



*Namibian
Moonscapes*

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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!

Namibian Moonscapes Itinerary

A 14-day round trip journey from Windhoek to Etosha National Park including Twyfelfontein, Swakopmund, and Sossusvlei.

Day 1 - Depart from USA for Windhoek, Namibia

Today we depart for Windhoek, the capital of Namibia.



Day 2 - Arrive in Windhoek

Upon arrival 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 Olive Grove, a fabulous boutique guesthouse situated in a quite and peaceful area close to Windhoek's city center. The Olive Grove Guest House offers elegance and tranquility. Each of its ten spacious en suite rooms has a large veranda with tables and chairs for al fresco dining. Its open-air lounge, spa bath, plunge pool and lush garden are all conducive for relaxing and unwinding under Namibia's open skies. The inside lounge has comfortable chairs and a cozy fireplace, ideal for reading a book or napping, while the large

kitchen and dining area offers sumptuous meals and a down-to-earth feel.

That afternoon, time permitting, we tour some of the landmarks and highlights of Windhoek. Bordered by the Eros Mountains in the north and the Auas Mountains in the south, Windhoek is situated in a beautiful valley and lies at an altitude of approximately 5400 feet. With a combination of modern and German colonial architecture and a clean city center that is easily explored on foot, Windhoek is the perfect place for our introduction to Namibia.

Olive Grove Guest House (dinner included)

Day 3 - Transfer to Frans Indongo Lodge

Today we make our way north to the town of Otjiwarongo, which means "place of the fat cows" in the local Herero language. Along the way we stop at the Cheetah Conservation Foundation Education Center. This



center is dedicated to the research and protection of cheetahs, which have suffered from a drastic reduction in number as a result of constant loss of habitat and conflict with humans. Namibia has one of the largest populations of cheetahs on the African continent and the CCF Education Center is an integral part of the effort to study and save this quickly diminishing species.

Upon arrival in Otjiwarongo, we make our way to the Frans Indongo Lodge where we spend the night. Situated



about 30 minutes outside Otjiwarongo, the lodge is modeled after traditional Ovambo homesteads. The lodge features private chalets with air conditioning and en suite bathrooms. The lodge's kitchen serves a variety of venison dishes along with fresh vegetables and salads seasoned with herbs from its garden. Here we can relax at the pool, enjoy walks in the surrounding bush, or take a tour of nearby Otjiwarongo.

Frans Indongo Lodge (breakfast, lunch, dinner included),

Day 4 - Transfer to Okaukuejo Camp

From Otjiwarongo we continue north via Outjo to Etosha National Park. That afternoon we arrive at Okaukuejo Camp, which is the oldest

and largest camps in Etosha and currently functions as the administrative hub. This camp overlooks one of the permanent waterholes in Etosha and provides us with a spectacular vantage point for watching the abundant wildlife that congregates here. Starting early in the morning until late at night, large groups of animals such as elephants, zebra, wildebeest, giraffe, ostriches and many more frequent this waterhole to quench their thirst. At night the waterhole is lit with floodlights so we can observe the nocturnal wildlife. The camp is well maintained and has comfortable en suite bush chalets that are situated close to the waterhole. Okaukuejo Camp also has a swimming pool where we can cool off during the heat of the day and a restaurant offering local cuisine.

That afternoon we set off on our first safari in Etosha for a look at all its famed wildlife, plant life, and landscapes.

Okaukuejo Camp (breakfast, lunch, dinner included)

Day 5 - Safari in Etosha

Etosha National Park, which is located in the central-northern region of Namibia, is considered to be one of the largest and best game viewing areas in all of Africa. Its main attraction is the Etosha Pan, an 80-mile salt pan that represents the remains of a large lake that used to fill the area. Here there are scattered waterholes that attract congregations of wildlife, particularly in the dry season from May to September. Elephants, giraffes, rare Black Rhinoceroses, prides of lions, leopards, and so much more all roam these lands in search of water.



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Today we begin our safari early in the morning and make our way to the Fairy Tale Forest, an unusual profusion of Moringa Trees. From here we proceed to some of the waterholes that are situated along the edge of Etosha Pan where we see many animals out for an early morning drink. After our safari we return to camp and enjoy a hearty breakfast before spending a few hours relaxing, swimming, and sunbathing around the pool. Feeling refreshed we set off for another afternoon safari that afternoon.

Okaukuejo Camp (breakfast, lunch, dinner)



Day 6 - Transfer to Twyfelfontein Country Lodge

Today we leave Etosha and make our way to the Twyfelfontein area via a series of off-the-beaten-track routes, stopping at the Petrified Forest along the way to see the fossilized tree trunks. We arrive at Twyfelfontein Country Lodge and check into our luxury accommodations. The Twyfelfontein Country Lodge is situated in the heart of the Twyfelfontein Uibasen Conservancy. The lodge has 56 en suite rooms with modern amenities. Using thatched roofs, natural stone, and colors to match the local rock formations, great care has gone into making sure that this lodge blends in with the surrounding landscape. After we freshen up and relax, we set off on a short afternoon game drive in search of the elusive desert-dwelling elephants that are drawn to this region for water and lush grazing.

Twyfelfontein Country Lodge (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 7 - Twyfelfontein

Twyfelfontein is a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its many petroglyphs (rock engravings) and rock paintings. Today we visit the geological attractions in the Twyfelfontein area, including Organ Pipes, a mass of angular dolerite columns, and Burnt Mountain, which is a hill where lava once flowed into shale deposits, causing a vivid display of colors in the early morning or late afternoon sunlight. We also take a guided tour of the approximately 2,500 prehistoric rock engravings (petroglyphs) depicting elephant, giraffe, kudu, lion, rhinoceros, springbok, ostrich and zebra. We then return to the lodge and spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure. Just before evening we embark on a short game-drive in the area, returning for sundowners where we enjoy panoramic views over the golden grasslands.



Twyfelfontein Country Lodge (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Days 8 - Transfer to The Stiltz

Leaving Twyfelfontein after an early breakfast, we travel south to the mining town of Uis before turning towards the coast and making our way to Hentiesbaai, a fishing village located in the the Skeleton Coast region. The Skeleton Coast, named as such because of the many ghostly shipwrecks that can be found here, is a mysterious and isolated region where the pounding ocean meets the vast desert silence. We follow the coastline south to Swakopmund, a quaint town on the Atlantic Ocean, popular for its relaxed atmosphere, colonial German architecture, and traditional food. Here we see lush green lawns, palm trees, and carefully-tended public gardens that contrast with the harsh desert surroundings. We check into a private bungalow accommodation, The Stiltz, which offers



stunning views over the ocean, the river bed, and the lagoon, which is rich with bird life. Our bungalows are raised on stilts and interconnect with a series of walkways. Situated within walking distance of downtown Swakopmund, The Stiltz is the perfect location from which to explore the city. Dinner this evening is at The Brauhaus Restaurant, a local hotspot serving traditional German cuisine.

The Stiltz (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 9 - Swakopmund

After an early breakfast, we embark on an exciting and educational half-day tour exploring the local dunes between Swakopmund and Walvis Bay. Geckos, rolling spiders, scorpions, lizards, chameleons and skinks are just some creatures to be found on this fascinating tour, which covers all aspects of the desert landscape. After a relaxed lunch, we spend the afternoon exploring the sights and sounds of Swakopmund, returning to The Stiltz to freshen up before dinner.

The Stiltz (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 10 - Transfer to Desert Camp

From Swakopmund we continue south to Walvis Bay, turning east to leave the coastline behind us. We cross the sandy reaches of the Namib-Naukluft National Park as we travel to the Solitaire and Sesriem areas. The settlement of Sesriem lies on the

Tsauchab River, a large seasonal river that flows westward into the dune fields of the Namib Desert. It never reaches the ocean and terminates in a large white pan called Sossusvlei. For the next two nights we stay at Desert Camp overlooking the vast plains and dunes. Each of the camp's luxury rooms are uniquely constructed from stone, canvas, and wood to match the surrounding landscape.

Desert Camp (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 11 - Explore Sossusvlei

Today we rise early and drive to Sossusvlei. Sossusvlei is part of the Namib Desert, which is believed to be the



oldest desert in the world. This region is filled with monumental star-shaped dunes, some measuring close to 1000 feet from their base. The apricot, orange, red, and maroon colors of the dunes contrast with the white clay of the pan and provide us with some of the most unusual and picturesque scenes in all of Africa. At sunrise or sunset the colors of the dunes are the boldest, constantly changing and shifting hues as the sand is blown about. In this area we also find the Dead Vlei, a former termination

point of the Tsauchab River, long ago cut off from the river's course by the ever-changing and shifting sea of dunes. Skeletons of dead trees, many over 500 years old, still stand in the white expanse of the Dead Vlei pan. This particular pan is considered by many to be even more beautiful than Sossusvlei, making it well worth a visit. During our time here we also have the opportunity to climb Dune 45, which provides spectacular views and photographic opportunities from the summit. Time permitting we also stop at Sesriem Canyon, which has been formed by centuries of erosion from the Tsauchab River.

Desert Camp (breakfast, lunch, dinner)



Day 12 - Transfer to Olive Grove Guest House

After breakfast at Desert Camp, we begin our journey back to Windhoek. The route to Windhoek is scenic, providing beautiful panoramic views as we journey from the low coastal region to the higher elevated plateau region. Upon arrival in Windhoek we once again check into the Olive Grove Guest House and spend the afternoon relaxing.

Olive Grove Guest House (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 13 - Homeward Bound

Today we make preparations for our journey back home. We enjoy a relaxing breakfast and morning lounging around the guesthouse before transferring to the airport where we board our international flight back home.
(breakfast)

Day 14 - 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 Dates and Pricing

- *Namibian Moonscapes* departs daily
- For 4 guests or more: from \$7,195 per person sharing; \$1,325 single supplement
- For 2 guests: from \$7,875 per person sharing, with two people; \$1,475 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.

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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