

# CAPTIVATING NAMIBIA

## Namibia & Botswana

8 day group tour  
(deluxe accommodation)

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EXPERIENCE

This tour joins the salt pans of Namibia with the wetlands of the Zambezi and Chobe Rivers. Along the way you spend time in Etosha, Mudumu, Mahango, Bwabwata and Chobe National Parks, with plenty of river-based safaris and 4WD game drives on offer. On leaving Etosha National Park you stay at lodges based on the river systems with wildlife often viewed directly from your accommodation. A stay in Victoria Falls, or on the Zambezi River can be easily added to the end of this tour.







#### **Cost includes:**

- transport in a minibus or coach (dependent on passenger numbers)
- services of a registered bi-lingual driver-guide (English and German speaking)
- 7 nights' deluxe accommodation
- 7 x breakfasts, 1 x lunch, 1 x dinner (a full board option is available at an additional cost)
- selected beverages at Chobe Water Villas
- entrance fees to: Etosha National Park, Mahango National Park; Mudumu National Park and Chobe National Park
- portages
- still mineral water on board vehicle
- tourism levy & government taxes
- 24 hours medical evacuation insurance

#### **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 & excursions

**B - breakfast**

**L - lunch**

**D - dinner**

**FI - fully inclusive of meals and selected beverages**

#### **Windhoek to Kasane**

**Accommodation:** deluxe

**Departs:** selected Tuesdays (bi-lingual departure)

**Group size:** maximum of 16

**Product code:** CAPNAM

#### **Itinerary overview:**

Day 1: Namibia, Etosha National Park - Mokuti Etosha Lodge or similar

Day 2: Namibia, Etosha National Park - Mokuti Etosha Lodge or similar

Day 3: Namibia, Kavango region - Kaisosi River Lodge or similar

Day 4: Namibia, Bwabwata N' Park - Shometu River Lodge or similar

Day 5: Namibia, Bwabwata N' Park - Shometu River Lodge or similar

Day 6: Namibia, Muduma National Park - Lianshulu Bush Camp or similar

Day 7: Namibia, Chobe River - Chobe Water Villas or similar

Day 8: Namibia, Kasane - ends

A stay in Victoria Falls or on the Zambezi River can easily be added to the end of this tour to complete your southern African journey. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Victoria Falls is one of the most spectacular natural wonders on Earth. The Falls and the surrounding, untouched Zambezi River region is a definite highlight of southern Africa. Refer to our Falls Explorer, Falls Experience, Falls Classic or Zambezi Dreaming itineraries for details.

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### Day 1: Etosha National Park - 530 km of road travel

Departing Windhoek we travel north through extensive cattle farming areas and bushland to Etosha National Park, famous for its vast amount of wildlife and unique landscape. We reach the lodge late afternoon, with time at leisure to enjoy the extensive facilities. **Mokuti Etosha Lodge.**

#### Mokuti Etosha Lodge

As the closest lodge to Etosha National Park, Mokuti is only four minutes' drive from the eastern Von Lindequist Gate, near the historical Namutoni Fort. The lodge is located on its own private 4000-hectare nature reserve, which shares a common border with the national park. On arrival, guests are welcomed by a cool, green, tropical oasis. Charming thatched buildings throughout the lodge garden and two sparkling pools nestled among the vast indigenous gardens, give credence to the name "Mokuti", which in Ovambo means "In the forest". The rooms are spread out through the surrounding forest and gardens. This mid-sized lodge has 90 rooms, all recently refurbished and air conditioned. The rooms are equipped with satellite TV, a mini-fridge, safe, free Wi-Fi, tea and coffee-making facilities and en suite bathrooms with showers.

### Day 2: Etosha National Park - 200 km of road travel

The day is devoted purely to the abundant wildlife found in the Etosha National Park, which surrounds a parched salt desert known as the Etosha Pan. The park is home to four of the 'Big Five' (elephant, lion, leopard and rhino). Despite the size of the Etosha National Park, only the southern edge of the pan is accessible to visitors. Game viewing in the park is primarily focused on a series of waterholes, which are spring or borehole fed. These provide ideal game viewing. Popular game species such as giraffe, blue wildebeest, plains and mountain zebra, hyena, lion, leopard, antelopes such as kudu, oryx, eland, as well as some of the endangered species such as black rhino, cheetah and the black-faced impala are all found at the waterholes. An extensive network of roads link the over 30 water holes allowing visitors the opportunity of a comprehensive game viewing safari throughout the park as each different area will provide various encounters. **Mokuti Etosha Lodge (B).**

### Day 3: Kavango Region - 450 km of road travel

After breakfast, we travel north-east towards Namibia's lush Kavango region. En route, we stop at Hoba Meteorite, the world's largest known meteorite. We continue to the town of Rundu, known for its rich selection of hand-made wooden crafts. With its woodlands and perennial rivers, the Kavango region contrasts sharply with the red dry sands of Namibia. Large swathes of tall woodland, riverine forests and reed-lined channels dominate the area. You will see many of the traditional huts and homesteads still in popular use today. At the lodge you can enjoy an optional sundowner boat cruise on the Okavango River (own expense). **Kaisosi River Lodge (B).**

#### Kaisosi River Lodge

Situated seven kilometres north of the gateway town of Rundu, and en route to the Zambezi region (previously the Caprivi strip), Kaisosi River Lodge offers a riverside location for travellers traversing southern Africa. Accommodation consists of quality thatched chalets, which are available as single, double or family units, all with an en suite. Kaisosi features a swimming pool, bar area and a friendly restaurant that caters for guests from the camp and its surrounds. This popular overnight stop provides a convenient location for those travelling between Etosha and Botswana.







#### Day 4: Bwabwata National Park - 220 km of road travel

After breakfast we follow the Okavango River into the Zambezi region. While most of Namibia is arid, this area is lush with rich soil and plentiful wildlife. It is a lively hotbed where one can see subsistence and cattle farming and traditional wood carvings. The banks of the Okavango River are directly at our doorstep and your lodge tonight offers a magnificent view onto the Popa Falls, a series of small rapids leading to the Mahango National Park. There is the opportunity to join an optional late afternoon boat cruise on the Okavango River (own expense) or take a short walk to a local Habukushu village. **Shametu River Lodge (B).**

#### Shametu River Lodge

Nestled riverside between Mahango National Park and Bwabwata National Park, Shametu River Lodge offers a tranquil base for game viewing and sunset river cruises. Each of the 22 chalets are beautifully furnished and offers guests an en-suite bathroom, mosquito netted beds, coffee station, lounge area and a private porch to enjoy Namibia's stunning sunsets. The swimming pool overlooks the rapids of the Popa Falls, and the restaurant and bar offers the perfect position for star gazing. At night you can drift off to sleep with the calming sound of the Okavango River and the Popa Falls in the background whilst based at this friendly lodge.

#### Day 5: Bwabwata National Park - 100 km of road travel

After an early breakfast we travel into the Mahango National Park. Mahango is Namibia's smallest but most densely populated national park in terms of wildlife. The Mahango Game Park has a high number of elephant, as well as good numbers of antelope, which are scarce in other parts of Namibia. These include the roan and sable antelope, tsessebe and the red lechwe. The park is also home to several sitatunga. The Mahango National Park is an excellent destination for bird watching with over 400 species to be spotted. **Shametu River Lodge (B).**

#### Day 6: Mudumu National Park - 250 km of road travel

We depart the Mahango National Park and travel across the Zambezi region to the lush woodlands of the Kwando River. Hundreds of elephant, large buffalo herds and numerous antelope roam these extensive riverine woods. With over 400 species of bird, this area counts as one of the best birding hotspots in the whole of southern Africa. At the lodge you can participate in optional nature drives or boat cruises (own expense). **Lianshulu Bush Lodge (B).**

#### Lianshulu Bush Lodge

Situated on a private concession inside the Mudumu National Park, Lianshulu Bush Lodge sits on the riverine fringes of the Kwando River in what was previously referred to as the Eastern Caprivi. The main lodge overlooks the Kwando Lagoon and the upper bar deck has views to a pristine riverine marsh area with regular sightings of hippo, elephant and marsh antelope species. Lianshulu Bush Lodge offers stylish accommodation in eight guest rooms in total, each with an en suite, ceiling fan, gauze screen doors and mosquito netting. Meals are served under a wild fig tree and include breakfasts, brunches and dinners by candlelight, followed by liqueurs served around a flickering fire. The airy, thatched dining, lounge and bar areas open onto spacious, split-level and raised wooden decks, affording sweeping views. Two romantic fireplaces, a comprehensive library, African curio shop and secluded swimming pool enhance the perfect safari experience.

#### Day 7: Kasane / Chobe River - 240 km of road travel

After breakfast we cross the Namibian border into Botswana at Kasane, a small, bustling town right on the edge of the Chobe National Park. From here we cross Chobe River on a short boat transfer to our luxury accommodation right on the edge of the Chobe River. This special corner of the African wilderness, where two mighty rivers meet, is a wetland paradise that is a haven for nature and wildlife. The exclusivity and style of this boutique lodge is unparalleled.

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In the afternoon we embark on a guided Chobe River sunset safari to experience the multitude of game species, such as hippo, Nile crocodile and elephant found along the banks of the Chobe River. **Chobe Water Villas (FI).**

### Chobe Water Villas

Perched on stilts over the water's edge, Chobe Water Villa's elevated view includes the world renowned Sedudu Island and Chobe National Park. The luxurious water villas feature an open plan lounge and bedroom opening onto an individual terrace facing the Chobe River, sun loungers, a generous bathroom with a double vanity, separate bath, shower and toilet. Included in the daily rate is a choice of two motorized game activities per night stay, including a morning game drive into the Chobe National Park, a sunset cruise visiting the historic Kasai channel and renowned Impalila Island along the shores of Botswana Namibia and Zambia. Guests can enjoy the conversation pits, indoor and outdoor dining, cocktail bar and lounges. Chobe Water Villas offer the perfect stay for discerning travellers wishing to focus on wildlife in the river and national park.

### Day 8: Kasane / Chobe National Park

Today we take an early morning game drive in Chobe National Park hosted by Chobe Water Villas. The ranger-guided, open 4WD game drive explores the national park for three to four hours. Chobe is home to the largest concentration of elephant in Africa, while other game consists of large herds of buffalo, puku, lechwe, bushbuck and kudu. Other significant species such as lion, leopard, wild dog, sable and roan antelope are also encountered in many areas of the reserve. Enjoy breakfast on return from the safari. Following check-out you are transferred by boat to the Kazungula Immigration Office where your tour ends. From here you can transfer to Kasane airport or Victoria Falls (onward transfer is at own expense). **(B).**

### Important information:

- This tour operates on a bi-lingual basis, whereby the tour guide will speak in both German and English to passengers and explain all sights in both languages.
- The accommodation specified in the itinerary is a guide only and is subject to availability. Alternatives will be of a similar standard wherever possible.
- 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.
- 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.
- Children younger than 12 are unable to join seat-in-vehicle safaris, however we would be pleased to book a private safari for families with young children.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- The distances quoted in the itinerary are an estimate only and are subject to local road conditions and photo stops. Due to the nature of travel in Namibia and the size of the country, some days on the road are lengthy.

