

The Wüstenquell Hiking Safari Itinerary

Arrival Day – Settle into the Desert

Guests are welcomed at Wüstenquell Lodge from 14:00 onward and given time to settle into their comfortable en-suite rooms overlooking the vast Namibian landscape. As the sun sets over the granite hills, the group gathers for a hearty welcome dinner and an informative hike briefing with the Whipps Wilderness Safaris team.

Day 1 – Sculpted by Nature | ±13 km

After an early breakfast, the hike begins with a walk into the breathtaking granite world that surrounds Wüstenquell. Along the way, you'll pass landmarks such as Eagle's Rock and the incredible Elephant Rock, whose size and shape seem carved by an artist's hand. The day's hike winds through open plains and ancient rock fields before arriving at a wild camp nestled among the boulders, offering panoramic views across the Namib Naukluft Park. Your Sahara-style tents are already set up, and dinner is served under a star-studded sky – a fitting end to a day spent walking through ancient geological wonders.

Day 2 – Canyon Descent & Riverbed Camp | ±15 km

Today's journey takes you down into a secluded canyon, revealing a different side of this ever-changing terrain. The route follows an ancient dry riverbed, rich in geological history and scattered with desert flora. By late afternoon, you reach the next wild camp, set beneath the giant Anna trees that line the riverbed – a tranquil, shaded oasis.

Day 3 – Rock Art & Return to the Lodge | ±15 km

On your final hiking day, the route winds back toward Wüstenquell Lodge, but not before making two remarkable cultural stops. First, you'll visit a hidden Bushman cave, where San rock art still adorns the stone walls – silent yet powerful testaments to the ancient people who once walked these same trails. A short walk further brings you to the Bushman's Ladder, a fascinating feature believed to have been constructed from branches and used to reach wild honey high in the rock faces.

The hike concludes as you return to the lodge by mid-afternoon. There, a refreshing drink, a swim, and a cozy rest await. In the evening, share one last farewell dinner with your group, reflecting on the journey and the wild beauty of Namibia you've just experienced on foot. Accommodation on the last night is provided in en-suite rooms at Wüstenquell Lodge.