

FORTH & WONDER
LUXURY TRAVEL DESIGNERS

NAMIBIA
PHOTOGRAPHIC
FLYING SAFARI

Hosted by Andrea Francolini

1-10 MARCH 2020

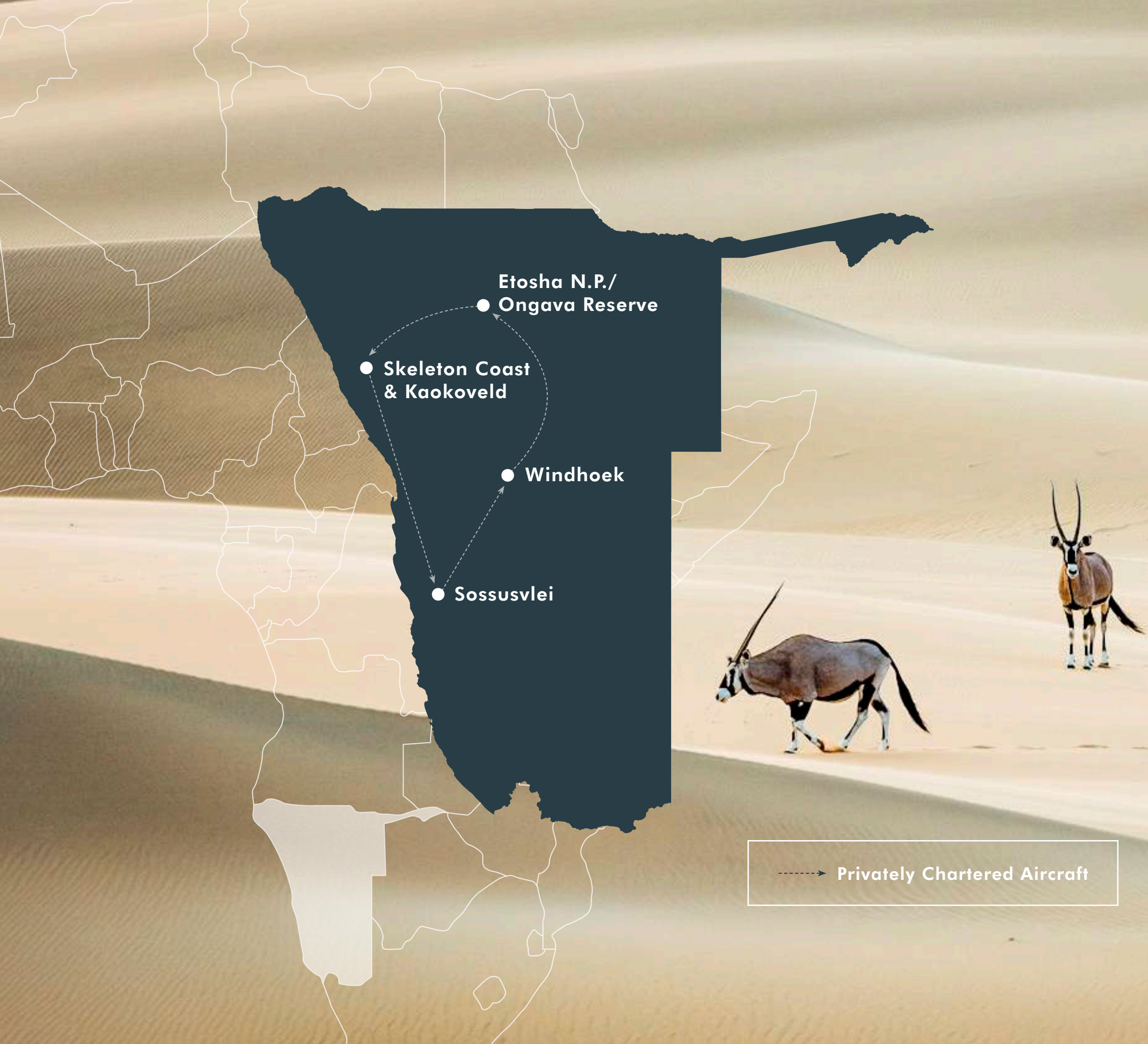



The ultimate Africa safari for lovers of photography, landscapes and wildlife.

A pervasive stillness fills the Namib Desert like nowhere else on earth. Your senses are sharpened, camera is at the ready. It won't be long before your shutter is madly clicking to capture the extraordinary wildlife and otherworldly landscapes.

Join photographer, Andrea Francolini, on a journey through the extraordinary country of Namibia. Staying at the country's most luxurious camps and lodges, flying directly from one location to the next, this is the ultimate safari for lovers of photography and wildlife.

Maximum 14 guests



 Privately Chartered Aircraft



JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- » Wildlife safari in Etosha National Park & Ongava Reserve
- » Skeleton Coast – desert adapted wildlife, marine mammals & shipwrecks
- » Sossusvlei Desert – glowing red sand dunes, desert wilderness & wildlife
- » Exclusive boutique luxury lodges
- » Direct flights aboard privately chartered aircraft – saving you time & providing opportunities for aerial viewing
- » Intimate group size (max 14), ensuring personalised attention & uninterrupted game viewing
- » Remarkable wildlife and landscape photography with advice from a professional photographer
- » Non photographers are very welcome. You will be provided with alternative activities and wildlife safaris



INCLUSIONS

- » Private air travel within Namibia
- » Luxury accommodation
- » All meals including gourmet cuisine
- » Drinks – including wine & local spirits – at safari lodges (excluding premium beverages)
- » Guided safaris (open 4WD & walking)
- » All airport transfers in Namibia
- » Personal, professional photographic advice

AU \$15,900 per person, sharing

We can help you arrange flights from your home city to Namibia. We can also assist with other arrangements in Africa and beyond – just ask.

Exclusions: International flights, travel insurance, visas, gratuities, optional activities.



YOUR JOURNEY

Day 1

Arrive Namibia

SUNDAY 1 MARCH

Arrive into the Namibian capital, Windhoek, where you'll be met and driven to the luxurious Olive Exclusive Hotel. Walk into your spacious suite, with its own lounge and fireplace, and unwind after your flight. This evening join your host, Andrea Francolini, and fellow travellers for dinner at your hotel. *(Lunch at own expense.)*

Day 2

Etosha N.P. & Ongava Reserve

MONDAY 2 MARCH

Board your private aircraft for a short flight to Ongava Tented Camp, within a private reserve and close to Etosha National Park.

This afternoon have your cameras ready as you embark on your first game drive. Keep an eye out for the resident rhino population and the more elusive lion as you explore the uncrowded area within the private Ongava Reserve.

This evening come together for our first dinner in the African bush.



Days 3+4

Etosha N.P. & Ongava Reserve

TUESDAY 3 & WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH

There are plenty of options over the next two days. Take a guided walking safari. Head out on a 4WD adventure with your guide to Etosha National Park, which contains some of Africa's best opportunities for game viewing.

Leave time for staking out your place at one of the lodge's photographic hides, patiently waiting for that perfect shot. And one evening we recommend taking a night time 4WD safari, watching out for the stealthy cats stalking unsuspecting prey.

Indulge with a pre dinner cocktail before a wonderful dinner upon the open deck at Ongava. All meals and drinks are included – and the service is impeccable.

Day 5

Skeleton Coast & Kaokoveld

THURSDAY 5 MARCH

Namibia is full of moody, desolate landscapes, void of human activity – none more so than the remote Kaokoveld region, which you reach today by private plane. Your home for the next three nights is the remote and luxurious Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp.

Arrive in time for lunch overlooking the alluring arid desert landscapes. Take a refreshing dip in the pool before you choose from an afternoon or evening game drive, in search of the surprisingly plentiful desert adapted wildlife including elephant, giraffe, lion and brown hyena.

As on every other day, your photographic host, Andrea, is on hand to provide expert tips.



Days 6+7

Skeleton Coast & Kaokoveld

FRIDAY 6 & SATURDAY 7 MARCH

Over the next two days you'll have ample opportunities to explore the local area including dry river beds and intriguing landscapes through guided walks and 4WD safari expeditions. Encounter the animals of this isolated region and marvel at their ability to adapt to desert life.

On one of the days you will have the opportunity to take a full day trip to the Skeleton Coast, filled with the noise of Cape fur seals and countless shipwrecks.

As the only people at this luxury tented camp your desert experience will be intimate.

Day 8

Sossusvlei

SUNDAY 8 MARCH

Another flight by private aircraft allows you the opportunity to capture the diverse landscapes below.

Landing directly on the airstrip of our lodge means no time is wasted in getting out to explore the area – or even just taking time to unwind in luxury at the recently reopened Sossusvlei Desert Lodge.

Nestled into the Namib Desert the lodge offers complete serenity and seclusion overlooking the awe inspiring dunes. This is a place to reconnect with nature, completely removed from the hustle and bustle of regular life.

An extraordinary clarity of light lends itself to unusual photographic opportunities and a resident astronomer staffs the lodge's world class observatory.

Before dinner enjoy pre dinner drinks around the waterhole, watching the animals come for their own nightcap.



Day 9

Sossusvlei

MONDAY 9 MARCH

A world of vast spaces, boundless horizons and rugged mountains make this area one of Africa's most compelling landscapes.

Your choices today seem as endless as the undulating dunes themselves. Of course a 4WD trip into the dunes is a must but what about a quad bike excursion (conditions permitting)? Join a guide for a walk to view the San rock paintings. For a truly remarkable view, take to the skies in a hot air balloon (additional cost). Or head out for one final game drive.

This evening we come together for a special farewell dinner. Don't forget to exchange email addresses with newfound friends, there's bound to be a lot of photo sharing when you return home.

Day 10

Depart Namibia

TUESDAY 10 MARCH

Meals at Sossusvlei Desert Lodge are always a highlight, whether it's the fine cuisine or the maître d' finding you a secluded magical location. You'll have one more chance to savour the flavours over breakfast before you transfer via private aircraft to Windhoek airport and your connecting onward flights. Return home or speak to us about options to continue your Africa adventure.

Please note – the itinerary is a guide only, daily activities may change according to your desires or local operation needs. Safari drives are expeditionary in nature and, while highly likely, wildlife sightings are not guaranteed.



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ACCOMMODATION

1. The Olive Exclusive
2. Ongava Tented Camp
3. Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp
4. Sossusvlei Desert Lodge



What you'll need:

- » A DSLR Camera with lens/lenses
- » Spare batteries, there will be a long days with plenty of shooting
- » A tripod
- » Remote shutter release
- » Lens filters (if you have them)
- » Decent walking shoes
- » Loose fitting clothing and wet weather gear

What can you photograph?

- » Endless wildlife photographic opportunities
- » Extraordinary scenery & diverse topography
- » Remote desert landscapes
- » Stunning red sand dunes of Sossusvlei
- » Salt pans at Etosha NP
- » Night skies that stretch forever including Sossusvlei's 'Dark Sky Reserve'
- » Sublime sunsets across the plains
- » Aerial viewing aboard the private planes

What about non photographers?

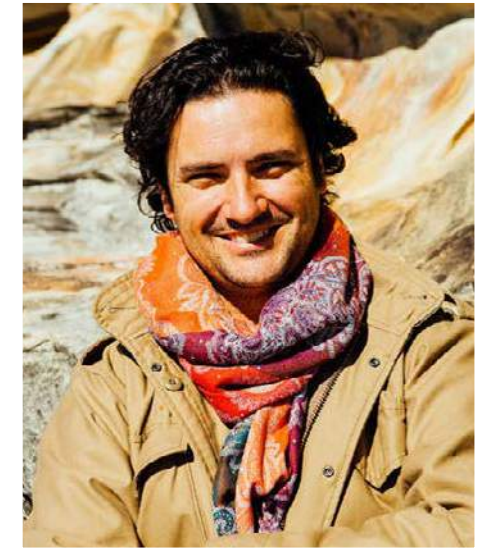
Namibia encapsulates the wildlife, adventure and spirit of Africa within the one country. Whether you're a keen photographer or simply someone who loves to travel, Namibia has so much to offer.

We understand that people travelling together have different preferences – one person may wish to wake early and capture the sunrise, the other person may prefer a mid afternoon spa treatment. This journey offers plenty of choice to please the photographer and the non photographer who share a love of travel and a spirit for adventure.

Ask us for specific details for non photographers.



Andrea Francolini
PHOTOGRAPHY



A PHOTOGRAPHIC ADVENTURE

Andrea Francolini

Andrea is an Italian born photographer who has lived in Sydney for almost 20 years – and he’s been a professional photographer for almost as long. Your journey with Andrea begins even before you depart, with Andrea providing tips and quick lessons in how to capture the perfect travel photo. While you are away Andrea will provide instruction on how to make minor adjustments to change your image without making it look overly fake or filtered. Over the course of the trip, you’ll find yourself beginning to develop and hone your own photographic style – something that you will continue to use throughout your travels and life generally.



FORTH & WONDER

Born out of a passion for travel in Africa, Forth & Wonder are true Africa experts. We specialise in handcrafted luxury journeys and safaris throughout the continent.

AFRICA EXPERT

We're a small and passionate team who live and breathe Africa. You'll find our deep love of these regions contagious. Our professional enthusiasm is backed by on the ground experience so you can relax and enjoy the anticipation as much as the journey.

IATA ACCREDITED

We are IATA accredited, which ensures your peace of mind and our integrity. We are also 100% independent, meaning you receive completely unbiased travel advice.

TAILOR MADE

We design travel experiences that are as unique as you are. We highly recommend you consider extending your time in Africa. Speak to us about where else you can go and what else you can experience within this extraordinary continent.



Are you ready for the journey of a lifetime?

Get in touch with our team today.

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