

NEW AFRICAN FRONTIERS  
NAMIBIA

TOUR CODE: NA 1203

12 DAY – NAMIBIA HIGHLIGHTS & CAPTIVATING CAPRIVI COMBO

SAFARI TYPE: Scheduled Tour – Accommodated – Guided Safari  
DURATION: 12 days / 11 nights  
DEPARTURE DAYS: Wednesday (Scheduled departure dates)  
DEPARTURE LOCATION: Windhoek – Namibia  
TOUR ENDS: Kasane – Botswana  
COUNTRIES VISITED: NAMIBIA - BOTSWANA

Language available: English / German  
VEHICLE: Microbus / bus  
Min / Max Persons: 2 /16

ROUTING HIGHLIGHTS:

Windhoek – Namibia Naukluft Desert Park - Sossusvlei – Sesriem – Swakopmund - Cape Cross – Damaraland - Twyfelfontein - Etosha National Park – Rundu – Caprivi - Bwabwata National Park – Kavango River - Zambezi River - Kasane – Chobe Waterfront - Chobe National Park

ITINERARY:



Day 1, Wednesday  
Windhoek - Sossusvlei

You will be met by your guide at your accommodation establishment and departing Windhoek, you will travel to your overnight lodge in the Namib Desert. This is the gateway to Sesriem Canyon and Sossusvlei, where some of the highest sand dunes on earth stand towering over the white desert plains. The afternoon can be spent relaxing at the pool, or taking part in optional activities offered at our lodge.

Accommodation: Hammerstein Lodge, (meals on own account)

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Day 2, Thursday

Sossusvlei

This morning demands an early start. The first rays of sunrise paint the mountains of sand into a variety of apricot, red and orange, contrasted against a crisp blue skyline, entrapping our senses, and providing an opportunity to capture this awesome landscape on film. Sossusvlei, where the mostly dry Tsauchab River ends abruptly amongst majestic dunes, sees us walking up one of these dunes to admire the desert landscape. Thereafter we visit the Sesriem Canyon, a life sustaining natural phenomenon in the heart of the Namib Desert.

Accommodation: Namib Desert Lodge, including Breakfast

Day 3, Friday

Sossusvlei - Swakopmund

After breakfast we travel via the desolate, rolling hills of the Kuiseb Moon Valley towards the Atlantic Ocean. In Walvis Bay we visit the shallow lagoon, one of the most important wetland areas on the African continent and a RAMSAR world heritage site. Over 80% of the African flamingos feed in this lagoon and present a breath-taking picture when they appear in groups counting a few hundred thousand. Having arrived in the coastal town of Swakopmund, you have the rest of the day at leisure.

Accommodation: Schweitzerhaus Hotel, including Breakfast

Day 4, Saturday

Swakopmund

Swakopmund is the perfect location for walking tours, shopping, relaxing at a quaint coffee shop or along the sandy beaches. This being Namibia's playground, they also have a wide variety of activities on offer, ranging from dolphin cruises, desert tours and scenic flights to quad biking, paragliding, parachuting and kite surfing - to mention but a few.

Accommodation: Schweitzerhaus Hotel, including Breakfast

Day 5, Sunday

Swakopmund - Damaraland

Heading further north, we travel along vast lichen fields to Cape Cross, a fur seal reserve where at times over 80'000 animals frolic in the waves of the Atlantic. We drive via the Brandberg, Namibia's highest mountain (2579m), into the Damaraland, one of the least populated and geologically diverse areas in Africa. This harsh, rocky environment is home to the rare Desert Elephant, the Black Rhino and free-roaming antelope species.

Accommodation: Damara Mopane Lodge, including Breakfast

Day 6, Monday

Damaraland – Etosha National Park

We start the morning with a visit to Twyfelfontein, a heritage site where bushman communities engraved and painted over 2500 pictures some 6000 years ago! Close by we explore the Burnt Mountain, Organ Pipes and the Petrified Forest - all geological phenomena depicting the creation and evolution of some of the oldest landmasses on earth. Here we also visit the Welwitschia mirabilis plant – the oldest living desert plant on earth! After a visit to a traditional Damara village we proceed on to our lodge situated close to the world-renowned Etosha National Park, and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Accommodation: Etosha Safari Camp, including Breakfast

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Day 7, Tuesday

Etosha National Park

The day is devoted purely to the abundant wildlife found in the Etosha National Park, which surrounds a parched salt desert known as the Etosha Pan. The park is home to 4 of the Big Five - Elephant, Lion, Leopard and Rhino – its waterholes supporting a rich diversity of birds and mammals, including rare species such as black-faced Impala, roan, cheetah, and Namibia's smallest antelope, the Damara Dik-Dik.

Accommodation: Etosha Safari Camp, including Breakfast

Day 8, Wednesday

Etosha National Park - Outjo

Today we again game drive in the Etosha National Park. We may encounter animal species we have not seen the previous day and look forward to any new surprises at the different waterholes visited. In the afternoon we travel to our lodge, where we enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure.

Accommodation: Ohange Lodge, including Breakfast

Day 9, Thursday

Outjo - Bwabwata National Park

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 some 80'000 years ago. We continue to 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 sundowner cruise on the Kavango River that also visits the Popa Falls.

Accommodation: Divava Okavango Lodge & Spa, including Breakfast

Day 10, Friday

Bwabwata 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, leopard and even the highly endangered wild dog. The park is divided into three different habitats, namely the Kavango River, the flood plains, known as omurambas and dense woodlands, the combination of which create a haven for over 300 different bird species. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure and take in the mesmerizing environment from the comfort of your lodge.

Accommodation: Divava Okavango Lodge & Spa, including Breakfast

Day 11, Saturday

Bwabwata National Park – Zambezi River

After a leisurely breakfast 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. En route we visit a traditional caprivi village to learn more about the tradition and culture of the Kavango people, who have upheld a subsistence farming way of life for hundreds of years. Our lodge for the evening is situated along the banks of the mighty Zambezi River, where we have the option of experiencing this water world on a boat cruise.

Accommodation: Protea Zambezi River Lodge, including Breakfast

Day 12, Sunday

Zambezi River – Kasane – Chobe National Park

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After breakfast we travel via Kiaat forests and towering Baobab trees into Botswana. Having traversed the Chobe National Park, our tour ends in Kasane where we are dropped off at our accommodation of choice.

- Extend your stay in the Chobe National Park with a two-night package
- Join our Botswana Highlights tour via the Chobe National Park, Makgadikgadi pans, the Okavango Delta and the Kalahari Desert back to Windhoek.
- Transfers available from Kasane to Livingstone or Victoria Falls town for our Victoria Falls package.
- Extend your stay with the Okavango Delta package starting in Kasane
- Scheduled flights from Victoria Falls to Windhoek or South Africa available.

TOUR SUMMARY

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEAL BASIS	ACTIVITIES	KM
Wednesday	Hammerstein Lodge		Travel into the Namib Desert	430
Thursday	Namib Desert Lodge	Breakfast	Dead Vlei, Sossusvlei, Sesriem Canyon	280
Friday	Schweitzerhaus Hotel	Breakfast	Walvis Bay lagoon - RAMSAR World Heritage site	290
Saturday	Schweitzerhaus Hotel	Breakfast	At leisure, book activities with your consultant	80
Sunday	Damaraland Mopane Lodge	Breakfast	Cape Cross	440
Monday	Etosha Safari Camp	Breakfast	Twyfelfontein, Burnt Mountain, Organ Pipes Petrified Forest, visit a Damara traditional village.	300
Tuesday	Etosha Safari Camp	Breakfast	Game viewing in the Etosha National Park	300
Wednesday	Ohange Lodge	Breakfast	Game viewing in the Etosha National Park	470
Thursday	Divava Okavango Lodge & Spa	Breakfast	Visit Hoba Meteorite, optional boat cruise	500
Friday	Divava Okavango Lodge & Spa	Breakfast	Game drive into Mahangu National Park	
Saturday	Protea Zambezi River Lodge	Breakfast	Visit a traditional Caprivi village	330
Sunday	Drop off in Kasane	Breakfast	Drive through the Chobe National Park	130

Alternative accommodation may be used

Departure dates:

<b>2011</b>	
Nov	Dec
09	14

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Private tour: Any date on request, minimum of 6 participants