



## SKELETON COAST & SAFARI

11 days/10 nights in Namibia and Botswana

*“We loved this camp and the whole experience of its desolate beauty, the remarkable culture of the Himba people and the thrill of seeing the extremely rare desert elephant.”*

The northern reaches of the Skeleton Coast is one of our planet’s most beautiful places and hosts one of our favorite photo safaris. This is a safari that will rival anything in Africa for adventurous travelers who enjoy the excitement of wild and remote places. After your safari experience in Namibia we transfer you to the Okavango Delta, Botswana, one of the finest game viewing destinations in all of Africa.

- 2 nights Hotel Heinitzburg on a Bed and Breakfast basis. The first Namibian hotel to join the Relais & Chateaux group offers luxury rooms, an excellent restaurant and comprehensive wine cellar.
- 4 nights at the Skeleton Coast Camp, Namibia on a fully inclusive basis. The six luxury tented rooms are raised on wooden decks with en suite bathrooms. The rooms are attractively furnished incorporating locally found natural materials. In fair weather you will dine under an ancient leadwood tree, around the camp fire beneath the stars.
- 2 nights at Duba Plains, Okavango Delta, Botswana on a fully inclusive basis. Guests receive a highly personalized experience as this small and intimate camp accommodates only twelve guests. Each of the six large tented rooms has an en suite bathroom and a veranda overlooking the floodplain.



- 2 nights at Xigera Camp on a fully inclusive basis. Located on “Paradise Island” this is one of the Okavango’s best kept secrets. The camp accommodates a maximum of sixteen guests in superb and comfortably furnished tented rooms. En suite bathrooms indoors have showers. The rooms are built within a shady grove and overlook a floodplain and waterhole which is often teeming with Red Lechwe and other animals.



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The Skeleton Coast is a remarkable place – teeming fishing grounds have lured many a vessel to its doom on its ever shifting coastline, it is home to huge colonies of seals, springbok and Oryx, a geologists dream and stunningly beautiful.

“The Rangers here are among the most knowledgeable and enthusiastic we have ever met.”

We will meet you upon arrival at Windhoek airport and transfer you to the Hotel Heinitsburg where you spend one night.

The next day you will take the charter flight to the Skeleton Coast Camp where 660,000 acres of National Park has been set aside as an exclusive safari experience for those who want to really get away! It is wild, desolate and uninhabited - and stunningly beautiful.

This area has everything...from soaring sand dunes that roar; vast, pastel colored plains; towering canyons and mountains; saltpans to seal colonies and shipwrecks. Add to that the game viewing! Freshwater springs permeate the barren sands to create rare oases in the desert that sustain pockets of wildlife – Springbok, Gemsbok (Oryx), the rare Desert Elephant, Cape Fur Seals, Brown Hyena, Jackal, Ostrich and occasionally even Cheetah. You will also visit Himba settlements for an incredible cultural experience.

You spend four nights here before returning for a night at the Hotel Heinitsburg and then on to Botswana and the magnificent Okavango Delta.

In the Delta you will enjoy two nights at Duba Plains and two at Xigera Camp

Duba Plains is one of the Delta’s most remote camps and offers thrilling wildlife sightings as thousands of buffalo are hunted almost daily by up to four different prides of lions and often the hunting is during the day - so one gets great photo opportunities. (We met the internationally famous wildlife photographer Daryl Balfour here) Leopards are found on the forested islands and birding “specials” like wattled crane and slaty egret are often seen.

Xigera is one of the Okavango’s best kept secrets. With permanent water Xigera offers mekoros and boating trips and foot safaris in total privacy. This is one of the nicest camps we have ever visited, very quiet, relaxed and extremely comfortable.

“The view from our “tent” was out of this world. In the afternoon we relaxed on our balcony and saw the Lechwe playing, in the evening a hyena strolled across the bridge and at night we watched as hippo wandered through camp – incredible!”

### PRICES:

From \$6,445. All prices are per person, double occupancy and subject to availability; change; holiday/seasonal supplements; and any restrictions that may apply.

Single supplement on request.

### INCLUDED:

Round-trip international airfare from Houston. All activities as normally offered by the camps and lodges. All meals while on safari.

### NOT INCLUDED:

Any items of a personal nature, such as gratuities, meals not specifically included in the detailed itinerary, gifts, telephone calls and similar expenses. Passports and visas. Travel insurance.

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