

# Damara Elephant Safari, Namibia

## Itinerary

### Day 1:

You will be met on arrival at Windhoek International airport and transferred to River Crossing guesthouse to overnight.

Arrive at your guesthouse and meet the rest of your riding group. A Namibia Horse Safari Company representative will conduct a briefing about the riding adventure ahead.

Overnight at River Crossing, (PO Box 97448, Windhoek. Tel: +264 61 401 494).

[www.rivercrossing.com.na](http://www.rivercrossing.com.na)

The following is a sample itinerary to be used as a rough guideline of how the days might pan out. Usually you can expect to ride for somewhere between around 4 and 8 hours each day, covering 20-50 km over varied terrain. The route, overnight stops and hours in the saddle can change, but always with your best interests in mind.

### Day 2:

After an early breakfast, journey north by road (c. 7 hours), with lunch en route, to the camp near the Aba Huab River.



In the afternoon, visit the World Heritage site of Twyfelfontein with its 5,000 year-old rock engravings.



### Days 3-6:

With the rising sun on your back, set off on your westward journey towards the distant Atlantic.



In these ephemeral river systems, the cycles of rainfall dictate the seasonal movement of game. Species may not be concentrated, but you could encounter elephant, rhino, oryx, springbok, and other desert-adapted game.



Huge glacial valleys, impressive tableland mountains exhumed by erosion, folds and fractures resulting from cataclysmic eruptions present a well-preserved

snapshot of a land of great antiquity. From the Huab, cross the mountains to the Ugab river system.



#### **Days 7-10:**

Leaving the river valleys, cross the vast open plains, with the striking massif of the Brandberg Mountain forming a dramatic backdrop. Here endless plains allow for some faster-paced riding as you approach the Messum Caldera, the eroded remains of a massive collapsed volcano.



Your last ride takes you across huge desert plains to the ocean at last - the formidable Skeleton Coast, so called for the wrecked hulks of stranded ships which dot this rugged coastline.



The cold upwelling Benguela current results in some diverse weather conditions, from hot desert easterlies to cold south Atlantic westerlies and lots of fog - this is a place of real extremes!

Your last night is spent at a house near the beach in the Henties Bay area.

#### **Day 11:**

After breakfast, depart Henties Bay for Windhoek, a road journey of c. 6 hours. If you are flying home today, flights should depart from Windhoek after 15:00.