

DESERT & DELTA

Zambia, Namibia & Botswana

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AFRICA**

TRAVEL WITH
EXPERIENCE

21 day small group tour
(overland camping)

From Victoria Falls in Zambia, to Namibia's Sossusvlei dunes and Botswana's epic game reserves, this camping tour visits many highlights of Southern Africa. Visit Etosha National Park's wildlife-rich waterholes, climb the Namib Desert sand dunes, bush walk in Botswana and savour the cosmopolitan feel of Swakopmund. Then cap off your wildlife experience with a boat safari in Chobe National Park.



Etosha National Park



Cost includes:

- transport in an custom-built over-land truck with a maximum of 12 passengers
- services of two registered English-speaking guides
- 14 nights in self-erected domed tents with shared ablutions, 2 nights wilderness camping in self-erected dome tents with bucket shower and pit toilet, 4 nights in twin-share rooms with en-suites
- 20 x breakfasts, 17 x lunches, 12 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, Windhoek, Kalahari, Okavango Delta and Chobe National Park.

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 Livingstone

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

Departs: Sundays

Group size: maximum of 12

Product code: SUNB21

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, Kalahari - Dqae Qare San Lodge campsite or similar
- Day 16: Botswana, Maun - campsite
- Day 17: Botswana, Okavango Delta - wilderness camping
- Day 18: Botswana, Okavango Delta - wilderness camping
- Day 19: Botswana, Makgadikgadi Pans - campsite
- Day 20: Botswana, Chobe region - Thebe River Safaris or similar
- Day 21: Zambia, Livingstone - ends

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

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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 riverside 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'.





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: Kalahari, Botswana - 550 km, 7 + hours driving, excluding lunch and border formalities

Crossing into Botswana we overnight in the heart of the Kalahari. We take a walk with the local San Bushmen to learn fascinating bush skills and get an insight into how these incredible people survive in this desert environment. Our overnight campsite is owned and operated by the community. **Dqae Qare San Lodge campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers, swimming in old quarry (BLD).**

Dqae Qare San Lodge and campsite

Dqae Qare San Lodge is owned and run by the San (Bushmen) people, set up as a social enterprise by the local San D'Kar community and provides employment and social support. You will be welcomed by the San themselves who will prepare your meals and ensure you receive an authentic experience of San culture. Enjoy the open spaces and quiet peace of the Kalahari in the company of the wonderfully open and friendly San people.

Day 16: Maun - 300 km, 4 + hours driving, excluding a walk and stops for supplies

Today we head towards Maun, the gateway to the Okavango Delta. Maun originated as a cattle outpost but it has evolved into the capital of Botswana's tourist industry. We camp near the banks of the Thamalakane River. After settling in there is time to relax this afternoon at the swimming pool as we prepare for your excursion into the Okavango Delta. **Campsite - good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, restaurant and bar (BL).**

Days 17 - 18: Okavango Delta - 3 + hour Okavango transfer each way

The Okavango Delta is the only inland delta in the world. Instead of flowing into the sea, the annual flood of fresh water spreads over 15,000sq km of the Kalahari sand in a maze of lagoons and channels. We journey deep into the Okavango Delta in mokoros, or dugout canoes. In the Delta you have two nights camping wild enjoying game walks, swimming and birdlife in this pristine wilderness area. **Wilderness camping - bucket shower with warm water from the fire and a pit toilet tent with pit latrine and seat (BLD).**

Day 19: Makgadikgadi Pans - 320 km, 4 + hours driving, excluding stops for sightseeing, plus mokoro ride and 2 hour 4WD Delta transfer

This morning you farewell the wet wilderness of the delta and head towards the shimmering, dry salt pans of Makgadikgadi. The pans are massive, about the size of Switzerland, and most of the time appear as a glaring, white, endless plain. When the rain comes a dramatic change takes place as the pans come to life with frantically feeding water birds and great herds of zebra, wildebeest and springbok. **Campsite - good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, restaurant and bar (BL).**

Day 20: Chobe National Park - 300 km, 3 + hours driving, excluding stops for sightseeing and lunch

After breakfast our morning drive takes us to the banks of the Chobe River for an overnight stay. The Chobe River flows lazily along the northern boundary of Chobe National Park attracting some of the largest herds of elephant in Africa. This afternoon enjoy a game viewing 'sundowner' safari cruise, including drinks and snacks. During the cruise it is common to see large numbers of elephant and other wildlife, including hippo and a multitude of birdlife as they quench their thirst at the end of the day. **Thebe River Safaris - twin room with en-suite (BL).**





Thebe River Safari

Thebe River Safaris Lodge for the perfect accommodation option during your visit to the Chobe. Offering a family room and twin rooms nestled around a tranquil courtyard, all our rooms are en-suite and offer convenient amenities such as air-conditioning, refreshment stations and complimentary WiFi to ensure you have a perfect stay. Guests can also make use of our swimming pool which overlooks the beautiful Chobe River.

Day 21: Livingstone, Zambia - 70 km, 1 + hours driving

Today your tour ends today upon our return to Livingstone around noon. **(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 12kgs.
- 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.