

# NAMIBIA FROM THE FALLS

## Zambia & Namibia

15 day small group tour  
(overland camping)



Enjoy the sights of Victoria Falls before crossing into Namibia. Traverse the Zambezi region (Caprivi Strip) and follow the waterways of the Kwando and Kavango rivers. Visit Mahango Game Reserve for abundant wildlife viewing, then continue to the pans of Etosha National Park to view wildlife near water-holes. Enjoy Spitzkoppe, meet the Atlantic Ocean at Swakopmund and climb the Namib Desert dunes.





#### **Cost includes:**

- transport in an custom-built over-land truck with a maximum of 12 passengers
- services of two registered English-speaking guides
- 11 nights in self-erected domed tents with shared ablutions, 3 nights in twin-share rooms with en-suites
- 14 x breakfasts, 11 x lunches, 9 x dinners
- entrance fees to national parks
- visits Victoria Falls, Zambezi region, Mahango Game Reserve, Etosha National Park, Damaraland and San cave drawings, Spitzkoppe, Swakopmund, Sossusvlei dunes, Sesriem Canyon and Windhoek.

#### **Cost excludes:**

- visas and international flights
- international airport taxes if applicable
- meals and drinks not listed
- dining rooms tips
- personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
- telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature
- optional 4WD safaris and excursions.

**B - breakfast**  
**L - lunch**  
**D - dinner**

#### **Livingstone to Windhoek**

**Accommodation:** self-erected dome tents with shared ablutions and twin-share rooms at guesthouses / lodges

**Departs:** Sundays

**Group size:** maximum of 12

**Product code:** SUNB15

#### **Itinerary overview:**

Day 1: Zambia, Livingstone - Victoria Falls Waterfront campsite or similar  
 Day 2: Zambia, Livingstone - Victoria Falls Waterfront campsite or similar  
 Day 3: Namibia, Zambezi region (Caprivi) - campsite  
 Day 4: Namibia, Zambezi region (Caprivi) - campsite  
 Day 5: Namibia, Rundu - campsite  
 Day 6: Namibia, Etosha National Park - campsite  
 Day 7: Namibia, Etosha National Park - campsite  
 Day 8: Namibia, Ugab wilderness - campsite  
 Day 9: Namibia, Spitzkop - campsite  
 Day 10: Namibia, Swakopmund - Dunedin Star Guesthouse or similar  
 Day 11: Namibia, Swakopmund - Dunedin Star Guesthouse or similar  
 Day 12: Namibia, Namib Desert - campsite  
 Day 13: Namibia, Namib Desert - campsite  
 Day 14: Namibia, Windhoek - Klein Windhoek Guest House or similar  
 Day 15: Namibia, Windhoek - ends

Pre-tour accommodation in Livingstone and post-tour accommodation in Windhoek can be arranged prior to departure on request.



## Namibia from the Falls - camping

### Days 1 - 2: Livingstone, Zambia (Victoria Falls)

Meet your fellow travellers at 2.00 pm in Livingstone on day one. Explore one of the seven natural wonders of the world, Victoria Falls, on the Zambian side of the Falls. Follow walkways to several lookouts and vantage points to view the Falls, enjoy the native flora and fauna. A path along the edge of the forest provides the visitor with an unparalleled series of views of the Falls. One special vantage point is across the Knife Edge Bridge, where visitors can have the finest view of the Eastern Cataract and the main Falls as well as the Boiling Pot where the river turns and heads down the Batoka Gorge. Other vantage points include the Falls Bridge and the Lookout Tree which offers a panoramic view across the sheet of waterfalls. Seasons provide completely different experiences of the Falls region. Peak flood season is around March and April, when the full power of the falls can be experienced in all its glory. As the floods abate the view of the falls gets better and better through the year, but at its lowest, anytime from September to December the Falls become little rivulets running over the edge and in some places along the 1.7km width no water falls at all. Your days are spent participating in a myriad of optional adventures (own expense). **Victoria Falls Waterfront campsite - good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, restaurant and bar (B x 1).**

### Victoria Falls Waterfront

The Victoria Falls Waterfront is the perfect place to stay in Livingstone, centrally located in between Livingstone town and Victoria Falls. The lodge boasts numerous facilities catering to a travellers every need including a river-side restaurant and bar with stunning views over the Zambezi River – the perfect spot for a sundowner drink. A varied mix of accommodation includes en-suite chalets, permanent tents and a campsite. A travel desk makes it easy to book any local excursion while the travelling explorers vibe makes this property the best value and best loved on the Zambian side of Victoria Falls.

### Day 3: Zambezi region (previously the Caprivi) - 300 km, 7 + hours driving, excluding rest stops, border formalities and road conditions

Crossing into the Zambezi region (Caprivi Strip), we spend two days travelling west through this game rich area. Today is a long travel day. **Campsite - good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, restaurant and bar (BLD).**

### Day 4: Zambezi region (previously the Caprivi) - 200 km, 3 + hours driving, excluding a stop for a village walk

We explore the Kwando River by boat and enjoy a game drive in the Mahango Game Reserve. **Campsite - good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, restaurant and bar (BLD).**

### Day 5: Rundu - 210 km, 3 + hours driving

After a morning enjoying the abundant birdlife that surrounds the camp, our onward journey takes us along the Kavango River. Villages of grass huts and local wooden crafts and carvings are a common sight on our drive. We stop for the night at our riverside camp in Rundu to enjoy a spectacular sunset. **Campsite - good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, restaurant and bar (BLD).**

### Days 6 - 7: Etosha National Park - 620 km, 8 + hours driving (day 6), day 7 is spent on game drives

Once a vast lake fed by the Kunene River, the pan that is Etosha National Park dried up thousands of years ago when the river's waters chose a new course. Covering 20,000 square kilometres, Etosha is Namibia's premier nature and wildlife reserve including four of the 'big five'.





Cape Cross seal colony

We take game drives around the huge pan to find elephant, herds of antelope, lion and much more around waterholes. Here we stay at a campsite within the national park where wildlife is known to visit both day and night. **Campsite - good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, restaurant, bar and shop (BLD).**

**Day 8: Ugab wilderness - 600 km, 7 + hours driving, excluding stops for sightseeing and lunch**

Leaving the pans of Etosha behind we drive south west to the harsh landscapes for which Namibia is so famous. Namibia is a land of great contrasts and Damaraland demonstrates this with stark plains and ancient valleys leading to rocky outcrops and the soaring peaks of the Brandberg Massif Mountains. The Ugab wilderness is one of the most scenic areas in Namibia, a huge, untamed, ruggedly beautiful region. Here there are prehistoric water courses with open plains and grassland, massive granite koppies and deep gorges. Animals such as the desert elephant have adapted to survive the harshness of the sun-blistered, almost waterless desert spaces. We visit ancient bushman art with your guide. **Campsite - good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, bar and telephone (BLD).**

**Day 9: Spitzkoppe - 430 km, 6 + hours driving, excluding several stops for sightseeing and lunch**

Our journey covers some beautiful desert landscapes as we move south towards the huge granite domes that rise out of the desert at Spitzkoppe. We set up camp at the foot of these massive domes and take a walk to explore the area. The silence and wide open spaces add to the mystery as we enjoy a magnificent sunset. **Campsite - basic ablution facilities (BLD).**

**Day 10: Swakopmund - 250 km, 3 + hours driving, excluding stops for sightseeing**

Our first stop today is a real unexpected treat. Over 50,000 cape fur seals call Cape Cross home. We spend time watching them play, fight and interact on the beach and in the cold waters of the Atlantic before continuing to the coastal mecca of 'Swakop'. Swakopmund is a popular seaside resort with a slightly nostalgic atmosphere, characterized by numerous colonial buildings. Founded by the Germans in 1892 their colonial influence is still evident today. The town has a selection of excellent coffee shops, restaurants and bars, as well as many arts and crafts shops selling curios. There are fine beaches to walk along as well as a great museum, aquarium and galleries to visit. Swakopmund is also the adventure activity capital of Namibia. **Dunedin Star Guesthouse - twin room with en-suite (BL).**

**Day 11: Swakopmund**

Today is free to explore the town, or try dune boarding or sea kayaking (own expense). **Dunedin Star Guesthouse - twin room with en-suite (B).**

**Days 12 - 13: Namib Desert - 350 km, 5 + hours driving, excluding stops for sightseeing and dependent on road conditions**

The parched Namib Desert has endless orange dunes blown into sharp ridges by the sand-shifting wind and at Sossusvlei, forming a gateway into the Namib Desert. We walk to Sossusvlei, explore Sesriem Canyon and watch dramatic sunsets over the world's highest sand dunes. **Campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers and shop (BLD).**

**Day 14: Windhoek - 345 km, 5 + hours driving dependent on road conditions**

Overnight in the capital of Namibia. Windhoek's charm lies in its harmonious blend of African and European cultures. **Klein Windhoek Guest House - twin room with en-suite, swimming pool and bar (BL).**



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### Klein Windhoek Guest House

The guesthouse is situated in one of Windhoek's best suburbs in a quiet area next to the Klein Windhoek Riverbed. Guests have access to the fully licensed Riverview Restaurant, a swimming pool and free Wi-Fi. All rooms have en suite bathrooms.

### Day 15: Windhoek

Your safari ends after breakfast. **(B)**.

#### Important information:

- It is the responsibility of the client to be at the tour departure point at the time assigned by the tour operator. On completion of the tour, flights must be booked taking into consideration the time recommended by the tour operator.
- The tour operator may re-route the itinerary or change campsites and accommodation in rare cases of non-availability, or if local conditions restrict accessibility.
- The tour operator has the right to use an alternative or replacement vehicle if necessary.
- There is no air-conditioning or toilet onboard the overland truck. Convenience stops are made along the way at regular intervals.
- A mattress is provided, however passengers must bring their own sleeping bag, pillow and towel.
- Meals are prepared by the crew with assistance from passengers on washing-up duties.
- Suitcases are unsuitable for overland safaris due to limited space. We recommend luggage packed in inexpensive barrel style bags or soft sided bags not exceeding 12 kg.
- This tour includes some long days of road travel which are necessary in order to visit all the listed regions.
- Prices for flights, airport taxes, park fees and applicable government taxes and levies may be changed without prior notice. Any change is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed on.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- A single supplement is not compulsory if you are happy to share with a fellow passenger of the same gender, however a single supplement does apply if you want your own tent.
- Some participation is required on tour with camp chores, eg taking turns to assist with washing-up duties, putting up and taking down your tent and loading your bags into the vehicle.
- Children between 12 – 17 years are accepted on this tour but they must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 12 years of age are not permitted on some activities.
- Passengers over 65 years are required to supply a medical certificate stating they are fit and healthy to join an adventure travel group.

