

**NEW AFRICAN FRONTIERS
NAMIBIA**

TOUR CODE: NSA023

9 DAY - CLASSIC KALEIDOSCOPE & CAPRIVI (BRONZE)

SAFARI TYPE: Scheduled Tour – Accommodated – Guided Safari
DURATION: 9 Days / 8 Nights
DEPARTURE DAYS: Fridays (see departure dates below)
DEPARTURE LOCATION: Windhoek – Namibia
TOUR ENDS: Kasane – Botswana

Vehicles used will be Speedliner / Sprinter / Microbus
Min 2 pax and Max 13 Pax
Languages spoken are English & German

ROUTING HIGHLIGHTS:

Windhoek - Swakopmund – Skeleton Coast – Twyfelfontein - Damaraland - Outjo - Etosha National Park - Rundu - Caprivi Strip - Kasane, Botswana

Over thousands of years, animals and plants in northern Namibia have structured themselves into symmetry of natural patterns that form the Kaleidoscope of this classic environment. The delicate ecological cycle, hardly influenced by man, ensures the survival of the fittest, and keeps the Kaleidoscope live on forever. Experience the largest lichen field on earth, the biggest concentration of fur seals in Southern Africa, the diversity of animals in the Etosha National Park and the paradisiacal forests of the stunning Caprivi Strip.

ITINERARY:

Day 1

Friday

Windhoek – Swakopmund

We meet our guide at our accommodation in Windhoek and travel via small towns to Swakopmund. En route we have the opportunity to purchase a variety of minerals and semi-precious stones from the local inhabitants of the Damaraland. Upon our arrival in Swakopmund we check into our hotel and have the rest of the day at our own disposal.

Day 2

Saturday

Swakopmund / Skeleton Coast – Twyfelfontein - Damaraland

After breakfast we travel north from Swakopmund to Cape Cross, home to thousands of fur seals frolicking in the waves of the Atlantic Ocean. Here the first European sailor set foot on Namibian ground in 1486, and erected a cross to commemorate this moment. Driving into Damaraland, we travel past the Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain, to our lodge for the evening.

Day 3

Sunday

Damaraland – Mopane Savannah

After breakfast we visit the world heritage site of Twyfelfontein; translated it means 'doubtful spring' and boasts no less than 2500 different rock paintings and rock engravings left behind by bushman communities some 6000 years ago. Other geological attractions visited consist of the Burnt Mountain, the Organ Pipes and the Petrified Forest. Each attraction tells a visual story of the powerful forces of nature that have carved Damaraland into the spectacular

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landscape we witness today. Travelling to our next lodge in close vicinity of the Etosha National Park, we enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 4 & Day 5

Monday & Tuesday

Etosha National Park

Over the next two days we explore the Etosha National Park. With 114 different mammal species and over 340 different bird species, this is one of the most diverse wildlife areas on earth. The park encloses a huge white depression known as the Etosha Pan, which is surrounded by a multitude of waterholes that ensure the survival of the species of the park. We may come across rare species such as lion, sable, elephant, rhino, leopard and cheetah. In the afternoon we depart the park and travel to our lodge, situated in a serene environment of the Otavi Mountains.

Day 6

Wednesday

Kavango Region

After breakfast we travel north towards Namibia's lush Caprivi region. En route we stop at Hoba Meteorite, the world's largest known meteorite that came crashing down in Namibia some 80'000 years ago. We travel through the Kavango area, known for its rich selection of hand-made wooden crafts, to the western border of the Bwabwatwa Game Park. Here our lodge lies secluded in the lush vegetation lining the banks of the mighty Kavango River. An optional activity is a boat cruise on the Kavango River.

Day 7

Thursday

Caprivi Region - Bwabwatwa National Park

In the morning we enjoy a game drive into the Mahango Game Park, home to rare animal species such as puku, lechwe, roan and sable, which in turn attract a large variety of predators such as lion, cheetah, leopard and even the highly endangered wild dog. Afterwards we travel east through the Bwabwatwa Game Park, previously known as the Caprivi Game Park. This elongated yet very narrow strip of land forms part of the age-old migration route of a variety of game species moving north from Botswana into Namibia. In the early afternoon we reach our lodge, nestled in the dense vegetation of the park along the Kwando River. Besides being the habitat for a huge variety of antelope, elephant, aquatic wildlife as well as predators, the area is renowned for being Southern Africa's birding hotspot. The rest of the day is spent at leisure, optional activities include boat cruises and game drives.

Day 8

Friday

Caprivi Region - Bwabwatwa National Park

This morning we visit a traditional caprivi village to learn more about the tradition and culture of these subsistence farmers who have upheld their way of life for hundreds of years. Upon returning to our lodge, we enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Relax at the pool or participate in one of the activities offered by the lodge

Day 9

Saturday

Chobe National Park - Drop off in Kasane - Botswana

After breakfast we travel via Katima Mulilo, Namibia's most eastern town, into Botswana, traveling via the Chobe National Park to Kasane. Here you get dropped off at your lodge of choice

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TOUR NOTES:

- Extend your stay in the Chobe National Park with our short stay packages on page 34. Thereafter you can join our Botswana Highlights tour via the Makgadikgadi pans, the Okavango Delta and the Kalahari Desert back to Windhoek.
- Transfers available from Kasane to Victoria Falls, where you can take part in adventurous activities that range from sunset cruises to White River Rafting to Elephant Back Adventures, bungee jumping and much more.

TOUR SUMMARY:

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEAL BASIS	ACTIVITIES	KM
Friday	Europahof Hotel		Optional activities in Swakopmund	365
Saturday	Twyfelfontein Lodge	Breakfast	Cape Cross Seal Reserve	440
Sunday	Etosha Safari Camp	Breakfast	Twyfelfontein, Petrified Forest, Burnt Mountain, Organ Pipes	310
Monday	Etosha Safari Camp	Breakfast	Game drive in the Etosha National Park	300
Tuesday	Ghaub Guest Farm	Breakfast	Game drive in the Etosha National Park	470
Wednesday	Mahangu Game Lodge	Breakfast, Dinner	Visit Hoba Meteorite, optional boat cruise	500
Thursday	Namushasha Lodge	Breakfast	Game drive into Mahangu National Park	220
Friday	Namushasha Lodge	Breakfast	Visit a traditional Caprivi village	
Saturday	End of tour	Breakfast	Game drive through the Chobe National Park	240

Alternative accommodation may be used

2008/9 Departure dates:

2008		2009									
Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
07 / 11	26 / 12	16 / 01	13 / 02	13 / 03	10 / 04	08 / 05	12 / 06	10 / 07	14 / 08	11 / 09	02 / 10
14 / 11		30 / 01	27 / 02	27 / 03	24 / 04	22 / 05	26 / 06	24 / 07	28 / 08	25 / 09	09 / 10
21 / 11											16 / 10
28 / 11											23 / 10

Private Group departures: any departure on request

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