

CLASSIC KALEIDOSCOPE & CAPTIVATING ZAMBEZI

12 Days

Windhoek to Kasane

LIVE THIS!

A land of contrasts, compare the dunes of the coastline, the rocky mountain massifs of Damaraland, the game on open plains and spring fed waterholes in Etosha and the lush, African rivers and bush of the Zambezi. This safari is a kaleidoscope of African highlights.

Classification	Classic											
Pax	2 – 20 guests											
Vehicle	Minibus or Coach											
Languages	Bilingual English / German											
Driver / Tour Guide	Services of registered driver guide throughout tour											
Included	Meals: All meals as specified in the itinerary 11 x Breakfasts, 1 x Lunch Entrance Fees: Living Museum of the Damara, Twyfelfontein, Petrified Forest, Etosha National Park, Mahango National Park, Chobe Flood Plain Portages Still Mineral Water on Bus Activities as specified Accommodation as specified Tourism levy & Government Taxes where applicable 24hrs Medical Evacuation Insurance											
Excluded	All International / Domestic Flights & taxes Visas Travel & Personal accident insurance Personal Expenses Excursions / Activities not specified Gratuities											
Optional Extras	- Dinner supplement (<i>Day 3-11</i>), On the Classic Tour version dinner is not included in Swakopmund - Additional Excursions / Activities on request											
Departure Dates (Special Discount / No Single Supplement)												
Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
9, 23	7	11	15	1, 15, 29	12	10, 24	7, 21	5, 19	2, 16, 30	13, 20	4, 11	

- Arrival flights on day of tour departure to be no later than 09h00

More Than Just A Journey....

We have a sense of Africa rooted deep in our own lives and experiences and our purpose is to share this with our guests. Namibia has abundant wildlife in our National Parks as well as large tracts of land which lie unfenced for wildlife to traverse freely. With its diverse cultures Namibia is a melting pot of sights, sounds, aromas, tastes and emotions, just waiting to be experienced!

The vast size of Namibia is predominantly connected and accessible through gravel roads, which make traveling a fascinating yet time consuming aspect of your journey. This tour is operated on a very comprehensive fleet of vehicles that are specially designed and custom built to mechanically suit these demanding road conditions, both in their configuration as well as their sturdy construction. This adds to the durability and reliability of our fleet, but also to the comfort while on safari. Our vehicles are fitted with airflow-cooling systems, sliding windows and/or pop-up roof and an audio/microphone system enhancing guests' safari enjoyment.

A safari often stands or falls with the guide and we appreciate that a good guide can make a great safari excellent. Our guides, mostly Namibian citizens, are hand-picked for their passion with a profound respect, interest and understanding for the country and its people. To offer you our guest the typical Namibian flair and experience we encourage flexibility and their personal involvement in showcasing Namibia's tradition during safaris.

Day 1 / Friday

SWAKOPMUND

A Transfer takes you to the coastal town of **Swakopmund**. Upon your arrival in the early afternoon you check into your hotel, after which we have the rest of the day to our own disposal. With palm-lined streets and seaside promenades, Swakopmund is a popular holiday destination in Namibia. Its pleasant summer climate and long stretched beaches attract anglers and surfers from all over Southern Africa. For the international guest, Swakopmund is a bohemian mix of German architecture and African rhythms, a laid back attitude with adrenalin activities, misty mornings and desert heat. It is colourful, it is vibrant, but most of all, it is pure fun.

Swakopmund Plaza / Beach Hotel

Day 2 / Saturday

SWAKOPMUND

Swakopmund is often fondly referred to as the “playground of Namibia”, it has numerous activities ranging from, adventure to exploring the fascinating features of the Namib Desert and the animals and plants that occur and survive here. Embrace the relaxed pace of this idyllic coastal town whilst enjoying coffee and freshly baked pastries in one of the many café’s. Alternatively explore the rugged, sweltering desert on a day tour, or view this awesome, environment from the air on a scenic flight. Find your inner child and push adrenaline to its limits with extreme adventures such as skydiving over the desert or quad biking and sand boarding on the dunes. Take time to get the feel of this quaint town with its historic buildings, museums, shopping arcades and beach bar that has transformed into its own personality by the vibrant use of colour and the bohemian lifestyle.

Swakopmund Plaza / Beach Hotel - Breakfast

Day 3 / Sunday

DAMARALAND

On long yet interesting and scenic roads we head further north, traveling past the **Brandberg**, Namibia’s highest mountain (2.579m), into the Damaraland, one of the least populated and geologically diverse areas in Africa. This harsh, rocky environment is home to the elusive desert elephant, the black rhino and free-roaming antelope species. Accompanied by a local Damara guide we visit **Twyfelfontein**, a UNESCO heritage site where Bushman communities engraved and painted over 2.500 pictures some 6.000 years ago! After a visit to the nearby **Living Museum of the Damara** we proceed to the **Petrified Forest** - a geological phenomenon depicting the creation and metamorphosis of wood into stone amongst some of the oldest landmasses on Earth. Here we also see the **Welwitschia mirabilis** plant – the oldest living desert plant on Earth.

Damara Mopane Lodge - Breakfast

Day 4 / Monday

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

After a relaxed breakfast, we travel towards the **Etosha National Park**, famous for its vast amount of wildlife. Once we have reached our camp located just outside of the National Park, we head onto our first safari into the National Park. Together with our guide we explore the various waterholes located close to Okaukuejo and the Anderson gate. Optional and time permitting open vehicle game drives can be booked with the lodge.

Etosha Safari Camp - Breakfast

Day 5 / 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. The Park was proclaimed as Namibia’s first conservation area in 1907 by the then Governor, von Lindequist. Despite the size of the Etosha National Park, only the southern edge of the pan is accessible to visitors. Game viewing in the park is largely focussed around the waterholes, some of which are spring fed and some supplied from a borehole, ideal places to sit and watch over 114 different game species, or for an avid birder, in excess of 340 bird species. Popular game species such as giraffe, blue wildebeest, plains and mountain zebra, hyena, lion, leopard, antelopes such as kudu, oryx, eland, as well as some of the endangered species such as Black rhino, cheetah and the black-faced impala are all found here. An extensive network of roads link the over 30 water holes allowing visitors the opportunity of an extensive game viewing safari over the stretch of the park as each different area will provide different encounters.

Mokuti Etosha Lodge – Breakfast

Day 6 / Wednesday

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Today your guide again takes you on a game drive in the Etosha National Park, or optionally you can book an open game drive park drive with the lodge. We may encounter animal species we have not seen the previous day and look forward to any new surprises at the different waterholes visited. The Etosha Pan dominates the park. This salt pan desert, which is nearly completely enclosed by the park and is lined by numerous watering holes, is roughly 130 km long and as wide as 50 km in places. During Etosha's notorious dry spells the pan is a deathly place, lying parched and cracked under the molten African sun. It is claimed that game viewing is best during the dry spells as animals will then congregate closer to water. But even in the rainy season the park remains an abundant wildlife haven. You then have the pleasure of experiencing the rebirth of life as the young foals, cubs and chicks are seen frolicking with their parents and the sprouting new green shrubs and grasses create a pleasing green oasis. In the afternoon we travel back to our lodge, where we enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure.

Mokuti Etosha Lodge - Breakfast

Day 7 / Thursday

KAVANGO REGION

After breakfast we travel north-east towards Namibia's lush **Kavango region**. En route we stop at **Hoba Meteorite**, the world's largest known meteorite. We continue to Rundu, known for its rich selection of hand-made wooden crafts. With its magnificent woodlands and perennial rivers, the Kavango region contrasts sharply with the rest of Namibia. Large swathes of tall woodland, riverine forests, floodplains and reed-lined channels dominate the area. This is also the area where you will see many of the traditional huts and homesteads still in popular use today. At our lodge we can enjoy an optional sundowner boat cruise on the Okavango River.

Kaisosi River Lodge - Breakfast

Day 8 / Friday

BWABWATA NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast we follow the route of the Okavango River into the **Zambezi Region**. Lush, green, riverine – that is what the Zambezi region looks like. This juxtaposition is what makes Namibia the "Land of Contrasts". The area is typified by perennial rivers and large forests of trees. Whereas most of Namibia is arid, this area is lush, the soil rich and the wildlife plentiful. It is a lively hotbed where one can see subsistence and cattle farming and the well-known traditional wood carvings. We arrive at our lodge on the banks of the Okavango river and close to the Mahangu National Park where the following two nights are spent along the lush vegetation. Our rooms award us with uninhibited view onto the Buffalo Park across the river. Optionally we can visit the Popa Falls, a series of small rapids in paradisiacal environment, or enjoy a late afternoon boat cruise on the river.

Shametu River Lodge – Breakfast

Day 9 / Saturday

BWABWATA NATIONAL PARK

After an early breakfast we travel into the Mahangu National Park. Being Namibia's smallest but most densely populated National Park, the visit will be rewarding in terms of wildlife and bird watching. The Mahango Game Park has a high number of elephants, as well as fair numbers of antelopes which are scarce or not seen in other parts of Namibia. These include the roan and sable antelope, tsessebe and the red lechwe. The park is also home to a number of sitatunga. The Mahango National Park is an excellent destination for bird watching with over 400 species to be spotted.

Shametu River Lodge – Breakfast

Day 10 / Sunday

CHOBE FLOODPLAINS

We travel via the town of Katima Mulilo towards the border with Botswana and the end of the Zambezi region. En route we visit a traditional village to learn more about the Caprivi people's culture. Our lodge for the following nights is situated along the banks of the **Chobe River**, shortly before it enters Botswana. Having enjoyed an optional Sundowner drink on a river beach setting we return to the lodge for dinner.

Chobe River Camp – Breakfast

Day 11 / Monday

CHOBE FLOODPLAINS

Today we enjoy a **guided canoeing excursion** (*depending on current water levels of the Chobe river*) to experience the rich diversity of bird and wildlife of the **Chobe River** followed by a short walk to a spot amidst the shade spending trees, where a light lunch is served. We then return to the lodge either by boat (*depending on the water level*) or guided walk, experiencing the open African plains scattered with wildlife. The remainder of the day is at leisure enjoying the open space.

Chobe River Camp - Breakfast, Lunch

Day 12 / Tuesday

DEPARTURE

After breakfast, we cross the border into Botswana and travel to Kasane where you are able to extend your holiday at a lodge bordering the Chobe National Park or continue with a transfer to Victoria Falls.

Breakfast

- Join our Botswana Highlights tour via Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park, Makgadikgadi Pans, the Moremi Game Reserve and the Kalahari Desert back to Windhoek.
- Transfers available from Kasane to Livingstone or Victoria Falls for our Victoria Falls extension 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
1	Swakopmund Plaza / Beach Hotel		Pick up in Windhoek, transfer to Swakopmund	380
2	Swakopmund Plaza / Beach Hotel	Breakfast	Day at leisure, book any activities with your consultant / guide	
3	Damara Mopane Lodge	Breakfast	Excursion to Twyfelfontein and Petrified Forest. Visit a Living Museum of the Damara tribe	480
4	Etosha Safari Camp	Breakfast	Afternoon Etosha game drive in tour vehicle with Sense of Africa Guide	200
5	Mokuti Etosha Lodge	Breakfast	Full day Etosha game Drive in tour vehicle with Sense of Africa Guide	300
6	Mokuti Etosha Lodge	Breakfast	Full day Etosha game Drive in tour vehicle with Sense of Africa Guide (<i>optional open game drive vehicle can be booked with the lodge</i>)	200
7	Kaisosi River Lodge	Breakfast	Visit Hoba Meteorite, optional sundowner boat cruise	450
8	Shametu River Lodge	Breakfast	Optional visit to Popa Falls or afternoon boat cruise	220
9	Shametu River Lodge	Breakfast	Game drive in Mahango National Park, weather permitting	100
10	Chobe River Camp	Breakfast	Visit a traditional village, Travel to the Chobe flood Plains	360
11	Chobe River Camp	Breakfast, Lunch	Canoeing on the Chobe River with light lunch stop and walk or boat cruise back to the lodge	
12	End of tour in Kasane	Breakfast	Travel through the Chobe National Park to Kasane, Optional extensions to Victoria Falls or Chobe National Park	80

Alternative accommodation may be used