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The Lark Tours Difference

As you have probably already discovered, today's travel industry offers an overwhelming number of options. With so many to pick from, we know just how difficult it can be to select the right travel company. Here are some reasons why we think you should choose Lark Tours:

We are Unique. At Lark Tours we focus solely on offering private luxury vacations and safaris in Africa. Our concept is simple: your vacation in Africa should be just that - it should be **your** vacation.

Personalized & Tailor-Made Itineraries. While most companies present a number of set itineraries with scheduled departure dates, thus forcing you to fit within their framework, we take a very different approach. We offer private vacation itineraries that are personalized and tailor-made to perfectly fit your interests, preferences, and schedule. Whether you are traveling as a couple, a family, a group of friends, an organization, or some combination thereof, we will put together a trip that fits everybody's desires and departs when you want!

Private Groups. There is no denying that Africa is simply spectacular. To truly experience this enchanting continent on an intimate level, in a way that is sure to impact some part of your being, we firmly believe that private journeys are an absolute must. By delving into Africa in a manner that only private travel makes possible, you are able to interact with locals, learn about each region's history and culture at your own pace, and fully delight in all the beauty and wildlife that Africa has to offer. This ensures that you have an authentic experience in Africa and return home feeling enlightened, inspired, and above all else, satisfied.

Flexibility. The real beauty of private travel is having flexibility during your vacation. Because you have your own expert guides with private vehicles, you are free to make changes on a whim. When there are moments so captivating that you simply want to linger and soak in the experience, then you have the freedom to do so. There is no bus to catch, no rigid schedule to follow, and no large group with competing demands. This is your vacation with your own private guides who are there each step of the way to ensure you have the perfect experience.

Service is King. Private luxury travel is about receiving the best service available, which includes incredible attention to detail and help with every facet of your vacation. We deliver all this and more. Our staff and guides are some of the best in the industry and we all follow one simple rule: you are the most important priority. We will do absolutely whatever it takes to ensure you have the easiest, most satisfying vacation experience to date.

Expertise: We have delved deep into Africa and emerged with the extensive first-hand knowledge necessary to make sure your vacation is unforgettable. In addition to substantial training and ongoing education, everybody who works for us has extensive personal expertise from having lived and traveled in Africa. By targeting our focus exclusively on Africa, we are able to continually deepen our knowledge of this region and provide you with a plethora of magnificent experiences.

One Call Convenience. It seems like everything these days is becoming more and more convenient. Why should travel be any different? With one phone call we can take care of all your travel arrangements, including complimentary flight bookings, travel insurance, and much more.

We Like to Have Fun! Let's face it – much of the travel industry is far too serious. This is your vacation! This is your time off, your chance to explore a new region of the world and recharge your batteries. So what are you waiting for? Africa beckons!

Namibia Escapade Itinerary

A 17-day round trip adventure from Windhoek to Epupa Falls on the Angola Border via Van Zyl's Pass and Damaraland

Namibia Escapade is an exclusive journey for those who are adventurous at heart and who are looking for an unusual travel opportunity. On this escapade we experience the untouched splendor of Namibia's remote northwest Kunene Region, one of Africa's illustrious wilderness areas, using 4x4 off road vehicles on seldom-used routes winding through grand mountain passes and vast open spaces

Day 1 - Depart from Home for Windhoek, Namibia

Today we depart for Windhoek, the capital of Namibia.

Day 2 - Arrive in Windhoek

When we arrive in Windhoek we are met by our Lark Tours guide who will oversee our stay in Africa, providing personalized service throughout. After meeting our guide, we are escorted to the Elisenheim Guest House located approximately 10 miles from the city center. That afternoon we relax, unwind, unpack our luggage, and stroll outside for a firsthand experience of Namibia.

Elisenheim Guest House (lunch, dinner included)

Day 3 - En Route to Kamanjab

Today we set out in our fully equipped 4x4 vehicles, which are highly capable off road vehicles used throughout Africa to navigate demanding territory. We travel north via Okahandja, Otjiwarongo and Outjo to a lodge on a game farm in the Kamanjab area. As we descend from Windhoek the terrain changes significantly as the mountainous areas near the city give way to the flat bushveld areas in the north.

Rustig Toko Lodge (breakfast, snack lunch en route, dinner included)



Day 4 - North to Ongongo Falls

Soon after leaving the lodge, we enter the Khowarib Schlucht (“Khowarib Gorge”), a remote and seldom-used 4x4 route that follows an ancient watercourse before emerging from between the towering walls of the gorge near the Warmquelle (“Warm Springs”) area. Keep a lookout for desert elephants, springbok, oryx, and eland along our route. Later we detour off the gravel road to Ongongo Falls, where we set up camp at a scenic site among the hills. We spend the afternoon relaxing at the natural rock pool, which is fed by a waterfall originating from a spring in the surrounding hills. We swim and explore the surrounding area by foot until it is time for a hearty dinner prepared over the camp fire.

*Ongongo Camp (campsite with facilities)
(breakfast, snack lunch en route, dinner)*

Day 5 - En Route to Epupa Falls via Opuwo

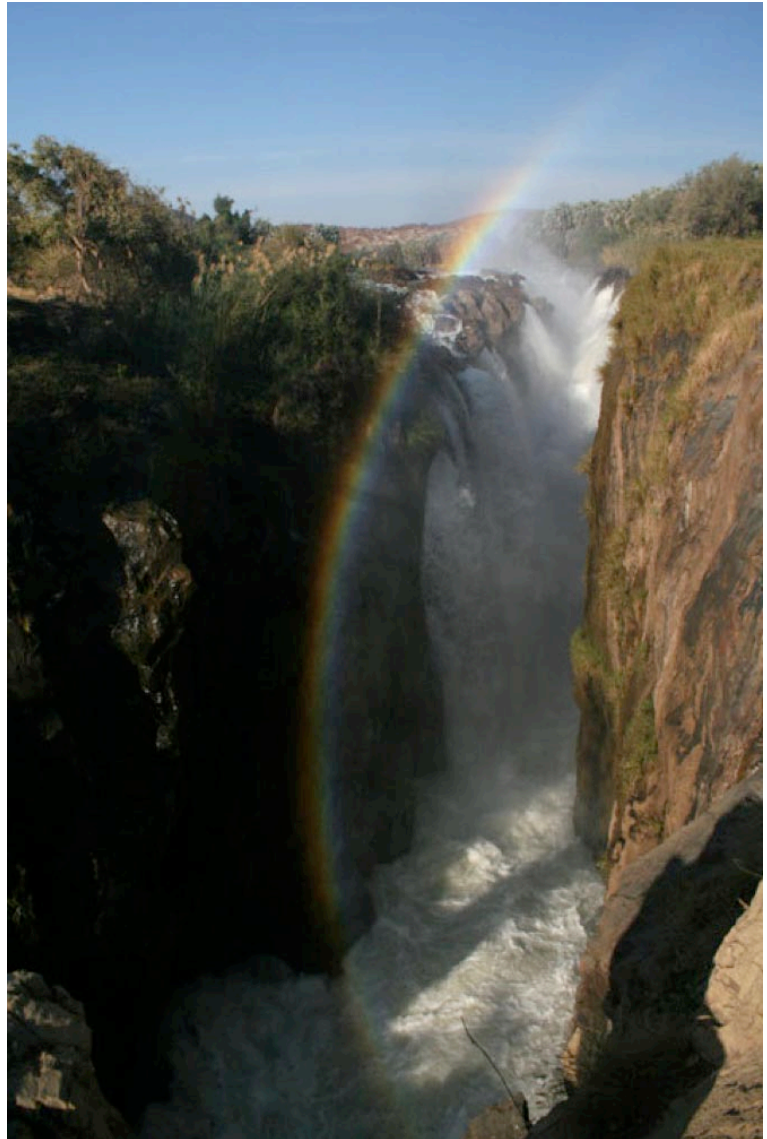
We continue north to the town of Opuwo, the administrative center for the Kunene Region (also known as Kaokoland). We stay at a luxury lodge set on a hill near the center of town and spend the remainder of the day relaxing at the “infinity pool” with views over the surrounding hills and plains. We can also walk around town where we experience the mingling cultures of the region, along with the sights, sounds, and smells of Africa.

Opuwo Lodge (luxury lodge) (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 6 - The Impressive Epupa Falls on the Angolan Border

After breakfast at the lodge, we travel north via the village of Okangwati to Epupa Falls, situated on the Kunene River, which marks Namibia’s northern boundary with Angola. The river threads its way through the Baynes Mountains, reaching a verdant palm-lined forest where it plunges through a series of geological faults as the river descends towards the coast. Spray hangs over the Baobab trees that cling to the rocky edge where the water thunders down the main 115-foot deep gorge. Our accommodations are luxury tents under tall palm trees next to the fast-flowing river. We visit the falls in the evening, returning to camp for sundowners at the bar next to the river before enjoying a delicious dinner in the outdoor restaurant.

Omarunga Camp (tented camp with en-suite facilities) (breakfast, lunch, dinner)



Day 7 - Himba Village

After a leisurely breakfast next to the river, we set off to visit a local Himba village. It is a fascinating and humbling experience to observe these gentle pastoral-nomads engaging in daily activities, and to learn about their customs and culture. A part of the proceeds from this tour are given to the village in the form of essentials such as corn meal, sugar, etc. The villagers also derive income from the sale of gifts and curios, making this the perfect



place to buy unique gifts and souvenirs for friends and family. After our visit, we return to camp where we spend the afternoon relaxing. That evening we set off on a sundowner drive to a nearby hilltop with fantastic views over the wide expanse of the falls.

Omarunga Camp (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 8 - Enter the Otjihipa Mountains

After an early breakfast, we return to the village of Okangwati where we leave the gravel road and travel westward along a

4x4 route towards the Otjihipa Mountains. Our pace slows considerably along this seldom-used route through the dense mopane woodlands. The terrain becomes rougher and the track conditions more demanding, adding to the sense of remoteness and adventure as we delve further into this harsh yet beautiful region. During the afternoon, and soon after passing the settlement of Otjitanda, we establish our bush-camp for the night. We enjoy a hearty dinner around the crackling fire that night, relishing in our sense of absolute freedom under the bright stars of southern Africa.

This is truly one of the most liberating feelings in all the world, one not to be forgotten.

bush camp without facilities (breakfast, snack lunch en route, dinner)

Day 9 - Van Zyl's Pass

Today we tackle Van Zyl's Pass, a steep and rocky route through the mountains that will test the strength and endurance of both the vehicles and drivers. We travel slowly, which gives us the opportunity to hike



along short sections of the Pass. We can help to pack rocks in places along the route to ease the vehicles' passage, or we can spend time behind the lens of our camera for amazing action photographs as we assist each other over the Pass. This is ranked as the most difficult pass in all of Namibia and is an adventure enthusiast's dream. Before



our final descent, we stop at a place with spectacular views of the Marienfluss, a valley of golden grassland stretching between towering mountain ranges. This is an unforgettable sight. Once on the valley floor, we travel up the Marienfluss to our campsite next to the Kunene River. *Okarohombo Campsite (campsite with limited facilities) (breakfast, snack lunch en route, dinner)*

Day 10 - Through the Marienfluss

After a leisurely start to the day, we return up the Marienfluss, stopping at Red Drum. This large, red oil drum is painted with the GPS coordinates of the intersection where two tracks cross and is a familiar marker in the area. We stop here for a break before turning west towards the coast, passing Blue Drum and Orange Drum en route to

our bush-camp near the entrance to Hartmann's Valley. We take a short walk nearby, returning to camp for sun-downers and dinner around the campfire.

bush camp without facilities (breakfast, snack lunch en route, dinner)

Day 11 - Journey to Purros

Today we turn southwards across the gravel plains between the mountains and the Skeleton Coast. We travel past the village of Orupembe and on to Purros, a Himba settlement situated on the wooded banks of the Hoarusib River. This shady and well-appointed campsite is our base for the next two nights, and the place from which we explore the surrounding area in search of the desert-dwelling elephants and giraffes.

Purros Campsite

(campsite with facilities) (breakfast, snack lunch en route, dinner)



Day 12 - In Search of Desert Elephants and Giraffes

After a leisurely morning, we head out in search of the desert elephants and giraffes that are often found within

this area, as they usually follow the river in search of food and water. That evening we set off on a sundowner drive to a hilltop located upriver, which has spectacular views of the river course, valley, and surrounding mountains. Along the way we may encounter elephants and giraffes. After the sun sets we return to camp for another dinner around our campfire, with the calls of the Namibian wild echoing out from the vast wilderness.

Purros Campsite (campsite with facilities) (breakfast, snack lunch en route, dinner)



Day 13 - Damaraland

This morning we leave the Purros area, climbing away from the river to a grassland plateau between surrounding hills, and on to the town of Sesfontein. We stop here to refuel the vehicles at Fort Sesfontein (a German military outpost built in 1901 used to control stock movements) before continuing south into Damaraland and on to Palmwag Lodge.

Palmwag Lodge (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 14 - Twyfelfontein

Today we continue south through Damaraland to the Twyfelfontein area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its many petroglyphs (rock engravings) and rock paintings, as well as for its interesting geological attractions such as the Organ Pipes (a mass of angular dolerite columns) and Burnt Mountain (a hill where lava flowed into shale deposits, causing a vivid display of color in the early morning or late afternoon sunlight). We arrive at Twyfelfontein Lodge and check into our luxury accommodation. After lunch we visit the petroglyphs and rock paintings nearby, followed by a visit to Organ Pipes and Burnt Mountain. After our explorations we return to the lodge for a sumptuous, well-deserved dinner.



Twyfelfontein Lodge (luxury lodge) (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 15 - Return to Windhoek via Okahandja

We return to Windhoek today, stopping en route at Okahandja to visit the extensive craft markets for which the town is famous. We return to Elisenheim Guest Farm where we again stay in comfortable guesthouse accommodation.

Elisenheim Guest House (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 16 - Homeward Bound

We check out of our accommodation after breakfast and transfer to Windhoek International Airport.
(breakfast)

Day 17 - Arrive Back Home

En route to home. As we fly back home, we relish in our new memories and look forward to telling friends and family about our splendid travels in Africa.

Trip Details

2010 Departure Date and Pricing

- *Namibia Escapade* departs daily; April to November is the best time to visit
- From \$5,095 per person sharing; \$915 single supplement

NOTE: Necessary flights to/from Africa are an additional fee and are not included in the above rates.

*** The single supplement is an additional charge added to the trip price for travelers requesting single occupancy accommodations.

Group Size

4 minimum, 10 maximum

What's Included With the Cost?

- A Lark Tours welcome packet containing all necessary pre- and post-departure trip planning information
- Full pre-and post-vacation Lark Tours customer support, available to answer all your questions during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST) and available to answer emergency calls from trip participants and/or from family/friends of trip participants at any hour during your vacation
- Certified Lark Tours guide who will oversee your vacation
- All meals
- All lodgings and accommodations
- All entry and participation costs for all activities, sightseeing, etc. as outlined in the itinerary
- All ground transportation
- Fully comprehensive travel insurance
- All safaris in off-road vehicles
- All conservation and park fees
- Upon request, complimentary flight arrangements

What's NOT Included?

- International and domestic flights
- Alcohol, except where specified in the itinerary
- Personal purchases

- Gratuities
- Passport/visa fees
- Required and/or recommended immunizations
- Any other items of a personal nature

There are absolutely no hidden costs, fees, or extra expenses.

Trip Reservations

All bookings and activities are subject to change and availability.

Complimentary Flight Arrangements

Lark Tours is pleased to offer you our complimentary flight arrangement services, at no additional charge, when you book one of our vacations. With the help of our flight specialists, we are able to find the flights you need, usually for less than you can find as an individual. Also, when we book your flights we can schedule all your arrival and departure times to fit perfectly with your vacation itinerary. But best of all, taking advantage of our complimentary flight arrangements is convenient and means you can make all your vacation plans with a single phone call.

If you decide to handle flight arrangements on your own then we ask that you check with us to coordinate all flights. This is very important since there are flights where arrival and departure times must be coordinated properly to ensure that your trip flows smoothly. Once your flight is booked, please send us a copy of your ticket so we have a copy on file.

Welcome Packet

Once you book a vacation with us, we will send you a detailed packet of information on how to prepare for your upcoming trip, which includes topics such as necessary visas, important vaccinations, safety tips, clothing suggestions, recommended reading, and more.

Payment Schedule

At the time of reservation: 50% of trip cost due
90 days prior to trip departure: Full balance due

Cancellation & Refund Policy

All cancellations are to be made by speaking with a Lark Tours representative followed by a written notification mailed to our office. At the time of cancellation, the following fees will apply:

91 days or more prior to departure we charge: 25% of total trip price
46 to 90 prior days to departure we retain: 50% of total trip price
45 days or less prior to departure we retain: 100% of total trip price

About Lark Tours

Based in Raleigh, North Carolina, U.S.A., Lark Tours is a full-service tour operator that focuses exclusively on offering private luxury vacations and safaris in Africa. Founded in 2005, Lark Tours was developed based on the knowledge that in order to truly experience Africa on an intimate level, private journeys are an absolute must. Since then, Lark Tours has been bringing fresh energy to the world of travel with its innovative approach, and in the process, it has redefined what it means to have an unforgettable vacation experience in Africa.

At Lark Tours, our hope is that you will consider sharing this journey with us, and in the process, grow to love this enchanting continent as much as we do.

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Questions? Comments? To speak with a Lark Tours representative call us toll-free at 1-877-LarkTours (527-5868)

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