

8 Day Delta and Victoria Falls

This safari has a guaranteed departure nearly every Friday of the year, with a minimum of 2 people. There is no single supplement, and the price is virtually fully inclusive of everything you will need whilst travelling with us. The style is limited participation, assisted camping. Collection time is between 07:30 and 08:00 from anywhere within the Windhoek city limits.

This safari can also be combined:

- With our 7 day Northern Adventure and/or our 7 day Southern Swing Safaris.
- Combine this with our 3 day itineraries Etosha and Sossusvlei Link in order to carry you to some of the very best highlights Southern Africa has to offer.

(Please check below in Additional Information for visa and border details.)

Safari overview

Day	Destinations	Accommodation	Meals	Approximate km
Day 1	Windhoek – San village, Kalahari	Camping	Lunch & Dinner	260 km
Day 2	San village, Kalahari – Ghanzi Botswana	Camping	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner	245 km
Day 3	Ghanzi – Guma/Okavango Delta	Camping	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner	450 km
Day 4	Guma/Okavango Delta	Camping	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner	-
Day 5	Guma - Caprivi Strip	Camping	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner	350 km
Day 6	Caprivi Strip – Chobe Nat. Park/Kasane	Camping	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner	500 km
Day 7	Chobe Nat. Park/Kasane	Camping	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner	-
Day 8	Chobe – Livingstone/Victoria Falls	Camping	Breakfast & Lunch	100 km
Day 9	Livingstone/Victoria Falls	Camping	Breakfast	-
Day 10	Livingstone – Depart trip or Rundu	Camping	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner	700 km
Day 11	Rundu - Windhoek	-	Breakfast & Lunch	800 km



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Day 1 **Windhoek – San Village near Gobabis, Namibia (260 km) (LD) (camping)**

You will be collected between 07:30 & 08:00.

We drive to our wilderness bush camp, which is based on a local farm in the Kalahari, near Buitepos Border, via the eastern village of Witvlei. On arrival we first meet our host family before going to our camp site, meet our guides and pitch the tents. You are welcome to enjoy a relaxing afternoon, wait for the sun to set and enjoy a fire cooked dinner and the tranquillity of an evening in a remote wilderness environment.

Day 2 **San Village - Ghanzi, Kalahari, Botswana (245 km) (BLD) (camping)**

We start the day with a morning bush walk where we learn more about the Bushman hunting techniques such as tracking and stalking. The women and men will teach us about many edible plants, where to look for them and how they are used, e.g. contraceptives and healing. Go on a walk through the veld with a small clan of Bushmen local guides/family as they show you how they gather food, start fire with sticks, wind direction and get water from underground roots. The game tends to concentrate on the farm and our chances of spotting different species or spoors are enhanced by the sharp eyes of the Bushmen local guides.

After lunch we leave, making use of the Trans Kalahari Highway, a relatively new road that provides an invaluable communication link between Namibia, Botswana and South Africa.

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.

Day 3 **Ghanzi – Guma/Okavango Delta (450 km) (BLD) (camping)**

An early start and a quick stop in Ghanzi to collect any last minute supplies before continuing west, traversing the linear dunes of the Kalahari and passing through small towns along the way.

A change in vegetation heralds our arrival on the very western edge of one of the natural wonders of the world, the Okavango Delta. Here we turn north for some way before again pointing our wheels west as we enter the Delta proper. We see our first glimpse of the crystal waters through the lush vegetation and we make our camp on the banks of a pristine African lagoon.

Day 4 **Okavango Delta (BLD) (camping)**

We are in the territory of the River People, so this morning we leave our vehicle behind and travel in a more appropriate fashion, first by motor-boat and then by traditional Mokoro (dugout canoe), deep into the Delta.

Mokoro's will be our main form of transport. These amazing traditional craft are perfectly designed for the narrow waterways of the Okavango and allow us to travel further into the Delta than if we 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.

Day 5 **Okavango Delta – Caprivi, Namibia (350 km) (BLD) (camping)**

Back on the road today, destination Namibia. Passport formalities completed we go directly into the Mahango Game Reserve, a small but excellent park right on the edge of the Okavango River. We game drive our way through Mahango and have the chance to spot rarely seen Namibian species such as roan antelope the majestic sable antelope.

Our camp for tonight is just outside the Game Reserve, and we are again beside the Okavango River, but this time the main river, on its journey from the Angolan highlands, through the pan handle to waters end, the delta.



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Day 6 **Caprivi, Namibia – Chobe National Park, Kasane, Botswana (500km) (BLD) (camping)**

We continue our drive along The Caprivi Strip, Namibia. This strip of land is a long narrow stretch of territory running along Botswana's northern border. It is a landscape of broadleaf forest with many small communities dotted along our route.

We near the end of our long transit of the Caprivi region, arriving in Namibia's easternmost town, Katima Mulilo. A short break here before crossing back across the border into Botswana. The road takes us 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. We make camp in the grounds of a local lodge, right on the banks for the Chobe River.

Day 7 **Chobe National Park, Kasane, Botswana (BLD) (camping)**

An early hot drink before we head off on a leisurely game drive, 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.

Time to relax over lunch at our camp before joining a river boat cruise, back into the park. From the boat we will have the chance to see a huge amount of wild game, both on the river banks and in the waters swirling around us.

Crocodiles and hippos abound in the forbidding Chobe River and on the land side there is often a kaleidoscope of different antelope and species such as elephant, buffalo and even the Big Cats come to the river banks for their sundowner drink. The Chobe River provides a very broad habitat for bird life and it is possible to see many beautiful species of our feathered friends.

Day 8 **Kasane – Livingstone, Victoria Falls, Zambia (100 km) (BL) (camping)**

Another border crossing today, we drive out of Kasane to Kazangula ferry depot and complete our Botswana exit formalities. We cross the Chobe on the local ferry boat, enter Zambia and from here it is a short drive to the town of Livingstone. Named after the famous British missionary and explorer Dr. David Livingstone, the town is a bustling African centre. We make our camp on the banks of the Zambezi River and have time to explore the town and to visit the mighty Victoria Falls.

The views of the waterfall from the Zambian bank are fantastic; there are many small paths and lookout points to explore.

This afternoon your guide will help you organise the many optional activities available in Livingstone. These include white water rafting, bungi jumping, other excursions on the river and scenic flights to mention but a few.

Dinner will be in a local restaurant at your own expense.

NB: All extra activities are subject to availability and are done at the clients own risk and expense.

Day 9 **Livingstone (B)**

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. For some of you, this will be your final night and what a fantastic place to enjoy your last evening with your group.

Lunch and dinner today, are not included in the price of the trip.

(We recommend staying with the trip for this day and if you are departing from Livingstone, that you fly tomorrow.)

Day 10 **Livingstone – Rundu, Namibia (700 km) (BLD) (camping)**

We say farewell to all the travellers flying out today. For those people returning to Windhoek, Namibia it is an early start and a long drive. We are in transit only and will not be stopping to take in the sights along the way. We will traverse the Caprivi Strip and will spend the night near the small town of Rundu in northern Namibia.

We camp in the grounds of a lodge on the banks for the Okavango River, looking into Angola on the far river bank.

Dinner tonight will be in the restaurant at the lodge and is included in the price of your transfer.



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Rundu – Windhoek (800 km) (BL)

Another early start and another long drive. We head south through Kavango Province, down through the towns of Grootfontein, Otjiwarongo and Okahandja before reaching our final destination, Windhoek.

There will be stops at some of the local woodcarving stalls as well as the market at Okahandja before arriving in the city.

You will be dropped off at your accommodation.

Additional Information

It is strongly recommended that you purchase comprehensive personal travel insurance before you embark on your safari. Travel insurance is for your own protection and we consider it to be an essential part of modern international travel.

Maximum group size is 14 people, with a minimum of 2 participants. Transport for up to 8 people will be in a minibus and for 9 people and more in a Toyota bus / truck.

The style of safari is limited participation, you will be asked to assist to put up and take down your own tent, however there will be a camp assistant to complete all the other campsite chores. Your tour guide will do all the shopping, cooking and day-to-day organization of the safari. Unless otherwise specified, all safaris will be conducted in English.

Safaris include:

1. All transport
2. Three meals a day (unless differently specified)
3. Tap drinking water
4. Tea & coffee in camp
5. All camping equipment
6. Park entrance fees
7. Camping fees
8. Professional guide
9. Camp Assistant
10. Pick up & drop off from accommodation in Windhoek

Safaris exclude:

1. Sleeping bag (can be hired)
2. Alcoholic beverages
3. Soft drinks
4. Personal travel insurance
5. Transfers to and from airports

Useful items to bring with you:

1. Two litre water bottle
2. Torch
3. Towel
4. Sun hat
5. Pillow
6. Camera

The tents are dome type, which are easy to assemble and your mattresses are approximately 5 cm thick with your own mattress cover, and everyone has a camp chair with a backrest.

Clients are limited to one soft, barrel type bag per person with maximum weight of 15kg, one medium sized hand luggage bag, one medium sized camera bag and a sleeping bag.



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We suggest a sleeping bag range of "3 – 4 season". Sleeping bags can be hired by prior arrangement for a cost of N\$: 80.00 per 8 day trip and N\$: 100:00 per 10 day trip. When packing your clothing please be aware that Namibian summer temperatures (December - March) can reach 45°C, and winter temperatures (June - September) can be as low as -5°C. The rainy season is between December and April.

All evening meals on camping safaris, (unless stipulated), are cooked on an open fire by your guide.

Salads and fresh vegetables will be served where possible, but please note in some areas this is not necessarily every day. Fresh fruit will also be supplied when possible. Vegetarians can be catered for but please notify us prior to safari departure.

Namibia, Botswana and Zambia are all technically malarial areas and we recommend that you seek professional medical advice on malaria protection before travelling.

Tap water in Namibia, Botswana and Zambia has been purified or comes directly from boreholes and is safe to drink. We supply tap drinking water but bottled mineral water is easily available at shops and rest camps should you prefer to drink this.

The Namibian Dollar (N\$) is tied permanently 1-1 to the South African Rand (ZAR). ZAR notes and coins are legal tender in Namibia. In Botswana and Zambia ZAR is the best currency for transactions.

Please make sure that passports and visas are valid for the duration of the safari as the Company cannot be held liable for any necessary visas or other travel documents not held by the clients. Please also note that if your passport requires a visa for Namibia and/or Botswana, it should be a multiple entry visa for the purpose of this trip. As of 20 November 2008, we have received the following information on entrance to Zambia:

'According to the newly revised fees, a single entry visa will now be US\$50.00 and a double entry visa will cost US\$80.00 for all nationalities requiring a visa to visit Zambia. This is a substantial reduction for countries such as Britain and the United States of America (USA). It should however be noted that visa entry requirements remain unchanged, and while certain guests may need to apply for their visa prior to travelling, most of our major markets can obtain a visa on arrival in Zambia'

*** For more specific information concerning visas, please seek the advice of your consultant!**

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

It is customary to tip in Namibia, usually, around 10% at restaurants. Your guide and assistant can be tipped at your own discretion but we ask that the guide be tipped separately from your assistant.

