



Desert Express 2010

26TH AUGUST – 2ND SEPTEMBER

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Our journey from Cape Town
- Shuttle Service
- Flight Details
- Arrival in Windhoek
- Board the Desert Express
- 1st Night on the Train

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Thursday 26th August

Day one - Travel Cape Town to Windhoek.

There are two daily flights to Windhoek and to arrive in time for our train trip we need to **board the 8am flight.**

Shuttle service

As our flight is an international one, it is required that we check in 2 hours before departure. The Hylton Ross combi will collect you at your home. We will have 2 combis – one from Constantia and one from Tableview. Collection times will follow.

Flight Details (AIR NAMIBIA)



Outbound Thursday 26th August

Flight SW 745 departs Cape Town International Airport at 08:00, arriving at Hosea Kutako International airport, Windhoek at 09:00 (Namibian time which is 1 hour behind SA time).

We have arranged a shuttle service to meet us at Windhoek airport and transport us to **Windhoek Station** where we will leave our luggage in storage until we board the train at 2pm.

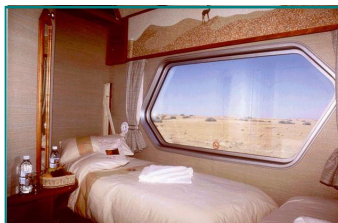


Windhoek Station, is the starting point for a holiday designed to experience the splendor of the train, the beautiful scenery of the country, the beauty of Swakopmund, the Namib Desert and the abundant and unparalleled game viewing in the **Etosha Park!**

There will be about 3 hours free for us to investigate Windhoek and have lunch before heading back to the station to "begin our voyage of discovery". We are investigating a few options and will provide details shortly.

And now for some details about our home for the next few days.

Desert Express has nine coaches, permanently linked via drawbar to minimize coupling and for improved ride comfort. The train has twenty four compartments, each accommodating one or two passengers. The compartments on this luxury train safari in Namibia have air-conditioning, heating and en-suite facilities.



Passengers have access to an elegant lounge, a unique bistro bar and a spacious restaurant that will serve the best in Namibian cuisine. Uniquely shaped, large windows throughout the train, provides the traveler with views of the wide open spaces on this luxury train.

Itinerary

The dress code on board the **Desert Express is smart / casual.** The Desert Express is elegant and guests are kindly asked to refrain from wearing shorts and sandals in the **Welwitschia Restaurant.**



However comfortable shoes and clothing are recommended for the excursions on this luxury train.

Desert Express will gladly cater for your **specific dietary requirements**, where possible. **Please advise in writing** at least one week prior to departure so that the necessary arrangements may be attended to. Please note that check-in time is 30 minutes prior to departure, where you will be handed your boarding pass.

Desert Express Itinerary

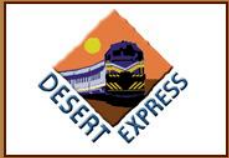
14:30 Train departs (No lunch)
15:00 Coffee, Tea & Biscuits
16:20 Biltong stop at **Okahandja.**
19:00 Dinner, ala-carte menu.
 Overnight will be on the train.
 Train stationary for the night at **Kranzberg.**



On The Desert Express...



Dune 7 - Walvis Bay



Friday 27th August

Day 2 - Destination: Walvis Bay

06:30 Breakfast

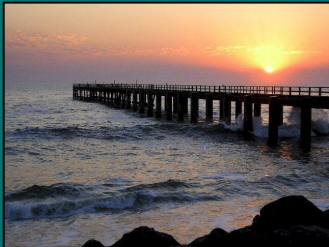
08:00 Arrive in the coastal town of **Walvis Bay**.

Transfer to the yacht club for a dolphin cruise.

On the cruise you can make physical contact with the seals. The cruise takes you to Pelican Point where you will get close to a colony of Cape fur seals.

Have lunch onboard the catamaran, after which it's back to the yacht club and then proceed by bus to visit the salt pan, and the lagoon where you might see plenty of flamingos. This is followed by a visit to **Dune 7**. We then head back to **Swakopmund**.

Dinner, overnight & breakfast will be on the train.



Swakopmund - sunset

Saturday 28th August

Day 3 - Sightseeing in Swakopmund

06:00 Breakfast

Participate in a sightseeing tour around Swakopmund and then proceed to see the **Welwitschia plants** and the **moon landscapes** with a picnic lunch in the Desert. Depart after lunch for **Otjiwarongo** for overnight on the train.



Welwitschia plants



Etosha - Okakuejo

Sunday 29th August

Day 4 - Etosha - Okakuejo

06:00 Breakfast

Depart by bus to **Etosha** southern gate at **Okakuejo**.

Check in to the Lodge, have lunch, perhaps enjoy a rest and then participate in an **afternoon game drive**. The evening can be spent at the spectacular water hole.



Okakuejo Restaurant



Halali - Double Room

Monday 30th August

Day 5 - Etosha - Halali

07:00 Breakfast

After breakfast you will travel to **Halali** on a slow game drive where you will check in, enjoy lunch and rest. Go on an **afternoon game drive** and after dinner you can spend the evening at the water hole.



Halali Waterhole



Namutoni Gate

Tuesday 31st August

Day 6 - Etosha - Namutoni Gate

After breakfast you will go on a game drive towards the **Namutoni Gate** where you will exit and transfer to the train departing for Windhoek. Dinner & overnight on the train at **Otjiwarongo**



Our trip is nearing an end and it is with a feeling of regret that we spend our final night together on the Desert Express.

Back To Windhoek....



Wednesday 1st September

Day 7 - Destination: Windhoek

Depart for Windhoek with breakfast and lunch on the train.



Visit the **craft market in Okahandja**.



Himba women in traditional dress sell their wares at the market

Arrive back in Windhoek at 14h00.

Transfer to Hotel for overnight.

Windhoek Country Club & Spa

Whether you are looking for a relaxing family getaway or to host a business conference, the Windhoek Country Club Resort gives you the best of all worlds. The resort boasts a unique combination of exceptional service, luxury accommodation and tranquil setting, which has ensured that it remains the final word in comfort and entertainment in Namibia.



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- 24-hour Room Service
- DSTV
- Casino and Slot Machines
- 18-hole Golf Course
- Conference Facilities for up to 800 Delegates
- Wireless Internet Connectivity
- Swimming Pool



We will have dinner in the hotel this evening and reflect on the sights, sounds and tastes we have experienced.

Homeward Bound

Thursday 2nd September

Day 8 - Destination: Cape Town

After breakfast we transfer to Windhoek airport for our flight back to Cape Town

Inbound

Flight SW 742

Departs Windhoek 10:30 Arrives Cape Town 13:30

Hylton Ross shuttles will be waiting to transport us back to our homes.





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“Like all great travelers, I have seen more than I remember, and remember more than I have seen “
Benjamin Disraeli

Inclusive of:

All transport and transfers as detailed.
 Accommodation on board, dinner and breakfast with lunch where mentioned in the itinerary and sightseeing excursions.
 Accommodation and meals in Game Lodges as indicated.
 Activities and Excursions as indicated in the itinerary.
 Porterages
 Entrance fees at all Parks in Namibia (as per itinerary)
 English speaking driver-guide.
 Air conditioned coach – Bus / Combi

Exclusive of:

All expenses of a personal nature
 All optional excursions and activities
 Gratuities
 Travel Insurance
 Third Party Increases. (Including airport taxes).

