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Shipwreck Lodge NAMIBIA

If you've always dreamt of heading to Burning Man festival, tantalised by the desert setting, but never braved it, then a stay at these new nautical-inspired cabins in the golden dunes of Namibia's Skeleton Coast is as close to sleeping in an art installation as it gets. It's quite a journey - a two-and-a-half-hour flight in a teeny plane from Windhoek, passing Mars-like vistas and rugged mountains, before an adventurous 90-minute Jeep drive to the Lodge - but it's worth it: being shipwrecked never looked so good. Each cabin is decked out with smart grey linens, sail-like window blinds and faux-fur rugs, while porthole windows look out onto epic desert views. By day, go on elephant-and-hyena-spotting safaris, eat lunch surrounded by the quirky rock formations of the Clay Castles, or

wander across the dunes to the Atlantic Ocean, where tendrils of fog hang thick in the air. At night time, after ravishing sunsets and hearty suppers in the lounge ship (think butternut squash soup and chocolate fudge cake), you'll return to your room to find hot water bottles in the bed and flickering wood-burning stoves to lull you to sleep.

THE LUXE TOUCH The surrounding dunes not only make for an amazing adventure playground (careering over them in a 4x4 is sure to make your heart race), but listen carefully as you slide down them and you may hear a rather magical, eerie sound as the sand shifts – some of them 'sing'...



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