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Desert, Space and Stars: The Tankwa Experience - Fly in and Overnight Camp

US\$500 per person

Join us on an overnight escape from the city, and immerse yourself in the unparalleled beauty of the Tankwa Karoo at with our overnight fly-In and desert camp experience. In the heart of this majestic desert landscape, our private camp offers you the ultimate retreat, where serenity and peace reign supreme. Incredible awe-inspiring sunsets with vast open spaces and a blanket of stars that will leave you breathless, you'll find yourself truly connecting with the natural world around you. As night falls, gather around the campfire with newfound friends, sharing stories under the starlit desert sky. Stunning views from the air as we fly in makes every moment an adventure. Join us for an unforgettable escape, where space, stars, desert, and camaraderie combine for an experience you'll cherish forever.

Minimum 3 passengers - maximum 5

Total includes: Flights from Stellenbosch or Cape Town International to Tankwa Tented Camp by Cessna206 or Cessna210. Accommodation in bespoke, exclusive camp in the Tankwa desert, dinner and breakfast and all drinks.

Excludes transfers to and from origin airfields.

Trip Summary

Day 1

15:00

Africa Sky Runners - Private Flight Cessna 206/ Cessna 210

Arrival and Welcome drink at the Airstrip

Your exclusive desert camp

Serene sundowners

Walk the Labyrinth - be moved

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Option 2 - Party at the Tankwa Tented Camp "Onverklaar bar"

Day 2

Sunrise and Coffee

8:00

Breakfast

9:30

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Day 1



15:00 DEPARTURE - 1 hr 15 min

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Start an incredible adventure and board your flight at Stellenbosch (or Caledon) airfield for a direct flight into your overnight adventure in the soul filling Tankwa Karoo. Hosted at Stonehenge farm, the original site of Afrika Burn in South Africa.

Flights are conducted in a Cessna 210 or Cessna 206 single engine piston, 6 seater, CAA Type-Certified aircraft by a qualified and type-rated pilot

Experience stunning vistas as we fly low level over the Cape Fold mountains, over Cedarberg mountains and watch the landscape change to wide open desert plains as we fly directly to the Tankwa Tented Camp private airstrip.



Arrival and Welcome drink at the Airstrip

Land at the remote Tankwa airstrip and be met by the team on the ground with an ice cold beverage, and celebrate being in the remote, desolate but soul filling part of the Karoo.



Your exclusive desert camp

Stroll from the aircraft and airstrip and settle into your exclusive, private camp.

Our cozy tents, pitched under the reassuring shelter of a Bedouin canopy, offer all the comforts and luxurious amenities you need for a restful night's sleep in a setting that is as remote and private as it gets.

As you arrive, you'll be greeted by the welcoming warmth of a crackling fire, not only providing a delightful atmosphere but also serving as a gathering point for evening festivities.

Rustic shower and ablution facilities provide the full suite of amenities for a basic but comfortable night in the amazing desolation of the Tankwa.



Serene sundowners

If wind and weather allows, don a compulsory tie (a symbolic respect for nature) and board our safari vehicle to take us up a remote Koppie of the farm. Here, the vast expanse of the arid landscape seems to stretch into infinity, creating a profound sense of isolation from the bustling world beyond.

The silence is nearly absolute, broken only by the whispers of the wind through the sparse vegetation and the occasional call of a solitary bird. The stillness is so complete that you can almost hear the beating of your own heart, a reminder of your connection to the natural world.

The rugged terrain, with its softly rolling formations, amplifies the feeling of seclusion. You might find yourself alone with the horizon, where the sky meets the earth in a seamless, uninterrupted line, painting breathtaking oranges during sunrise the sunset.

Sip a cold beverage as you contemplate the world, your own place in it and hear the stories of the farm and of the ancient landscape that we have the privilege to immerse ourselves in.

As the sun touches the horizon, pause in absolute silence for the minutes it takes for the sun to dip below the horizon : a moment of mindful reflection and peace.



Walk the Labyrinth - be moved

Feel the profound energy contained within the labyrinth: As the golden sunset gracefully transitions into twilight, we move to the Labyrinth, a permanent installation in the old Afrika Burn site, designed as a personal memorial to a lost loved one.

The path through the labyrinth meanders, taking us through a gentle ascent and subsequent descent. With each step, we delve deeper into a meditative exploration of this sacred space.

As the darkness gathers, a fire dancer gracefully moves to the rhythms of the night, infusing the surroundings with even more spiritual resonance. Their dance is a mesmerizing spectacle, casting enchanting shadows on the labyrinth's intricate paths.

In this tranquil setting, the labyrinth becomes a place of reflection. It's an experience that invites you to connect with the energies of the earth and sky, providing a space for contemplation and a deeper understanding of the interconnectedness of all things



Option 1 - Braai and gathering around the fire at our exclusive tented camp

After the serene and moving experiences of the sunset and labyrinth walk, return to our exclusive tented camp and gather round the fire while our hosts prepare a simply but hearty meal of braai'd meat and pap and sauce with plenty of cold beverages available.

Sit outside and gaze at the sparkling stars with the space, solitude and silence of the desert enveloping you and socialise late into the night with colleagues that become friends with a new shared experience of the desert.



Option 2 - Party at the Tankwa Tented Camp "Onverklaar bar"

The Onverklaar Bar, an iconic hub for travelers, bikers, and Afrika Burners, is a living testament to countless unforgettable stories waiting to be shared.

Inside, its walls are adorned with eclectic and rustic memorabilia, each piece with a story of its own, adding a unique character to the place. The soft lighting in the bar creates a cozy and welcoming atmosphere, inviting patrons to settle in and make memories.

If we are lucky a talented musician might be in the house to serenade us. Alternatively, the music playing sets the mood, and spontaneous sing-alongs become the soundtrack of the evening.

The night may feature mesmerizing fire dancing performances. The dancer moves gracefully, weaving her way through the flickering flames, casting enchanting shadows and adding an element of mystique to the night.

The central gathering point becomes the roaring fire, around which friends and strangers alike come together to celebrate. Conversations and laughter mix with the clinking of glasses, creating a lively and communal atmosphere. Dancing feet find their rhythm, and the night transitions into a spontaneous dance floor.

At the Onverklaar Bar, it's a place where stories are shared, friendships are forged, and the magic of the night is experienced through the warmth of camaraderie, the allure of music, and the mesmerizing dance of fire. It's a vibrant, unforgettable space that encapsulates the spirit of the Tankwa Tented Camp.



Day 2



Sunrise and Coffee

Emerge from your tent before dawn and take a few steps into the absolute solitude and peace to watch the sun rise with a cup of coffee.



8:00

Breakfast

A hearty breakfast of bacon and eggs with all the trimmings prepared around your fire or at the Tankwa Tented Camp



9:30 DEPARTURE - 1 hr 15 min

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As your incredible journey through the pristine Tankwa Karoo comes to an end, you board your flight to return to Stellenbosch or Caledon, your heart filled with the indelible experiences of this remote and captivating region.

Once again, you have the opportunity to be mesmerized by the stunning vistas as your plane cruises low over the Tankwa Karoo, the rugged Cedarberg Mountains, and the undulating Cape Fold Mountains. The landscape unfolds beneath you like a grand tapestry, revealing the raw, untouched beauty of South Africa.

As the journey draws to a close, you reflect on the memories etched into your soul. You recall the exquisite sundowners enjoyed amidst the desert's tranquil serenity, the profound moments spent navigating the esoteric labyrinth, and the heartwarming bonds formed with colleagues around a crackling fire, sharing stories and laughter over drinks.

The Tankwa Karoo has left an indelible mark on your spirit, and as you return to the fynbos region, you carry with you the wisdom of this remote wilderness, the connections you've made, and the awe-inspiring landscapes that will forever remain in your heart. It's a journey that leaves you with a treasure trove of memories and a renewed appreciation for the beauty of the natural world.



