

Northern Cape, November 2018



Itinerary

Day 1 17/11/2018

We depart from Johannesburg early in the morning (a 4AM pick up). Today we drive to Pofadder, where we arrive in the late afternoon. Birding en route is limited but includes our first chance at some of the roadside raptors, possibly Pygmy Falcon at the Sociable Weaver nests which we start to encounter around the Upington area. Overnight in Pofadder.

Day 2, 18/11/2018

We head north of Pofadder to the small border town of Onseepkans, which is situated on the Orange River, which is the border between South Africa and Namibia. En route we shall keep a look out for Karoo Long-billed Lark, Burchell's Courser, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater etc. The river serves as an oasis for many birds, there are numerous water birds, as well as resident Rosy-faced Lovebirds. The reeds and riverside vegetation hold Namaqua Warbler, Orange River White-eye, African Reed Warbler to mention a few. Overhead we look out for various Swifts, Alpine, Bradfield's, Little and White-rumped are usually encountered here. We head back to town, and after lunch and a short rest we head to the drinking troughs near town – in the heat of the day various species come to drink – the prize here is the rarely encountered Sclater's Lark, so we will have fingers crossed that they put on a show. Overnight in Pofadder.

Day 3, 19/11/2018

After breakfast we head to Koa Dunes – brilliant red sand where the Red Lark makes its home. In addition we check out some more drinking troughs for various other species coming in to drink, such as Grey-backed Sparrowlark, Acacia Pied Barbet, Namaqua Sandgrouse etc. The roadside birding en route often produces raptors such as Booted Eagle, Verreaux's Eagle, Martial Eagle. We journey on towards Springbok, where we arrive in the afternoon in time for a look for

Cinnamon-breasted (Kopje) Warbler, along with Layard's Warbler, Long-billed Crombec, Mountain Wheatear etc. Overnight in Springbok.

Day 4, 20/11/2018

This morning we head to the coastal town of Port Nolloth. Inbetween there and Alexander Bay on the Namibian border we look for the very localised Barlow's Lark, along with Karoo Lark, Cape Long-billed Lark, Grey Tit, Rufous-eared Warbler etc. Overnight in Springbok.

Day 5, 21/11/2018

We now start the journey back eastwards, stopping overnight in Upington. We take some unpaved roads picking up on some species we may have missed thus far. We'll arrive in the afternoon, to relax next to the Orange River, where we may add a few more waterbirds to the list.

Day 6, 22/11/2018

We leave after breakfast for the drive back to Johannesburg, where we will arrive in time for evening connecting flights, or transfer to your hotel.

- **Cost of the trip from R13,500 per person (group of 6)**

Included:

- **Accommodation & meals**
- **Drinking water**
- **Travel in an airconditioned vehicle**

Excluded:

- **Other drinks**
- **Items of a personal nature such as laundry**

Booking deadline 31st March 2018

Terms & Conditions



Bustards Birding Tours

1. Definitions

- 1.1 The Client means: an individual who has expressed an interest, reserved a position or participates in any activity or tour organised by Bustards Birding Tours (Pty) Ltd;
- 1.2 The Company means: Bustards Birding Tours (Pty) Ltd, Registration Number 2014/027351/07, a company duly registered and incorporated in accordance with the Company Laws of the Republic of South Africa, with its registered address situated at Unit 4 Pentagon Park, Capital Hill, Midrand, 1685.
- 1.3 Bustards Birding Tour means: a tour or activity arranged by the Company.

2. Payment

- 2.1 A deposit of fifty percent (50%) of the total quoted amount is required to reserve a position on any particular Bustards Birding Tour.
- 2.2 The Client's place on any particular tour will only be considered to be reserved once the deposit reflects in the Company's bank account, and the Company has confirmed the reservation in writing.
- 2.3 **The remaining fifty per cent (50%) balance of the total quoted tour cost is due within six (6) weeks of the tour departure date. Failure to pay the full amount within the aforesaid time period, without providing the Company with written notice of cancellation as required by clause 3 below, will be deemed a material breach of this agreement, resulting in an automatic cancellation of the reservation, and the Company shall be entitled, entirely without prejudice to its rights to any other remedy which it may have in law, to retain the deposit paid by the client as a genuine pre-estimate of damages, or alternatively, agreed damages in lieu thereof.**

3. Cancellation

- 3.1 Should the Client cancel, in writing, more than six (6) months prior to the departure date, the Client will be refunded the full amount paid to the Company, less a 10% administration charge as well as any bank charges incurred in refunding said funds.
- 3.3 Should the Client cancel, in writing, more than three (3) months prior to the departure, fifty percent (50%) of the amount paid to the Company will be refunded.
- 3.4 Should the Client cancel, in writing, less than three (3) months prior to the departure date, none of the money paid by the Client to the Company will be refunded.
- 3.5 Notwithstanding the aforesaid, the cost of permits (such as wildlife viewing permits) already purchased by the Company on behalf of the Client at the time of written cancellation, are however not refundable.

3.6 Should a Bustards Birding Tour be cancelled arising from circumstances and events beyond the Company's control, including but not limited to inclement weather, flooding, fires, impassable roads, wildlife, communities, strikes, acts of war, etc, the Company shall NOT be liable to refund the moneys already paid by the client, the Client hereby agreeing that the Client shall be solely liable and responsible take out adequate travel insurance for protection.

3.6 Should the Company cancel a Bustards Birding Tour for any reason, other than in circumstances beyond its control, the Company will endeavour to refund the moneys already paid by the Client to the Company within a reasonable period.

4. Liability

4.1 For the purposes of this Clause any reference to the Company shall include *inter alia* the Company's Directors, Shareholder's, Managers, Employees, Officials, Agent's, Associates, Tour Leaders, Appointed Guides, their assigned Assistants, Helpers, Representatives, Successors-in-title or Assigns.

4.2 **Circumstances, including, but not limited to, inclement weather, flooding, fires, impassable roads, wildlife, communities etc. may necessitate changes to the published itinerary. Consequently it is agreed that while the Company will endeavour to adhere to the published itinerary, the Company shall not be held responsible for any losses and/or damages incurred as a result of such changes that are caused and/or necessitated by circumstances beyond the Company's control.**

4.3 The Company shall not be liable for any damage, loss (whether consequential or not) injury, illness, or death from any cause whatsoever and howsoever arising (whether or not such losses or damage were foreseen, direct, foreseeable, known or otherwise) to the Client as a result of participating in a Bustards Birding Tour or activity arranged by the Company.

4.4 **No person will be allowed to participate in a Bustards Birding Tour, unless such persons, or their legal guardian (as the case may be) have completed and signed the Company's Personal Indemnity Form.**

4.4 **The Company takes no responsibility for any medical emergency of the client, and or their minor child/children/dependants, that may arise while participating in a Bustards Birding Tour or activity arranged by the Company. The Client takes full responsibility for ensuring that their medical insurance will cover such emergencies.**