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WEST AFRICA CRUISE FROM ANGOLA TO SOUTH AFRICA

Embark on a luxurious West Africa cruise from Angola to South Africa, beginning in the captivating city of Luanda and culminating in the vibrant Cape Town. This remarkable voyage takes you along the scenic west coast of Southern Africa, with notable stops including Namibe, Ilha Baia dos Tigres, Walvis Bay, and Saldanha, before reaching the final destination of Cape Town. As you cruise through this fascinating region, you'll encounter a plethora of captivating sites. Discover the colonial charm of Luanda, and explore the ghostly allure of Ilha Baia dos Tigres. In Namibe, the stark beauty of the Namib Desert awaits, while Walvis Bay offers natural wonders like flamingo-filled lagoons and Cape fur seal colonies. Cape Town promises iconic landmarks such as Table Mountain and nearby historic sites. This luxury cruise offers a diverse range of activities to enrich your journey. Onboard days provide engaging lectures, photography workshops, and the chance to socialize with fellow travelers. Shore excursions include thrilling dune safaris in Namibia, immersive cultural tours, and indulgent culinary experiences. Whether exploring the deserts, coastlines, or vibrant cities, this adventure is sure to captivate every traveler.



ITINERARY

Days 0 - 1 Pre Cruise & Luanda

As Angola emerges from colonial rule and a long Civil War, its capital, Luanda, is evolving into a forward-looking city with a rich heritage. Landmarks include Gustave Eiffel's Iron Palace and the 16th-century Sao Miguel Fortress. Luanda's historic upper town, Cidade Alta, features pink colonial buildings, the Presidential Palace and ministerial houses. Ilha do Cabo shows Luanda's modern side with trendy seaside restaurants and bars.

Day 2 Day at sea

Sea days are rarely dull. Take the time to sit back and let the world go by. The ship's observation decks provide stunning views of the passing ocean. A day at sea gives you the opportunity to mingle with other passengers and share your experiences of this incredible trip or head to our library which is stocked full of reference books. Get an expert's view in one of our on-board lectures or perhaps perfect your photography skills with invaluable advice from our onboard professional photographers.

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Day 3 Namibe

Now known as Moçamedes, the port of Namibe was settled by the Portuguese in the 19th century. This early slave trading town is the entrance to the arid Namib desert, with towering sand dunes and home to the ancient *welwitschia mirabilis* trees, each over 2,000 years old and threatened by climate change. Near the port, the old town has colourful colonial architecture, beaches and historic buildings, including an abandoned spaceship-like cinema.

Day 4 Ilha Baia dos Tigres

Far from the crowds, the abandoned Ilha Baia dos Tigres, or Tiger Island, in Angola off Namibe Province's coast offers a deserted island setting. Originally a peninsula, it became an island overnight when the ocean breached the isthmus and residents abandoned their homes. Nestled in clear blue waters, the island is a pristine oasis surrounded by secluded beaches, and vast dunes, renowned for desolate landscapes and eerie ghost towns.

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Days 6-7 Walvis Bay

Walvis Bay offers shelter to thousands of flamingos in its natural tidal lagoon and protected wetlands. At the remote Pelican Point sand spit, a Cape fur seal colony hauls out, and marine wildlife like whales and dolphins swim by. Locally caught fish and German dishes are available in the harbour. Optional

tours include dune jeep safaris, meeting the locals in Mondesa township, and flights or hot air balloons over the desert.

Day 8 Luderitz

Luderitz, with a unique West African-German culture, graces Namibia's coast on a windswept, rocky hillside beside the bay. Formerly a German colony, the town preserves colonial buildings in German Art Nouveau style, including Goerke Haus mansion and the Felsenkirche Lutheran Church built into the rocks. Beyond town, the desolate Namib Desert extends along the coast, home to Kolmanskop ghost town, wild horses and tales of remarkable survival.

Day 9 Day at sea

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Day 10 Saldanha Bay (Langebaan)

Langebaan Lagoon, a watersports and fishing paradise, is renowned for its wetlands and tidal mud flats, home to flamingos, the world's largest breeding colony of black harriers, and thousands of migratory birds. The West Coast National Park protects the lagoon and is home to the Slow Five--tortoises, whales, sand sharks, porcupines and dune moles. The Fossil Park has the oldest modern human footprint, Eve's Footprint, over 100,000 years old.

Days 11-12 Cape Town

Between mountains and the ocean, Cape Town is a vibrant, multicultural city



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with a lively waterfront featuring seafood restaurants, shopping and attractions. A cable car transports visitors to distinctive Table Mountain with sweeping views. Boats head to Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated. Boulders Beach is home to African penguins, and world-class Stellenbosch vineyards offer wine tastings amid Cape Dutch architecture.

Please note:

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YOUR SHIP: DIANA

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VESSEL TYPE:	Expedition Ship
LENGTH:	125 meters
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	192
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2022-2023

Arriving in early 2023, SH Diana will be the largest ship in our fleet, providing elegant and spacious 5-star accommodation for 192 guests in 96 spacious staterooms and suites, the vast majority with large balconies. Operated by an onboard team of 140 she will provide the highest levels of personal service and take Swan Hellenic back to its roots when she launches, exploring the Mediterranean and its famous sites of antiquity. Now sit back, relax and take a moment to get to know this amazing new ship, purpose-designed for our unique cultural expedition cruises.

Named after the Ancient Roman goddess of light, the moon, hunting and the wilderness, SH Diana been specially designed for worldwide cruising to explore the most inspiring and inaccessible places on earth. Building on the outstanding amenities of her sister ships, she adds a dedicated Multifunctional Room next to the Observation Lounge, a Private Dining Room for special occasions, and two tenders which bring guests a comfortable alternative to Zodiacs for expedition landings. A Polar Class 6 ice-strengthened hull combines with extra-large stabilisers to make your journey as comfortable as possible.

SH Diana has been designed for immersive experiences, with extensive outside deck areas, multiple observation points and bright, open and relaxing public spaces with unobstructed views. The pleasure and safety of our guests is paramount at all times, cared for by our attentive crew and seasoned expedition leaders. Cutting edge hygiene technology protects the health of all on board to the highest standards and includes air conditioning with UV sanitisation systems.

SH Diana's 96 staterooms , including 11 suites, are each a superbly comfortable home from home and all feature panoramic sea views, a flame-effect fireplace, original works of art, plush couches, premium pocket sprung mattresses, en-suite bathrooms with glass-enclosed rain showers, and Egyptian cotton towels, bathrobes and sheets. A pillow menu offers customised head and neck comfort during rest, while a large flat screen TV, espresso machine with Illy premium coffee, tea making facilities with the finest Kusmi teas, and a minibar with refreshments enhance relaxation at any time. In-room dining is of course available at all hours.



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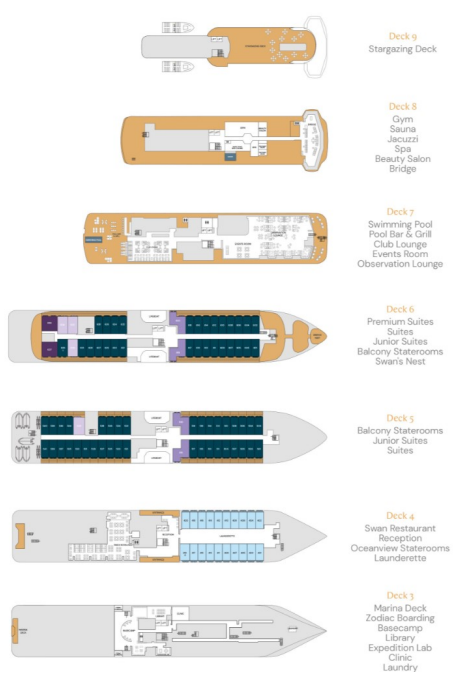
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