Damaraland

The next four days will be spent exploring the wider Damaraland region, an area known for its arid semi-desert terrain and its unique desert-adapted wildlife. Your journey will see you following dry river beds and impressive valleys and as you journey towards the Skeleton Coast. Along the way, you'll keep an eye out for rhino, lion and elephant, amongst

other species. Each day will see you stop for lunch in a shady spot, and will usually culminate at a scenic viewpoint. The campsites will be in carefully chosen spots, such as overlooking the Huab River or at the foot of the Brandberg Mountain.

Days 8 – 9: The Great Plains

On the morning of day 8, you leave the river valleys behind and cross the huge open plains, allowing for fast-paced riding! En-route, enjoy views of the majestic Brandberg – Namibia’s highest mountain – and the dramatic Messum Caldera (a collapsed volcano), which stretches 18km across. Lunch at a shady spot and continue through the plains toward the ocean. On day 9, you overnight at Skeleton Camp.

Day 10: The Skeleton Coast

After breakfast, set off for your last day’s ride, which will take you to Namibia’s most scenically dramatic destination, the Skeleton Coast. This is a region of haunting beauty, a landscape of rolling sand dunes and mile after mile of windswept beaches, interrupted only occasionally by shipwrecks and whale carcasses, seal colonies and towering canyons.



Your amazing adventure ends with lunch on the beach, after which you will be transferred to Henties Bay. Overnight at a comfortable guesthouse in Henties Bay.

Day 11: Return Windhoek

After breakfast, depart by road for Windhoek (approx. 5-6 hours’ drive). The tour ends in Windhoek. We can arrange for your onward transfer if continuing your stay in Namibia, or your international flight home from Windhoek.

Please see price guide on next page.

Price Guide:

£5,350 per person for departures in 2024. Please contact us for 2025 rates and dates.

This is a small group riding safari departing at fixed dates throughout the year. The itinerary runs between June and September and accommodates a maximum of 12 riders. Please note the horses carry a maximum weight of 85kgs per person.

2024 Departures

24 Jul – 03 Aug

04 – 14 Sep

2025 Departures

Please contact us for 2023 departures.

Includes:

- Accommodation in Windhoek and fully-supported camping during riding safari (twin basis throughout)
- Full-board accommodation in Windhoek
- Drinks while camping
- Experienced riding team
- Back-up support team and vehicle
- All transfers and ground transportation

Excludes:

- International flights (from £750pp –ask us to quote)
- Drinks at Windhoek guesthouse
- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses and tips
- Single supplement (£190)

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