

web: www.namibiahorsesafari.com email: info@namibiahorsesafari.com

cell: +264 81 470 3384

PO Box 97448, Windhoek, Namibia

# Damara Elephant Safari

## A Geological Wonderland

Namibia has many great natural assets, not least of these are its dramatic landforms – remote, inaccessible and extremely rugged - and yet etched with poignantly delicate colours.

From Twyfelfontein to the Skeleton Coast, the sheer remoteness of this challenging horse riding safari makes it unsuitable for inexperienced riders since encounters with Elephant, Rhino and even Lion are possible. On the other hand, this could be the most thrilling riding adventure of your life!

#### About the Safari

- From Windhoek back to Windhoek 11 days/10 nights. 7 riding days, 2 nights accommodated (first and last), 8 nights camping
- Arrive in Windhoek on the first day of your safari preferably in time for pre-dinner group briefing and arrive back at Windhoek International Airport (Hosea Kutako) in time for fights leaving after 15:00
- To book follow this link for instructions and booking forms packing lists, Indemnity and our Riding policy.

  Note that this is a challenging ride and not for inexperienced nor the feint-hearted! It is however undeniably the ride of a lifetime and possibly why many of our guests come back for more year after year...

### Being on Safari

- Camp life has a leisurely pace days begin at sunrise with the aroma of freshly brewed 100% Arabica coffee wafting through camp. After a hearty breakfast we start riding around 8am for 4 5 hours. Lunch breaks are 1 2 hours, followed by another 2 3 hours riding in the afternoon.
- We ride 20 50 km per day at all places and over rough terrain
- Our **GALLERY** page gives good insight into what it's like to be on safari
- Consult our <u>Riding Policy</u> before booking by signing the required <u>Indemnity</u> it is assumed you have understood the terms and conditions contained therein.
- Because of the remoteness of our riding safaris, all guests require comprehensive medical insurance including repatriation.

# Summary of Itinerary

#### Days 1 – 2 Windhoek to Twyfelfontein

Welcome to Namibia! Windhoek Airport Shuttle service will collect you from Windhoek International (Hosea Kutako) Airport to your first overnight in Windhoek. Meet fellow riders and your host and guide Andrew Gillies for pre-ride briefing and dinner.

After an early breakfast next day, we journey north (about a 7-hour transfer including a lunch stop en-route) through some spectacular Namibian landscapes to our camp at Twyfelfontein (Doubtful spring) with a visit to the world heritage site rock engravings at Twyfelfontein itself.

#### Days 3 – 6 The Rivers

With the rising sun at our backs, we begin our westward journey to the distant Atlantic. In these ephemeral river systems, the cycles of rainfall dictate the seasonal movement of game which is not concentrated, but we can encounter Elephants, Rhino, Oryx, Springbok, and other desert-adapted game.

Here huge glacial valleys, impressive Tableland mountains, exhumed by erosion, and folds and fractures resulting from cataclysmic eruptions present a well-preserved snapshot of a land of great antiquity.

#### Day 7 - 10 The Great Plains

Leaving the river valley's we now cross the vastness of open plains with the striking massive of the Brandberg (burning mountain) forming a dramatic backdrop. Here endless plains allow for some fast-paced riding as we approach the dramatic Messum Caldera, the eroded remains of a massive collapsed volcano.

Our last ride takes us to the ocean at last - the spectacularly formidable Skeleton Coast, apparently so called for the wrecked hulks of stranded ships which dot this coastline. The cold upwelling Benguela current results in some diverse weather conditions from hot desert easterlies to cold south Atlantic westerly's – a place of extremes!

We overnight in the small coastal town of Henties Bay in a private house with the most spectacular view over the Atlantic Ocean. Our last meal together is freshly caught Atlantic Fish done to perfection over the coals.

#### Day 11 Departure

After breakfast the transfer leaves early for Windhoek (a 6-hour commute) arriving at Windhoek Airport in time for flights leaving after 15:00

#### Rate Includes

- All riding, accommodation and meals and drinks while on the ride excluded are drinks at lodges, restaurants, and petrol stations en-route.
- Ground transfers from Windhoek International Airport (Hosea Kutako) to starting point of ride and return transfer to Windhoek International airport on day of departure.
- A visit to the World Heritage site of the Twyfelfontein Rock Engravings

#### Rates Exclude

- Extra horse charge for riders 85kg and over in riding gear. For our horses' sake, please be accurate regarding weight and level of fitness. Please consult our Riding Policy
- Single supplement will be waived if prepared to share guesthouse accommodation
- Personal drinks and refreshments at all lodges, restaurants, and petrol stations en-route.
- Accommodation and transfers not listed on the itinerary. Any extra transfers (for any reason including flight delays) other than those included in the itinerary will be for guest's personal account.
- Additional activities and packages. We are happy to assist with recommendations
- Safari staff gratuities.