

# NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA & THE FALLS

## Zambia, Namibia, Botswana



21 day small group tour  
(basic accommodation)

Visit the highlights of Namibia and Botswana, from Namibia's famous Sossusvlei dunes to Botswana's epic game reserves. Soak up Victoria Falls before crossing into Namibia's arid Etosha National Park. Climb the Namib Desert dunes, bush walk with San bushmen, take to the channels of the Okavango Delta in a dug-out canoe, then cap off your wildlife sightings with a safari cruise on the Chobe River.



## Okavango Delta



### Cost includes:

- transport in a custom-built overland truck with a maximum of 12 passengers
- services of two registered English-speaking guides
- 20 nights basic accommodation in chalets, guesthouses, lodges and permanent tents with en-suites
- 20 x breakfasts, 17 x lunches, 11 x dinners
- entrance fees to national parks
- visits Victoria Falls, Zambezi region, Etosha National Park, Sossusvlei dunes, Sesriem Canyon, Swakopmund, Damaraland and San cave drawings, Kalahari, Okavango Delta bushwalks and mokoro rides, Makgadikgadi Pans, Chobe National Park
- still mineral water on board vehicle

### 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 excursions

**B - breakfast**

**L - lunch**

**D - dinner**

### Livingstone to Livingstone

**Accommodation:** basic

**Departs:** selected Sundays

**Group size:** maximum of 12

**Product code:** SUNNBA

### Itinerary overview:

Day 1: Zambia, Livingstone - Victoria Falls Waterfront or similar  
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Day 3: Namibia, Zambezi region (Caprivi) - Camp Kwando / Ngepi Camp  
Day 4: Namibia, Zambezi region (Caprivi) - Camp Kwando / Ngepi Camp  
Day 5: Namibia, Rundu - Nkwazi Lodge or similar  
Day 6: Namibia, Etosha National Park - Tarentaal Guest Farm or similar  
Day 7: Namibia, Etosha National Park - Tarentaal Guest Farm or similar  
Day 8: Namibia, Etosha National Park - Tarentaal Guest Farm or similar  
Day 9: Namibia, Damaraland - Brandberg White Lady Lodge or similar  
Day 10: Namibia, Swakopmund - Hotel Pension a la Mer or similar  
Day 11: Namibia, Swakopmund - Hotel Pension a la Mer or similar  
Day 12: Namibia, Namib Desert - Desert Camp or similar  
Day 13: Namibia, Namib Desert - Desert Camp or similar  
Day 14: Namibia, Windhoek - Klein Windhoek Guest House or similar  
Day 15: Botswana, Kalahari - Dqae Qare San Lodge or similar  
Day 16: Botswana, Maun - Island Safari Lodge or similar  
Day 17: Botswana, Okavango Delta - Wilderness camping  
Day 18: Botswana, Okavango Delta - Wilderness camping  
Day 19: Botswana, Nata - Nata Lodge or Pelican Lodge  
Day 20: Botswana, Chobe River - 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.



## Namibia, Botswana & the Falls - basic

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

Meet your fellow travellers then join a guided tour of one of the seven natural wonders of the world - Victoria Falls (Zambian side of the Falls). Follow walkways to several lookouts and vantage points to view the Falls, whilst hearing a brief history of the region and information on the native flora and fauna.

A path along the edge of the forest provides visitors with unparalleled views of the Falls. One special vantage point is across the Knife Edge Bridge, where you have the best 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 offer panoramic views 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 throughout 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 - chalet with en-suite (B - day 2).**

### 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 traveller's every need including a riverside restaurant and bar with stunning views over the Zambezi River – the perfect spot for a sundowner. 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 (formally 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. **Camp Kwando - chalet or permanent tent with en-suite / Ngepi Camp - twin tree house with en-suite (BLD).**

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

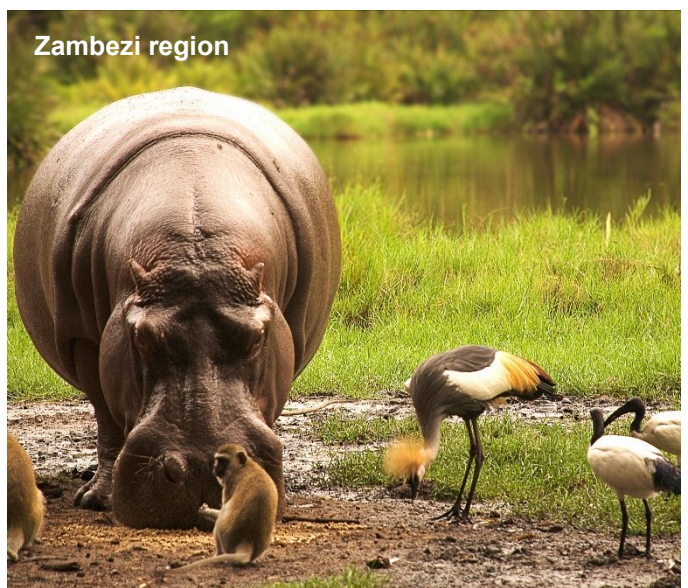
We explore the Kwando River by boat and enjoy a game drive in the Mahango Game Reserve. **Camp Kwando - chalet or permanent tent with en-suite / Ngepi Camp - twin tree house with en-suite (BLD).**

### Camp Kwando

Nestled on the banks of the Kwando River, Camp Kwando invites you to explore the hidden treasures of an untamed land. Capture the spirit of the African bush while sipping sundowners from the beautiful overhead deck. Experience the thrill of hearing the call of the African fish eagle from your chalet, or permanent thatched roofed tents on the island. This riverside camp also features a restaurant, bar and swimming pool.

### Ngepi Camp

Situated in the unspoiled upper reaches of the Okavango Delta panhandle in the western Caprivi Strip, Ngepi Camp is set on an island with permanent river frontage. It is a paradise of flooded plains and secret backwaters teeming with wildlife, nestled between Mahango National Park and Bwabwata National Park, which is directly across the river. We stay in the camp's en-suite tree houses, built on the river's edge.



## Etosha National Park



### 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 lodge in Rundu to enjoy a spectacular sunset. **Nkwazi Lodge - bungalow with en-suite (BL).**

### Nkwazi Lodge

nKwazi Lodge has 12 thatched roof bungalows, each having an en-suite hot shower with basin and toilet. The lodge communal areas include a restaurant, bar and swimming pool. nKwazi Lodge is Namibian owned and operated, with all 15 staff employed from the local community. The owners started a pre-school 12 years ago, providing 40-50 children with three meals a day and an education in preparation for Grade 1. In addition, the lodge runs on 25% solar power, grows 50% of the vegetables needed and they have a small indigenous nursery on site.

### Days 6 - 8: Etosha National Park - 620 km, 9 + hours driving (day 6), days 7 & 8 are 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. We stay at a lodge on the outskirts of the national park. **Tarentaal Guest Farm - twin room with en-suite (BLD).**

### Tarentaal Guest Farm

Decorated in African safari-style, the rooms at the guest house adjoin an open dining room where meals are enjoyed with a panoramic view of the surroundings. Above the dining room is an open-air tower room where sun-downer drinks are served at sunset. Rooms are twin share with en-suite facilities and there is a swimming pool and telephone.

### Day 9: Damaraland - 430 km, 6 + hours driving, excluding sightseeing stops 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, petrified forests and ancient valleys leading to rocky outcrops and the soaring peaks of the Brandberg Massif Mountains. Damaraland 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 elephant, black rhino, giraffe, ostrich and springbok have adapted to survive the harshness of the sun-blistered, almost waterless desert spaces. **Brandberg White Lady Lodge - chalet with en-suite (BLD).**

### Brandberg White Lady Lodge

The stylish chalets and bungalows at the lodge are spread over an area in the river valley, among large, shady trees. Every unit includes electric lights, ceiling fans and a private verandah.

### 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.



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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. **Hotel Pension a la Mer - twin room with en-suite (BL).**

### Hotel Pension A La Mer

Hotel Pension a la Mer is situated in the heart of Swakopmund only minutes away from the beach and historical jetty. The hotel offers charming accommodation in 23 en-suite bedrooms. Genuine hospitality is offered, along with generous breakfasts and plenty of local knowledge to assist you in choosing from Swakopmund's plethora of activities.

### Day 11: Swakopmund

Today is free to explore the town, or try dune boarding or sea kayaking (own expense). **Hotel Pension a la Mer - twin room with en-suite (B).**

### Days 12-13: Namib Desert - 350 km, 5 + hours driving, excluding stops for sightseeing and lunch

The parched Namib Desert has endless orange dunes blown into sharp ridges by the sand-shifting wind and Sossusvlei forms a gateway into the Namib Desert. We will walk to Sossusvlei, explore Sesriem Canyon and from the comfort of our lodge outside the national park, watch dramatic sunsets over the world's highest sand dunes. **Desert Camp - permanent tent with en-suite (BLD).**

### Desert Camp

Nestled under centuries-old thorn trees, Desert Camp has an unsurpassed 360 degrees view over the desert landscape and surrounding mountains. An absolute must for the nature lover and photographer. Facilities at the main building include a fully stocked and serviced bar with big screen television, a sparkling swimming pool and two communal bomas.

### 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 (BL).**

### 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 lodge is owned and operated by the community. **Dqae Qare San Lodge - chalet with en-suite (BLD).**

### Dqae Qare San Lodge

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 rooms and 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.



Custom-built touring vehicle



Desert Camp



Okavango Delta bushwalk

#### Day 16: Maun, 300 km, 4 + hours driving

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. Your lodge for tonight is situated on 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 tomorrow. **Island Safari Lodge - twin share with en-suite (BL).**

#### Island Safari Lodge

Located on the banks of the Thamalakane River, Island Safari Lodge is a cool and welcoming oasis in the heart of Maun. Shaded under a huge canopy of large trees, the lodge overlooks the river and floodplain beyond. Island Safari Lodge is set on a 300 acre private island reserve, just 10 km from Maun Airport. The protected reserve has several walking trails running through the bush, perfect for a nature walk. Relax by one of the two swimming pools or head to the restaurant and bar for the river view.

#### Days 17-18: Okavango Delta - transfer 3 + hours 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 at a tented camp enjoying game walks, swimming and birdlife in this pristine wilderness area. **Wilderness camping - pre-erected tents with en-suite toilet (BLD).**

#### Okavango Delta wilderness camping

Each tent has twin camp beds with linen and an en suite chemical toilet. Shared bucket shower tent with hot water off the fire. Tents have built-in insect nets. We need to take our own water and all equipment. Wild tented camping can be very enjoyable but please remember that we leave no trace of our stay and take all rubbish away with us. The wilderness tented camp supplies all linen blankets and pillows. The camp chairs have a backrest. You will need to bring your own towel. WiFi not available.

#### Day 19: Makgadikgadi Pans - 320 km, 4 + hours driving excluding stops for sightseeing, plus 2 hour 4WD transfer out of the Delta

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. **Nata Lodge - twin room with en-suite (BL).**

#### Nata Lodge

Nata Lodge is an oasis set among mokolwane palms on the edge of the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans. It is ideally situated close to the entrance to the Nata Sanctuary and is just off the main road. The property includes 10 safari tents with en-suite facilities built on raised wooden platforms which are nestled under marula trees. The shady trees surrounding the lodge is a hive of activity, with a bird feeding area and active water feature providing bird watchers the opportunity to view a variety of species from either the pool deck, open bar or restaurant.

#### 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 where you stay tonight. The Chobe River flows lazily along the northern boundary of Chobe National Park attracting some of the largest herds of elephant in Africa.



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This afternoon brings a highlight of your trip to Chobe, a game viewing 'sundowner' safari cruise, including drinks and snacks. During the cruise it is common to see elephant, hippo, Nile crocodile and more as they quench their thirst at the end of the day, plus abundant birdlife. **Thebe Chobe Lodge - chalet with en-suite (BL).**

### Thebe River Safari

Thebe River Safaris Lodge is the perfect accommodation option during your visit to Chobe. Offering a family room and twin rooms nestled around a tranquil courtyard, all 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 the swimming pool, which overlooks the beautiful Chobe River.

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

Today your tour ends on 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 the 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 toilet onboard the overland truck. Convenience stops are made along the way at regular intervals.
- Bedding is provided and most accommodation establishments provide towels, however we suggest you bring a small towel for use at the beach or swimming pool.
- 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.
- Those wishing to share a room/tent will be matched with another same-gender traveller. If you don't wish to share, a single supplement applies for a single room or tent.
- Passengers over 65 years are required to complete a medical form, which is assessed by the tour operator to ascertain suitability of the client to the tour.
- It is the responsibility of the client to have all documentation, including visas and inoculation certificates.
- An essential part of this safari is some participation. From carrying your own bag, to packing the truck in the morning – it's all part of the adventure. There are some long days with early starts so everyone needs to get involved to make the trip run efficiently. Where the tour leaders provide meals, clients are asked to help (on rotation) with the washing up.

