

2 DAY LGB TANKWA KAROO TOUR

Day 1 – Swartland and Tankwa Karoo

Today, we will leave early (at sunrise) as we have a lot of driving to do, heading inland, with some farmland species just outside Hopefield, which includes **Cape Long billed Lark, Cape Clapper Lark, Grey backed Sparrow Lark, Sickle winged Chat, Ant eating Chat, Large billed Lark, Red and Yellow Bishops, Red billed Quelea**. We will scan the trees in a small village between the farms for **Wattled Starlings** (where they usually roost). We will also search the skies as we go, for **Booted Eagle** and our ears open for the call of the **Southern Black Korhaan**. We will grab a coffee at a farmstall at the end of this gravel road and a light brunch (if you prefer Springbok Pie over Chicken, this is the place).

We will now head to the Tankwa Karoo, depending on what we see or discover along the road, this can be 4hr drive. We will definitely stop on the spectacular Mitchell's Pass to scan a few spots, hopefully we can spot another Fynbos endemic, the **Protea Canary, Hyrax** and their predators, the **Verreaux's Eagle** might also show themselves.

As we enter the Karoo from Jakkalsfontein side, we will start scanning these barren plains and certain hotspots on our way to Gannaga Lodge for **Karoo Eremomela, Yellow bellied Eremomela, Rufous eared Warbler, Namaqua Warbler**. Hopefully we can spot some **Burchell's Courser** and **Namaqua Sandgrouse**. Plenty of **Greater Kestrels** and **Pale chanting Goshawks** on this road. We will also be on the look out for other endemic species including **Black eared Sparrow Lark, Tractrac, Karoo Chat, Karoo Long billed Lark, Karoo Lark, Spike healed Lark, Red capped Lark**.

Overnight: Gannaga Lodge

Day 2 – Tankwa Karoo

Today, we will do a few hotspots on the Gannaga Pass and the Kloof, looking for the **Fairy Flycatcher, Dusky Sunbird, Pale winged Starling, Cinnamon-breasted Warbler, Pirtis Batis, Accacia Pied Barbet, Black headed Canary** and **Mountain Wheatear**. We will be back early afternoon and will then do some night birding in search for **Rufous-cheeked & Freckled Nightjars** 20min after dark.

Overnight: Gannaga Lodge