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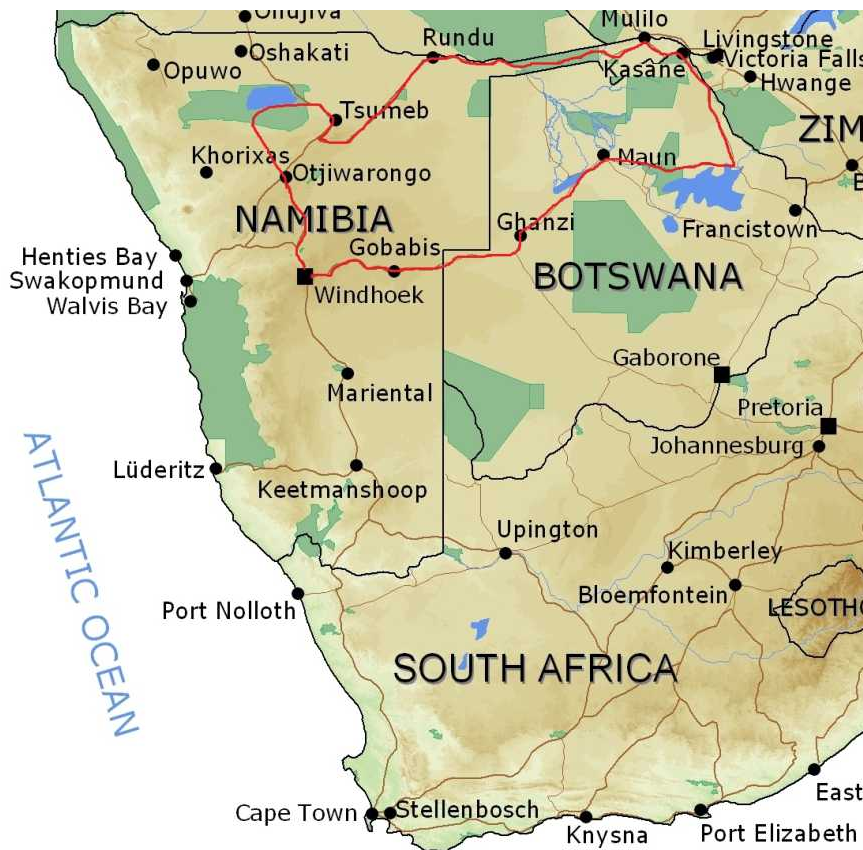
13 DAY CAPTIVATING CAPRIVI & BOTSWANA HIGHLIGHTS

SAFARI TYPE: Scheduled Tour – Accommodated – Guided Safari
DURATION: 13 Days / 12 Nights
DEPARTURE DAYS: Monday (set departure dates)
DEPARTURE LOCATION: Windhoek – Namibia
TOUR ENDS: Windhoek – Namibia
MIN / MAX PAX: 2 / 10
VEHICLE: Microbus / bus
LANGUAGES Available: English / German

ROUTING HIGHLIGHTS:

Windhoek - Etosha National Park - Otavi Mountains - Hoba Meteorite - Rundu – Caprivi - Mahango Game Park - Bwabwata National Park - Kasane – Chobe Water Front - Chobe National Park – Nata - Makgadikgadi Pans – Maun – Okavango Delta – Kalahari Desert – Ghanzi – Gobabis - Windhoek

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Day 01

Windhoek – Etosha National Park

Starting in Windhoek you will travel north to the Etosha National Park. In the afternoon you have the option of visiting the park in an open safari vehicle. The park boasts over 110 different animal species and is home to over 300 different bird species. The perennial springs along the edges of the Etosha Pan, a large, centralised saline depression with the size of the Netherlands, draw large concentrations of wildlife and birds during the dry seasons of the

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year. Shortly before sunset you will depart out of the park to your overnight lodge, situated within close vicinity of the entrance gate.

Day 02

Etosha National Park

The day is devoted purely to the abundant wildlife found in the park. With a size of over 22'000 square kilometres, it is world renowned for its spectacular wildlife: elephant, black and white rhinoceros, lions, leopards, cheetahs, large herds of springbok, zebra, wildebeest, giraffe and a multitude of other fascinating species. Each waterhole experience is different and promises us amazing photographic opportunities and wildlife experiences. Shortly before sunset drive out of the park back to your overnight lodge.

Day 03

Etosha National Park - Otavi

The first part of the day is spent traversing the park from west to east. In the afternoon you will travel to your overnight lodge, where you enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure and reminisce about the day's exciting events. Relax along the pool in the large garden or take a scenic walk along one of the walking paths. At a frequented waterhole next to the guest farm you can observe some of the animals inhabiting the area.

Day 04

Otavi - Bwabwata National Park

After breakfast travel north towards Namibia's lush Caprivi region. En route you will stop at Hoba Meteorite, the world's largest known meteorite that came crashing down some 80'000 years ago. Continue to the Kavango area, known for its rich selection of hand-made wooden crafts, to the western border of the Bwabwata Game Park. Here your overnight lodge lies secluded in the lush vegetation lining the banks of the mighty Kavango River. You can optionally partake in a sundowner cruise on the Kavango River that also visits the Popa Falls.

Day 05

Bwabwata National Park

In the morning you can 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.

Day 06

Bwabwata National Park – Zambezi River

After a leisurely breakfast continue east through the Bwabwata 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 you will 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. Your overnight accommodation for the evening is situated along the banks of the mighty Zambezi River, where you have the option of experiencing this water world on a boat cruise.

Day 07

Zambezi River – Chobe National Park

After breakfast you will travel via the Kiaat forests and towering Baobab trees into Botswana, Kasane. Your adventure continues in the Chobe National Park, whose riverine forests and floodplains support a multitude of game species, which in turn attract predators such as lion, leopard and hyena. Enjoy the rest of the day relaxing along the swimming pool or take part in

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optional activities offered by your overnight lodge, situated directly along the banks of the majestic Chobe River.

Day 08

Chobe National Park

Shortly before sunrise travel with an open vehicle into the Chobe National Park, where wildlife roams freely in profusion and diversity. It is home to the largest concentration of Elephant in Africa. While the rest of large herds of buffalo, Puku, Lechwe, Bushbuck and Kudu. Other major species such as Lion, leopard, Wild Dog, Sable and Roan Antelope are encountered in many areas of the reserve. In the afternoon embark on a guided Chobe sunset cruise along the National Park to experience the multitude of game species found along the banks of the Chobe River.

Day 09

Chobe National Park - Makgadikgadi Pans

Start your tour in Chobe, Kasane, and travel south to the mesmerising Makgadikgadi pans, the largest clay pans on earth. On an afternoon nature drive (season permitting) you will experience this geological phenomenon of surrealistic beauty. The remoteness and inaccessibility all add to the mystique and also explain why these pans represent one of the major highlights found in Botswana.

Day 10

Makgadikgadi Pans – Okavango Delta

After breakfast travel to Maun, where you'll embark on a 4x4 vehicle that takes you into the Moremi Game Park, an area which you will explore in detail over the next two days. En route to the rustic camp, which you will reach in the late afternoon, you will search for the animals that make this park one of the top wildlife reserves in Africa. The park covers about one third of the entire Okavango delta and, with its giant mopane forests, contrast beautifully with the wide open spaces of the Khwai floodplain. After a safety briefing at the camp enjoy a 3-course dinner and fall asleep to the sounds of nature.

Day 11

Okavango Delta

After an early continental breakfast, you'll leave for a morning game drive through the area in search of predators. Moremi is unequalled in scenic beauty and hosts an excellent quantity of birds, animals and plants. You will return to the camp for lunch, and the afternoon is spent searching for species not encountered yet. You will return to camp after Sundowners to enjoy a 3 course dinner beneath the stars (weather permitting).

Day 12

Okavango Delta – Kalahari Desert

An early morning game drive takes you out of the park and back to Maun, from where you will travel into the Kalahari Desert. The overnight lodge is situated on a private nature reserve, being the habitat to rare animals such as the bat-eared fox, honey badger as well as the nocturnal aardvark. The Kalahari Desert has for thousands of years been the traditional home of the legendary Bushmen; in the afternoon you'll have the opportunity to learn more about the different plants and animals found in the desert by joining the Bushmen on a walk – an experience giving us deep insight into the hunting techniques and other survival skills still practiced by the Bushman.

Day 13

Kalahari Desert - Windhoek

After breakfast, travel back to Windhoek via Gobabis, the capital of Namibia's cattle farming country. You will be dropped off at your accommodation of choice, where your tour ends. Alternatively, the guide will take you to the international airport for your outbound flight.

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TOUR SUMMARY: CAPTIVATING CAPRIVI & BOTSWANA HIGHLIGHTS

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEAL BASIS	ACTIVITIES	KM
Monday	Etosha Safari Camp		Travel to Etosha National Park, optional game drive in the afternoon	460
Tuesday	Etosha Safari Camp	Breakfast	Full day Game drive in the Etosha National Park	300
Wednesday	Ochange Lodge	Breakfast	Half day game drive, optional activities at the guestfarm	440
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	Chobe Safari Lodge	Dinner	Optional boats cruise	130
Monday	Chobe Safari Lodge	Breakfast, Dinner	Game drive and boat cruise in the Chobe National Park	
Tuesday	Nata Lodge	Breakfast, Dinner	Nature drive to the Makgadikgadi Pans in the afternoon	300
Wednesday	Camping in the Moremi National Park	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner	Game drive into the Moremi Game Reserve	500
Thursday	Camping in the Moremi National Park	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner	Full day game drive in the Moremi Game Reserve	
Friday	Motswiri Lodge	Breakfast, Dinner	Afternoon walk with Bushmen	350
Saturday	Tour Ends	Breakfast	Travel back to Windhoek	480

Alternative accommodation may be used

Departure dates:

2011	
Nov	Dec
14	05
21	19
28	

2012									
Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
16	13	12	16	14	18	02	13	03	01
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Private Group departures: any departure on request