



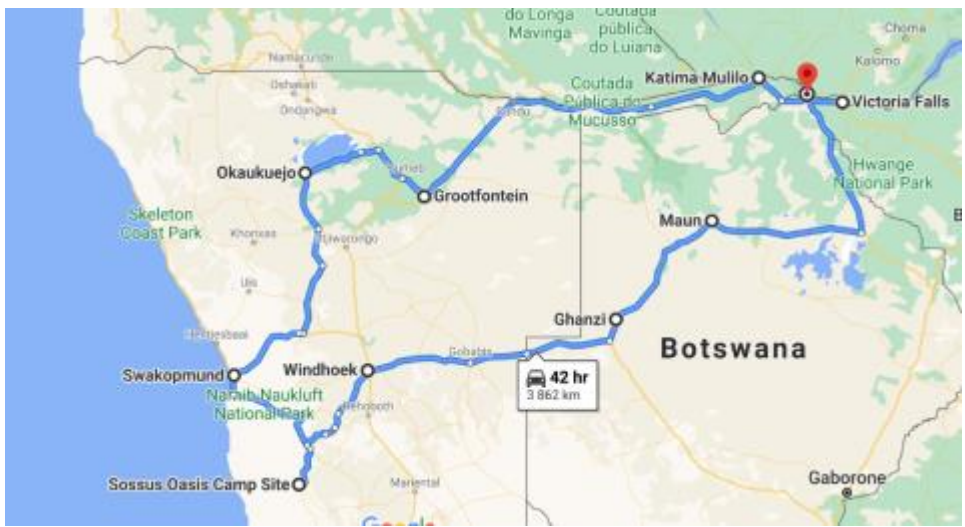
15 Day Windhoek to Windhoek

Your tour begins in Windhoek. Travelling through Namibia, Zimbabwe and Botswana and then returning to Windhoek for departure.

Accommodation style:	Twin-share Camping & twin share rooms
Length of trip:	15 Days
Starts in:	Windhoek, Namibia
Finishes in:	Windhoek, Namibia
Countries visited:	Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe

PLEASE NOTE:

This itinerary should be used as a guide only and may vary from day to day depending on road & weather conditions, political situations and group decisions. All prices and accommodation suppliers listed are subject to change.





Trip Overview

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	Urban Camp	Windhoek	None	1 night
Day 2	Tautona Lodge	Ghanzi	BLD	1 night
Day 3, 4	Sitatunga Camp	Maun	BLD, BLD	2 nights
Day 5	Thebe River Camp	Kasane	BLD	1 night
Day 6, 7	Shearwater Lodge	Victoria Falls	BLD, BLD	2 nights
Day 8	Zambezi River Lodge	Katima	BLD	1 night
Day 9	Roy's	Grootfontein	BLD	1 night
Day 10, 11	Etosha Village	Etosha	BLD, BLD	2 night
Day 12	Rest Camp	Brandberg	BLD	1 nights
Day 13	Adventure Village	Swakopmund	B	1 night
Day 14	Oasis Camp	Sossusvlei	BLD	1 night
Day 15	Urban Camp (TRIP ENDS)	Windhoek	B	

Windhoek, Namibia

WINDHOEK

Situated in Central Namibia, the cosmopolitan city of Windhoek serves as the capital of the country. It is home to an international airport and a plethora of restaurants, shops, entertainment venues and accommodation options. The city is clean, safe and well-organised, with a colonial legacy that is reflected in its many German eateries and shops, and the widespread use of the German language. Windhoek has an interesting mix of historical architecture and modern buildings, many of which are worth a look, including the Alte Feste an old fort, the 1896 Christuskirche Christ Church, and the more contemporary Supreme Court.



Day 1: Windhoek, Urban Camp Twin Share tents
Included Meals: None
Included Services: Arrival transfer with local company
Optional Activities: None

Botswana

Situated in the southern reaches of Africa, Botswana is renowned for its pristine wilderness areas characterised by deep lagoons, wetlands, lush palms, rugged hills and desert plains scattered with scrubland. The country's primary tourist drawcard is undoubtedly the vast red expanse of the Kalahari Desert and its remarkably beautiful Okavango Delta, the largest inland delta in the world. These natural wonders provide a tranquil haven for an abundance of African wildlife to thrive. 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.

Banking and Currency

Currency

Botswana's currency is Pula (which means 'rain' in Setswana). It is divided into 100 thebe (which means 'shield' in Setswana). Travellers' cheques and foreign currency may be changed at banks, bureaux de change and authorised hotels.

The US dollar, Euros, British Pound and the South African Rand are the most easily convertible currencies (and accepted by some establishments - but, generally, an inflated rate of exchange will be applied).

Banking

Seven main commercial banks, as well as a number of foreign exchange bureaux, operate in Botswana. Operating hours are Monday to Friday 08h30 to 15h30 and Saturday 08h30 to 10h45.

Full banking services are available in major towns, although ATMs are sprouting up all over the country. Most credit cards are accepted at hotels and restaurants. Cultural sites and community art and craft outlets usually only accept cash.

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice


Tap water is considered safe to drink, although outside main cities and towns, visitors are advised to check first and sterilise water if in any doubt. Bottled water is available in most tourist centres. Filtered water is available at most camps and shops offer bottled water - it is advised to be well stocked of bottled water if you are travelling off the beaten track. Milk is pasteurised, and dairy products, local meat, poultry, seafood, fruit and vegetables are generally safe.

Safari lodges and camps serve international-style cuisine, generally of an extremely high standard, along with local beer and imported wine and spirits. Good restaurants and bars can be found in main towns, often within hotels. Beef and goat are very popular meats. Elsewhere, food is more basic: millet and sorghum porridge are the local staples.

A discretionary 5 - 10% tip is typical for restaurant bills. In many places, a service charge is automatically added. It is customary to tip the game guide and lodge staff while on safari.

Climate and Weather

Botswana's climatic pattern is typical of southern Africa, although its rainfall is less than countries further east. The rains in Botswana come mostly between December and March, when average minimum temperatures are in the low 20's. Some days will be bright and sunny, some will have afternoon thunderstorms, and some will just be grey.



As with Namibia, April and May in Botswana are generally lovely, with the sky clear and the landscape green. Night temperatures start to drop during these months, especially in the Kalahari. Note that places in and around the Okavango tend to have less extreme, more moderate temperatures than the drier areas of the Kalahari.

From June to August the night-time temperatures in drier areas can be close to freezing, but it warms up rapidly during the day, when the sky is usually clear and blue. It's now very much 'peak season' for most safari areas: the land is dry in most areas so the animals congregate around the few available water sources.

This continues into September and October, when temperatures climb again, drying the landscapes and concentrating the game even more. This is the best time for big game safaris – although October can feel very hot, with maximum temperatures sometimes approaching 40°C.

November is difficult to predict, as it can sometimes be a continuation of October's heat, whilst sometimes it's cooled by the first rains; it's always an interesting month.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

In summer, lightweight, light-coloured cottons are preferable. Avoid synthetic materials and black clothing, as they increase perspiration and discomfort. In winter, wear trousers, long-sleeved shirts / blouses and jerseys. From May – August, night temperatures can fall below zero degrees Celsius, so warm jerseys and jackets are vital, especially on morning and evening game drives. Garments of neutral colours that blend with the bush and forest are advisable for safaris and game viewing. Bring a lightweight jacket and/or jersey for unexpected temperature changes or rain. Closed, comfortable walking shoes or gym shoes are a must in all seasons. Special attention should be given to protection from the sun. Bring a sunhat, good quality sunscreen, sun lotion and polarised sunglasses. Wide brimmed sun hats are essential.

Electricity and Plug Standards

Electrical sockets (outlets) in Botswana are the "Type M " South African SABS1661 ("Large" 15 amp BS-546) sockets. This is actually an old British standard. The "Type M " South African plug and socket is not to be confused with the "Type D " Indian plug and socket. In pictures, they look very similar, but the South African type is much larger than the Indian type, and they are physically incompatible. If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in. Travel plug adapters simply change the shape of your appliance's plug to match whatever type of socket you need to plug into.

Electrical sockets (outlets) in Botswana usually supply electricity at between 220 and 240 volts AC. If you're plugging in an appliance that was built for 220-240 volt electrical input, or an appliance that is compatible with multiple voltages, then an adapter is all you need.

But travel plug adapters *do not change the voltage*, so the electricity coming through the adapter will still be the same 220-240 volts the socket is supplying. If you need to use appliances that are not compatible with 220-240 volt electrical input, you will need a voltage converter.

GHANZI





Situated 300 kilometres southwest of Maun and just north of the Trans-Kalahari highway, which runs from Lobatse in Botswana to Walvis Bay in Namibia, the small town of Ghanzi is sometimes referred to as the 'Capital of the Kalahari'. It serves as the administrative centre of the Ghanzi district which covers a vast area of cattle ranches and farmland in the west of Botswana. The Ghanzi area has a number of lodges which focus on cultural tourism as well as wildlife viewing - here you can experience the fascinating world of the San Bushmen as they explain to you how they forage, hunt and find water in this harsh environment.

After check out and breakfast, we make sure all our travel documents are easily accessible as we head towards Ghanzi, Botswana. With 350km's and a border crossing we have a full day of driving ahead. Shortly after arrival, we will participate in a 1.5 hour local guided walk.

The San Bush walk: Explore the Kalahari on foot, led by San People who will take you on an authentic, adventurous and informative guided walk. On the walk with these gentle people, they will share information of their ancient culture and how they used to live and survived in these arid areas. They will share their knowledge of tracking animals, as well as the fauna and flora of the Kalahari.

As today will be your first night of camping, you safari crew will demonstrate the tent set up. All travellers are responsible for the set up and break down of their own tent. And as this is a participation tour, each person will be allocated campsite duties.

Day 2: Ghanzi – Overnight Tautona Lodge - Camping
Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Services: 1.5 hour guided San Bushman walk
Optional Activities: none

MAUN, Okavango Delta

Set on the banks of the beautiful Thamalakane River in northern Botswana, Maun is the third largest town in this spectacularly scenic southern African country. Maun is the starting point for most expeditions into the Okavango Delta and as a result, has developed into a bustling metropolis that is considered Botswana's tourism capital. Area attractions include a renowned riverboat that offers cruises up and down the Thamalakane River; the forest groves of the Maun Game Reserve; and Moremi Game Reserve, home to hippos, lions and rhinos. Maun also serves as the jumping off point for many safaris and air charters as well as offers 4x4 rentals. Don't miss the Nhabe Museum exhibiting the local history, art and culture of the Ngamiland region.

Okavango Delta

Situated in the north-western corner of Botswana, the Okavango Delta is a World Heritage Site as it is the largest inland delta in the world. The magnificent Okavango River sprawls out over the dry sands of the Kalahari Desert forming this flourishing waterlogged oasis featuring countless meandering waterways and crystal clear lagoons studded with water lilies, as well as fertile floodplains and reeded islands inhabited with abundant wildlife. The Okavango Delta stretches over 15000 square kilometres. Visitors can enjoy a number of wonderful activities such as game viewing, fishing, bird watching or taking an authentic guided Mokoro excursion through this wetland paradise in a traditional dugout canoe. Commonly spotted animals include: lion, rhino, leopard, giraffe, hippos, elephants, crocodiles and countless species of bird.



Maun is the starting point for travel into the Delta and it is from here that we set off to explore the Okavango Delta. With 2 overnights in Maun, the first day will be the day to arrange your optional Delta scenic flight or it can be spent at your leisure at camp or in town. We will explore the Okavango Delta by Mokoro (dugout canoe) on a day trip on our second day. Depending on water levels in the Delta, a portion of the day trip might be operated by boat.

Day 3: Maun – Overnight Sitatunga Camp - Camping
 Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
 Included Services: none
 Optional Activities: Scenic Flight @ +- US\$105pp

Day 4: Maun – Overnight Sitatunga Camp - Camping
 Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
 Included Services: Okavango Delta Day trip with mokoros
 Optional Activities: Scenic Flight @ +- US\$105pp

KASANE

Tucked away in the north-eastern corner of Botswana, on the banks of the famous Chobe River, the scenic little town of Kasane rests on the doorstep of the spectacular Chobe National Park. There are no boundary fences separating the village from the park and game such as elephant and hippo are often spotted roaming around the town. If on the lookout for elusive game, pay a visit to the Sedudu Valley Road, where large dead trees provide temporary homes for leopards. Within Kasane, an ancient baobab tree stands on display, once serving as a local prison.

We will rise as early as the birds today as it will be the longest expected driving day of the tour, in excess of 8 hours. We travel north to the town of Kasane where we set up camp on the banks of the Chobe River. The Chobe River forms a border between Botswana and Namibia and Zambia and is the main water source to the Chobe National Park. Elephant, hippo and many bird species can be viewed from the campsite while we enjoy a glorious African sunset

Day 5: Kasane – Overnight Thebe River Camp - Camping
 Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
 Included Services: Afternoon Chobe National Park Game drive
 Optional Activities: Possibility of optional cruise, depending on arrival time

Zimbabwe

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.

Banking and Currency

Currency

Zimbabwe uses US\$ as well as its own unit of currency, the Zimbabwe Bond Dollar. It is advised to carry small denominations of change with you, however it is best to pay for as much as possible outside of the country. US\$ work best and are widely accepted in supermarkets, and for curios, accommodation, activities and gratuities. South African Rand and Euros are only accepted in some places in Victoria Falls. Do not plan on being able to use cash machines in Zimbabwe to draw money. Before leaving home please exchange all the money that you will need for your trip, plus extra, into US\$. Most of this should be in 1, 5, 10 and 20 denominations because change is not always available. In an emergency you can try Barclays Bank, Stanbic Bank or Standard Chartered Bank as they will infrequently accept foreign debit cards for withdrawing cash.

Banking

Banks in Zimbabwe are open for business Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 08h00 to 15h00, on Wednesdays from 08h00 to 13h00 and Saturdays from 08h00 to 11h30. They are closed on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Only VISA and MasterCard are accepted in Zimbabwe, however it should be noted that very limited facilities will have credit card machines, and the connection is not always reliable so it is advisable to carry cash as back up.

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Zimbabwe's native cuisine is based on sadza, a cooked porridge made from ground maize which is normally be accompanied by some tasty relish, perhaps made of meat and tomatoes, or dried fish. Safari camps will often prepare sadza if requested, and it is almost always available in small restaurants in the towns.

Camps, hotels and lodges that cater to overseas typically serve a variety international fare, and the quality of food prepared in the most remote bush camps is usually excellent.

If you are in Zimbabwe for just a short period of time, then try to drink only bottled, boiled, or treated water available in towns and from all camps, lodges and hotels.

Climate and Weather

In Zimbabwe, the rains come principally in **December, January, February and March**; the further north you are, the earlier the precipitation arrives and the later it leaves. Zimbabwe's higher eastern areas usually receive more rainfall than the lower-lying western ones.



By **April** and **May** most of the rain is gone, leaving a verdant setting, which is starting to dry out. Especially in more southerly and higher locations, the night-time temperatures start to drop.

The nights in **June, July** and **August** become much cooler, so don't forget to bring some warmer clothes, in case you want to spend an evening outside; the days are still clear and warm. For Zimbabwe, this is the start of the 'peak season' – days are often cloudless and game sightings continually increase.

Into **September** and **October** the temperatures rise once again: Zimbabwe's lower-lying rift valley – Mana Pools – can get very hot in October. During this time, you'll see some fantastic game, as the Zimbabwe's wildlife concentrates around the limited water sources.

November is unpredictable; it can be hot and dry, it can also see the season's first rainfalls – and in this respect it's a very interesting month, as on successive days, you can see both weather patterns.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

When in Zimbabwe the cardinal rule is to wear casual, comfortable clothes during the day as temperatures can get very hot. It is advisable to wear light loose fitting clothing, such as cotton or linen, as they are cool and easy to wash. Warmer clothes are advised for the evenings and rainwear for the wet season.

A brimmed hat and sunglasses are a good idea year round. Long sleeved shirts and long trousers will also guard against the scorching sun rays. It is recommended you wear light shoes, especially if your itinerary entails a lot of walking.

For safaris, please remember to wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Earth colour clothes, such as browns, greens and tans are advisable.

Electricity and Plug Standards

Current is 220/240 volts at 50 cycles per second. Both square and round plugs are used.

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Resting on the southern banks of the Zambezi River at the western end of the eponymous falls, this popular tourist town is compact enough to walk around and makes an ideal base for travellers exploring the seventh wonder of the world, the unfathomably vast Victoria Falls. About two-thirds of the falls can be viewed from the Zimbabwean side and, while the falls are undoubtedly the star attraction, the area provides both adventure seekers and sightseers with plenty of opportunities to warrant a longer stay. Popular activities include scenic flights over the falls in helicopters or microlights, bungee jumping off the Victoria Falls Bridge, white-water rafting (seasonal), and day trips to Chobe National Park. The town itself offers some excellent accommodation and restaurant options as well as an eclectic variety of African curios and authentic art sold by friendly Zimbabwean locals who are wonderfully welcoming and eager to help you enjoy your stay.



VICTORIA FALLS



Day 6: Victoria Falls - Overnight Shearwater Village – Standard Chalets
Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Services: Victoria Falls NP entry fee (guided by your safari guide)

Day 7: Victoria Falls - Overnight Shearwater Village – Standard Chalets
Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Services: none
Optional Activities: Free day for optional activities, see optional activity list

VICTORIA FALLS	
<u>SHEARWATER CRUISES AND TOURS</u>	USD
Sunset Cruise (Excluding USD10 River Usage Fee to be paid direct)	40
NEW UPMARKET BOAT - The River Song * (excl \$10 River Usage Fee to be paid direct)	68
Early Morning Birdwatching Cruise - (excluding \$10 River Usage Fee to be paid direct)	55
Lunch Cruise (Excluding USD10 River Usage Fee to be paid direct) - (min 10 pax if private)	90
Dinner Cruise (Excluding USD10 River Usage Fee to be paid direct)	80
Night Tour of the Falls (Excluding US\$40 entry fee)	23
<u>SCENIC HELICOPTER FLIGHTS</u>	
12-13 Minute Flight of Angels (Excl USD 15 Government Fees and Fuel Surcharge)	150
25 Minute Zambezi Spectacular Flight (Excl USD 15 Government Fees and Fuel Surcharge)	284
<u>BRIDGE ACTIVITIES (Bring Passport)</u>	
Bungee 111 metres - Solo Jump	168
Bridge Slide	47
Bridge Swing	168
Tandem Bridge Slide	68
Tandem Bridge Swing	250
Big Air Experience (Bungee , Bridge Swing , Bridge Slide COMBO)	220



Historical Bridge Tour	68
WHITE WATER RAFTING/RIVERBOARDING	
One Day Rafting (Excludes USD10 National Parks Usage Fee)	120
One Day and Overnight (Excludes USD10 National Parks Usage Fee)	235
Two and a Half Day (Excludes USD10 National Parks Usage Fee)	500
Five Day (Excludes USD10 National Parks Usage Fee)	800
Riverboarding and Rafting Combo - Low water only (Excl USD10 Nat Parks Fee)	190
ZAMBEZI RIVER GORGE HIKES	
Adventure Jetboat (Excluding parks fees)	100
SHEARWATER DISCOUNT SCENIC COMBOS	
Platinum Package (Full Monty) {Heli + Cruise + Tour of the Falls + Bridge Tour} Excl fees	250
Gold Package (Bridge Too Far) { Helicopter + Cruise + Tour of the Falls} Excl. Parks fees	200
Silver Package (No Fly Zone) {Bridge Tour + Cruise + Tour of the Falls} Excl Parks Fees	115
Bronze Package (Basic Package) {Cruise + Tour of the Falls} Excl Parks fees	62
Prestige Package (return VFA transfers, TOF & River Song Sunset Cruise) Excl fees	200

Namibia

Located in southwestern Africa, Namibia boasts a well-developed infrastructure, some of the best tourist facilities in Africa, and an impressive list of breath-taking natural wonders. Visitors can explore the capital of Windhoek and discover the lovely coastal town of Swakopmund boasting 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; the vast Etosha National Park teeming with abundant wildlife, such as lions, desert-adapted elephants and the Hartmann's Mountain Zebra; the hauntingly beautiful Kalahari Desert; and of course the Namib Desert stretching for over 2000 km along the magnificent Atlantic Coast. Namibia is an ideal destination for travellers seeking an unforgettable African experience in a uniquely beautiful untamed wilderness.

Banking and Currency

Currency

Namibia uses the Namibian Dollar (N\$) this is linked on a one to one exchange with the South African Rand. The Rand is legal tender in Namibia, but the N\$ cannot be used in South Africa.

If you are wishing to purchase currency before arriving in Namibia, it is easiest to buy Rand as the Namibian Dollar is seldom available in banks outside of Namibia.

Banking

Banks are found in most towns, and are generally open from 09h00 to 15h30 on weekdays and 08h30 to 11h00 on Saturdays. Closed on Sundays and public holidays. Most of them offer foreign exchange services - with cash, bank and credit cards as well as travellers cheques.

You can also obtain cash from many of the ATMs. Several international banks have branches in main city centres. Always advise your bank that you are travelling outside of the country as they might block your purchases if they have not been informed.

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Traditional Namibian cuisine is rarely served and so the food at restaurants tends to be European in style and is, generally, of a very high standard.

Namibia is very meat-orientated, and many menu options will feature steaks from various animals. However, there is usually a vegetarian and seafood section offered by most camps and restaurants.

In the supermarkets you'll find pre-wrapped fresh fruit and vegetables (though the more remote the areas you visit, the smaller your choice), and plenty of canned foods, pasta, rice, bread, etc. Most of this is imported from South Africa.

The water in Namibia's main towns is generally safe to drink, though it may taste a little metallic if it has been piped for miles. Natural sources should usually be purified, though water from underground springs and dry riverbeds seldom causes any problems. However, filtered and bottled water are readily available in most towns and all camps, lodges and hotels.

Climate and Weather

Partially covered by the Namib Desert, one of the world's driest deserts, Namibia's climate is generally very dry and pleasant – it's fine to visit all year round. Namibia only receives a fraction of the rain experienced by countries further east. Between about **December to March** some days will be humid and rain may follow, often in localised, afternoon thunderstorms. These are more common in the centre and east of the country, and more unusual in the desert.

April and especially **May** are often lovely months in Namibia. Increasingly dry, with a real freshness in the air, and much greenery in the landscape; at this time the air is clear and largely free from dust.

From **June to August** Namibia cools down and dries out more; nights can become cold, dropping below freezing in some desert areas. As the landscape dries so the game in the north of the country gravitates more to waterholes, and is more easily seen by visitors. By **September and October** it warms up again; game-viewing in most areas is at its best, although there's often a lot of dust around and the vegetation has lost its vibrancy.

November is a highly variable month. Sometimes the hot, dry weather will continue, at other times the sky will fill with clouds and threaten to rain – but if you're lucky enough to witness the first rains of the season, you'll never forget the drama.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

Namibians have a somewhat relaxed attitude to dress codes. A jacket and tie is very unusual. In fact, long trousers and a shirt with buttons are often quite adequate for a formal occasion or work wear. A pair of sensible shoes, jeans and a t-shirt is recommended.

During the day it is generally hot, so pack light weight loose fitting clothes in natural fabrics, such as linen or cotton that will keep you cool and are easy to wash and dry.

Avoid blue clothing - the tsetse flies are drawn to the colour blue, and their bite can give you African sleeping sickness.

Long sleeved shirts and long trousers will protect you against mosquitoes at night.



Electricity and Plug Standards

Current is 220/240 volts at 50 cycles per second. A three-point round-pin adapter plug should be brought for your electrical appliances. Such adapters are also available at major airports.

KATIMA MULILO

Katima Mulilo is situated in the far north-east of Namibia, within the Caprivi Strip. It is the regional capital in the Caprivi. At the same time Katima Mulilo is a border town to Zambia and is connected by bridge with the town of Shesheke in Zambia. This Katima Mulilo Bridge was inaugurated on 2004.



Day 8: Katima Mulilo – Overnight Zambezi River Lodge - Camping
Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Services: none
Optional Activities: Time permitting: 1.5 hour Sunset cruise including refreshments and light snack. R300 pp

GROOTFONTEIN

Grootfontein: Is located in the north-east of Namibia in a lush green environment. The town is situated 1,430m above sea level in a good tropical climate, and is blessed with an annual rainfall of 500mm and higher. In summer Grootfontein is turned into a lush paradise of purple, blue, red and green hues as Jacaranda and Flamboyant trees bloom. The district is abundantly endowed with wildlife and game, while the district is well known for its cattle and crop farming. Grootfontein is a well-developed town and forms the gateway to the north-eastern parts of Namibia.

With a long driving day ahead (estimated 8 hours), we will rise for an early breakfast, breakdown camp and head further south towards Grootfontein. Once we have settled in at camp, we can explore the area by following one of the local walking trails, relax at the swimming pool or see which Game can be spotted at the local waterhole.

Day 9: Grootfontein – Overnight Roy’s Rest Camp - Camping
Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Services: none
Optional Activities: Self-guided walking trails (no cost) or visit the waterhole (no cost)



ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Situated in north-western Namibia, the Etosha National Park offers a premier game viewing experience. The park's diverse vegetation ranges from dense bush to open plains attracting a variety of wildlife. Located in the heart of the park is the Etosha Pan - a shallow depression that covers an area of 5000 square kilometres. Dry and shimmering for most of the year, the pans fill up with water after seasonal rains, making it the perfect habitat for wildlife. In the dry season, the wildlife is attracted to the perennial springs and waterholes that makes for excellent game viewing. Visitors can look forward to world-class game viewing including a variety of large mammals such as lion, elephant, leopard, rhino, zebra, giraffe, a diversity of birdlife such as flamingos and pelicans.



Today we get ready to explore the well-known Etosha National Park. Pack in your binoculars, cameras and sharp Game spotting eyes - and you will be set for the day.

From Grootfontein, we will travel roughly 350km's for approximately 5 hours, before reaching our campsite inside the park.

Shortly after arrival we will enjoy an afternoon Game drive in the overland safari truck. This will be approximately 3 hours, before returning to camp to relax before dinner.

Optional night drives are available and can only be operated by the National Park vehicles. Please ask your guide for assistance to book this. The activity can only be booked on arrival.

On our second day in the park, we enjoy a full day game drive in the safari truck. It will be broken up in to a morning drive with a lunch stop inside the park and then to be continued for another few hours before heading to camp for dinner and perhaps a quick swim, followed by some time at the waterhole.

Day 10: Etosha – Overnight Taleni camp, Etosha Village - Camping
Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Services: Etosha Park entry fee + Afternoon Game Drive in truck
Optional Activities: Night drive at R750 pp to be booked on arrival by your guide

Day 11: Etosha – Overnight Taleni camp, Etosha Village - Camping
Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Services: Etosha Park entry fee + Full day Game Drive in truck
Optional Activities: Night drive at R750 pp to be booked on arrival by your guide

BRANDBERG

Day 12: Brandberg – Rest Camp – Camping
Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Services: none
Optional Activities: All time permitting, optional trip to Brandberg White Lady

Our departure takes us through to Brandberg. There is an optional excursion, time permitting, to visit the White Lady rock painting on a small rock overhang, deep within Brandberg mountain, located in Damaraland. Explore the surrounding area and its San rock paintings or simply enjoy the magnificent views. After our visit to Spitzkoppe we head off to our next destination – Swakopmund.

SWAKOPMUND

Set along Namibia's spectacularly scenic coast, the seaside town of Swakopmund is known for its wide-open avenues, colonial architecture, and its surrounding otherworldly desert terrain. Founded in 1892 as the main harbour for German South West Africa, Swakopmund is often described as being more German than Germany. Now a seaside resort town, Swakopmund is the capital of the Skeleton Coast tourism area and has plenty to keep visitors happy. The quirky mix of German and Namibian influences, adventure options, laid-back atmosphere and cool sea breeze make it a very popular Namibian destination. Visitors can look forward



to a number of exciting activities including: quad biking, horse riding, paragliding, fishing, sightseeing and fascinating desert tours.



Today we travel to the Namibian coastal town of Swakopmund. A long drive through the country to be expected with a few short stops along the way. If time allows, you will be able to participate in Swakopmund activities that depart mid to late afternoon. Or simply use the time to catch up on some local shopping or visiting a local pub or restaurant while exploring the town.

Day 13: Swakopmund – Adventure Village – Twin Share rooms
Included Meals: Breakfast
Included Services: none
Optional Activities: All time permitting, see optional activity list

SWAKOPMUND	ZAR
Quad bike - 1 hour	R450
Quad bike - 1,5 hours	R550
Quad bike - 2 hours	R650
Camel Ride	R250
Sundowner Quad 1,5 hours (includes non alcoholic drink + oysters)	R700
Skydiving	R3 000

SOSSUSVLEI AREA

The Namib Desert is the world’s oldest desert, and although it stretches along the entire length of Namibia’s coastline into southern Angola and even the Northern Cape Province of South Africa, the Namib commonly refers to the vast sea of sand extending from Luderitz to Swakopmund. This vast expanse of breathtakingly beautiful sandy desert features remarkably varied scenery including, the massive red dunes of the world-renowned Sossusvlei, the moonscapes of the Namib-Naukluft Park, the stark beauty of the Atlantic Coast and a diversity of fauna and flora. This windswept, arid, ancient landscape is teeming with desert-adapted



wildlife such as endemic chameleons, brown hyenas, gemsbok, jackals and seals along the coastline and a variety of plant life including the famous welwitschia plant, a unique living fossil.



We depart the coast and head towards the world famous desert dunes. We camp just outside the national park and can enter the park gate at sunrise and need to exit by sunset.

Today's journey will be approximately 5 hours with a planned arrival early afternoon. Depending on the group and the crew, you will either visit the park this afternoon or early the next morning. We will visit Dune 45, where you can race to the top - or as close to the top as you can get ! You will also have time to explore the area on foot with self-guided walking trails.

Day 14: Sossusvlei Area – Overnight Oasis camp - Camping
 Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
 Included Services: Sesriem Park Entry Fee
 Optional Activities: All time permitting, please request information from your guide

WINDHOEK:

Today's arrival time in Windhoek depends on the morning activities in the desert. You can estimate your arrival time based on a 4- 5 hour journey to the capital. This will be your last stop for 'Big City' shopping and also an opportunity to sort out any banking or money matters if needed. Your guide will be the best source of information if you require assistance. The city is easy to explore independently, however a guided city tour or guided city walking tour can be arranged on request.

Day 15: Windhoek – Urban Camp
 Included Meals: Breakfast
 Included Services: None
 Optional Activities: Trip ends on arrival at Urban Camp, Windhoek