Travel with Scott and Curtis

South Africa & Namibia

August 2029

🌍**South Africa:** Cape Town **| Namibia:** Windhoek, Sossusvlei, Swakopmund, Damaraland, Etosha National Park

Embark on an unforgettable journey through South Africa and Namibia, where breathtaking landscapes, extraordinary wildlife, and rich cultural traditions create a truly remarkable African adventure. Begin in Cape Town, where you'll marvel at the iconic Table Mountain, explore the stunning Cape Peninsula, and discover the rolling vineyards and charming towns of the Cape Winelands. Then venture into Namibia, a land of striking contrasts and untamed beauty. Witness the towering red-orange dunes of the ancient Namib Desert, explore the surreal landscapes of Sossusvlei and Deadvlei, and discover where vast desert sands meet the Atlantic Ocean along the dramatic Skeleton Coast. Journey through the rugged wilderness of Damaraland, uncover ancient rock engravings, and experience meaningful cultural encounters with local communities. Your adventure culminates in Etosha National Park, where thrilling game-viewing drives offer opportunities to spot elephants, giraffes, rhinos, lions, and other remarkable wildlife. From spectacular natural wonders to authentic local experiences, this journey offers an extraordinary blend of adventure, culture, history, and the wild beauty of southern Africa.

What to Expect On This Incredible Trip

An extraordinary journey through South Africa and Namibia, where dramatic desert landscapes, spectacular wildlife, and rich cultural traditions come together for an unforgettable African adventure. You will experience…

- Breathtaking natural wonders, from Cape Town's iconic Table Mountain and scenic Cape Peninsula to the towering red-orange dunes of the Namib Desert
- Thrilling wildlife safaris in Etosha National Park, with opportunities to spot elephants, lions, giraffes, rhinos, zebras, and other remarkable African wildlife
- Extraordinary desert landscapes, including the ancient dunes of Sossusvlei, the haunting beauty of Deadvlei, and the dramatic Sesriem Canyon
- Scenic adventures along Namibia's Skeleton Coast, where towering sand dunes meet the Atlantic Ocean, including a scenic flight over the desert and a 4x4 excursion to Sandwich Harbour
- Guided explorations of Cape Town, the Cape Winelands, Windhoek, Swakopmund, and the rugged wilderness of Damaraland
- Authentic cultural exchanges, including a home-hosted lunch with a South African family, visits to Himba and Damara communities, and opportunities to learn about local traditions and everyday life
- Fascinating historical and cultural discoveries, from South Africa's apartheid history and Namibia's colonial past to ancient rock engravings at UNESCO-listed Twyfelfontein
- A memorable blend of wildlife encounters, scenic exploration, cultural immersion, and time to relax beneath Namibia's spectacular star-filled skies

It balances:

- Spectacular mountain scenery, endless desert dunes, and dramatic Atlantic coastlines
- Untamed African wilderness and unforgettable wildlife encounters
- Cosmopolitan city life, historic wine country, and remote desert landscapes
- Ancient indigenous traditions, colonial history, and modern African culture
- Authentic cultural connections and meaningful encounters with local communities
- Natural wonders, adventurous exploration, and peaceful moments in extraordinary surroundings



📌 Trip Overview

South Africa: *Cape Town* **|** ***Namibia****: Windhoek, Sossusvlei, Swakopmund, Damaraland, Etosha National Park*

Exact site order and itinerary subject to final O.A.T. itinerary for the year.

Dates: August 2029
Trip Price (includes airfare from DTW): $12,949 per person*
Duration: 18 Days

!!Please note: *Prices are subject to change**

🗓️ Expected Itinerary Overview

Day 1: Depart USA

Depart the United States on your overnight international flight to Cape Town, South Africa.

Begin your extraordinary African adventure, where breathtaking landscapes, remarkable wildlife, ancient traditions, and unforgettable cultural discoveries await.

Day 2: Arrive Cape Town, South Africa

Arrive in Cape Town, one of Africa's most beautiful and vibrant cities, nestled between dramatic mountains and the Atlantic Ocean.

Upon arrival:

- *Meet your local representative at the airport*
- *Transfer to your hotel in Cape Town*
- *Settle in and relax after your international journey*
- *Meet fellow travelers, including those arriving from the optional Johannesburg pre-trip extension*
- *Begin taking in the city's spectacular coastal surroundings*

Dinner on your own.

Evening at leisure to rest and prepare for your upcoming discoveries.

Day 3: Cape Town • Table Mountain • District Six Museum

Discover Cape Town's spectacular natural beauty and gain insight into South Africa's complex history and cultural heritage.

Morning exploration:

- *Welcome Briefing and orientation walk with your Trip Experience Leader*
- *Visit Table Mountain, one of South Africa's most iconic natural landmarks*
- *Weather permitting, ride the aerial cable car to the mountaintop*

- *Enjoy panoramic views of Cape Town, the Atlantic Ocean, and the surrounding peninsula*
- *Discover the mountain's remarkable plant diversity and unique wildlife*

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

Afternoon Historical Discovery:

- *Visit the District Six Museum*
- *Learn about apartheid and its lasting impact on South African communities*
- *Hear stories of residents who experienced forced removals under apartheid*
- *Explore exhibits, photographs, and personal artifacts documenting the district's history*

Continue with a guided city tour:

- *Discover bustling St. George's Mall*
- *Visit Company's Garden, South Africa's oldest public garden*
- *Learn about Cape Town's diverse cultural heritage*

Evening Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: *Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Day 4: Cape Peninsula • Kirstenbosch Gardens • Boulders Beach • Cape Point

Experience the breathtaking coastal scenery and extraordinary natural wonders of the Cape Peninsula.

Morning scenic exploration:

- *Travel along the beautiful Cape Peninsula*
- *Admire rugged cliffs, pristine beaches, and sweeping ocean views*
- *Visit the renowned Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden*
- *Discover South Africa's remarkable indigenous plant life*
- *Stroll along scenic garden paths beneath Table Mountain*

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

Afternoon highlights:

- *Visit Boulders Beach, home to a colony of African penguins*
- *Observe these charming birds in their coastal habitat*
- *Continue to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve*
- *Discover the dramatic landscapes surrounding Cape Point*
- *Opportunity to ride the funicular to the historic lighthouse*
- *Take in spectacular views of the rugged coastline and Atlantic Ocean*

Return to Cape Town.

Dinner on your own. Evening at leisure.

Meals: *Breakfast & Lunch*

Day 5: Cape Winelands • Stellenbosch • Home-Hosted Lunch

Journey into South Africa's beautiful Cape Winelands, a region celebrated for its picturesque vineyards, historic towns, and rich cultural traditions.

Morning exploration:

- *Travel through lush valleys surrounded by mountains and vineyards*
- *Visit Stellenbosch, one of South Africa's oldest and most charming towns*
- *Enjoy a walking tour of its historic streets*
- *Discover the region's centuries-old winemaking heritage*

Exclusive Cultural Experience:

- *Visit the farming village of Pniel*
- *Learn about the community's fascinating history*
- *Meet local families in their homes*
- *Discover everyday life and traditions in this welcoming village*
- *Help prepare a traditional South African meal with your hosts*

Enjoy an authentic Home-Hosted Lunch with local families.

Afternoon Wine Experience:

- *Visit a historic wine estate in the renowned Cape Winelands*
- *Tour the wine cellar*
- *Learn about the region's long tradition of grape cultivation and winemaking*
- *Enjoy a tasting of locally produced wines*

Return to Cape Town.

Dinner on your own. Evening at leisure.

Meals: *Breakfast & Lunch*

Day 6: Cape Town • Fly to Windhoek, Namibia

Bid farewell to South Africa and continue your adventure in Namibia, a country known for its vast deserts, extraordinary wildlife, and fascinating cultural history.

Morning:

- *Transfer to Cape Town's airport*
- *Board your flight to Windhoek, Namibia's capital*

Upon arrival:

- *Transfer to your hotel*
- *Settle in before beginning your exploration of the city*

Afternoon walking tour of Windhoek:

- *Discover the capital's unique blend of African and European influences*
- *Learn about Namibia's German colonial history*
- *See Christuskirche, the city's distinctive German-Lutheran church*
- *Explore historic landmarks and learn about Namibia's path to independence*

Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Evening at leisure.

Meals: *Breakfast & Dinner*

Day 7: Windhoek • Namib Desert • Sossusvlei

Journey into the heart of the ancient Namib Desert, home to some of the world's tallest and most spectacular sand dunes.

Morning scenic journey:

- *Depart Windhoek and travel west toward the Namib Desert*
- *Experience the dramatic transition from city landscapes to vast desert wilderness*
- *Stop briefly in the historic mining village of Klein Aub*
- *Admire the sweeping scenery along the way*

Arrive at your desert lodge in time for lunch.

Afternoon:

- *Relax and enjoy your peaceful desert surroundings*
- *Discover the remarkable landscapes surrounding Sossusvlei*
- *Marvel at towering red-orange dunes shaped by centuries of wind*
- *Enjoy free time to explore or unwind at the lodge*

Evening Desert Experience:

- *Enjoy dinner at the lodge*
- *Experience the extraordinary tranquility of the Namib Desert*
- *Take in the breathtaking star-filled sky, far from city lights*

Meals: *Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Day 8: Sossusvlei Dunes • Deadvlei • Sesriem Canyon

Experience one of Africa's most extraordinary landscapes during a memorable day exploring the Namib Desert.

Early Morning Desert Adventure:

- *Depart before sunrise for Namib-Naukluft Park*
- *Witness the spectacular sunrise over the dunes of Sossusvlei*
- *Watch the towering sands transform into brilliant shades of red, orange, and gold*
- *Enjoy a picnic breakfast surrounded by breathtaking desert scenery*

Continue to Deadvlei:

- *Explore the striking white clay pan surrounded by enormous sand dunes*
- *See ancient blackened camel-thorn trees preserved in the dry desert environment*
- *Discover one of Namibia's most photographed natural wonders*
- *Learn about the fascinating geological history of this extraordinary landscape*

Return to the lodge for lunch.

Afternoon visit to Sesriem Canyon:

- *Explore the dramatic canyon carved by the Tsauchab River*
- *Discover the canyon's ancient geological formations*
- *Learn about its historic importance as a desert water source*
- *Watch for birds and wildlife adapted to this harsh environment*

Return to the lodge for dinner.

Meals: *Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Day 9: Scenic Flight Over the Namib Desert • Skeleton Coast • Swakopmund

Experience Namibia's magnificent landscapes from above before arriving in the charming coastal town of Swakopmund.

Morning Scenic Flight:

- *Depart Sossusvlei for a flight to Swakopmund*
- *Enjoy spectacular aerial views of the Namib Desert*
- *Marvel at the vast Namib Sand Sea*
- *Witness the dramatic meeting of desert dunes and the Atlantic Ocean*
- *Take in the rugged beauty of the Skeleton Coast from above*

Upon arrival in Swakopmund:

- *Transfer to your hotel*
- *Join your Trip Experience Leader for an orientation walk*
- *Discover the town's distinctive German colonial architecture*
- *Explore its charming streets, shops, and cafés*
- *Learn about Swakopmund's history as a coastal harbor*

Afternoon free to explore independently.

Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Evening at leisure.

Meals: *Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Day 10: Swakopmund • Mondessa Township • Local School Visit

Gain a deeper understanding of Namibia's history, diverse cultures, and modern communities through meaningful local encounters.

Morning Historical Discovery:

- *Visit the Genocide Memorial*
- *Learn about Namibia's colonial past and the tragic events of the early 20th century*
- *Reflect on the country's history and its lasting impact on local communities*

Exclusive Cultural Experience:

- *Visit a local school in Mondessa township, supported in part by Grand Circle Foundation*
- *Learn about educational opportunities and community life*
- *Discover the township's diverse cultural heritage*
- *Explore Mondessa on a guided walking tour*
- *Gain insight into the traditions of the Owambo, Damara, Nama, and Herero communities*

Enjoy a traditional lunch at a local restaurant in Mondessa.

Afternoon:

- *Return to Swakopmund*
- *Free time to explore the coastal town*
- *Relax at your hotel or browse local shops and cafés*

Dinner on your own. Evening at leisure.

Meals: *Breakfast & Lunch*

Day 11: Swakopmund • Sandwich Harbour • 4x4 Desert Adventure

Discover one of Namibia's most remarkable natural landscapes, where towering desert dunes descend directly into the Atlantic Ocean.

Morning 4x4 Excursion:

- *Board specially equipped 4x4 vehicles*
- *Travel toward Walvis Bay and Sandwich Harbour*
- *Explore spectacular coastal desert landscapes*
- *Learn about Walvis Bay's maritime and colonial history*
- *Discover the area's importance as a fishing port and coastal wetland*

Enjoy lunch amid the desert dunes.

Afternoon Desert Discoveries:

- *Continue along the Kuiseb riverbed toward Sandwich Harbour*
- *Marvel at enormous sand dunes plunging toward the ocean*
- *Experience the breathtaking contrast between the desert and sea*
- *Weather and tides permitting, visit the scenic tidal lagoon*
- *See the remains of the Shawnee shipwreck*
- *Learn about the treacherous conditions that gave the Skeleton Coast its name*

Return to Swakopmund.

Dinner on your own. Evening at leisure.

Meals: *Breakfast & Lunch*

Day 12: Skeleton Coast • Himba Village • Damaraland

Journey along Namibia's legendary Skeleton Coast before venturing inland toward the rugged wilderness of Damaraland.

Morning Scenic Journey:

- *Travel along the windswept Skeleton Coast*
- *Discover one of the world's most dramatic and remote coastal regions*
- *Learn about the region's notorious shipwreck history*
- *Admire the stark beauty of the desert meeting the Atlantic Ocean*
- *Visit the Zeila shipwreck for a memorable photo opportunity*

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

Afternoon Cultural Discovery:

- *Visit a traditional Himba village*
- *Spend time at a local homestead*

- *Learn about Himba customs, traditions, and everyday life*
- *Discuss the challenges of preserving traditional ways of life in a rapidly changing world*

Continue to Damaraland:

- *Travel through vast desert plains and rugged mountain scenery*
- *Admire dramatic red-hued landscapes, granite hills, and deep valleys*
- *Discover one of Namibia's most visually striking wilderness regions*

Arrive at your lodge and enjoy dinner.

Evening at leisure, with opportunities to admire the peaceful Huab Valley surroundings.

Meals: *Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Day 13: Damaraland • Local Community Experience • Desert Elephant Search

Discover the rich cultural traditions and remarkable wildlife of Namibia's remote Damaraland region.

Morning Exclusive Cultural Experience:

- *Spend time with a local Damara community*
- *Learn about traditional customs and everyday village life*
- *Sample a traditional breakfast*
- *Participate in an introduction to the local language*
- *Meet community members and learn about their cultural heritage*

Conservation Discovery:

- *Visit a local conservancy office*
- *Learn about efforts to protect desert-adapted elephants and black rhinoceroses*
- *Discover how local communities help preserve Namibia's remarkable wildlife*
- *Visit the Louw-In settlement and meet local residents*

Return to the lodge for lunch.

Afternoon Desert Wildlife Experience:

- *Set off on a scenic desert sundowner drive*

- *Search for desert-adapted elephants roaming the wilderness*
- *Learn about the unusual plants and animals that survive in this arid environment*
- *Admire the dramatic landscapes of Damaraland*

Return to the lodge for dinner.

Meals: *Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Day 14: Twyfelfontein • Petrified Forest • Etosha National Park

Discover ancient African rock art and extraordinary geological wonders as you journey toward Etosha National Park.

Morning visit to Twyfelfontein:

- *Explore this fascinating UNESCO World Heritage Site*
- *Discover one of Africa's largest collections of prehistoric rock engravings*
- *Admire ancient carvings depicting wildlife and other symbols*
- *Learn about the people who created these remarkable works of art*
- *Explore the striking red sandstone surroundings*

Continue toward Etosha with a stop at the Petrified Forest:

- *See enormous fossilized tree trunks dating back approximately 280 million years*
- *Discover the fascinating history of this ancient geological site*
- *Learn about the unusual desert plants found in the region*
- *See remarkable examples of Welwitschia plants, known for their extraordinary longevity*

Enjoy lunch in Khorixas.

Afternoon:

- *Continue through Namibia's scenic countryside*
- *Arrive at your lodge near Etosha National Park*
- *Settle in and prepare for your upcoming wildlife adventures*

Dinner at the lodge.

Meals: *Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Day 15: Etosha National Park • Full-Day Wildlife Safari

Experience one of Africa's greatest wildlife reserves during an unforgettable day exploring Etosha National Park.

Morning Game-Viewing Safari:

- *Depart early for a wildlife-viewing drive*
- *Explore the vast savannahs and grasslands of Etosha*
- *Discover the park's immense salt pan and unique ecosystem*
- *Visit natural springs and waterholes where wildlife gathers*
- *Search for zebras, giraffes, wildebeest, kudu, and other African animals*

Enjoy lunch in the park.

Afternoon Wildlife Exploration:

- *Continue game-viewing through different areas of Etosha*
- *Watch for rhinos, jackals, and numerous bird species*
- *Keep an eye out for predators, including lions, leopards, and cheetahs*
- *Observe wildlife gathering at the park's permanent waterholes*
- *Discover the extraordinary biodiversity of this remarkable reserve*

Return to the lodge for dinner.

Evening free to relax and reflect on the day's wildlife encounters.

Meals: *Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Day 16: Etosha National Park • Wildlife Safari • Farewell Dinner

Enjoy another opportunity to encounter Namibia's extraordinary wildlife during your final day exploring Etosha National Park.

Early Morning Game-Viewing Drive:

- *Set off for another wildlife safari in Etosha*
- *Explore the park's varied habitats*
- *Watch for elephants, giraffes, zebras, antelope, and other animals*
- *Search for elusive predators and rare wildlife*
- *Enjoy the ever-changing scenery of this magnificent national park*

Return to the lodge for lunch.

Afternoon:

- *Free time to relax and enjoy your surroundings*
- *Take in the peaceful scenery around the lodge*
- *Reflect on the unforgettable experiences of your African adventure*

Evening Farewell Celebration:

- *Gather with fellow travelers for a special Farewell Dinner at the lodge*
- *Share stories and memories from your journey through South Africa and Namibia*
- *Enjoy your final evening in the Etosha region*

Meals: *Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Day 17: Etosha Region • Okahandja • Windhoek

Journey back to Windhoek for your final night in Namibia, enjoying scenic countryside views along the way.

Morning:

- *Depart after an early breakfast*
- *Travel overland toward Windhoek*
- *Enjoy the changing landscapes of Namibia's interior*

Stop in Okahandja:

- *Visit the town known as the "Garden Town of Namibia"*
- *Discover its reputation for beautiful traditional wood carvings*
- *Browse handcrafted souvenirs, including carved wildlife figures and decorative pieces*
- *Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant*

Afternoon:

- *Continue to Windhoek*
- *Arrive at your hotel and check in*
- *Enjoy free time to relax or make final discoveries in Namibia's capital*

Evening:

- *Gather for a final dinner at the hotel*
- *Enjoy your last evening in Namibia*

Meals: *Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Day 18: Windhoek • Return Home

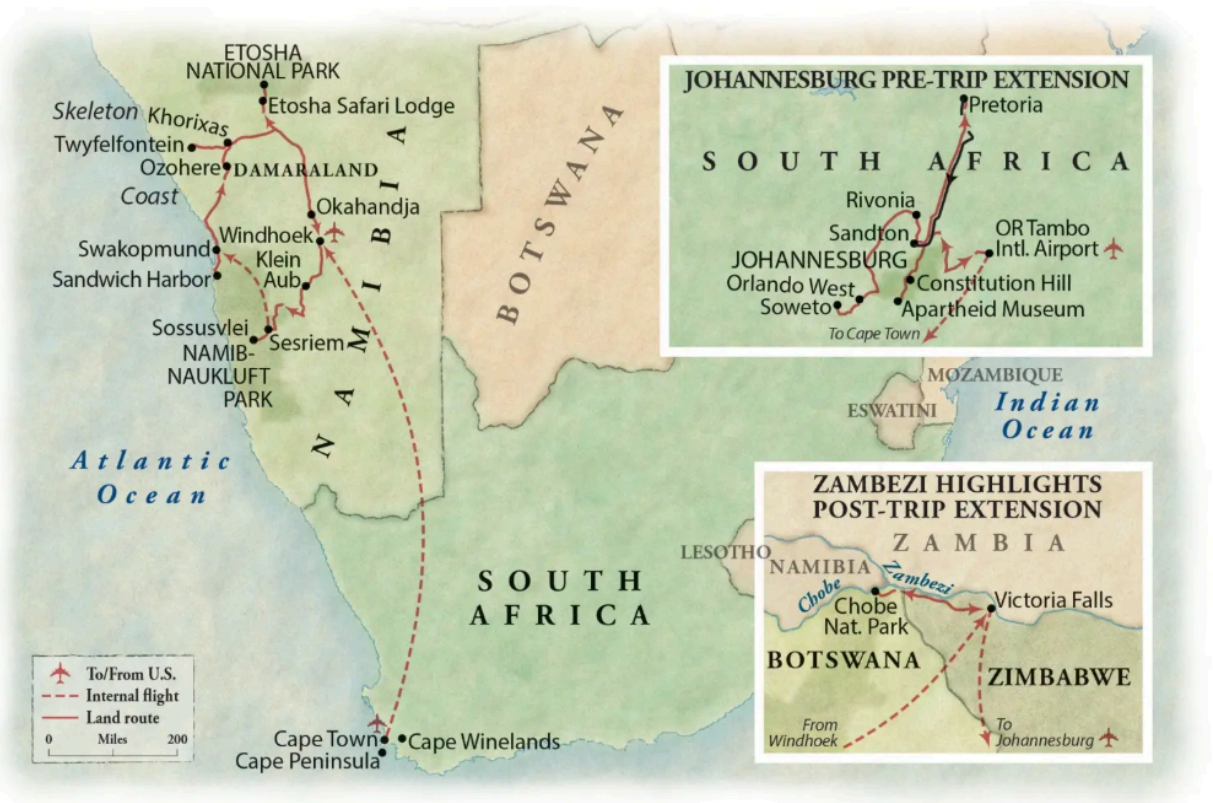
Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before transferring to Hosea Kutako International Airport for your return flights to the United States.

Travelers wishing to extend their African adventure may continue with the optional Botswana & Zimbabwe: Chobe National Park & Victoria Falls post-trip extension.

Return home with extraordinary memories of South Africa's coastal beauty, Namibia's towering desert dunes, meaningful cultural encounters, and unforgettable wildlife experiences.

Meals: *Breakfast*

***Exact details for this tour will be updated on the O.A.T. travel site once the official itinerary is confirmed. This more detailed O.A.T. itinerary can be found by clicking here.*



✅ What's Included

- 16 nights' accommodation
- 40 meals—16 breakfasts, 13 lunches, and 11 dinners
- All transportation, including internal flights and transfers
- International airfare, airport transfers, taxes, fees & fuel surcharges
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- 25 activities, including game-viewing drives on 2 days, and a Day in the Life of a local Damara tribal community with a language lesson and traditional breakfast sampling
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers

✈️ Flight Booking Notes

When confirming your deposit, please specify:

- Travel class preference (Coach, Premium Select, Business)
- Aisle or window seating
- Any special requests or meal preferences

ℹ️ Additional Notes

- **Prices subject to change**, especially airfare and fees.
- Customizations and optional extensions are available.
- Physical Requirements: Activity level is **moderate (Level 3 out of 5)**





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