

6 DAY – NORTHERN CAPE TOUR

Day 1 – Cape Town to Springbok

Today, I will collect you at your accommodation. We will do an early start, doing some roadside birding. We will travel on the N7 with a few stops between Clanwilliam (we will stop at a reliable spot for **Protea Canary**, another true endemic) and Kammieskroon (if we are lucky, some **Black headed Canaries** will make their appearance), before we get to Springbok, where we will overnight. [Approximately an 6hr drive, but considering we will be doing some roadside birding]

Overnight: ***Goegap Nature Reserve***

Day 2 – Alexandra Bay [day trip]

Today, we will leave early, heading on the Diamond Coast towards Alexandra Bay via Port Nolloth [Approximately an 2hrs, 15min drive] for the **Barlow's Lark**. We might get lucky and find it in Port Nolloth. As we head in the direction of Alexandra Bay (where we will have more opportunities), we can be on the look out for **Black-chested Snake Eagle**. With some luck on our side, we will be able to tick our target bird early enough, do some birding in and around Alexandra Bay and head back to Springbok, if time allows, we will be doing some late afternoon birding in Goegap Nature Reserve.

Overnight: ***Goegap Nature Reserve***

Day 3 – Aggeneys / Pofadder / Onseepkans

Today, we will do some early morning birding in Goegap Nature Reserve, before we head to Aggeneys (Red Dunes) for one of the 18 true SA endemics, the **Red Lark**, also **Fawn-coloured Lark**, **Karoo long-billed Lark**, **Grey backed Sparrow Lark**, **Sabota Lark** and **Pygmy Falcons**. We will then move up to the Orange River, Onseepkans if time allows. (or perhaps doing this route on day 4).

Overnight: ***The Klein Pella Guest House***

Day 4 – Augrabies Falls National Park

Today, we will head to Augrabies Falls National Park [Approximately an 2hr drive, considering some delays, depending on the sightings on the road]. Here we will settle into our accommodation and do some birding in the park and the camp-site. Possible bird species: **Brubru, Golden-tailed Woodpecker, Pied-Wagtail, Red-eyed Bulbul, Black-chested Prinia, Orange-river White Eye**, to name a few.

Overnight: ***Augrabies Falls National Park***

Day 5 – Kenhardt / Brandvlei / Calvinia

Today, we will leave early, heading to Calvinia via Kenhardt & Brandvlei, where we will follow 1 or 2 side roads, like the Afdeling pad 2984, that will hopefully lead us to some special species, like: **Black-eared Sparrowlarks, Pink-billed Lark, Sclater's Lark and Stark's Lark**. We will then do some more roadside birding on our way to Calvinia, where we will overnight.

Overnight: Die Blou Nartjie

Day 6 – Heading to Cape Town

Today, we can leave a bit later, have a nice decent breakfast before heading to Cape Town. Some more roadside birding is on the menu.

Below, a list of possible bird species for this trip (not mentioning all)

- 1. Barlow's Lark***
- 2. Cape long-billed Lark***
- 3. Spike-healed Lark***
- 4. Red Lark***
- 5. Stark's Lark***
- 6. Fawn-coloured Lark***
- 7. Karoo long-billed Lark***
- 8. Sabota Lark***
- 9. Grey-backed Sparrow Lark***
- 10. Black-eared Sparrow Lark***
- 11. Karoo Lark***
- 12. Black headed Canary***

- 13. *Pygmy Falcon***
- 14. *Brubru***
- 15. *Golden-tailed Woodpecker***
- 16. *Red-eyed Bulbul***
- 17. *Black chested Prinia***
- 18. *Orange-river White Eye***
- 19. *Rosy faced Lovebird***
- 20. *Cinnamon breasted Warbler***
- 21. *Rufous eared Warbler***
- 22. *Sociable Weaver***
- 23. *Cape Eagle Owl***
- 24. *Tractrac Chat***
- 25. *Karoo Chat***
- 26. *Black chested Snake Eagle***