

**NEW AFRICAN FRONTIERS
NAMIBIA**

TOUR CODE: NSC010

8 DAYS - BUSHMAN & DELTA 4 x 4 ADVENTURES

SAFARI TYPE: Scheduled Tour – Camping – Guided Safari
DUARTION: 8 Day / 7 Nights
DEPARTURE DAYS: Fridays (2nd week - see departure dates below)
DEPARTURE LOCATION: Windhoek – Namibia
TOUR ENDS: Livingstone – Zambia
COUNTRIES VISITED: NAMIBIA – BOTSWANA – ZAMBIA

ROUTING HIGHLIGHTS:

Windhoek - Etosha National Park – Bushmanland - Okavango Delta – Caprivi - Bwabwata National Park - Victoria Falls, Livingstone, Zambia

A safari combining superb game viewing in Etosha National Park, tracking with the san people in the Kalahari and the tranquillity of the Okavango Delta, Susuwe – a remote game park in the Caprivi area and where we utilize a local community campsite before finishing in Livingstone, Zambia - home to the mighty Victoria Falls and a highlight of any holiday. This safari is designed for the adventure travellers, one who enjoys pitching in to help, conversing with nature and does not mind the discomfort of bush camping without shower and toilet facilities.

ITINERARY:

Day 1

Etosha National Park

You will be picked up from your accommodation on the day of departure within the city limits. You must be ready at least 45 minutes prior to your safari departure. The tour will depart Windhoek around 08:00. After stopping briefly at Otjiwarongo for fresh supplies we have lunch at the entrance to the Etosha National Park, Namibia's prime game viewing destination. We game drive to camp and if time permits enjoy another game drive before sunset. Dinner prepared by the guide and camp assistant and evening is spent around the campfire or at the floodlit waterhole by the camp, which is often visited by endangered black rhinos coming to quench their thirst after sunset.

Accommodation: Okaukuejo Resort

Day 2

Etosha National Park

Early morning and late afternoon game drives seeking the many species of animals found in this huge park including elephant, lion, leopard, endangered cheetah, black and white rhino as well as many antelope and over 340 species of bird, plenty for all wildlife enthusiasts to enjoy. We spend the hottest part of the day at camp either by the waterhole or the swimming pool before heading to Etosha Pan, one of the translations meaning "Great, White Place" to marvel at the size of the pan and mirages that disappear into the horizon. Dinner prepared by guide and camp assistant and evening spent around the campfire.

Accommodation: Onguma Camp

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Day 3

Bushmanland, Namibia

Enjoy a short early morning game drive and return to camp for breakfast before we travel via Lake Otjikoto to Tsumeb for fresh supplies. A short lunch is taken at Hoba Meteorite – the world's largest meteorite and we continue through to Grootfontein to refuel before entering the Kalahari. We arrive at our camp mid afternoon and walk with a San tracker to collect bush foods experiencing how the traditional San collect veldt food –generally a fascinating experience for westerners where we are able to ask questions of how they survive in today's modern world. This evening we join the local community around the campfire for singing and dancing. Overnight camping. Dinner prepared by guide and camp assistant.

Accommodation: Overnight Camping

Day 4

Okavango Delta, Panhandle - Botswana

An early morning departure from camp takes us into the Kalahari basin via Tsumkwe and into our neighbouring country, Botswana. The sandy track takes us through the heart of the Kalahari to the panhandle section of the Okavango Delta. The last 13kms are 4x4 only and some pushing maybe required, but the jewel of the river edge awaits us at the end of the day and this wetland lies like an oasis in an otherwise harsh environment. Overnight camping and evening meal prepared by the guide and camp assistant.

Accommodation: Guma Lagoon Camp

Day 5

Okavango Delta, Panhandle - Botswana

We take only what we need - each of our guests can take only 1 small day pack and depart early morning initially in a motor boat before transferring to our mokoro's (dug out canoes), we relax while our polers push us through this beautiful and serene area enjoying the tranquility of the delta until we reach an island camp, our destination for the night. We'll have the opportunity to game walk and learn about this fragile and unique ecosystem. Overnight bush camping under a million stars with no facilities and evening meal prepared by the guide and camp assistant.

Accommodation: Overnight Camping – Okavango Delta

DAY 6

Okavango Delta, Panhandle - Botswana

We enjoy more game walks and mokoro trails before we return to the luxury of our camp early afternoon for hot showers and toilets. Overnight camping close to the river and evening meal prepared by the guide and camp assistant.

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DAY 7

Susuwe - Bwabwata National Park - Caprivi, Namibia

An early morning start to cross the border back into Namibia and on to Mahango Game Reserve. This little jewel of a game reserve is home to many unusual species such as roan and sable antelope, buffalo, large herds of elephant, hippo and many aquatic birds not found in many areas of Namibia. We leave the park and have lunch overlooking Popa Falls before continuing through the Caprivi Strip to Susuwe National Park. This is a wild park where we camp without fences and spend an exhilarating night listening to the night sounds of the animals and maybe get the chance to enjoy "close up" encounters, please note that there are no fences and that wild animals such as hyena may wander through camp. Evening meal prepared by the guide and camp assistant.

Accommodation: Camping – Susuwe National Park

DAY 8

Livingstone - Zambia

Enjoy breakfast and short game drive before heading through to Katima Mulilo. This busy and bustling town is the last frontier of Namibia and we glimpse our first sight of the mighty Zambezi River. We cross the border into Zambia and have lunch at a scenic location along the roadside. We arrive at Livingstone mid afternoon and we drop you at your accommodation.

The itinerary above is a guideline only and whilst we try to adhere to it there may be circumstances when it may change – for example weather and/or road conditions, seasonal daylight hours etc. Overnight stops on occasion may be altered from those indicated above.

IMPORTANT - Whilst visiting villages and local communities we cannot guarantee activities on offer, it often depends on how they feel on the day, however, it will give you the opportunity to meet and experience life in Namibia in today's society.

2007/8 DEPARTURE DATES:

2007		2008											
Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
09	07	04	15	14	11	09	06	04	15	12	10	07	05
23	21	18	29	28	25	23	20	18	29	26	24	21	19

TOUR NOTES:

LOCAL PAYMENTS –N\$800.00 local payment/cash + US\$240.00/person/cash for Delta package both payments must be paid in cash in the stated currency on the morning of departure (relevant to the safari booked).

VISA REQUIREMENTS – Some nationalities require visas for Namibia and Botswana. Please check with your agent or our office when booking your safari to check if these requirements apply to you.

ZAMBIAN VISAS – can be obtained through pre-booking an accommodation package in Livingstone. Please check with our safari office for more information. Should you book your own accommodation in Livingstone directly, you may be required to pay for a Zambian visa on arrival

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at the Zambian border. Please note this is a service that is offered but cannot always be guaranteed.

The Vehicles – 4x4 camping safaris

Our Safaris use 4x4 custom built Toyota Land Cruisers and a VW Minibus. All Toyota Land Cruisers are 9-seater vehicle with comfortable individual bucket seats fitted with seat belts for your safety. All our vehicles have a cool box on board with ice (when available) for your own drinks and is accessible whilst the vehicle is travelling. We use custom built off-road trailers to carry your luggage and other equipment required for the duration of your safari.

The camping equipment

We are using two types of tents on our safaris depending on the season you want to travel: During the wet season which normally starts from November and ends in April, we are using canvas tents, dome type, very easy to put up, spacious (250cm x 250cm x 200cm) and waterproof.

During the dry season May through to end October we use mosquito netted dome tents (210cm x 210cm x 190cm) with 60cm high canvas from the floor for your privacy and comfort. These tents are perfect for sleeping under starry African skies safe from creepy crawlies.

We also provide 6cm thick high density mattresses and a little pillow for your comfort.

Our scheduled safaris are conducted on the basis of limited participation, which means you are only required to erect and dismantle your tent. All other camp chores will be dealt with your guide and apprentice guide.

All camping equipment is supplied EXCEPT sleeping bags. These can be hired from us whilst you are on safari. The tents are 2 man dome tents with full mosquito netting with flysheet and we supply 6cm thick high density foam mattresses.

On safari we supply three meals per day (except for evening meals in Swakopmund and on your first and last days). All other snacks and drinks must be supplied by you.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT is not charged on this safari. If you single and travelling alone we ask you to share with another single traveller of the same sex. If there is no other single traveller of the same sex you will not have to share.

TAP WATER is safe to drink almost everywhere in Namibia. Whilst on safari your guide will advise when the drinking water is not safe, alternatively you can buy bottled water at your own expense.

HEALTH – Malaria does occur in parts of Namibia, Botswana and Zambia. Please consult your physician prior to leaving home or email us for more information. Your physician may also recommend other injections for your travel and advice should be sought.

GENERAL NOTES:

PASSPORTS must be carried with you at all times whilst on safari and in the vehicle. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your safari finishes/you leaving the country. You may not be allowed into Namibia if your passport does not have the required 6 months; we cannot accept any responsibility or refund on a safari in this scenario.

CURRENCY – The Namibian Dollar (N\$) is tied permanently 1-1 to the South African Rand (SAR). SAR notes and coins are legal tender in Namibia. Credit cards are widely accepted at

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ATM's. Traveller's cheques can be changed only in major towns but it is advisable to carry a limited amount of cash with you.

PERSONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE is not included but is compulsory when travelling on any safari. Travel insurance is for your own protection and we consider it to be an essential part of modern international travel. Please consult your travel agent prior to leaving home or contact us.

VISA REQUIREMENTS – Visas are your own responsibility; persons arriving without the relevant visa for their safari will not be refunded in this scenario.