

Kanaan Route for Photographers

This itinerary and route is customised to insure that all the photographic highlights are incorporated into a schedule that insures ample time during the golden hours for the serious photographer.

The daily schedule will include early wake-up calls with a quick coffee/tea and some rusks and then straight off to photograph the specific area or attraction of the day and to return for a late breakfast around 09h30 each morning. Every day we will arrive at the next camp area/ attraction by lunch or late lunch time. While staff setup camp, Guests will have ample time to edit pictures or take an afternoon nap ready for the late afternoon golden hour. We will always camp within close proximity to each attraction.

Tour Summary:

Duration: 8days

Highlights: x3 Desert Biomes, Dunes & Sea, Witberg/Sossusvlei Unseen, Abandoned Structures, Shipwrecks

Basis Available: Fly, Camp & Permanent Tented Camp, Coop Adventure or on standard self-drive basis

Itinerary & schedule:

Day 0:

Highlight: CLASSIC SOUTHERN NAMIBIA

We rendezvous at about 17h00 in the deep south of Namibia and sleep over at the Betta Camp site, owned by Henry Vermeulen. The facilities offer decent bungalows and campsites that sport hot water and adequate ablutions. Here we will do a big braai at the Lapa and have a general briefing with the group informing them of what to expect and also hand out a short schedule description whereby they can prep for each day's photography setup as per the highlights. We hit the sack early as the next morning will be early rising to catch the best opportunity at the park entrance.

Day 1:

Highlight: RED SANDS, DESERT PLANES, GRANITE VISTAS

Wakeup call is at 05h0 with an early breakfast and set off from Betta to the Kanaan entrance gate which is 70km South West of Betta, we should enter the Park at approximately sunrise, here we can take some sunrise shots, however, the best spot is still half an hour's drive down the planes as illustrated by the picture. The first day is fairly laid back driving and game viewing, such as Oryx and Springbuck, some Ostrich and if we're lucky maybe a Leopard. We will setup camp at a place called GK Camp which overlooks these magnificent planes with granite inselbergs and dunes on the horizon, we will be at camp around lunchtime and guest's can explore the area on foot to their hearts delight.



Day 2:

Highlight: WITBERG VISTAS

The early bird catches the worm, the guest's can explore further on foot and return for a warm breakfast at 07h30. Within the first hour of driving we'll enter the dunes and start introducing everybody to a new biome. The first three hours are slightly uncomfortable, as we rock & roll through the grass mounds, thereafter its clean dune driving. We'll be making regular stops to take photos and to get refreshments. We'll be setting up camp early again at Witberg, an unforgettable sight, and exclusive to our concession, Witberg lies just west of Sossusvlei and only a handful of extreme local photographers have had the opportunity to photograph this unique landscape by actually hiking a full two days from Sossusvlei.



Day 3:

Highlight: DUNES, SAND & SEA

On this day, after breakfast we won't cover much photography over the sea of sand as we make our way to the coast and our Desert Oasis Camp at Meob Bay. Here we shake-off the past days desert living with 2 hot water showers, 2 luxury toilets and a kitchen with a boma large enough to cater for 30 people. For those that are in need of some pampering we have recently also added our tented camp. There is power and the guest's can recharge equipment and get some editing done or simply relax a bit until we head of to the "Groot Langewand" where the dunes simply drop into the ocean. Guest's have the opportunity to photograph a true sand and sea landscape, after Sunset we return to Camp for a feast.



Day 4:

Highlight: MEOB WHALING STATION

We have an early morning breakfast and head out just before sunrise as we take a round tour of the nearby Fishersbrun and deserted Whaling station. We first cut inland and then return over isolated planes to the coast visiting old abandoned colonial attractions. We have lunch on the beach and return to camp by mid afternoon. Late afternoon we drive into the towering dunes behind the camp for some spectacular dune photography and refreshing sundowners.



Day 5:

Highlight: LEEUKOP & MINING TOWNS

We have a whole hearted breakfast at 07h30. Thereafter we get our gear sorted and once we have the vehicles packed we depart back to the planes to spend the day visiting the larger collection of abandoned mining towns. Our next camp is at a very unique place called Leeukop which is situated in close proximity to the mining towns. Leeukop itself is also very spectacular and Guest's can once again roam free during the sunset hours enjoying the vistas from this camp location.



Day 6:

Highlight: ABANDONED MINING TOWNS

From Leeukop we depart early morning and cross the last of the planes back to the coastline, where we make our way through the dunes to have lunch and setup camp close to the Edward Bohlen shipwreck. This is the icon shipwreck of the Skeleton Coast and all desert tours always pass it during mid-day, but we will be afforded a sunset and sunrise opportunity to spend ample time with it and photograph this magnificent desert shipwreck.

Day 7:

Highlight: EDWARD BOHLEN SHIPWRECK

After an early morning with the Edward Bohlen we do a late breakfast and take an easy morning's drive up the coast on the beach to the spectacular Sandwich harbour, visiting the Shaunee Shipwreck enroute. Under normal circumstances one can only visit the northern point of this World Heritage Site but we will be camping our last evening in the larger lagoon area. We will set up camp early and Guest's will be able to explore this amazing place to their hearts delight until sunset and sunrise the next morning.



Day 8:

Highlight: SANDWICH HARBOUR

This is our last morning and after Guests have taken their last shots of Sandwich harbour we have breakfast and drive towards Walvisbay. It will be easy going with ample photo opportunities on the way out to civilisation again. We should reach Walvis Bay for an early lunch and this can be done at one of the many restaurants available.

