



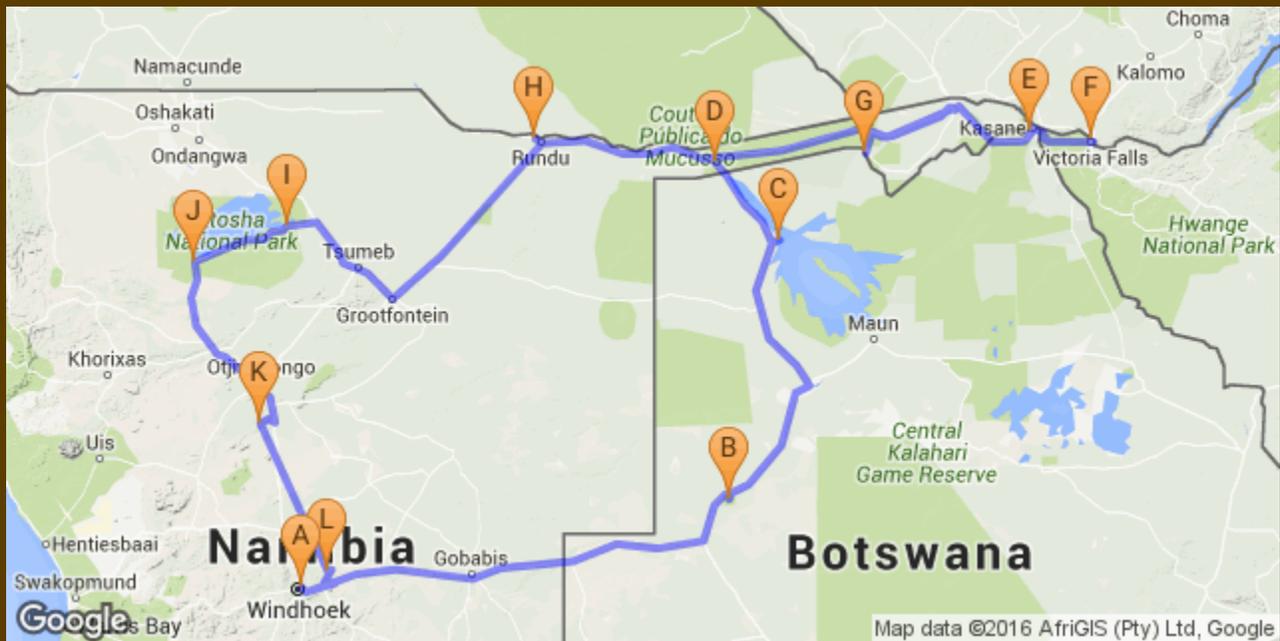
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### Self-drive 15 Day Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe - Accommodated

Windhoek - Ghanzi - Okavango Panhandle - Mahango Game Reserve - Chobe River Front - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - Caprivi Strip - Kavango - Etosha National Park - Etosha National Park - Okonjima Nature Reserve - Central Namibia

15 Days / 14 Nights

15 Days to experience some of the best game viewing this area has to offer. Visit the Okavango Pan-Handle, the Chobe National Park, the Caprivi Strip as well as the Famous Etosha National Park.





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## Day 1: Galton House, Windhoek (45km)

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With its well-developed infrastructure, some of the best tourist facilities in Africa and an impressive list of breath-taking natural wonders, touring Namibia is truly a pleasure. Visit the capital of Windhoek and the lovely coastal town of Swakopmund to discover remnants of the country's German influence, reflected in the architecture, culture, cuisine and the annual Oktoberfest celebrations. To properly appreciate this extraordinary country, you will have to venture out of the cities to explore the remarkable natural landscapes Namibia has to offer. These include: the impressive Fish River Canyon Park; the vast Etosha National Park teeming with local subspecies, such as desert lions, desert elephants and the Hartmann's Mountain Zebra; the hauntingly beautiful Kalahari Desert; and of course the Namib Desert stretching for nearly 1000 km along the magnificent Atlantic coastline. Namibia is an ideal destination for travellers seeking an unforgettable African experience in a uniquely beautiful untamed wilderness.

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Windhoek (BB) (Accommodation)

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Arrive at Windhoek International Airport, where you will be transferred to Namibia's Capital City, Windhoek. Overnight at a Guesthouse in the city.

Namibia's capital Windhoek is often described as a city with a "continental" atmosphere. This can be ascribed to its architecture – historical buildings dating back to German colonial rule – as well as to its cuisine, culture, dress codes and educational institutions. At the same time Windhoek has the colour, sound and tempo of a modern African city. Pavement displays of African drums and woodcarvings from the north contrast with elegant shops offering sophisticated Swakara garments and Namibian gemstones set in individually designed pieces of jewellery. While some shops display clothing, silver and glassware imported from Europe, others stock casual and colourful cloths from West Africa.

Because of the area's plentiful hot springs, Windhoek was initially known as Ai-gams (spelt /Ai//Gams to indicate the click sound), a Nama word meaning "firewater", "steam" or "smoke", and Otjomuise, a Herero word meaning the "place of steam". The Nama captain Jan Jonker Afrikaner, gave the town the name it carries today. In the early 1840's Afrikaner settled where the most powerful spring reached the surface. It is thought that in a moment of nostalgia he named the place after Windhoek, the farm in the Cape where he was born. During the German colonial administration the town called Windhuk, which later became Windhoek.

Public transport consists mainly of taxis, while a bus service takes passengers between Katutura and Khomasdal to Windhoek and its various suburbs.

### **Overnight: Galton House**

Galton House is Windhoek's newest accommodation establishment. Named after the famous explorer Sir Francis Galton, it has a relaxed but efficient style which creates a very welcoming atmosphere. Impressive wildlife photography adorns the walls whilst the rest of the interior is a combination of modern minimalistic and understated chic. A mere te-minute drive from the centre of town and perched on the edge of Windhoek's northernmost affluent suburb of Eros, guests staying here will be ensured of peace and tranquillity. There is Wi-Fi throughout the property and the eight guest rooms all have wired internet connectivity and satellite television. There is a coffee/tea station available in the reception area and these can also be provided in the rooms on request. The communal areas consist of a large lounge, indoor and outdoor dining areas, a swimming pool, an early arrival/late departure day room (including toilet, shower, changing and re-packing facility) as well as understated garden areas. There is also a delightful 'al fresco' dining area by the pool where freshly prepared and very tasty meals are served (including lunch and dinner). A number of shops, restaurants and supermarkets are within easy striking distance.



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### Included

Bed & Breakfast

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### Day 2: Dqae Qare San Lodge, Ghanzi (560km)

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Despite recent and surprisingly rapid modernization, Botswana’s cities provide little in the way of tourist attractions. However, what the cities lack in excitement, the surrounding wilderness areas more than make up for in outstanding natural beauty. The country’s primary tourist draw card is undoubtedly the vast red expanse of the Kalahari Desert and its remarkably beautiful Okavango Delta - the largest inland delta in the world provide a haven for an abundance of African wildlife. Other highlights include the impressive Makgadikgadi salt pans where visitors are privy to massive zebra migrations during the flood season; the Savuti plains which host large prides of lions; and the Tsodilo Hills where 4500 rock paintings form a unique record of human settlement over many millennia.

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Windhoek – Ghanzi, Kalahari, Botswana (BB) (Accommodation)

After breakfast, your rental vehicle will be delivered at your guesthouse. The type of vehicle will depend on whether you choose either the camping or accommodated self-drive tour.

A long drive today, making use of the Trans-Kalahari-Highway, a relatively new road that provides an invaluable communication link between Namibia, Botswana and South Africa. The road takes us first to the small town of Gobabis, one of the main livestock farming centres of Namibia, and then on to the border with Botswana. After completing the immigration formalities, we continue, through rural Botswana to the town of Ghanzi, located in the centre of cattle farming Botswana. Ghanzi is located almost in the middle of the Kalahari Desert and was almost unknown before the Trans Kalahari Highway.

### **Overnight: Dqae Qare San Lodge**

Dqae Qare San Lodge offers a unique Kalahari experience as it is owned and run by the San people (Bushmen). Set up as a social enterprise the Lodge supports the local San D'Kar community through employment and is a crucial project in the San's quest for cultural survival. As a guest of the San at Dqae Qare you will enjoy all the benefits of the excellent accommodation, traditional cuisine and extensive adventure and cultural activities. The Lodge is located on 7500 hectare game farm owned by the San which includes a range of plains game from giraffe to warthog and including leopard, cheetah and brown hyena.

As a celebration of San culture, the community delight in sharing their culture and extraordinary knowledge of the Kalahari with guests through bush walks, traditional dancing, fire making, craft making, trapping and story-telling or experience everything and more over a full day Bushman Experience. Accommodation consists of 15 en-suite rooms and an extensive campsite under the Camel thorn tress. Wild camping on the farm is also possible or at the Far Campsite 10km south of the Lodge. Our excellent meals, often with wild foods sourced off the farm, can be booked by lodge guests and campers.



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### Day 3: Guma Lagoon Camp, Okavango Panhandle (380km)

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Ghanzi – Okavango Delta, Guma Lagoon (BB) (Accommodation)

An early start and a quick stop in Ghanzi to collect any last minute supplies before continuing east and north, traversing the linear dunes of the Kalahari and passing through small towns along the way. A change in vegetation heralds your arrival on the very western edge of one of the natural wonders of the world, the Okavango Delta. Here you turn north for some way before again pointing your wheels west as you enter the Delta proper. You see your first glimpse of the crystal waters through the lush vegetation and you overnight in cabins on the banks of a pristine African lagoon.

Is situated along the banks of the Guma Lagoon on the north-western side of the Okavango Delta in Botswana. Guma Lagoon Camp is truly a fisherman's paradise and bird watchers haven. Guma offers both self-catering and full board accommodation. Accommodation is provided in spacious canvas chalets/cabins, all en-suite and located on the edge of



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the lagoon. Alternatively, we have seven campsites under shady trees with private ablutions. With the abundance of fish species in the Okavango Panhandle, Guma Lagoon Camp is the perfect area for spin or fly-fishing.

### **Overnight: Guma Lagoon Camp**

Guma Lagoon Camp is situated in the Okavango Panhandle and is a bird watchers' haven. If you are a spin or fly fisherman, Guma offers a large variety of fish including the Tiger-fish. The camp offers both self-catering and full board accommodation. Accommodation is provided in spacious canvas chalets, all en-suite and located on the edge and overlooking the lagoon. Alternately we have seven campsites under shady trees with private ablutions. Guma also offers overnight camping trips into the Okavango delta on either mokoros or Boats. One can also explore the Okavango back waters at night with only a spot light and the stars as company. Wanting to see the Okavango from the air, board the R44 Helicopter based at Guma and explore the wonders of the Delta from the air.



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### **Included**

Bed & Breakfast

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## **Day 4: Guma Lagoon Camp, Okavango Panhandle**

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Okavango Delta, Guma Lagoon (BB) (Accommodation)

You are in the territory of the River People, so this morning you leave your vehicle behind and travel in a more appropriate fashion, first by motor-boat and then by traditional Mokoro (dugout canoe), deep into the Delta. (Included) Mokoro's will be your main form of transport. These amazing traditional craft are perfectly designed for the narrow waterways of the Okavango and allow you to travel further into the Delta than if you were using more modern forms of transport. Mokoro's carry three people, two seated passengers and one driver. The driver stands in the rear of the canoe, (a real feat of balance), and uses a long wooden pole to propel and steer the Mokoro through the twisting channels. It really is the only way to travel in this area.

Back to camp in the late afternoon for another night by the Okavango waters.



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Fishing Trips

Mokoro Trips

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### ***Fishing Trips***

Whether fly-fishing or spin fishing, the Okavango River is undoubtedly one of the best freshwater sport fishing rivers found anywhere in Southern Africa. Guma Lagoon is one of the most rewarding locations.

All types of fishing are offered at Guma Lagoon Camp. Depending on the season, the prominent species caught while fishing the lagoon are catfish, African pike, red breasted tilapia, three spot tilapia and purple face largemouth. For those who want to fish the mighty Okavango River, a 40-minute boat ride from camp that passes through a narrow meandering network of channels, will get you there. Fishing takes place in the channels and waterways around Guma Lagoon Camp. The Guma area comprises of many small lagoons, countless small palm fringed islands, narrow winding waterways amongst dense papyrus and reeds and the large Guma Lagoon itself.

Fish species that can be caught at Guma Lagoon Camp are tigerfish, nembwe (olive bream), threespot tilapia, brown spot tilapia, thinface large mouth tilapia, purple face large mouth tilapia, African pike, redbreast tilapia, green-headed tilapia, sharptooth catfish, blunt-tooth catfish and butter barbel. Guma caters for both the conventional angler and fly-fisherman. To-date the tigerfish record at Guma Lagoon Camp is 7.2 kg (15.8 lbs), and the tigerfish spin-fishing record is 6.8 kg (14.96 lbs).

Experienced local guides accompany all guests on the boats. When fly-fishing only 2 guests are permitted per boat. No private boats are permitted at Guma. Guma Lagoon Camp actively supports a catch-and-release policy for of all fish species.

### ***Mokoro Trips***

The traditional dugout canoe, locally known as a mokoro, was the mode of transport chosen by the Okavango's first inhabitants, the Bayei and Banoka people.

Guma Lagoon Camp offers a choice of day trips or overnight camping mokoro trails that take you into the heart of the Okavango. This is an adventurous safari experience not to be missed.

From Guma Lagoon Camp, a 15-minute boat transfer that passes through a narrow meandering channel will get you to the start of your mokoro experience. From here you will get onto a fiberglass or wooden mokoro which can seat two people. The Head Mokoro Poler will then give the group a detailed speech on safety and what to expect on your trip.

You will be poled through the tranquil channels that link the extensive flood plain system to the main river. Water lily beds, palm islands and papyrus stands abound making for the most scenic of experiences. On one of the larger islands



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you will have time to have your lunch and a guided walk. There is always a chance of seeing large herds of red lechwe bounding through the water and passing elephants feeding amongst the lush wetland vegetation.

After your hearty lunch and walk you will make your way slowly back to the Mokoro station where our motorboats will be waiting for you to take you back to camp.

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### **Included**

Bed & Breakfast

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### **Day 5: Ndhovu Safari Lodge, Mahango Game Reserve (150km)**

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Okavango Delta – Caprivi, Namibia, Mahango area (DBB) (Accommodation)

Back on the road today, destination Namibia. Passport formalities completed you go directly into the Mahango Game Reserve, a small but excellent park right on the edge of the Okavango River. Your game drive your way through Mahango and have the chance to spot rarely seen Namibian species such as roan antelope the majestic sable antelope. Overnight beside the Okavango River. Activities offered: boat excursions and game drives.

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### **Overnight: Ndhovu Safari Lodge**

Ndhovu Safari Lodge is a peaceful riverine retreat overlooking the well-known Caprivi Game Park (Bwabwata National Park). In true safari tradition, Ndhovu Safari Lodge offers luxury tented accommodation, each tent being fully equipped with its own en-suite bathroom facilities. For the adventurous type, there is a River tent on the water. Here guests can feel real close to crocodiles and hippos, relax in the sun on the deck or try catching the famous tigerfish. In addition, there is an exclusive camping area. Facilities offered at the lodge includes sundowner cruises, fishing excursions, village

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tours and game drives whilst the birdlife in the area will satisfy the most ardent bird-watcher - over 400 different species have been recorded in the surroundings.



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### Optional

Boat Cruise

#### *Boat Cruise*

Take boat trips along the border of the Caprivi National Game Park, where you can see hippo, elephant, buffalo, crocodile and birds which include the White Backed Night Heron and possibly the Pels Fishing Owl.

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### Included

Bed & Breakfast

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## Day 6: Chobe Safari Lodge, Chobe River Front (450km)



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Mahango Area – Katima Mulilo – Botswana, Kasane (Room only) (Accommodation)



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You depart and drive towards Katima Mulilo before you crossing back across the border into Botswana. The road takes you directly into the world famous Chobe National Park. Chobe has the world’s largest population of African Elephants and the chances of seeing some big game are very good as we transit through the park to the small town of Kasane. You check in at the Lodge for your overnight. The lodge lies right on the banks for the Chobe River. In the afternoon you can choose an optional sunset Boat Cruise on the Chobe River.

### **Overnight: Chobe Safari Lodge**

Chobe Safari Lodge is situated in Kasane on the banks of the Chobe River and shares a border with Chobe National Park. Right on the doorstep is the meeting of four African countries: Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe and Zambia. Chobe Safari Lodge therefore offers an excellent getaway location to Chobe, Victoria Falls or Caprivi.

The close proximity to Victoria Falls International Airport, Livingstone International Airport and Kasane International Airport makes it easily accessible, with daily road transfers or charter flights connecting all these airports with Chobe Safari Lodge. The lodge has been recently renovated; matching a magical lodge experience to the spectacular game viewing.



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### **Included**

Room only

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**Day 7: A'Zambezi River Lodge, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (100km)**

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A nation of spectacular natural beauty, friendly people and rich culture, Zimbabwe's status as one of Africa's leading safari destinations was dampened for years by its political instability. But now that the country is transcending its strife and returning to a state of equilibrium, it is once again emerging as a vacation highlight of the continent. Victoria Falls – known to locals as 'The Smoke That Thunders' – is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and the sheer power of this massive body of water plunging into the Zambezi Gorge is awe-inspiring and unforgettable. Lake Kariba, with its game-rich shores and islands, is an idyllic safari spot featuring mind-blowing sunsets; Hwange National Park is known for its huge herds of elephants; and a kayak trip down the Zambezi through the Mana Pools National Park will appeal to the intrepid traveller, providing close encounters with crocodiles, hippos and a host of other wildlife.



Chobe National Park – Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls (BB) (Accommodation)

An early hot drink before we head off on a leisurely game drive (optional extra), exploring the wonders of the Chobe National Park by road. Game drives within the park offer the opportunity to view abundant elephant and other big game species up close, and there is also the possibility of an encounter with one of the large predators.

Depart and drive towards Zimbabwe to Victoria Falls. Spend the next 2 nights exploring the famous Victoria Falls.



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### Overnight: A'Zambezi River Lodge

The immense beauty of the Zambezi has captured the hearts of explorers for over a century. A'Zambezi is famed for its African-style design, curvy lay-out, distinctive thatched roof and its perfect blending into the surrounding environment. Likewise, its accommodation follows the same theme, with thoughtfully decorated river-theme rooms in a variety of options.



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### Included

Bed & Breakfast

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## Day 8: A'Zambezi River Lodge, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

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### Day Notes

Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls (BB) (Accommodation)

This is a free day for you to explore the area or to take part in optional activities. It's a wonderful opportunity to relax a bit after your trip. Or you can do other activities (Not include) Helicopter flights, Micro lighting, walk with Lions, Elephant rides and many more.

In the afternoon you can visit the Victoria Falls. (Not Included)

The Victoria Falls – Constitutes one of the most spectacular natural wonders of the world. The Local people call it “Mosi-oa-Tunya” — the smoke that thunders and the Falls are remarkable. There is a magic about them manifested in the towering column of spray when the river is high, the thunder of the falling water, the terrifying abyss and tranquil lagoons upstream in which hippo and deadly crocodiles lurk. The Victoria falls is 1 708 meters wide, making it the largest curtain of water in the world. It drops between 90m and 107m into the Zambezi Gorge and an average of 550,000 cubic metres of water plummet over the edge every minute. Remarkably preserved in its natural state, Victoria falls inspires visitors as much today as it did David Livingstone in the 1860's. The falls and the surrounding area have been declared National Parks and a World Heritage Site, thus preserving the area from excessive commercialization.



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## Optional

- Sundowner Cruise
- Tour of the Falls Zimbabwe
- White Water Rafting (Low)
- Helicopter Flight (13 min)

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### *Sundowner Cruise*

The Zambezi River cruise is a superb way to relax and enjoy the beauty of the River. You may have the opportunity to see a variety of game; including hippo, crocodile and elephant in their home environment, as well as enjoy the many different bird species.



### *Tour of the Falls Zimbabwe*

The Victoria Falls reaches its zenith in about May each year. It's a truly awe-inspiring experience – the sight, the sound, the smell; the humbling feeling that here indeed is Nature's Supreme Masterpiece. No photograph can begin to depict the reality...and nothing prepares you for your first sight. This tour is conducted in the morning and afternoon. En route, you may be taken past the 'Big Tree before being accompanied through the Rain-forest by a Wild Horizons guide who will give a brief history of the Falls themselves as well as detailing the flora, fauna, bird & wildlife and other points of interest. Guides are also happy to assist with photographs whilst visiting this most spectacular of waterfalls. Raincoats are provided when needed.

Daily  
Minimum/ Maximum participants – Minimum One / Maximum Unlimited. Departure – Between 08h00 and 08h30 / 13h20 and 13h45 from hotels and B&B's in Victoria Falls Town Duration – 2 hours. Language – English (French, German, Italian & Spanish available on private tours, at supplement cost – subject to availability)



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### ***White Water Rafting (Low)***

Victoria Falls is a mile-long curtain of water that stretches across the glistening basalt rock, erupts into spray, and then thunders into the canyons below. The walls of basalt rock that capture the mighty Zambezi form one of the great river corridors of the world. This is the domain of the Nyaminyami, the River God of the Tonga people and is the ‘highway’ for our rafts. The gorge is over 100 meters deep at the Falls and increases to over 200 meters by the end of a full day raft trip. Despite this rugged terrain, the gorges below the Falls are thick with vegetation and incredibly spectacular.

Arguably the wildest white water in the world, rafting on the Zambezi River is an adrenaline rush not to be missed. The rapids on the Zambezi River are officially defined as “Grade 5” by the British Canoe Union (Grade 6 being commercially un-runnable). Clients should be reasonably fit for this activity, as there is a steep walk into & out of the Batoka Gorge as well as the white water rafting activity itself.

All guests will be collected from their respective hotels and taken to The Lookout Café for their briefing. Please bring your vouchers to check in. Do not bring valuables with you. Please leave all valuables, jewellery and passports at your hotel for safekeeping. We provide a safekeeping facility at check-in, where valuables can be left at your own risk.



### ***Helicopter Flight (13 min)***

The 13 minute and 28 minute flights depart regularly throughout the day and offer spectacular photographic opportunities. Guests are collected from their hotels 30 minutes prior to their flight departure time and are given a safety talk on arrival at the Helipad, near the Elephant Hills Inter-Continental Hotel. After take-off on the 13 minute Flight of Angels, the helicopter turns out towards the Victoria Falls. The pilot will fly circuits over The Falls in both



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directions giving guests the best viewing and photographic opportunities. A trip up river and back over the Zambezi National Park completes your flight.



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### Included

Bed & Breakfast

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### Day 9: Camp Kwando, Caprivi Strip (350km)

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Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls – Namibia, Caprivi Kwando Area (BB) (Accommodation)

Very early in the morning depart Zimbabwe and continue via Katima Mulilo to the Kwando area of Namibia. The Kwando-Linyanti river system is home to a series of private game reserves, known for their exotic animal species and luxury safari options. An abundance of wildlife roams freely between the woodland habitats, ancient floodplains and forests that make up these lush, unfenced reserves. The big game in this area increases dramatically during the dry season when the area hosts large herds of impala, blue wildebeest, giraffe and buffalo as well as the world’s highest density of elephant. Several packs of wild dog are found in the area and lion, leopard and cheetah are frequently sighted. Night drives allow for the discovery of nocturnal creatures such as civets, genets, honey badgers and spring



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hares. This vast, untamed wilderness is the perfect location for those seeking a unique African adventure in an exclusive and remote big game habitat.

**Overnight: Camp Kwando**

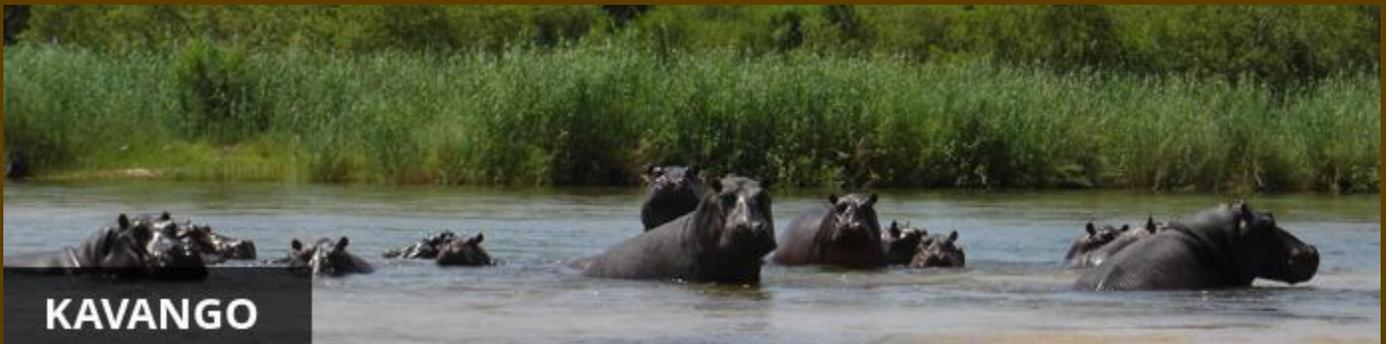
Beautifully set on the banks of the Kwando River Camp Kwando is centred round a large thatched lapa which houses a restaurant and bar. The Camp has two room types, chalets near the reed beds of the river, and larger 'tree houses' built on stilts. Game drives and boat trips are on offer. Come capture the spirit of the African bush while sipping sundowners from the beautiful overhead deck and experience the thrill of the tiger fish and the hauntingly beautiful call of the African fish eagle



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**Day 10: Hakusembe River Lodge, Kavango (420km)**



Kwando – Rundu (BB) (Accommodation)



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Morning at leisure before driving to the small town of Rundu in northern Namibia. A place so unspoiled that while you are there you will experience nature as it was first created. n’Kwazi is a secluded paradise, tucked away amongst lush riverine vegetation on the banks of the perennial Kavango River. Situated 20 kms north-east of Rundu, n’Kwazi combines the tranquillity of a tropical environment with the comforts of a luxury lodge. n’Kwazi’s much-praised cuisine — a scrumptious buffet in the evenings — is superb. Activities include canoeing, horse-back trails, bird watching, traditional dances and sundown cruises. Our warm hospitality and enthusiastic service will make your stay a special one.

### **Overnight: Hakusembe River Lodge**

Picturesquely situated on the south bank of the Okavango River, 16 km west of Rundu, Hakusembe River Lodge makes for the perfect stopover on the way into Caprivi and to the Victoria Falls. The 10 chalets (with air-conditioning) offer magnificent views of the river and the lush vegetation which teems with diverse birdlife. The swimming pool invites to cool off on hot summer days. Experience the river world on a boat trip and relish the enchanting atmosphere during dinner in the restaurant and with a drink at the bar.



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### **Included**

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### **Day 11: Namutoni Rest Camp, Etosha National Park (450km)**

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Rundu – East Etosha National Park, Namutoni Resorts (BB) (Accommodation)

Early morning departure to drive south towards Etosha Park, where you enter in the early afternoon and where you can still do some game drive before checking in at Namutoni. Today's Etosha National Park was proclaimed as Namibia's first conservation area in 1907 by the then German government and is one of the largest game reserves in Africa. Consisting of saline desert, savannah and woodlands, its definitive feature is the Etosha Pan, a vast shallow depression. For the greater part of the year the pan is a bleak expanse of white, cracked mud which, on most days shimmers with mirages. Seeing vast herds of game against this eerie backdrop, referred to in the local vernacular as the 'great white place of dry water', makes the Etosha game-viewing a unique experience.

Of the 114 mammal species found in the park, several are rare and endangered, such as black rhino, cheetah and black-faced impala. Etosha's current population of more than 700 black rhino represents one of the few growing populations of black rhino in the world. About 340 bird species occur in Etosha, about one third being migratory. For the greater part of the year (the dry season) Etosha's animals and birds are dependent on about 30 springs and waterholes. These provide excellent game viewing and photographic opportunities. During the rainy season, especially the bird life at the main pan and Fischer's Pan is worth viewing.

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### **Overnight: Namutoni Rest Camp**

The lodge centres on an old German Fort overlooking the King Nehale waterhole; an elevated decked walkway provides excellent opportunities for enjoying the surrounding scenery, wildlife and the spectacular sunsets. The Fort has been developed into a hub of activity, offering two restaurants, a relaxation lounge, a bar, crafts boutique, curio shop, jewellers and bookstore. Accommodation is provided in comfortable double rooms or bush chalets. Camping is also available.



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### Included

Bed & Breakfast

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## Day 12: Okaukuejo Rest Camp, Etosha National Park (140km)

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Etosha National Park, Okaukuejo Resorts (BB) (Accommodation)

A full day's worth of game driving awaits you and you leave early to enjoy the cool morning air, making your way to Halali camp, situated in the middle of the park. By lunch time you can have lunch at Halali (Not Included) you can visit the surroundings of Halali and continue driving to the Okaukuejo, Etosha's main rest camp and resort where we will check in and set up camp. Originally the site of a German fort built in 1901, Okaukuejo now houses the Etosha Ecological Institute, founded in 1974; the round watchtower is a remnant of the fort.

After your evening meal there are still more chances to see Etosha's big game at a floodlit waterhole, situated on the boundary of our camp and easily reachable within a minute or two on foot. The waterhole has been described as one of the "best game viewing opportunities in Southern Africa" and the ideal venue to witness peculiar animal politics. Black rhino, Africa's tallest elephants, lion and numerous species of antelope are regular visitors during the cool, dry season.

### Overnight: Okaukuejo Rest Camp

Okaukuejo is located 17 km from the southern entrance of the park, and famous for its flood-lit waterhole, where visitors can observe at close quarters a spectacle of wildlife congregating and interacting. Accommodation is provided to suit every need, in premier bush chalets overlooking the waterhole; bush chalets and double rooms; or family chalets. Other facilities include a restaurant, bar, shop, swimming pool, kiosk and camping facilities.



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### Included

Bed & Breakfast

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### Day 13: Okonjima Plains Camp, Okonjima Nature Reserve (250km)

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Etosha Park – Otjiwarongo, Okonjima, Home of Afri-Cat (DBB) (Accommodation)

Time for one more morning game drive before you leave Etosha, but it's not the end of our game viewing. You aim to arrive at Okonjima during the middle of the afternoon, giving you time to check in and to relax in the shade or plunge into the pool. Okonjima is the home of the Africat Foundation, a specialist conservation association that centres its operations around the African Big Cats, particularly cheetah

### Overnight: Okonjima Plains Camp

Not only is Okonjima a luxury lodge, but it is also home to The AfriCat Foundation, a non-profit organisation, committed to long-term conservation of Namibia's large carnivores, especially cheetahs and leopards. A visit to Okonjima will give you an opportunity to witness some of AfriCat's work. The NEW, Plains Camp design honours the Okonjima cattle-



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farming history. In the early 1920's, Okonjima became a cattle farm and was bought by Val (VJ) & Rose Hanssen in 1970. They were well-established Brahman breeders and continued to farm cattle until the need for solutions to increasing livestock losses became pertinent and post-independence interest in Namibia as a tourist destination, escalated. In 1993, the herds of Brahman and Jersey cattle were sold, changing the face of Okonjima as well as that of Carnivore Conservation! **STANDARD ROOMS:** Each of the 14 Standard Rooms enjoy a view across the Okonjima grass plains! **VIEW ROOMS:** The 10 exclusive and spacious View Rooms, all have a view across the Okonjima grass plains! The OKONJIMA activities include tracking rehabilitated carnivores on foot; visiting the AfriCat Carnivore Care & Information Centre; tracking leopards from a game-viewing vehicle. OKONJIMA also offers a guided Bushman Trail. Birding and Game drives are offered on request and if guests stay longer than 2 days.

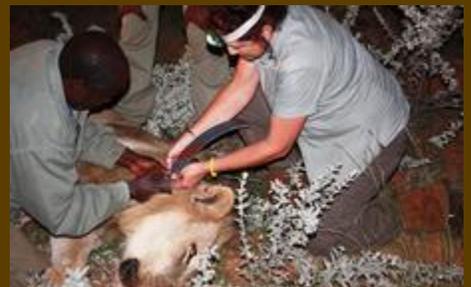


**Optional**

- The AfriCat Foundation
- Nature Drives
- Leopard Viewing

***The AfriCat Foundation***

AfriCat is a non-profit organisation set up to conserve and protect threatened cheetah, leopard, and other wild carnivores of Namibia. Visitors will be able to observe some of this programme at work and learn more about these amazing and beautiful animals.





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### *Nature Drives*

After Dinner, guests are invited to join a guided, night-drive in the 20 000ha / 200km<sup>2</sup> private, nature reserves. Guests also have the option to do an afternoon Nature drive within the reserve & enjoy viewing various animals in their natural habitat.



### *Leopard Viewing*

Leopards are frequently seen, giving visitors an opportunity to observe these magnificent predators that are 'radio-tracked' from our game-viewing vehicles. The leopards roam freely and catch their own prey within the 20 000ha / 200km<sup>2</sup> rehabilitation nature reserves. These cats however, are notoriously people-shy and sightings are not guaranteed.



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### **Included**

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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**Day 14: Na'an ku sê Lodge, Central Namibia (280km)**

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Otjiwarongo – Windhoek area, Naankuse Sanctuary Lodge (DBB) (Accommodation)

This morning you will be taken on a tour during which you will be able to meet, close-up-and-personal, some of the cheetah that are going through the Africat rehabilitation programme. Most of the animals currently living at Okonjima have been rescued from various desperate situations, being orphaned or caught in a trap, and the aim of rehabilitation process is to attempt to re-introduce them into the wild. After our educational tour you will return to Windhoek, via Okahandja where you can stop over at the Wooden Craft Market before driving to the Naankuse Sanctuary Lodge. Located just a twenty-minute drive from Windhoek International airport and nestled in the stunning African veld, our Lodge is perfectly situated to start or finish your trip to Namibia. With a range of enjoyable activities, including exciting carnivore feeding tours, available you are sure to enjoy an unforgettable African holiday with us.

Choose our Eco-Volunteer Conservation Safari and combine a few days of luxury at N/a'an ku sê Lodge with the unique hands on opportunity to take part in the conservation of threatened African wildlife and vulnerable communities. As well as helping to feed and care for the animals at the N/a'an ku sê Wildlife Sanctuary you will also visit the spectacular NamibRand Nature reserve and track wild big cats through stunning landscapes.

Our Lodge is crafted from ecologically clean material including solid logs and glass to complement N/a'an ku sê's beautiful wilderness setting. Guests will find six luxurious, individual chalets and a tranquil dining area with stunning views, bar and swimming pool. There are also five beautifully appointed and fully equipped holiday houses available for hire. The Lodge provides a breathtaking backdrop for weddings and conferences.

You can also choose to hire a car from N/a'an ku sê's fleet to combine your stay at N/a'an ku sê with a trip to some of Namibia's other breathtaking areas. By visiting our unique Lodge and Wildlife Sanctuary you will also help to make a difference in conservation. All revenue from the Lodge, which is a registered charity in Namibia, goes directly to benefit our work with wildlife conservation and supporting the poverty stricken San community.

### **Overnight: Na'an ku sê Lodge**

Join us for a luxury break amid the stunning African Savannah. Located just thirty minutes from Windhoek International Airport and nestled in the stunning African bush fields, our Lodge is perfectly situated to start or finish your trip to



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Namibia. With a range of enjoyable activities available, including Carnivore Feeding Tours and Cheetahs Up Close you are sure to enjoy an unforgettable African holiday with us. The only charity lodge in Namibia, N/a'an ku sê Lodge is crafted from ecologically clean material including solid logs and glass to complement N/a'an ku sê's beautiful wilderness setting. Guests will find six luxurious, individual chalets and a tranquil dining area with stunning views, bar and swimming pool. There are also five beautifully appointed and fully equipped holiday houses available for hire. The Lodge also provides a breath-taking backdrop for weddings and conferences. Our Lodge is a not for profit eco-tourism destination, where all profits are directed straight back into supporting our charitable projects.



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## Optional

Full Carnivore Feeding Tour

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### *Full Carnivore Feeding Tour*

During the two and half hours drive you will visit our baboons, caracals, lions, cheetahs, wild dogs and leopards. Watch them being fed by our experienced guides while they explain how these carnivores came to live on this reserve. Followed by a scenic drive with a good chance of spotting some of the other wildlife. This is not just a great way to learn about these amazing animals and how they behave in the wild, it is also a great up close photo opportunity.

A superb introduction to conservation and the work we do here at N/a'an ku sê.

(Prebookings Necessary)

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## Included

Dinner, Bed & Breakfast

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## Day 15: Departure (40km)

Depending on your flight departure time you can still do some optional activities in the morning. Depart from the Lodge and continue to the Airport in time for check in for your flight back home.



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## End of Safari

Airport transfers and pre-and-post safari accommodation can be arranged on request.

## Frequently asked questions

### What electrical adaptors do I need for Namibia?

Electrical plugs are 220 V and are 3 pin (round-pin as opposed to square pin, the same as in South Africa). Adaptors can be purchased in Windhoek and Wild Dog Safaris also sells these at their offices. It is possible to re-charge batteries at most campsites.



Image of 3 pin round and two pin. These plugs will work in Namibia.

### Is there anywhere to do laundry?

Whilst we hope that your trip will be chore free and totally relaxing, we understand that you may want to wash one or two items of clothing while out on safari!

There will be laundry facilities (with washing machines) in the bigger towns such as Swakopmund and Windhoek. While out on the road, we recommend that you pack a bar or tube of laundry detergent that you'll be able to use for smaller items of clothing at your campsite. With Namibia's dry climate, items normally dry quite quickly overnight.

If you're staying in lodges on your safari, the majority (but not all) will offer a laundry service. This will depend on the specific lodge / hotel. We suggest checking directly with your lodge or getting in touch with us if you have any specific questions.

### Where do I re-fuel and can I pay by credit card?

All towns have service stations, as do the Resorts in in our National Parks (Etosha, Sesriem, Waterberg). Payment will need to be made in cash.

### What is the average cost for fuel?

During August 2016 a litre of diesel / petrol cost around NAD11.00 per litre. With a 4x4 vehicle one could average around 600km per tank of fuel (double cabin 4x4). This is an indication only.

### What are the road conditions like in Namibia?



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We drive on the left in Namibia. You will be travelling on a lot of unsealed gravel roads where a slower speed is necessary. Generally our road conditions are good, although during our rainy season some can become slick.

### Should I tip local guides?

If you feel that your local guide has been informative and gone the extra mile to make your visit a memorable one then please do feel free to show your gratitude with a tip! Areas not provide local guides would include our National Heritage sites such as Twyfelfontein, Petrified Forest, Otjikandero Himba village and Brandberg – to name a few.

### What vehicle will I travel in on safari?

For a camping style tour this would be a double cabin 4x4 with roof-top tent (maximum two tents) and full kitchen equipment. All bedding is normally provided but can differ from one car rental agency to another. For guests travelling on an accommodated style tour we would provide a standard double cabin, or if required a Land Cruiser or similar. Automatic vehicles may be requested although these are not that common in Namibia. When choosing your vehicle type it is important to take into consideration Namibia's road conditions, better road clearance

#### Double cabin equipped



#### Double cabin standard



#### SUV light



### What food will I eat in Namibia?

Namibia offers a wide variety of local and international dishes, you'll be able to visit some of our country's fantastic restaurants before and/or after your self-drive safari, including in Swakopmund, where you will find a great variety of delicious, local seafood such as lobster, cob and Walvis Bay oysters. Elsewhere, most restaurants offer a good variety on their a la carte menus, ranging from everyday favourites such as hamburgers and pizza, to some of the best steaks in the world. A popular choice for game steak is oryx, kudu or springbok, and all are highly recommended, especially when washed down with a local beer or some of the fantastic wine that's imported from South Africa!

On a camping safari you may need to cater for yourselves on some evenings, this depends on the campsites you will overnight at. Once your program has been set we can advise on this.

### What animals will I see in Namibia?

The amount and type of animals you are likely to see will greatly depend on the region you visit. Etosha National Park is home to 4 of the Big 5 which include the Lion, Leopard, Rhino and Elephant. Buffalo is the only one of the Big 5 that is not present in the Etosha National Park, but can be seen in the Caprivi and Okavango areas of Namibia. Etosha is further



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home to 144 Mammal species and these include Zebra, Springbok, Oryx, Kudu, Eland, Impalas, White and Black Rhino, Giraffes, Damara Dik Dik, Steenbok, Brown Hyenas, Cheetah, Leopard and Jackals to name just a few. Birdlife in Etosha is also very prolific with a wide variety of endemic and migratory birds.

The rest of Namibia you are likely to spot some Oryx, Ostriches, Kudus, some baboons as well as warthogs. And in the Caprivi and Okavango Regions you will be able to spot some crocodiles and hippos as well.

Along the coast of Namibia spot some heavy-side dolphins and the cape fur seals as well as a rich marine birdlife.

### **Do I need a visa to enter Namibia?**

Nationals from the countries listed below are not required to obtain Visas to travel to Namibia on holiday for visits shorter than three months:

Angola, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Congo Brazzaville (only Diplomatic/ Official and service Passports), Cuba, Denmark, France, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Iceland, India (Diplomatic and Official Passports up to 3 months), Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Luxemburg, Lichtenstein, Macau (SAR), Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritius, Moldova, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria (Only Diplomatic and Official Passports), Norway, Portugal, Poland (diplomatic and official passports up to 3 months), Russian Federation, Seychelles, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Turkey (only diplomatic and official passports), Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, , United States of America, Ghana (only diplomatic/ official and service passports), Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Only Diplomatic/Official passports, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Visa Requirements: All applicants must submit the following:

Completed Visa Application form; Valid passport with at least 6-month validity from the date of entry and at least 3 or more blank pages; One (1) colour passport photograph; Copy of round trip ticket or itinerary indicating your trip in and out of Namibia.

Applicants must have (a) a return ticket; (b) adequate funds for the duration of their stay in Namibia; (c) proof that they will be supported by a person who is permanent resident of Namibia or is Namibian if such a case applies; (d) letter of invitation or business contacts in Namibia are required for a business visa.

Visitors with tourist visas are not allowed to engage in any employment while in the country. Should they wish to do so, they should apply for an employment permit in their country of residence prior to entry in Namibia.

Health requirements: yellow fever inoculation is a requirement only if the journey to Namibia entails passing through a yellow fever area of Africa by any other means than by a scheduled air service.

VISA FEE (c/o the nearest Namibian Embassy/High Commission) (TO AVOID DELAYS, YOU ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO BRING THE EXACT FEE/AMOUNT TO THE HIGH COMMISSION WHEN LODGING AN APPLICATION).

**Note that the processing time for visa applications is 3 Working days.** Incomplete forms and requirements may delay the process. Visa Application processions should be submitted c/o the nearest Namibian Embassy/High Commission.

ALL PASSPORTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED, COLLECTED AND SIGNED FOR IN PERSON.

Transiting via South Africa. Please note that if you are travelling with children, South Africa requires you to show the full unabridged birth certificate for each child accompanying you. This is also a requirement, even if you are just in transit through South Africa.



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#### **Do I need travel insurance for my safari?**

The short answer is yes; you absolutely need travel insurance.

It's compulsory for people travelling on our safaris and we place the onus on our clients to make sure that they are adequately insured. It is also important to realise that should you need to make a claim on your policy (for medical expenses for example), it is most likely that you will personally have to pay any bills up front, at the time the service is provided. You will then have to make a claim against your insurance company when you get home. With this fact in mind we recommend to all our clients that they have enough funds available to cover any unexpected costs. Usually the best way to do this is to carry a credit card with a sufficient credit limit.

You can also purchase travel insurance via our website. We recommend World Nomads and you can follow the link to travel insurance

#### **Can I drink tap water in Namibia?**

It's very important to stay hydrated when on safari in Namibia. Tap water is either purified or comes directly from boreholes and is therefore safe to drink. We supply drinking water from the tap, but bottled mineral water is readily available at shops and rest camps should you prefer it. On the rare occasion that tap water is unsafe to drink, your guide will always advise the group before you arrive in the area.

#### **Do I need malaria tablets in Namibia?**

Namibia is a low-risk malarial destination but we recommend that you seek professional medical advice to enable you to make decisions on personal malaria protection.

Generally Northern Namibia, including Etosha National Park is considered to be higher Malaria risk than the Southern Parts of Namibia. Malaria risk is also higher during the rainy months from December till May.

You should use an effective insect repellent on clothing and any exposed skin. Diethyltoluamide (DEET) is safe and the most effective insect repellent and can be sprayed on to clothes. Local Names in Namibia include Peaceful Sleep and Bug Off.

If you sleep outdoors or in an unscreened room, you should use mosquito nets impregnated with an insecticide (such as pyrethroid). The net should be long enough to fall to the floor all around your bed and be tucked under the mattress.

If practical, you should try to cover up bare areas with long-sleeved, loose-fitting clothing, long trousers and socks – if you are outside after sunset – to reduce the risk of mosquitoes biting.

And some local advice would be to drink a Gin and Tonic at Sunset :)

#### **What is the climate of Namibia?**



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The climate is typically semi-desert with hot days and cool nights. Midsummer temperatures may rise to over 40 degrees Celsius. Winter days are warm, but dawn temperatures may drop to freezing. Along the coast it is cool with low rainfall and fog prevails from late afternoon until mid-morning.

The rainy season lasts from October to April. The rest of the year is dry and cloudless. Namibia averages 300 days of sunshine a year.

### **When is the best time to visit Namibia?**

Every season in Namibia has something special to offer and makes Namibia one of the few year round destinations in the world.

Summer is generally from October to May and during this time you can expect warm and sunny days. Average summer temperatures ranges from 15 degrees in the mornings and evenings and during the day around 35 Degrees Celcius. This time is also what we would consider our rainy season. However rain comes in short periods and sometimes with days / months in between the next rainfall. We in Namibia love our rain, and we love this time of the year. After a few good thundershowers, the normally dry and yellow landscape changes into lush green and is a beautiful time of the year to visit Namibia.

Autumn – we have a very short autumn in Namibia and the transition between Summer and Winter is normally not as visible as in Europe. June would be considered our Autumn month, as the temperatures then changes to the early 20 Degree Celcius during the day. Some colder days can be expected.

Winter – June to August – During the winter we have lots of sunshine, and morning / evening temperatures can fall well below 10degree Celcius. The days generally do warm up to around 15 – 22 Degree Celcius, making our winter quite pleasant. However, the nights can get cold for short spells so bring beanies, long johns and a set of warm clothes if you are here between June and end August.

Spring – September is what we consider Spring. This is when the cold is over and although sometimes there is a cold day here or there, it's quite a pleasant month for travelling, as the temperatures rarely go above 30degrees Celcius.

### **What should I pack for Namibia?**

You can expect hot, wet summers and cooler, dry winters in Namibia. Generally the days can be quite hot and the evenings and early mornings can be remarkably cool.

Comfortable, lightweight clothing for the daytime and a sweater or jacket for early mornings and evenings.

Comfortable walking shoes and sandals.

Protection against the sun – sunblock, hat, sunglasses, lip balm and moisturising lotion.

Flashlight (headlamp), binoculars and a good camera with extra film or memory card.

For electrical small appliances or chargers a conversion plug to a three-pin type outlet.

Swimsuit as most lodges and hotels have swimming pools.

Insect repellent, rehydrating solutions or concentrates, diarrhoea medication, malaria prophylaxis (if traveling in malaria areas), bandages, etc.

Warm jersey or fleece plus anorak or parka, scarf, gloves and beanies/woollen hats for the cold winter months.

Headlamp – Especially when going on the camping safaris

Some flip flops that can be used when showering at Campsites



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**Pillow** – Although we provide comfortable camping mattresses and sleeping bags at extra costs, we do not provide pillows on our camping safaris. We advise bring along a small travelling pillow to make your sleeping even more comfortable.

**A 2 Litre Water Bottle.** – Namibia is quite dry and during the hot summer months we recommend drinking a lot of water to prevent dehydration. Therefore always keep water with you and make sure you stay hydrated.

### **What is the currency in Namibia?**

The currency used in Namibia is The Namibian Dollar (NAD or N\$). It is linked permanently (with a ratio of 1:1) to the South African Rand (ZAR), and South African Rand notes and coins are also legal tender in Namibia. Its not always easy to obtain N\$ before you arrive here but you should be able to get South African Rand easily.

Exchange rates vary so please check for up to date information on the current rate.

To give you an idea of the affordability of the things you might want or need in Namibia, items typically cost as follows... in no particular order, we promise!

**Local beer:** Namibia produces some fantastic beer and a bottle will cost you about NAD 15 – NAD 20.00 per beer (340ml)

**Wine:** Namibia imports quite a good selection of wines from South Africa and a very drinkable bottle (750ml) will cost around NAD 60 – NAD 150.00

**Soft Drinks:** A 500ml bottle of mineral water or branded, fizzy drink (Coca Cola, Pepsi, Fanta) is about NAD 10.00 per drink

**Restaurants:** Prices will range according to the type of restaurant you visit, but most starters (entrees) range from about NAD 30 – NAD 70.00. Main courses will be around NAD 90 – NAD 150.00 per dish and desserts will be in the region of NAD 30 – NAD 70.00

**Sunscreen:** Namibian sun can be quite harsh at times, so we recommend a good sunscreen, which will cost about NAD 150 -NAD 200.00. It's a small price to pay for eternal beauty!

**Gas/Petrol:** Of course, prices fluctuate but as of 2016, fuel will cost around NAD 12.50 per litre

### **Flights to Namibia**

There are two main ways to fly to Namibia. One is via Frankfurt and the other via Johannesburg. This link might help you compare prices and book a flight from anywhere in the world.