

## 4-DAY EXTENSION SAFARI TO THE SKELETON COAST

- **The Skeleton Coast National Park runs from Terrace Bay north to the Kunene River. The southern section is more accessible and lies between the Ugab and Hoanib Rivers.**



### Extension Safari to the Skeleton Coast

Skeletons of shipwrecks and whales may be seen on the treacherous coast of this park, which stretches along with the seashore and covers over 2,000 square miles (5000km squared) of wind-sculptured dunes, canyons and jagged peaks of the Namib.

The freezing Benguela Current of the Atlantic flows from Antarctica northward along the Namibian coastline and meets the hot, dry air of the Namib Desert, forming a thick fog bank which often penetrates inland for over 20 miles (32 km) almost every day and often lingers until the desert sun burns it off at 9:00-10:00 a.m. When the winds blow from the east, there is instant sunshine.

The northern part of the park has been designated as wilderness area and can be visited only with fly-in safaris. The northern region has many unusual and fascinating attractions. One such attraction is the **Cape Frio Seal Colony**, which has grown to about 40,000 individuals. A walk down the

**roaring dunes** will give you the surprise of your life. Suddenly, everyone is looking up to spot the B-52 bomber that *must* be overhead. Apparently, the sand is just the right diameter and consistency to create a loud noise when millions of its granules slide down the steep dune. Incredible!



Big game is present in surprisingly large numbers for a desert environment and includes desert elephant, cheetah, leopard and baboon. Brown hyenas are plentiful but rarely seen. Black-backed jackal, springbok and gemsbok are often sighted. During our last visit we encountered many small and fascinating desert creatures as well as desert elephant, black-backed jackal (over 30, in fact, near the seal colony), herds of majestic gemsbok, springbok, and even a brown hyena!

The east wind brings detritus (small bits of plant matter) providing much-needed compost for plants and food for lizards and beetles. The west wind brings the moisture on which most life depends in this desert — one that is almost completely devoid of water. The ancient “fossil” plant, *Welwitschia mirabilis*, is also found in the region.



**2020 LAND ARRANGEMENTS (To/From Windhoek):**

	<b>Jan 11-Mar</b>	<b>Apr-May</b>	<b>Jun-Oct</b>	<b>Nov-Dec 19</b>
<b>Per person sharing</b>	\$5,275.00	\$5,395.00	\$6,995.00	\$5,495.00
<b>Child ages 6-16 – sharing with adults</b>	\$3,095.00	\$3,175.00	\$4,895.00	\$3,250.00
<b>Single Supplement</b>	\$715.00	\$750.00	\$1195.00	\$775.00

*\* Pricing is quoted per person sharing a room*

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS:** (subject to change until ticketed)

**INTER-AFRICA**

**from \$250.00-\$650.00 per person**

Johannesburg/Windhoek/Johannesburg

(\*from \$250.00 only when booked in conjunction with South African Airways from the USA and is subject to availability at time of booking)

Maun/Windhoek (coming from Botswana one way)

**from \$395.00 per person**

*Flight operates on Sun/Mon/Wed/Fri*

**LAND COSTS INCLUDE:**

- Accommodations
- All meals and game activities on safari (Full Board)
- All road and scheduled air charter transfers
- Park and guiding fees
- Laundry and drinks in camp
- Full day excursion to Skeleton Coast included in 3-night stay

**NOT INCLUDED:**

- Tips to staff and guides
- Scheduled air fares to/from Windhoek
- Travel insurance

**NOTES:**

- 1) Single Supplement is based on a minimum of 2 travelers.
- 2) Combine your adventure with our 10-Day “Namibia Spectacular” safari which visits Sossusvlei, Damaraland and Ongava-Etoshia. Ask your Safari Consultant for details.
- 3) A night in Windhoek at the end may need to be added (flight arrives late in the afternoon).
- 4) Families traveling with children ages 6-12 will require a private vehicle at a cost of \$575.00 per vehicle/per day.

**Tour code: Nam4skeletoncoast**



**Trip Report:**

The trip was fantastic - Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp really blew us away...really outstanding - the day we drove the river all the way to the coast may be one of the most fun days we ever have had on safari. Really an amazing echo system. Also, they let me take a couple of 5K runs to the airstrip as the lion activity is not in the area - it was awesome jogging by desert giraffe and oryx for a little PM workout.

**Michael Shepard**

It's our 8th trip with AAC and this might have been the best ever.

We loved Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp. Papa G was our guide and Clement was the manager. The Namibia guides in general have to work harder I think because game is scarcer and Papa G definitely worked hard to find animals, tell stories and generally inform us on the state of wildlife in Namibia. The highlight for me was the roaring sand dunes and the trip to the skeleton coast. I would recommend this camp to people like us who are happy to be in nature and learning about wildlife/nature and don't feel too pressured to take 1000 pictures of the big 5. The desert adaptations were fascinating.

**Bob D'Zuro**

