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## TRIP NOTES



### Family Namibian Adventure (FNW 2017)



TRIPDURATION  
**13**  
DAYS



**Tour Style:** Classic

**Tour Pace:** Full On

**Tour Type:** Small Groups

**Accommodation**

**Grade:** Standard

**Trip Code:** FNW

#### Trip Highlights - Family Namibian Adventure

- ✓ Sossusvlei - The world's highest sand dunes.
- ✓ Etosha - Abundant wildlife from comfortable lodges within the park.
- ✓ Damaraland - Ancient Bushmen rock art and the Himba people.
- ✓ Swakopmund - A charming coastal town where we kayak and cycle

#### Trip Essentials

**Accommodation:** 2 nights Standard Hotel

1 night Premium Lodge

2 nights Standard Cabins

2 nights Standard Guesthouse

5 nights Standard Lodge

**Included Meals:** 12 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 5 dinners

**Start Point:** Join trip: Windhoek

**End Point:** Trip ends: Windhoek

**Transport:** Truck, On Foot

**Countries:** Namibia

**Minimum Age:** From 11 years

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# Namibia Cheetah Safari

We explore the dramatic canyons, towering sand dunes and magnificent wildlife parks of the Namib landscape as well as get the chance to meet the San Bushman, learning about their culture and way of life. There is a cooking lesson in the wilderness and we have a 'living desert' excursion. Staying in a range of lodges, chalets and guesthouses along the route, we track elephant, rhino and lion through the Etosha National Park. As well as visiting a cheetah conservation centre, we explore Swakopmund where we kayak along the Atlantic coast and cycle around the town.

## Why Book this trip

This adventure is perfect for families who want to discover an African country that is off the beaten track. The trip offers a fascinating journey through Namibia offering inspiring landscape of the oldest desert on the planet. The Namib Desert and Skeleton Coast are worth a visit by themselves and by combining this with a living desert our and National parks, this is an incredible adventure.

## Suitability

We've given each of our tours a comfort rating and a tour pace, walking or cycling grade to give you a general idea about the level of activity on each tour and the standard of accommodation you will be staying in at the end of your day's adventure.

Often you'll stay in different styles of accommodation during your tour; so we make an average rating across the entire tour. For more information on where you'll stay each night, please refer to the day by day tour itinerary.

## Accommodation Grade: Standard

Our mid-range accommodation offers a good level of service often with other amenities such as a restaurant, bar, garden or swimming pool. Generally rooms will be comfortable with en-suite facilities.

## Tour Style: Classic

Packed with adventure, these tours offer inspiring destinations and authentic travel experiences at a reasonable price. Using all kinds of transport and accommodation, we'll take you off the beaten track to discover the true heart of the people and places you visit.

## Tour Pace: Full On

These fast paced tours move on quickly from place to place and with lots of early starts and long busy days, they're packed with experiences.

# Your trip itinerary

## Tour itinerary notes

While our intention is to adhere to the day-by-day itinerary as printed below, a degree of flexibility is built in. Overnight stops may vary from those suggested.

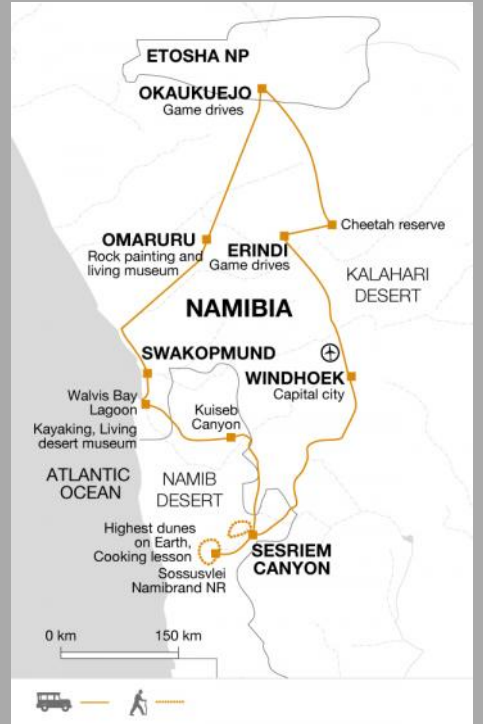
## Your Tour Leader

A Tour Leader is an integral part of any Explore tour and your tour will be led by one of our experienced Tour Leaders who have been handpicked and expertly trained. We believe that our Tour Leaders are the key to the success of our tours; they are passionate travellers who are bursting with first-hand local knowledge which they love to share. Your Tour Leader will also take care of all the planning and organisation throughout your journey. Their passionate approach will make this tour fun and inspiring, bringing the destination to life whether you're travelling alone or with others.

## DAY 1 Join trip in Windhoek

Arrive Windhoek and check into hotel. Windhoek architecture is styled on a German design, a lasting reminder of Namibia's early colonial history. There is some free time today for sightseeing with the opportunity to visit the National Museum.

Overnight: **Standard Hotel**




 **Included Meals:** None

## DAY 2 Drive to Erindi Private Game Reserve and afternoon game drive

The Erindi area used to be a cattle farm and unfortunately its cattle caused some damage to the natural vegetation. However, Gert Joubert and his nephew Paul bought the farm and started to phase out cattle farming and replaced this with numerous species of wildlife and in 2007, it was approved as a nature conservation venture. Over the years Erindi has successfully transformed itself into an eco-tourism and conservation venture with specific programs established to rehabilitate both the land and animals that live in the reserve which include wildebeest, elephant, springbok, lion and even armadillo and monitor lizards. This afternoon, the included game drive roams through the reserve with a qualified and knowledgeable guide in the comfort of an open 4x4 vehicle.

Overnight: **Premium Lodge**

 **Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 3 Travel to the famous Etosha National Park via the Cheetah Conservation Fund

We drive to the world renowned Etosha National Park today, visiting the Cheetah Conservation Fund en route. Namibia has the largest population of wild cheetahs in the world and today at the CCF we'll spend time learning about the world's fastest land animal (which can reach speeds of up to 112 km) and meet a few of the residents. This is an internationally recognised centre of excellence in research and education on cheetahs and our visit allows us to understand more about these beautiful cats. Etosha is the country's prime wildlife location and home to the largest variety of mammals and birds in Namibia. Etosha means the 'great white area' which refers to the large dried pan in the middle of the park. It is believed that the pan was formed over 100 million years ago and is 130 km's long and up to 50 kms wide (the pan covers almost a quarter of the entire park) and can even be seen from space! Reaching to our base in the afternoon for a dusk game drive, we check-in for two nights in Okaukuejo which is one of only three rest camps in the park.

Overnight: **Standard Cabins**

**Swimming Pool Available** 

 **Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 4 Game drives in Etosha National Park, elephant, rhino, lion and leopard

Etosha National Park is an immense saline desert, and our game drives take us from dense bush to large open plains where animals roam freely. We travel along the network of gravel roads that criss-cross the park, visiting viewpoints and the permanent waterholes around which animals congregate. We hopefully will see four of the Big 5 that live in the area. Elephants and lions are common in the park, while the elusive leopard hides in densely vegetated areas but it is the endangered black rhinos, which draw the most interest. The numerous waterholes scattered around the park are probably among the best places in the world to see this precious animal along with the plains which are home to large herds of springbok and zebra, all of which give a wonderful backdrop to game viewing in a unique place.

Overnight: **Standard Cabins**


**Swimming Pool Available** 

 **Included Meals:** Breakfast

## DAY 5 Drive to Omaruru to view ancient rock paintings and enjoy the local art scene

In the Otjiherero language of the local Herero people, the name Omaruru means 'bitter milk', probably because the local cows ate a local bush with gave their milk a slightly bitter taste. The Herero migrated from east African arriving in Namibia about 350 years ago. Traditionally, Omaruru has been an important centre for the Herero people for trading cattle and game but in the last decade, the town has now also become a haven for artists. We see the San Bushmen paintings and engravings at Twyfelfontein which contains a spectacular record of the rock art of the Khoisan people, painted and incised into the sandstone of the mountain over a thousand years. The afternoon is left free to visit the local museum or the Sand Dragon restaurant (art centre and restaurant).

Overnight: **Standard Guesthouse**

 **Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner


## DAY 6 Visit a living museum of the San Bushmen

We visit a living museum today which explains how the San Bushmen people have lived off the land for many years as well as explaining their culture, rock paintings and how they used to hunt. They were driven out of this area a long time ago but the museum, which is entirely run by the San Bushmen themselves, gives them the opportunity to make a living by showing visitors their ancestral history and way of life, giving an interesting insight into the their hunter-gatherer culture and traditions. There is a demonstration given by the San Bushmen on how they used to hunt and we walk alongside them as they explain and show these techniques.

Overnight: **Standard Guesthouse**

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 **Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY **7** Drive to the Atlantic coast and Swakopmund via the granite peaks of Spitzkoppe and Cape Seal Reserve

Today we travel to the coast via Spitzkoppe, a group of bare granite peaks located between Usakos and Swakopmund in the Namib Desert. The granite is more than 120 million years old and the highest outcrop dramatically rises 1,784 meters above the flat surrounding plains. We also visit the world's largest breeding colony of Cape fur seals when we stop at Cape Seal Reserve along the coast. We can walk along the edge of the colony and learn more about these captivating creatures and the intriguing history of Cape Cross.

Overnight: **Standard Lodge**

**Swimming Pool Available** 

 **Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

DAY **8** Kayak in Walvis Bay with afternoon free for optionals

We spend the morning kayaking around Walvis Bay (no experience required) which is a natural deep water harbour protected by the Pelican Point peninsula along the Skeleton Coast. As you kayak along the bay, you will see the sand dunes, birdlife and even an artificial island made from bird poo! If you are lucky, we may also have sighting of dolphins and seals that feed off the cool Benguela nutrient rich current, as well as flamingos or pelicans. The afternoon is free to relax on the beach or try out the numerous activities in Swakopmund such as dolphin, seal and whale cruise and mountain biking.

Overnight: **Standard Lodge**

**Swimming Pool Available** 

 **Included Meals:** Breakfast

DAY **9** Cycle trip of the town with free afternoon

This morning we cycle around Swakopmund which takes you around the streets of that contain Swakopmund's historic buildings and landmarks giving a flavour of why the town is a favourite place to visit and why it is considered to be one of the best-preserved colonial towns in Africa. The afternoon is left free to relax by the pool or discover the area further.

Overnight: **Standard Lodge**

**Swimming Pool Available** 


 **Included Meals:** Breakfast

DAY **10** Discover desert wildlife and its mysteries with an expert guide

We leave Swakopmund this morning and travel by the dunes outside Swakopmund. The local desert guide will show the hidden life in this apparently barren landscape with animals that are endemic to Namibia including the sidewinder (Peringuey's adder), the Palmato gecko with its transparent skin and beautiful colours as well as track the large Namaqua chameleon. We find out how the area's plants and small animals survive in this harsh climate including how they find water. Along the way, the guide explains the variety of dune colours and weather permitting, you will experience a 'roaring' dune as the sand actually produces sound!. We continue into the desert to our chalet accommodation where the Explore Leader teaches the group how to cook a meal in the desert.

Overnight: **Standard Lodge**

**Swimming Pool Available** 

 **Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY **11** Exploring Sossusvlei Dunes and Sesriem Canyon

Today, we drive into the Namib-Naukluft National Park, the largest nature reserve in Africa and travel down the Tsauchab Valley to Sossusvlei to watch the sun rise and cast its shadows over the red dunes. Sossusvlei has some of the world's most spectacular and highest sand dunes, including the incredibly photogenic 'Dune 45'. The area itself is a vast depression or clay pan towered over by sand dunes up to 300m high. In the early morning, the first rays of the sun light up the dunes with a deep orange glow - a photographer's delight. It is a wild, beautiful and romantic spot with sparse vegetation edging a few watercourses that flow in from the Tsauchab River. We'll also explore the cool passageways of the Sesriem Canyon on foot. A deep slash in the earth, the picturesque canyon is approximately 1km long and its shade offers shelter to numerous plants, while its water pools attract several species of birds and animals. Sesriem means 'six thongs'. This refers to the six lengths of rawhide rope needed to make a line long enough to lower from the rim of the gorge to the stream below, in order to haul up a bucket of water in days gone by.

Overnight: **Standard Lodge**

**Swimming Pool Available** 

 **Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

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## DAY 12 Drive to Windhoek with an afternoon city excursion

We spend the morning driving northeast through the Namib Desert and back to the capital, Windhoek, where we have a city excursion to discover the capital further including the historic landmark and Lutheran church of Christuskirche and Parliament Gardens as well as the streets of Mondesa Township with the opportunity to meet local tribes (Ovambo, Herero and Nama) and visit the market, local music and cuisine.

Overnight: **Standard Hotel**



**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 13 Trip ends after breakfast

Trip ends after breakfast in Windhoek



**Included Meals:** Breakfast

## Ability to swim required

An ability to swim is essential for your safe enjoyment of the water based activities on this trip. If you wish to participate in these activities then we insist that you are able to swim.

## Accommodation and Meals

### Food & Drink

Included meals: 12 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 5 dinners included in the price of this trip. Please be prepared to pay for non-included meals. Please note that costs for drinks and meals can vary depending on location.

## Budgeting for your Trip

You will need some extra money to cover meals and drinks not included in the trip price, any optional sightseeing, souvenirs and items of a personal nature such as laundry.

### Food

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

#### Namibia

**Lunch £:** 15.00

**Dinner £:** 20.00

### Drink

The prices for drinks can vary greatly depending upon location and the prices detailed below are an average guide. In general you would expect that drinks purchased in a supermarket or local bar to be less expensive, whilst drinks in an upmarket bar or restaurant may be more expensive.

#### Namibia

**Bottle of Beer £:** 1.50

**Water £:** 0.80

### Other Sightseeing & Activities

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations.

Please note: These activities are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

### Optional Excursions

Swakopmund - optional Township Tour (R 545.00) or Dolphin, Seal & Whale Cruise (R 725)



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## Tipping - Tour Leader

At your discretion you might also consider tipping your Tour Leader in appreciation of the efficiency and service you receive.

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## Tipping - Local Crew

Although entirely voluntary, tipping is a recognised part of life in this region of the world. Some local staff will look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided. Accordingly, you should allow £25 for tipping local crew and staff.

In order to make things easier for you, the Tour Leaders may organise a group's tips kitty and if this is the case, they will account for it throughout the tour.

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## Foreign Exchange

### Namibia

**ATM Availability:** Cash can be drawn on credit cards from ATM's in Windhoek and Swakopmund.

**Credit Card Acceptance:** Limited.

**Travellers Cheques:** Are difficult to exchange and should be used as back up

**Local Currency:** Namibian Dollar. South African Rand is legal tender in Namibia.

**Recommended Currency for Exchange:** USD are readily exchanged in Namibia and GBP to a lesser extent. Take your money in a combination of ATM cards and cash

**Where to Exchange:** On arrival.

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## Joining your Trip

### Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

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### Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found on our website at [www.explore.co.uk](http://www.explore.co.uk), in the tour specific dates and prices section.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer. For more information please refer to <https://www.explore.co.uk/transfers>.

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### Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer please refer to <https://www.explore.co.uk/transfers>.

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### Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

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## Important Information

### Travel Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

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## Travel Aware

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Advice follow the link at [www.explore.co.uk/travel-safety](http://www.explore.co.uk/travel-safety)

We strongly advise that you register with the FCO to receive updates to the travel advice for your chosen destination. A hard copy of the current FCO Travel Advice for your chosen destination is available by contacting [cr@explore.co.uk](mailto:cr@explore.co.uk) or 01252 379438.

## Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

## Visa Information

Namibia: Visas are not required by UK, Australian, New Zealand, US and Canadian citizens. Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office. Certain airlines require two consecutive blank pages in your passport for the entry stamp. Please check with your airlines in advance. When travelling via South Africa a machine readable passport is required.

Travel via South Africa (including transits): From 1st June 2015 South Africa will enforce new immigration regulations effecting all children aged under 18 years that are travelling to, from or via the country. The new laws state that parents and/or guardian maybe requested by the airline and/or South Africa immigration officers to provide additional documentation for each child they are travelling with. Please refer to the South African House website for full requirements: [http://southafricahouseuk.com/visas/vis\\_forcit.html](http://southafricahouseuk.com/visas/vis_forcit.html) and your airline for up to date requirements.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may consider applying through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See [www.travcour.com](http://www.travcour.com) to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on **0208 5431846**.

## Lone Parents

### Namibia

Single parents or other adults travelling alone with children should be aware that some countries require documentation confirming that the individual has authority to travel with the minor. It is crucial that you contact the relevant country embassy for further information on exactly what may be required.

## Vaccinations & Protection

### Namibia

Nothing compulsory, but we do recommend protection against malaria, hepatitis A, tetanus, typhoid and polio. Please note that all travellers aged over 9 months old that have travelled from or have transitted via a country with a risk of yellow fever transmission, will need to present a Yellow Fever certificate at immigration/borders in Namibia for inspection. Consult your travel clinic for latest advice on different prophylaxis available against malaria. Travellers may wish to immunise themselves against meningitis. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at <http://www.explore.co.uk/Travelhealth/> and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed before departure.



## Preparing for your Trip

### Climate

#### Namibia

With a staggering 300 days of sunshine each year, Namibia is a year-round destination, although some may prefer to avoid the heat of high summer. The cold Benguela current keeps the Atlantic coast of the Namib Desert cool and rain-free for most of the year, with a thick coastal fog that lends a mysterious edge to the area. January and February are the hottest months, when daytime temperatures in the heart of the Namib can exceed 40°C (104°F), but nights are usually cool. Winter nights can be fairly cold, but days are generally warm and pleasant.

### Clothing

Clothing should be lightweight, however a warm fleece and sweater/thick shirts are essential, as nights (and daytime) can be very cold, especially from May to September, and game drives tend to take place at dawn and dusk. Brightly coloured clothing is not suitable for game viewing.

### Equipment

Bring a torch, water bottle, sun hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. Binoculars are essential for game viewing and a 300mm lens is recommended for photography. We also recommend you bring a swimming costume.

### Footwear

Lightweight trail boots or robust trainers with a good grip, and sandals.

### Luggage: On Tour

A soft bag or holdall/kitbag (or rucksack with detachable frame). There are no porters on this trip to carry luggage.

Luggage allowance on trip: 15Kg

## General Information

### Country details

#### Namibia

**Population:** 2,108,665

**Size of Country:** 825,418 sq km

**Major Language:** English, Afrikaans, German

**Religion:** Christian

**Time Difference to GMT:** +1

### Electric Supply & Plugs

#### Namibia

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## Why Choose Explore

We've been creating award-winning pioneering adventure holidays for over 30 years, earning the trust of thousands of delighted customers, who feel safe in our hands. Our tour leaders have expert local knowledge and our tours are designed to take you off the beaten track to see the most exotic, inspiring and dramatic places in the world.

- With over 30 years' experience, we are passionate about what we do.
- Pioneering small group adventures, self-guided, private journeys & tailor-made holidays.
- Award winning tour leaders who you can trust.
- Responsible travel is and always has been one of the driving principles of Explore.

Our adventure holidays are full of exciting things to see and do, exploring in small groups travelling by bus, boat, plane, rickshaw, camel, or any number of unusual forms of transport. Often you will stay in family run hotels and village houses and enjoy authentic local cuisine. In this way, it's easy to discover the true heart of the people and the place you travel to – and make some new friends along the way. Each tour is uniquely different, so please feel free to browse through our tours to see what may whet your appetite.

### Cool Earth

Explore are proud to support Cool Earth in their effort to reduce global carbon dioxide levels through the prevention of deforestation in the South America rainforest. Cool Earth focus on areas in immediate danger of deforestation, supporting local communities to



be forest guardians. To date 350,000 acres of rainforest has been protected. Saving rainforest also protects rare animals and plants, allows local forest communities to maintain their way of life, and protects a major source of oxygen and fresh water. When you travel on an Explore holiday we make a donation to Cool Earth that exceeds the impact of our customers flights each year.

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## Earth Matters

We are passionate about sustainable travel and work hard to create tours where your holiday delivers real benefits to the local communities. We minimise our impact by travelling in small groups, respecting local cultures, reducing waste and offsetting 100% of the CO2 from our flights.

When you travel with Explore, you are directly contributing to local economies and helping empower the people you meet. We currently support a range of charities and good causes, including: Toilet Twinning (helping to flush away poverty), Lone Buffalo Foundation (a community project based in Laos providing creative skills for young people) and have recently supported women's cooperatives in Borneo and Morocco. We are a member of Tourism Concern's Ethical Tour Operator Group ([www.tourismconcern.org.uk](http://www.tourismconcern.org.uk)) and support their campaign for fair and ethical tourism. We also care passionately about the world's wildlife and actively support and promote the Born Free Organisation and Mahouts Elephant Foundation.

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## Booking Your Holiday

### Peace of mind - book with confidence

You can book your Explore holiday with confidence, as all monies paid to us for your trip are fully protected. Explore is a fully bonded tour operator licensed by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and by ABTOT.

The air holiday packages (Tours including flights) that we advertise are ATOL protected, since we hold an Air Travel Organiser's Licence granted by the Civil Aviation Authority. Our ATOL number is ATOL 2595. In addition, As a member of the Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited (ABTOT), Explore has provided a bond to meet the requirements of the Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992. Please note that packages booked outside the UK are only protected when purchased directly with Explore.

### Reserving your place

To reserve your place on this tour you will need to check availability on the Explore website or through our dedicated call centre based in the UK where you can. Our tours can fill up quickly so you are advised to book as early as possible. If your chosen date is 'Available' or 'Guaranteed' we will be able to provisionally hold you a space for up to 48 hours.

For Self-Guided holidays and Private Journeys simply choose your date of travel and let us know so we can confirm all ground services.

The easiest way to confirm your booking is through our website. When you are ready to book, we normally require a 10% non-refundable deposit, but for some holidays this may be more to cover such items as permit fees, internal flights or other non-refundable services. If your travel starts within 60 days of booking, full payment will be required at the time of booking

### 100% No Surcharge Guarantee

The price paid for our holidays is no longer subject to change. Once booked and confirmed we will guarantee the price you pay will not increase, whatever the circumstances. You will not be approached to pay fuel surcharges unlike the vast majority of other adventure tour operators. The price guarantee applies to all new bookings departing between 1st January 2016 and 31st December 2017.

### Trip Itinerary Versions

Itinerary details may vary depending on departure date and alternative itineraries for this tour may exist. Please refer to the dates and prices page on our website to check which itinerary operates on each departure date.

Please ensure that you have an up-to-date copy of these tour notes immediately before you travel, as from time to time our itineraries may be amended, either for operational reasons or in response to feedback from customers. You will be informed of any major changes to your tour but small changes may just be added to these tour notes.

Please note: 2017 itinerary versions are applicable to tours departing in 2017. 2018/19 itinerary versions are applicable to tours departing from 1st January to 31st December 2018.

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