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DESTINATION DEFENDER: INTRODUCTION

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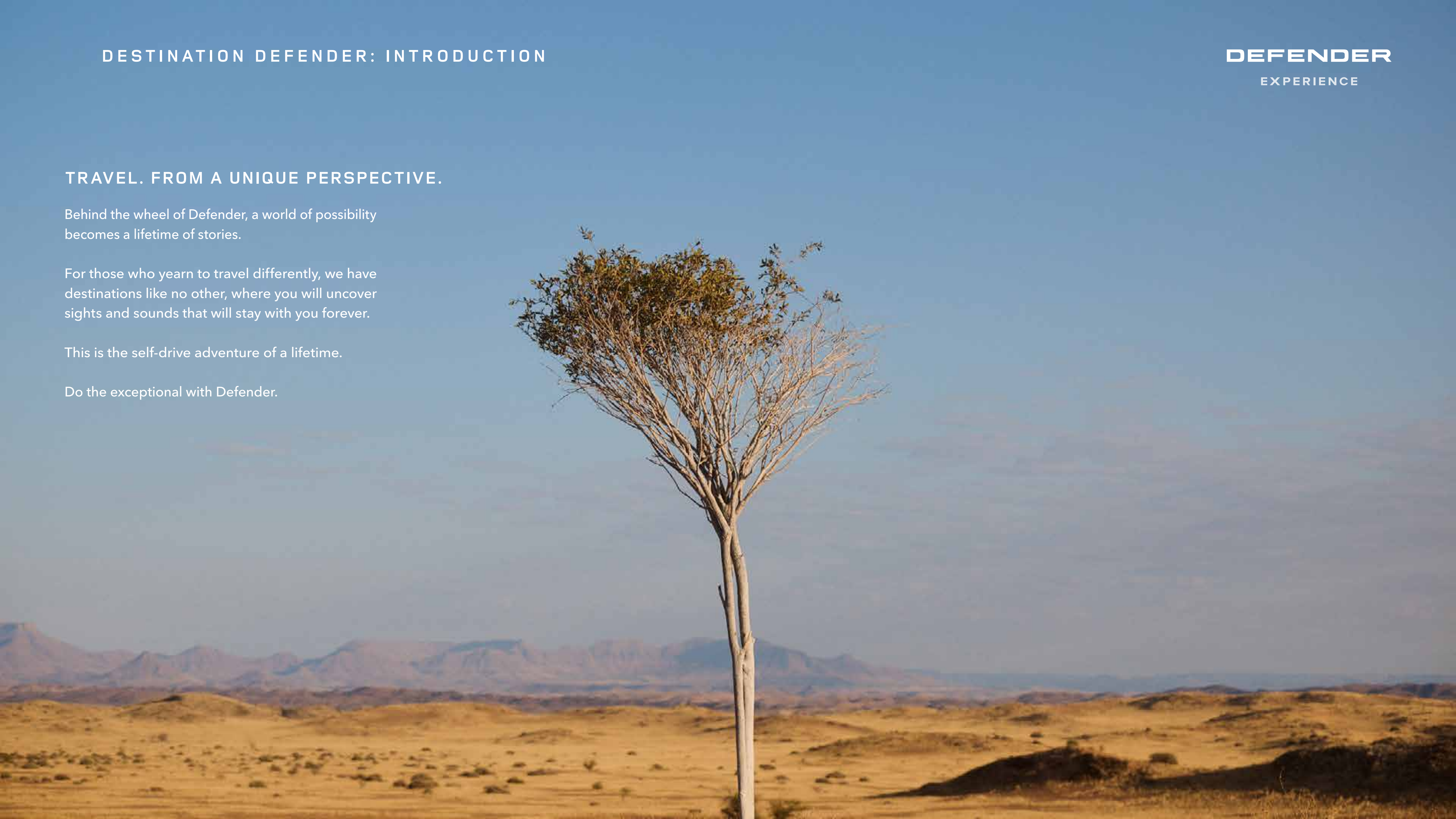
TRAVEL. FROM A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE.

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

For those who yearn to travel differently, we have destinations 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.



DESTINATION DEFENDER: NAMIBIA

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SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA: THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

Experience the splendour of Namibia through your choice of three intrepid itineraries.

Home to majestic wildlife, immense deserts, and iconic waterfalls, the ever-changing landscape of Namibia 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.



DESTINATION DEFENDER: NAMIBIA SAFARI

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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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DESTINATION DEFENDER: 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 Aukas 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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DESTINATION DEFENDER: SKELETON COAST

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SKELETON COAST

10 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.

> [BOOK SKELETON COAST 10 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.

SHIPWRECK CABINS 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.



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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.

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A close-up, low-angle shot of a herd of elephants in a dry, sandy environment. The focus is on the lower legs and feet of several elephants, showing their thick, wrinkled skin and large, sturdy legs. The ground is light-colored sand with some small, dry plants. The background is slightly blurred, showing more elephants and the same dry landscape.

DESTINATION DEFENDER: WINDHOEK TO MAUN

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WINDHOEK TO MAUN 12 DAYS

Take the scenic route as you travel across Namibia, discovering what is known as its 'forgotten wilderness'. As you explore the national parks and visit Namibia's wonders, you will get to know the land on a deeper level. Join us for the adventure of a lifetime.

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YOUR 12-DAY JOURNEY

WATERBERG PLATEAU NATIONAL PARK

Looming over the Otjozondjupa region, the Waterberg Plateau stands 50-kilometre-long and 16-kilometre-wide. Named for the springs that emanate from its foothills, the Waterberg Plateau National Park is a compelling geological site where you can find 200-million-year-old dinosaur footprints and petrified sand dunes. Its natural water sources make it a haven for a variety of animal species, including leopards and rhinoceros. Learn about the local Herero culture on an fascinating village tour, track rhino on a guided safari or explore the impressive sandstone plateau.

GROOTFONTEIN

It is believed that the Hoba meteorite struck earth 80,000 years ago. With a weight of nearly 60 tons, its enormity is a sight to behold. Find it just outside the town of Grootfontein, its name derived from the Afrikaans for 'Big Fountain'. In the summer months, the fertile town turns purple with flowering Jacaranda trees.

KHAUDUM NATIONAL PARK

In the Kalahari Desert lies the Khaudum National Park, a remote wilderness that attracts relatively few visitors. The park's wild and isolated beauty will draw those with an adventurous spirit. Here you will find a haven for a diverse array of animals, as well as a spectacular landscape with broad riverbeds and endless wide-open spaces. The perfect setting for an adventure in Defender.

POPA FALLS

Just outside the small village of Divundu lies a tropical paradise where the sound of the Popa Falls is your constant companion. You will have the opportunity to relax at this luxury lodge before heading out to the Popa Falls by boat. Here, where the rapids of the Okavango River plunge over the rocks in a series of dramatic cascades, hippos and crocodiles have made their home.



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OKAVANGO PANHANDLE

In the Panhandle, the Okavango River runs more-or-less straight for approximately 70 kilometres before flowing into the Okavango Delta. The deep channel is teeming with fish, while a myriad of birds can be found in the shallow waters. The Panhandle is dotted with villages and is an excellent location for fishing and boating.

MOREMI GAME RESERVE

Ranked as one of the most beautiful reserves in Africa, the Moremi Game Reserve stretches over 4871 square kilometres. Luxury lodges within the reserve offer the ideal base from which to explore the parks savannah, winding waterways and dense forest. The reserve is home to large herds of buffalo, wildebeest and zebra. You might even encounter lions and cheetahs.

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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.



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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 Destination Defender 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 Product Experts and professional guides who will help you get to grips with Defender's technology, and curate an exclusive experience like no other.

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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.

FAQS

THE JOURNEYS

Who does the driving?

There will be a Destination Defender Product Expert 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 Product Experts 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 and accommodation. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and drinks with meals. Airport transfers to/from Windhoek Airport for Namibia journeys, and transfer to Maun International Airport in Botswana for the Windhoek To Maun journey. 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?

Destination Defender: 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 Destination Defender Product Expert who will provide expert guidance and support.

Do I need a certain level of physical fitness?

To participate in Destination Defender, 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 Destination Defender are as follows:

- 10 guests maximum (two per vehicle) for Namibia Safari, and Windhoek to Maun, 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 65 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.

DESTINATION DEFENDER: TUSK PARTNERSHIP

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TUSK: ADVANCING CONSERVATION ACROSS AFRICA

For almost two decades, Defender has worked alongside Tusk to support their mission preserving the world's most endangered species.

Working with over 250 local partner organisations and wildlife ranger teams in more than 25 African countries, Tusk has invested over £120 million to enable and empower the conservation movement across the continent. The nature of their work sees their rangers operating amongst wildlife in the most challenging and inhospitable environs imaginable. With its all-terrain capabilities, Defender is the perfect partner for making Tusk's seemingly impossible mission, possible.

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