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NAMIBIA

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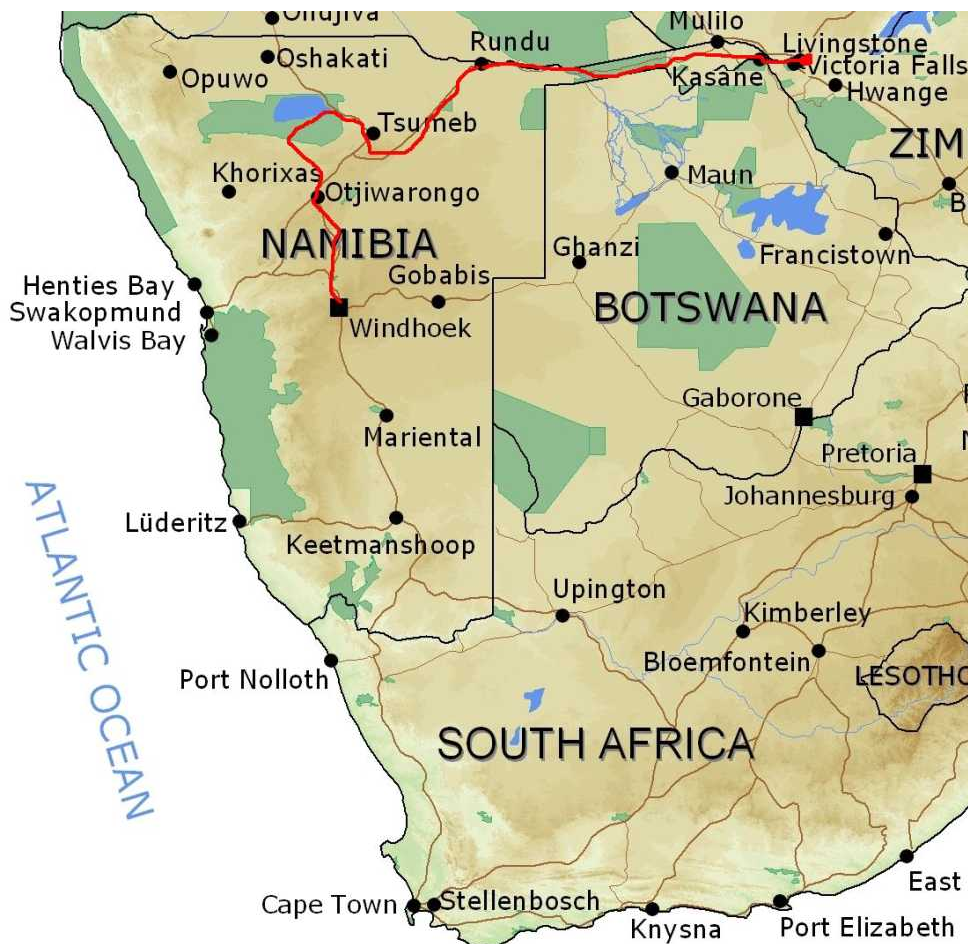
11 DAY - AFRICAN HIGHLIGHTS

SAFARI TYPE: Scheduled Tour – Accommodated – Guided Safari
DURATION: 11 Days / 10 Nights
DEPARTURE DAYS: Saturdays (see the dates below)
DEPARTURE LOCATION: Windhoek – Namibia
TOUR ENDS: Windhoek – Namibia
MIN PERSONS: 2
COUNTRIES VISITED: NAMIBIA – BOTSWANA - ZAMBIA

ROUTING HIGHLIGHTS:

Windhoek – Etosha National Park – Bushman Village – Rundu – Caprivi - Mahango Game Reserve – Western Okavango – Kwando River – Chobe Waterfront – Chobe National Park – Livingstone (Victoria Falls)

This tour takes you to three countries and some of the most exciting destinations in Southern Africa. You will experience Etosha National Park, Bushman culture, Mahango Game Reserve, Okavango Delta, Chobe National Park, Victoria Falls, and much more.



Day 1

Windhoek – Okaukuejo, Etosha National Park (450 km)

You will be collected from your hotel between 08:00 and 08:30. We have a long drive today. On our way we will stop in Otjiwarongo to fill up with petrol and provisions. We will have a picnic lunch along the way and arrive in Okaukuejo. We will have time to explore the

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surroundings and enjoy the swimming pool before a late afternoon game drive. After dinner we can visit the floodlit waterhole is strongly recommended as there are good chances to see rhinos and lions come to drink.

Day 2

Okaukuejo – Namutoni, Etosha National Park

Today we will spend most of the day game driving. We will visit a number of waterholes and make a stop at the Etosha Pan, the “place of dry water”. The Pan is an extensive flat depression of about 5,000 km². This great, white expanse is a place of shimmering mirages, and seeing large herds of game in this setting makes Etosha a unique experience in Africa. We may stop at Halali middle camp to have lunch before we continue our game drive to Namutoni. We have time to relax at the swimming pool in Namutoni or at the waterhole before a late afternoon game drive. The game viewing is usually excellent with close views of springboks, zebras, impalas, giraffes, gemsboks and plenty of birds. If we are lucky we may also have some close encounters with elephants and lions. Back at the camp we may enjoy a glass of wine and experience a fabulous sunset from the tower of the old German fort before dinner.

Day 3

Namutoni – Treesleeper Camp (150 km)

After a morning game drive, with the chance to get some more pictures of Etosha's wildlife in the soft morning light, we leave the park through the eastern gate and continue to Treesleeper Camp in the south western corner of the Kavango region, where we hope to arrive at around lunch time. Treesleeper Camp is run as a project for community based and sustainable tourism. It is focused on the culture of the San people. The name Treesleeper may be derived from the local Hei//omn, the original inhabitants in and around Etosha (“//” is pronounced with one of the click sounds, which are characteristic of the San people). It is said that when Hei//omn used to hunt in older days it happened that they had to flee up into a tree to escape from lions. Since lions are patient animals one might have to spend the night up there in the tree, hence the name! At Treesleeper we will get to learn about the culture and way of living of the Bushman people. We will have an opportunity to walk with a Bushman and learn about edible, poisonous and medicinal plants used by the Bushmen. We will see how they used to hunt animals, set up traps and make fire. We will visit a couple of Bushman villages and see how people live nowadays and learn more about their situation. In the evening we will experience traditional singing, dancing, healing and other ceremonies of the Bushmen. There will also be an opportunity to see and perhaps buy some genuine Bushman handicraft.

Day 4

Treesleeper Camp – Mahango (560 km)

Today's drive takes us to the Mahango Game Reserve after a long drive northeast towards Rundu and then eastwards along the Okavango River. The park is situated in northeastern Kavango Region, bordering on western Caprivi and Botswana. Characterised by riverine forests, a broad flood plain, magnificent baobabs and large herds of elephant and red lechwe, the Mahango is one of Namibia's most diverse and interesting conservation areas. Mahango harbours rare game species such as buffalo, sable and roan antelope, Chobe bushbuck, reedbuck, tsessebe and sitatunga.

Day 5

Mahango – Western Okavango (200 km)

Today's destination is the unbelievable Okavango Delta. We will cross the border to Botswana and continue southwards through small villages and towns, steering clear of goats and cattle on the road. We will arrive at our night camp in the early afternoon after having changed to 4-wheel drive during the last part in order to make it through the sand. After setting camp there is time to sit down with a drink on the deck at the lagoon and keep a lookout for a crocodile or two.

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Day 6

Western Okavango

After breakfast and while the day is still cool we take our mokoros to one of the other islands for another nature walk. We then break the camp and move back through the delta to the "mainland". Here shower, bar and what else one might have been missing out there on the island await us.

Day 7

Western Okavango – Kwando, Namibia (470 km)

Today we will leave Botswana and return to Namibia. We will drive northwards back to Mahango Game Reserve, where we will make another short game drive and try to spot some of the animals that we might have missed the last time here. As we continue eastwards through the Caprivi we may stop to familiarize with the local culture and perhaps purchase some genuine Namibian handicraft. Our night lodge is situated on the banks of Kwando River.

Day 8

Kwando – Chobe, Botswana (260 km)

We drive through Caprivi's capital Katima where we stop to top up our supplies. We continue over the border to Botswana and our night camp, which is nicely located at the Chobe River. In the late afternoon we will make a boat ride on the river. Chobe is famous for the large amount of buffalos and elephants that we hope to see from the boat, as well as hippos and crocodiles. We might also catch a sight of lions at the water and the bird life is rich here.

Day 9

Chobe

The Chobe National Park, which is the second largest national park in Botswana and covers more than 10,000 km², has one of the greatest concentrations of game found on the African continent. Its uniqueness in the abundance of wildlife, and the true African nature of the region, offers a safari experience of a lifetime. It is particularly well known for the large amounts of elephants, which are said to be the largest in body size of all living elephants. We will spend the time before lunch on a game drive in the park. Like the boat-tour yesterday it may turn out to be one of the very highlights of our entire safari. The afternoon and evening may be used to relax at the pool side or, for those who so wish, another boat-tour or game drive (N.B. extra boat-tour or game drive is not included in the price of the safari and will be at the client's own expense).

Day 10

Chobe – Livingstone, Zambia

This last day of our tour takes us to Livingstone and another highlight of our safari – the Victoria Falls. The ferry over the Zambezi River brings us to Zambia and after about an hour's drive we arrive at our night camp, which again is situated at the side of the river. In the afternoon we will make a short excursion to the town of Livingstone for a visit to the Livingstone museum, the handicraft market or whatever our preferences are. After that our guides will take us to the real purpose of our visit – the Victoria Falls. The best time of the day to see the falls is early morning or before sunset. After having enjoyed the magnificent views of the falls, we head back to the camp and prepare for the evening's farewell dinner at a restaurant (at the client's own expense). Here we will say farewell to our guides who will return to Windhoek next day. Those who wish to return to Windhoek may do so at an additional cost of N\$1000. Those who want to stay in Livingstone have a multitude of activities to choose among – rafting, fishing, elephant ride, boat-tour, and more. During the dry season, an excursion to Livingstone Island can be recommended, with a swim in the "Devil's pool" near the falls as an extraordinary experience.

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Day 11

Livingstone

After 11day safari your guide will take you to Livingstone airport and you will say good bye at noon.

TOUR SUMMARY

Day	Destination	Accommodation	Meals
1	Etosha National Park	Lodge	L/D
2	Etosha National Park	Lodge	B/L/D
3	South western Kavango	Lodge	B/L/D
4	Caprivi	Lodge	B/L/D
5	Okavango Delta, Botswana	Lodge	B/L/D
6	Okavango Delta, Botswana	Lodge	B/L/D
7	Okavango Delta, Botswana	Lodge	B/L/D
8	Caprivi, Namibia	Lodge	B/L/D
9	Chobe, Botswana	Lodge	B/L/D
10	Chobe, Botswana	Lodge	B/L/D
11	Livingstone	Lodge	B/L