

TOUR ITINERARY SUGGESTIONS

The Northern Cape Tourism Authority as destination marketing organization for the Northern Cape has all the knowledge and experience to design inspirational and flexible FIT and group itineraries.

For business travellers any one of our itineraries can be tailor made for you. Explore the unique tourism offerings of the Northern Cape with your colleagues or bring the family along and explore the Northern Cape with our suggested three day pre and post tour itineraries.

Here are some selected incentive itineraries or pre and post tours or your consideration. View alternative itinerary suggestions on www.experiencenortherncape.com/corporate/travel-trade/sample-itineraries or do contact marketing@experiencenortherncape.com for tailor made itineraries.

DISCOVER THE VIBRANT CULTURE, HISTORY AND WILDLIFE OF KIMBERLY AND SURROUNDS 6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

Trace the rich mining history of Kimberley and surrounds, follow the old Anglo-Boer War trails, take in a vibrant township tour and rediscover the ancient history of the Khoisan. Watch the setting sun across the plains.

DAY 1 Land in Johannesburg. Take a scheduled flight to Kimberley. Transfer to accommodation of your choice. Welcome dinner at the Exclusive Kimberley Anne hotel. A surprise room drop will be left on each guest's bed in their room.

DAY 2 Kimberly is the capital city of the Northern Cape is often referred to as the City of Diamonds. The memories of Kimberley's days as a tent town still linger today. Many old buildings, museums, art galleries pay homage to the days of the diamond rush. Our historical guided tour will take us to some of the most important ones as well as the Big Hole - the largest hand-dug excavation in the world and a ride on a vintage tram.

DAY 3 After an early morning breakfast, we continue our exploration of the culture of Kimberley and surrounds with a guided walking tour in the oldest township of South Africa, Galeshewe. It was home to several champions of the struggle era and today a vibrant community. Our next stop is Platfontein, home to the !Xun and Khwe community for lunch before continuing to Wildebeest Kuil Rock Art Centre, a pristine Khoisan heritage site for an exploratory guided walk.

DAY 4&5 We start the morning exploring the Battlefields Route. The Northern Cape played a decisive role in the war with the famous Kimberley siege and many of the major battles of the Western Campaign taking place within 120 kilometres of Kimberley between 1899 to 1902. We will recapture the trials and tribulations of these wars with a visit to the Magersfontein Museum and the town of Modder River 39km south of Kimberley before stopping at the Kimberley Diamond Brewing Company on the banks of the Modder river. After lunch we depart for the wild life experience of your choice.

The area offers a myriad game and nature reserves offering excellent personalized wildlife and adventure experiences. where visitors can enjoy activities such as fly-fishing, spa

treatments, starlit bush dinners, trail running, game drives, world class birding and helicopter safaris. A unique wildlife experience is joining wildlife monitoring and capture specialists during their daily routines for a behind the scenes experience.

DAY 6 We transfer back to Kimberley Airport for your return flight either to Johannesburg or Cape Town.

WILDLIFE, CULTURE AND ADVENTURE – DISCOVER THE SECRETS OF THE KALAHARI 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

Experience a world of wilderness, be one of with Africa's animal kingdom in one of Africa's oldest deserts. Celebrate, dance and feast with the First People, gasp at the diamond studded night skies, listen to ancient wisdoms around dancing fires.

DAY 1 Transfer from Johannesburg or Cape Town on a scheduled flight to Upington Airport. We meet your group and head off to experience the rich cultural offerings of the Kalahari Red Dune Route.

After a stopover for lunch at the historical Diamond T coffee shop in Ashkan we check-in at your preferred accommodation. Our adventure start with a rare insight in the life and culture of the !Khomani. We end our experience with a dune dinner, stargazing and storytelling.

DAY 2&3 Kgalagadi (Xaus Lodge 2 nights) This morning it is an early start with a dune walk to explore the amazing biodiversity of this region. After breakfast depart for Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park and !Xaus Lodge. A vast 38,000 square kilometres it offers excellent sightings of Africa's large cats. We transfer to !Xaus Lodge, situated in the heart of the beautiful Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park.

The lodge offers impressive landscapes, excellent birding and game viewing. A Dark Sky Sanctuary unpolluted skies deliver a spectacular display of stars on dark nights and the full moon is also a wonder to behold.

DAY 4 Our final day is dawning and after breakfast we depart !Xaus Lodge for the return journey to Upington. The second biggest town in the province, Upington is a contrasting sight of lush emerald green vineyards against the starkness of the red semi desert. Ten percent of the country's vineyards are located in the Upington region, which is home to the award-winning Orange River Cellars, the second largest co-operative cellar

in the world. We stop by the Tasting Room for lunch and wine tasting experience before heading back to Upington Airport for our return flight to Cape Town or Johannesburg.

WILDLIFE, CULTURE AND PAMPERING 6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

Discover the Ancient Wisdom of the Kalahari through her people, culture and touch. Take a break from the world and discover the relaxing side of Africa, get in touch with nature and rejuvenate your body and soul"

DAY 1&2 Arrive at Upington Airport and depart for Tutwa Lodge on the border of the Augrabies National Park. In the heart of the barren Green Kalahari lies an oasis of tranquil luxury. Tutwa Lodge is a serene sanctuary on the banks of the mighty Orange River and offers fly-fishing, kayaking, guided game walks and drives and excellent bird watching.

DAY 3 We have an early departure for our visit to Riemvasmaak and the Augrabies National Park and Waterfall. The Khoi people called it 'Aukoerebis', or place of Great Noise, as this powerful flow of water is unleashed from rocky surroundings characterised by the 18km abyss of the Orange River Gorge. After lunch we depart for Riemvasmaak and their famed Hot Springs, carved out of the earth by volcanic eruptions millions of years ago.

Our overnight stay is in Kakamas where we will enjoy the local delicacies including our authentic "Kalahari Sushi".

DAY 4 After breakfast we will explore the local wine and brandy cellars, stop at the local "Padstalle" or road shops before arriving at Kanoneiland, our overnight stop. Kanoneiland is the largest inhabited river island in the world and features a vibrant community. Warm hospitality and excellent cuisine await you at the African Vineyard Guest House and Spa. Check in and explore the island on foot and the glorious sunset across the vineyards.

DAY 5 After a leisurely breakfast it is time for your special full day Vineyard Spa Kalahari Journey or the River Dance Journey. Each experience promises blissful relaxation as you unwind, allowing the ancient secrets of the desert through the skilled touch of the therapist to lead you on a path of pure indulgence.

Treatment journeys can be enjoyed amongst the trees on the banks of the river at the outdoor spa or at the indoor spa.



DAY 6 After a leisurely breakfast we head back to Upington Airport for your flight either to Cape Town or Johannesburg or the start of your meeting.

CAPE TO NAMIBIA VIA THE NORTHERN CAPE 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

For those travelling from Cape Town to Namibia this is a good opportunity to explore some of the Northern Cape. The N7 meanders away from Cape Town along the N7 through the Northern Cape to Namibia visitors will encounter quant Northern Cape towns which capture the Nama heritage of the province. Slow down and appreciate the unique stories of the people of Garies, Kamieskroon, Springbok, Okiep, Steinkopf and Vioolsdrift. During spring time, visitors can experience the floral kaleidoscope of the Namakwa floral season. It could also be a 6 day experience from Cape Town back to Cape Town.

DAY 1 Depart Cape Town and wind your way to Garies, good lunch stop. After lunch we continue on our way to Kamieskroon and the Namaqua National Park our first overnight stop. Enjoy a quiet sunset walk to stretch your legs. As if by magic a tapestry of brilliant colours unfold enticingly along the winding roads of the Namaqua National Park. Butterflies, birds and long-tongued flies dart around among the flowers, seemingly overwhelmed by the abundance and diversity. During early August and September, seemingly overnight, the dusty valleys of Namaqualand are transformed into a wonderland, carpeted with wildflowers. With its winter rainfall, Namaqualand is home to the richest bulb flora of any arid region in the world and more than a 1 000 of its estimated 3 500 plant species are found nowhere else on earth.

During the flower season (August and September) a great option of overnight options are at the luxury tented flower camps in the Namaqualand Nation Park our overnight stop tonite is at Skilpad Flower Camp

DAY 2 We are travelling to Kamieskroon to meet our guide for a guided Nama Herder experience. Before returning back to the Park.

DAY 3 After an early morning drive through the park we head towards Springbokl After breakfast do visit the Goegap nature Reserve, (18km from Okiep) featuring 600 indigenous flowers, 45 mammal species and 94 bird species.

Return back to Okiep Country hotel for dinner and overnight

DAY 4 After breakfast we leave for the Richtersveld World Heritage Site for a day tour and visit to rich botanical region. Part of the area is inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List due to its ancient cultural heritage of the Nama people. Kaycking trip on the Orange River. They offer ½ to full day to multi day river safaris depending on your time available.

DAY 5 Today we cross over Vioolsdrift to continue your journey to Namibia or alternatively we head back towards Cape Time via the coast.

DAY 6 After breakfast travel take the R382 towards Port Nolloth on the Atlantic Ocean – 147km drive along a scenic mountain pass. This is a popular boating, fishing and crayfishing spot and an ideal place for lunch. Stop over at Komagas, Okiep and Nabapeep on your way back to Springbok or return via the diamond coast with its unique beauty and mystique and visit the coastal town of Klein Zee to visit the Cape Fur Seal Colony and Museum. Overnight at Noup.

DAY 7 Full day shipwreck tour and overnight at Noup.

DAY 8 Return to Cape town via N7.

MICRO TRAVEL ITINERARIES

Easy add on options for a weekend or 3 nights / 4 day extensions from Cape Town to the Northern

NORTHERN CAPE SUTHERLAND HISTORY, ADVENTURE AND STARGAZING FOR THE FAMILY 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

A mere 4 hour drive from Cape Town brings one to an iconic Northern Cape destination. Sutherland is a small Karoo town, famous for its warm hospitality, snowy winters, starlit nights and dramatic landscapes. Fascinating history, 3millions to date and numerous outdoor activities make it a Bucket List Experience for families.

DAY 1 Depart Cape Town for Sutherland by car. Arrive and check into Accommodation and Lunch before departing on an exploratory trip to the SALT for a guided tour of the observatory. Take a peek into the greater universe at the South African Astronomical Observatory, the largest telescope of its kind in the world. After dinner we visit Sterland for an unforgettable stargazing experience. You'll see Jupiter and its moons, Saturn and it rings among other amazing celestial bodies, Sutherland is world renowned among astronomers for it crystal clear night skies year round where you will see stars like you have never seen them before.

DAY 2&3 Start your day with an early morning walk, hike, bike ride or run and watch as the sun rise across the Karoo's lonely landscape. Imagine the landscape alive with animals such as Pareiasaurus and Dinosaurs as they lumbered, grazed and fought in its primeval marshlands and rivers. After breakfast we discover the younger history of the town. The guided walking tour will take you past most of the architecturally prominent buildings including the home of the iconic writing family, van Wyk Louw and the Groote Kerk dating back to 1870's and oldest church in the hinterland. It was occupied during the Anglo Boer War for 3 years.

Next we visit the newest addition to Sutherland, the Sutherland planetarium for a sky tour and a sun viewing tour. It is the latest and only privately-owned Digital Planetarium in South Africa.

A quick stop at the local butcher to stock up on the best of Karoo lamb and other delicacies before heading to Blesfontein. The farm offers self-catering farm-stays, with guided horse trails and walks, mountain biking, swimming, birdwatching and botanical walks. Sunsets over the escarpment is a "must do" experience. The vast valley of the Tankwa enfolds before you to the south, the high peaks of the Cedererg to the west and to the east is the Roggeveldberg, all seemingly stretching to infinity.

DAY 4 After breakfast head back to Sutherland for a quick stop at Sterland for a fossil and botanical guided tour before heading back to Cape Town on the N1.

note It is advisable to have a 4x4 or least 2x4 vehicle when visiting Blesfontein.

EXPLORE THE GALACTICAL, HISTORICAL AND NATURAL WONDERS OF SUTHERLAND 3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS

Explore, Learn, Relax. Breathe. Awaken your senses.

DAY 1 Depart Cape Town for Sutherland. Arrive and check into your accommodation at Rogge Cloof situated on the outskirts of Sutherland. Dating back to 1756 the old farm has been transformed to a dark sky and biosphere reserve. Located at an altitude of between 1400 to 1700 metres, Rogge Cloof hosts magnificent clear skies and expansive plains. Midafternoon we depart on a guided game and fossil filed drive. The Rogge Cloof Permian Age Fossil Field features an area of at least 1500 square meters and is a spectacular sight. Imagine the landscape alive with animals such as Pareiasaurus and Dinosaurs as they lumbered, grazed and fought in its primeval marshlands and rivers.

We end our first day with dinner served in the authentically restored historic farmhouse, dating back to the late 1700's, it has been lovingly turned into a great dining hall reminiscent of the Middle Ages.

DAY 2 We start the morning with a hike to the Salpeterkop Volcano It is an extinct volcano, the most southern and presumably the last volcano in South Africa to have been active. Explore the natural caves and discover traces of not only the Khoisan people, but the remains of lions, eland and the extinct brown hyena.

After a leisurely brunch we head to the town of Sutherland for a quick guided town walk and visit to the only private planetarium in South Africa before heading to SALT for a guided tour. Take a peek into the greater universe at the South African Astronomical Observatory, the largest telescope of its kind in the world.

We head back to Rogge Cloof for an afternoon of winetasting, dinner and stargazing. The Plains at Rogge Cloof is situated in the Sutherland Dark Sky Reserve and has rightly earned the name 'Star Plains', a spectacular and a truly unique stargazing experience.

DAY 3 Our Sutherland experience has come to an end and after a delicious breakfast we head back to Cape Town via Sterland for a short botanical tour.

note Note: Rogge Cloof offers all-inclusive packages or self-catering options.

