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TRAVEL. FROM A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE.

Behind the wheel of Defender, a world of possibility becomes a lifetime of stories.

For those who yearn to travel differently, we have journeys like no other, where you will uncover sights and sounds that will stay with you forever.

This is the self-drive adventure of a lifetime.

Do the exceptional with Defender.



**SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA:
THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH**

Experience the splendour of Sub-Saharan Africa through your choice of four intrepid itineraries.

Home to majestic wildlife, immense deserts, and iconic waterfalls, the ever-changing landscape of Sub-Saharan Africa offers a world of unforgettable experiences.

From the surreal landscapes and famous national parks of Namibia to the vibrant lagoons and lush game reserves of Botswana, you'll explore some of the world's greatest national wonders and encounter breathtaking wildlife along the way.



**MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS
4 DAYS**

Rugged beauty and unmissable sights. From the mountain-kissed skies of Erongo to a private game reserve, and the world's oldest desert in between, you'll discover the heart of this beautiful land.

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YOUR 4-DAY JOURNEY

PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

As you journey to the central highlands, you'll reach the 'place of water'. Shifting landscapes create colours from another world as mountains cast dreamlike shadows across the plains. This is the perfect escape for thousands of species, and home to several conservation projects.

The private game reserve is a sanctuary for a plethora of wildlife. Hundreds of native birds soar above the butter trees, and warthogs and hippos bathe in the reserve's many waterholes. Elusive leopards, cheetahs, and wild dogs hunt the waterbucks and red hartebeest grazing on the plains. Rare pangolins emerge from their burrows as night falls.

ERONGO MOUNTAINS AND SPITZKOPPE PEAKS

Namibia's legendary wide-open trails stretch across the horizon as you travel to the mountains. Go beyond these wild routes and head off-road at the gorgeous Erongo Mountains, before reaching the famous Spitzkoppe granite peaks.





NAMIB DESERT

Immerse yourself in an exhilarating dune drive as you traverse the ancient Namib. Venture deeper into the desert, and you may encounter singing sands - a mysterious phenomenon that fills the air with hypnotic sounds that emanate from the dunes.

SWAKOPMUND

Emerging from the sea of dunes in the Namib Desert, you will arrive at Swakopmund. An architectural hybrid of historical maritime landmarks and bright colonial architecture are woven together to frame this coastal city's quaint identity.

WINDHOEK

Encircled by extraordinary beauty, Windhoek is a world away from the wide valleys and rugged hills of the central highlands. Immerse yourself in architectural treasures and rich cultural heritage as you wander the bustling streets of the capital. And experience a range of culinary traditions before exploring the local shops and curios to bring a touch of Namibia home with you.

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NAMIBIA SAFARI
8 DAYS

Striking scenery and iconic wildlife. Explore the jaw dropping Etosha National Park and discover the dunes of the Namib Desert as you get close to Africa's famous animals in their natural habitat.

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DEFENDER JOURNEYS: NAMIBIA SAFARI

YOUR 8-DAY JOURNEY

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

As you traverse a vivid patchwork of grassy plains and thick bushland, mirages and liquid illusions dance across the horizon. Regal elephants trek across the saline desert, crossing paths with herds of zebra and lone wildebeest. This barren lakebed is a place of paradox - surrounded by waterholes that create some of the most spectacular wildlife displays in Africa. As lions stalk their prey near these oases, rare black rhinos can be seen drinking alongside giraffes and gemsbok.

Transformed during the summer months, Etosha's vast salt pan fills with rain, attracting egrets and herons to feast on catfish within the lake. Flamingos call from the water and birdsong can be heard from tamboti trees, creating an immersive natural soundtrack. And as the sun sets over one of the largest national parks in Namibia, the floodlit waterholes erupt into a flurry of nocturnal activity.



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KHOWARIB CANYON

Nestled in the remote northwestern corner of the Kunene Region lies the captivating Khowarib Canyon. Himba settlements sporadically populate this sun-baked sandscape, and one of the last herds of desert elephants follow their traditional migration routes. Venture deep into the canyon and encounter the famous dust holes as you rock crawl through the valley, before reaching the banks of the Hoanib for dinner.

PALMWAG NATURE RESERVE

A gem hidden in the north-west, vibrant hues and textures immerse you in the Kunene Region's scenic beauty. Gorgeous vistas and rolling rust-coloured hills offer unique perspectives on the Namibian wilderness as you head through the reserve. As you bathe in the evening glow over the Etendeka Mountains, Twyfelfontein's captivating rock paintings dance against the shadows cast by the sandstone cliffs, giving you a dizzying taste of Africa in its true, untouched form.

SWAKOPMUND

Sitting at the edge of the desert, this peaceful place is a welcome break from its harsh surroundings. Home to remnants of colourful colonial architecture, Swakopmund offers a glimpse into Namibia's fascinating past. As you continue along the coastline, you'll catch sight of where the ocean meets the desert, as the ruthless Atlantic surf clashes with the Namib sands.



WINDHOEK

Located on the site of a permanent hot spring within the Awas Mountains, Windhoek is an unforgettable city. As the nation's art capital, a variety of museums, galleries, and monuments are available to visit, each providing an insight into Namibia's rich history. Architectural treasures can also be found within the city, along with an assortment of shops, restaurants, and bars.

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**SKELETON COAST
10 OR 14 DAYS**

Enigmatic wildlife and cinematic landscapes. As you journey through Namibia's northwestern shores, you'll experience spectacular safaris, ocean deserts, and ancient Himba culture. Immerse yourself in the beauty of this untamed land.

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[> BOOK SKELETON COAST 14 DAYS](#)

YOUR 10-DAY JOURNEY

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Swirling dust clouds sweep across the horizon as hundreds of animals gather at waterholes framing the ethereal desert. Illuminated waterholes come alive after dark, inviting you to come face to face with amazing wildlife, including the world's largest population of rare black rhinos. With nearly 500 miles of African Outback to explore, the drama of Etosha will not disappoint.

EPUPA FALLS

Fed by the fast-flowing Kunene River and flanked by the secluded Marienfluss Valley, these contrasting landscapes create a backdrop of cinematic proportions. This untouched land in the northern regions of Namibia is an isolated oasis framed with fig trees, makalani palms, and rolling valleys. Experience the river weaving through jagged rocks and cascading into the ravine below as you discover breathtaking views of the wilderness beyond.

HARTMANN MOUNTAINS AND HIMBA CULTURE

The Hartmann Mountains offer captivating views of a landscape like nothing you've seen before. After tackling these majestic peaks, you'll have the chance to experience the traditions and culture of the semi-nomadic Himba people. As you learn about artefacts, customary dresses, and ancient practices dating back thousands of years, you'll gain a true appreciation of Namibia's fascinating history and its people.

WILD CAMPING AND DUNE DRIVING

After an exhilarating drive over the dunes in Skeleton Coast National Park, you'll reach Cape Fria. Located on Namibia's northern shore, south of the Angolan border, Fria is abundant with Cape fur seals foraging along the peninsula. Your evening will be spent admiring the ocean waves as you set up camp before the sun retreats below the horizon.

CAPE CROSS SEAL COLONY

Separating the untamed Skeleton Coast from the desert's searing sands, Cape Cross bridges the gap between two contrasting worlds. After an exhilarating dune drive through the Namib, you'll reach the immense Cape Cross Seal Reserve. The wonder of one of the world's largest Cape fur seal colonies sunbathing at the edge of an infinite ocean is a sight to behold.



DEFENDER JOURNEYS: SKELETON COAST

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SWAKOPMUND

Your long-distance cruise to the peaceful coastal city of Swakopmund will be rewarded with classical architecture, rich history, and sweeping sand dunes. Defender will take you across the vast Namib Desert to the heart of adventure as you explore the endless sea of sand. Continue west to the Atlantic Ocean and discover the skeletal remains of over a thousand shipwrecks littering the unforgiving coastline.

WINDHOEK

Namibia's bustling capital is an amazing contrast from the spectacular scenery that precedes it. Situated in the heart of the country, Windhoek is a melting pot of African and European cultures, colonial architecture, and a wealth of culinary traditions. This urban solace that frames the surrounding wilderness is the perfect place to immerse yourself in the lifestyle of contemporary Namibia.

> [BOOK SKELETON COAST 10 DAYS](#)

YOUR 14-DAY JOURNEY

The same magical sights as the 10-day tour, plus four additional days of fascinating cultural heritage, majestic wildlife and unrivalled landscapes.

PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Ranging from savannah plains to dense bushland and surrounded by rocky mountains, this diverse landscape has unique and endemic plant life in abundance. Elephants, lions, and endangered wild dogs wander within the reserve, as well as meerkats, giraffes, and waterbucks. As you venture deeper, passing ephemeral rivers and acacia trees, you'll have the chance to spot more enigmatic species living within this sanctuary.

TWYFELFONTEIN AND 'BURNT MOUNTAIN'

Passing the famous 'Burnt Mountain', arid plains give way to the 'Fountain of Doubt'. This valley of red sandstone cliffs is home to one of the largest concentrations of petroglyphs in Africa. The paintings and engravings are said to have been created by the Khoikhoi who occupied the valley thousands of years ago. Infused with history and spiritualism, this sacred site was also used for worship and shamanist rituals. Uncover the secrets of Twyfelfontein and become immersed in the history of this magical place as the sun sets over the Etendeka Mountains beyond.





KUNENE RIVER

In the far northern reaches of Namibia, the perennial Kunene River consists of tranquil streams, fast flowing torrents, and the spectacular Epupa Falls. The emerald river stretches through ancient valleys lined with lush grassland and foliage. This is an oasis brimming with fascinating plant life, rolling hills, and stunning vistas.

HOANIB RIVERBED

As unforgiving as it is spectacular, the Hoanib's deep sand and unmarked trails are the ultimate test for your Defender. As you navigate the dust holes and mopane trees that scatter the banks of the riverbed, you'll get the chance to spot a range of enigmatic inhabitants. With an abundance of oryx, kudu, baboons, and gemsbok, you may even catch a glimpse of the rare desert lion stalking its prey. Driving through the Hoanib is an unforgettable experience, and as you dine on the banks of the river at dusk, the starlit skies above will linger in your memory for years to come.

> [BOOK SKELETON COAST 14 DAYS](#)



BOTSWANA SAFARI
8 DAYS

An experience to stir the soul. Head deep into the wilderness and track incredible wildlife through lush grasslands and vast open plains. Blessed with shimmering rivers, vast game reserves, and legendary wonders, you will uncover beauty in every detail.

[> BOOK BOTSWANA SAFARI](#)



YOUR 8-DAY JOURNEY

MAUN

Known as the gateway to the Okavango Delta, Maun is the last major village you'll visit before heading into the wilderness. Experience a rush of sights, sounds, and colour as herdsmen take their cattle to market. Red lechwe graze beside traditional houses and local donkeys trek along the Thamalakane River.

MOREMI GAME RESERVE

Paved roads give way to off-road tracks as vibrant flora and fauna fill enchanting lagoons and papyrus rivers, attracting an abundance of birdlife. Crocodiles and hippos wallow on the riverbanks, as leopards and endangered wild dogs shelter from the heat in the dense forest beyond. Majestic Delta lions, Cape buffalo, and African bush elephants roam through the seemingly endless grasslands and secluded waterways that stretch and twist for miles.

OKAVANGO DELTA

This magical Eden forms where the Okavango River and the sands of the Kalahari meet. Known as 'the river that never finds the sea', crystal-clear waters evaporate into the hot desert air, creating a maze of lagoons, marshes, and wooded islands. This jewel of Africa is one of the continent's Seven Natural Wonders, and an unmissable highlight of your journey.



KHWAI REGION AND MOREMI

After camping in the Khwai Region of Moremi on the northeastern border of the reserve, you'll experience the area's beautiful details. From the towering camel thorn acacia trees to the wonderfully aromatic wild sage, there is still so much to see.

CHOBE NATIONAL PARK AND MADIKWE DUNES

As you enter the park through Mababe Gate and travel along the Madikwe sand ridge, you'll arrive at Savuti - home to the largest elephant population on the continent. From scorching sandy plains to broadleaf woodlands and humid marshes, these diverse regions are a sanctuary for its inhabitants. And with limited vehicle numbers, this secluded area of the park provides the ultimate game viewing experience. Zebras, giraffes, greater kudus, and vervet monkeys are all in abundance. After sundown, spend your evening camping out in the bush as the nightlife emerges. Catch sight of honey badgers, aardvarks, and porcupines, as lions and elephants can be heard in the distance.

KASANE AND CHOBE RIVER CRUISE

As you travel north towards Kasane, you'll reach the meeting point of two major rivers: the Chobe and the Zambezi. Stopping for lunch along the way, you'll have the chance to experience the riverine woodland surrounding the town. At sunset, immerse yourself in the serenity of a boat cruise along the Chobe River. Drift through the side channels in silence, broken only by birdsong and the calls and splashes of hippos.



VICTORIA FALLS

Crossing the border into Zimbabwe, the placid Zambezi River is transformed into 'The Smoke That Thunders'. In the middle of the verdant rainforest, iridescent mist emanates from the waterfall as the Zambezi plunges into eight basalt gorges, serving as breeding sites for endangered birdlife. Standing in the spray of the mighty falls, you will experience breathtaking views of one of the world's original Seven Natural Wonders.

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ACCOMMODATION

We have carefully curated a selection of atmospheric suites, lodges, and campsites for you to stay during your journey. After long days behind the wheel, you'll be able to relax in peaceful privacy. Whether at refined hotels in vibrant cities, traditional safari lodges inspired by nature, or underneath blazing stars within private reserves, you'll find unique experiences waiting for you at every destination.



VEHICLE

From the moment you land, you'll have access to your own Defender, and full control over your cabin's private environment for the duration of your journey.

Equipped with air conditioning, a refrigerated compartment, Apple CarPlay, ample storage space, and our full suite of off-road technology, Defender is in its natural habitat.

OUR EXPERTS

All Defender Journeys experts are vastly experienced in off-road driving, bushcraft, and survival, and are trained to get the most out of every adventurer.

The team includes qualified instructors and professional guides who will help you get to grips with Defender's technology, and curate an exclusive experience like no other.

CLIMATE

Split in half by the Tropic of Capricorn, Namibia enjoys a varied climate. Among the sunniest countries in the world, you'll experience soaring temperatures in the Namib Desert, one of the driest on the planet. By contrast, plummeting night temperatures within the Namib - free from light pollution - is renowned worldwide for its clear skies and stunning vistas.

Botswana boasts a range of diverse environments, from the verdant Okavango Delta to vast open plains. Hot and arid for most of the year, the summer rains are a welcome contrast to the desert-like climate. Highly localised and often torrential, these unpredictable rains are viewed as a precious life-sustaining resource.

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THE JOURNEYS

Who does the driving?

There will be a Defender Journeys instructor on hand to provide guidance and support, but these are self-drive itineraries, so you're behind the wheel.

What vehicle will I be driving?

Will they be manual or automatic?

Guests will drive the latest Defender. All vehicles are equipped with automatic transmission.

How many guests are in each vehicle?

Prices are based on two people sharing a vehicle. On request, a third and fourth guest can be booked into the vehicle.

Can I bring my own vehicle on the journey?

It is not possible to participate with your own vehicle due to insurance reasons.

Will I have my own vehicle if I'm travelling by myself?

For safety reasons, solo travellers will be paired with another guest. If there is an odd number of guests, one of our instructors will accompany you in the vehicle.

How will we navigate the terrain?

Guests will generally travel in convoy using radio communication between vehicles.

INCLUSIONS

What is included in the price of the journey?

Driving activities, accommodation, breakfast, lunch & dinner, drinks with meals and airport transfers to/from Windhoek Airport for Namibia journeys, and transfer to/from Maun International Airport and Victoria Falls International Airport for Botswana journeys. There will be one fixed transfer arrangement for each group.

What language will the journeys be delivered in?

The instructors and hosts will communicate with guests in English.

Who looks after us while we're on holiday?

Defender Journeys: Africa is operated by Agentur für Promotion und Service GmbH (APS GmbH)/ Land Rover Experience Germany, who provide all travel concierge services and are licenced and authorised by Jaguar Land Rover.

What isn't included in the price of the journey?

Flights, visa fees (if required), vaccinations, travel insurance, tips, all personal expenses (e.g. minibar in the hotel, spa treatments etc.), and any pre or post-trip arrangements that deviate from the itinerary.

VISAS & INSURANCE

Do I require a visa?

Your travel concierge will inform you in advance about the provisions of passports, visas, and any health regulations. If you need an invitation to get your visa, please inform the concierge team who will provide this to you. Further information can be found [here](#).

Do I need insurance to participate?

We recommend comprehensive travel insurance.

FAQS (CONT)

BEFORE TRAVELLING

Which currency is used in Namibia?

The local currency is Namibian Dollar (NAD).

Which currency is used in Botswana?

The local currency is the Botswana Pula (BWP).

Do I require vaccinations?

Information on recommended or prescribed vaccinations for the respective destinations can be found here.

<https://www.worldtravelguide.net/guides/africa/>

Is there a specific type of luggage I should bring?

There are no specific luggage recommendations - Defender can handle various combinations of suitcases and travel bags.

Is there an evening dress code?

Evening dress code is casual.

Are children allowed on the journeys?

Journeys are generally suitable for children over 11 years, but please contact the concierge team for further details and to discuss your individual requirements.

What are the driving licence and minimum age requirements?

All driving guests must be at least 19 years old and have held a full valid driving licence for at least one year. An International Driving Permit is required.

I've never driven off-road before, can I still go on the journey?

Each journey is designed for drivers of all abilities. You will be accompanied by a qualified Defender Journeys instructor who will provide expert guidance and support.

Do I need a certain level of physical fitness?

To participate in Defender Journeys, you should ensure that you do not know of any circumstances or conditions which would impair your ability to drive or disqualify you from driving, such as pregnancy, heart problems, or eyesight which doesn't meet the standards for driving.

Who can I contact to help with flight bookings or travel insurance?

Your travel concierge will gladly assist you with booking your flights and travel insurance. They will also inform you about any possible changes prior to departure.

You can find their information under Contact details.

Can I book a whole journey for a private group?

We will gladly facilitate private journeys for group bookings of 10 guests or more. The programme can be tailored and adapted to meet the needs of the group.

Can I extend my journey?

Your travel concierge will be happy to assist with holiday planning and booking extensions before or after your trip.

Is there a maximum group size on each journey?

To maintain an intimate and exclusive experience, the maximum group size for Defender Journeys are as follows:

- 10 guests maximum (two per vehicle) for Botswana Safari, Namibia Safari, and Mountain Wilderness, with a minimum group size of 6 guests.
- 8 guests maximum (two per vehicle) for Skeleton Coast, with a minimum group size of 5 guests.

What happens if a journey does not reach its minimum numbers? Will it be cancelled?

We endeavour to finalise all journeys and travel documentation 31 days prior to departure. Journeys are subject to change based on local conditions, accommodation, availability, and minimum guest numbers. Your travel concierge

will be in contact should a withdrawal be necessary, with an immediate refund of your deposit. Please refer to our terms and conditions for more information.

Are itineraries and accommodation confirmed?

The itineraries and accommodation displayed may be amended and replaced with similar alternatives based on availability.

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