

**NEW AFRICAN FRONTIERS
NAMIBIA**

TOUR CODE: NC1003

10 DAY – DELTA & FALLS SAFARI

SAFARI TYPE: Scheduled Tour – Camping – Guided Safari
DUARTION: 10 Days / 9 Nights
DEPARTURE DAYS: Fridays (set departure dates)
DEPARTURE LOCATION: Windhoek – Namibia
TOUR ENDS: Livingstone – Zambia / Windhoek Namibia
COUNTRIES VISITED: NAMIBIA – BOTSWANA - ZAMBIA

ROUTING HIGHLIGHTS:

Windhoek – Kalahari Desert – Gobabis - Ghanzi – Okavango Delta Pan Handle – Caprivi Strip – Chobe National Park – Livingstone (Victoria Falls)

ITINERARY:

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.



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Day 1, Friday

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

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

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

Start the day with a morning bush walk where you 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 you 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 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, Sunday

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

An early start this morning 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 turn north for some way before again pointing our wheels west as you enter the Delta proper. 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, Monday

Okavango Delta (BLD) (camping)

You are in the territory of the River People, so this morning 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

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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.

Drive back to camp in the late afternoon for another night at the Okavango waters.

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

Drive 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. 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.

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

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 are 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 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. Make camp in the grounds of a local lodge, right on the banks for the Chobe River.

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

An early hot drink before and 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.

You will have time to relax over lunch at the camp before joining a river boat cruise, back into the park. From the boat you 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, Friday Kasane – Livingstone, Victoria Falls, Zambia (100 km) (BL) (camping)

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Another border crossing today, Drive out of Kasane to Kazangula ferry depot and complete our Botswana exit formalities. 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. 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, Saturday 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 that you stay with the trip for this day and if you are departing from Livingstone that you fly out the next day.)

OPTIONAL RETURN TO WINDHOEK

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

Today we bid 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.

Day 11, Monday Rundu – Windhoek (800 km) (BL)

This day demands an early rise and along drive back to Windhoek. You will be Heading 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.

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You will be dropped off at your accommodation.

Tour Summary

Day	Destinations	Accommodation	Meals	Approximate km
Friday	Windhoek – San village, Kalahari	Camping	Lunch & Dinner	260 km
Saturday	San village, Kalahari – Ghanzi Botswana	Camping	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner	245 km
Sunday	Ghanzi – Guma/Okavango Delta	Camping	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner	450 km
Monday	Guma/Okavango Delta	Camping	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner	-
Tuesday	Guma - Caprivi Strip	Camping	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner	350 km
Wednesday	Caprivi Strip – Chobe Nat. Park/Kasane	Camping	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner	500 km
Thursday	Chobe Nat. Park/Kasane	Camping	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner	-
Friday	Chobe – Livingstone/Victoria Falls	Camping	Breakfast & Lunch	100 km
Saturday	Livingstone/Victoria Falls	Camping	Breakfast	-
Sunday	Livingstone – Depart trip or Rundu	Camping	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner	700 km
Monday	Rundu - - Windhoek	-	Breakfast & Lunch	800 km

DEPARTURE DATES:

2012

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
13	10	09	06	04	01	06	03	07	05	02	07
27	24	23	20	18	15	13	10	12	12	09	14
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11	08	08
25	22	22

Additional Information:

There are a few nationalities that will require to pre arrange their entry visa to Namibia and Botswana. Please note that if this visa is required, it will need to be a multiple entry visa and not a single entry visa. Please check on booking this safari if you need a pre-arranged visa.

There is a US\$50.00 charge for entering Zambia and this is for the clients own cost. It's not included in your trip cost. Please note that this needs to be paid in **US\$**.

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 specialised vehicle.

The style of safari is limited participation, you will be asked to assist in pitching and striking down your own tent. 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.

Included:

- * All transport
- * All the meal a day (unless differently specified)
- * Tap drinking water
- * Tea & coffee in camp
- * All camping equipment
- * Park entrance fees
- * Camping fees
- * Professional guide
- * Camp Assistant (unless differently specified)
- * Pick up and drop off from accommodation in Windhoek

Excluded:

- * Sleeping bag
- * Alcoholic beverages
- * Soft drinks and bottled water
- * Personal travel insurance

Useful items to bring with you

- * Two litre water bottle
- * Torch
- * Towel
- * Sun hat
- * Pillow

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The tents are canvas dome type, which are easy to assemble. Your mattress is approximately 5 cm thick with its own mattress cover and each client has a camp chair with 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.

We suggest a sleeping bag range of "3 – 4 season". Sleeping bags can be hired by prior arrangement for a cost of N\$: 110.00 for this trip. When selecting 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 by your guide on an open fire. Salads and fresh vegetables will be served daily where readily available. Fresh fruit will also be supplied when possible. We cater for vegetarians, but please notify us prior to departure.

We recommend seeking professional medical advice to enable you to make informed decisions on personal malaria protection. Okavango Delta and Victoria Falls are malarial areas.

All tap water in Namibia has been purified or comes directly from boreholes and is safe to drink. Some of the camps close to the rivers may have specific drinking water taps so please check with your guide. We supply tap drinking water, but bottled mineral water is available for you to buy at shops and rest camps.

Electrical plugs are 220 V and are 3 pin (round pin as opposed to square pin). Adaptors can be purchased in Windhoek or at our offices. It is possible to re-charge batteries at some campsites.

The Namibian Dollar (N\$) has a fixed 1-1 exchange rate to the South African Rand (ZAR). ZAR notes and coins are legal tender in Namibia. We suggest bringing ZAR on this trip as it will be the easiest currency to work with in all countries.

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

It is customary in Namibia to tip 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.

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 ATM's. Traveller's cheques can be changed only in major towns but it is advisable to carry a

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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.

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