



A Taste of Namibia, Chobe National Park & Victoria Falls







SOSSUSVLEI



SWAKOPMUND



SPITZKOPPE



ERONGO MOUNTAINS



TWYFELFONTEIN



DAMARALAND



KAOKOVELD



SKELTON COAST



OPUWO



EPUPA FALLS





RUNDU



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MAHANGO GAME RESERVE



KWANDO RIVER



CHOBE RIVER FRONT NAMIBIA



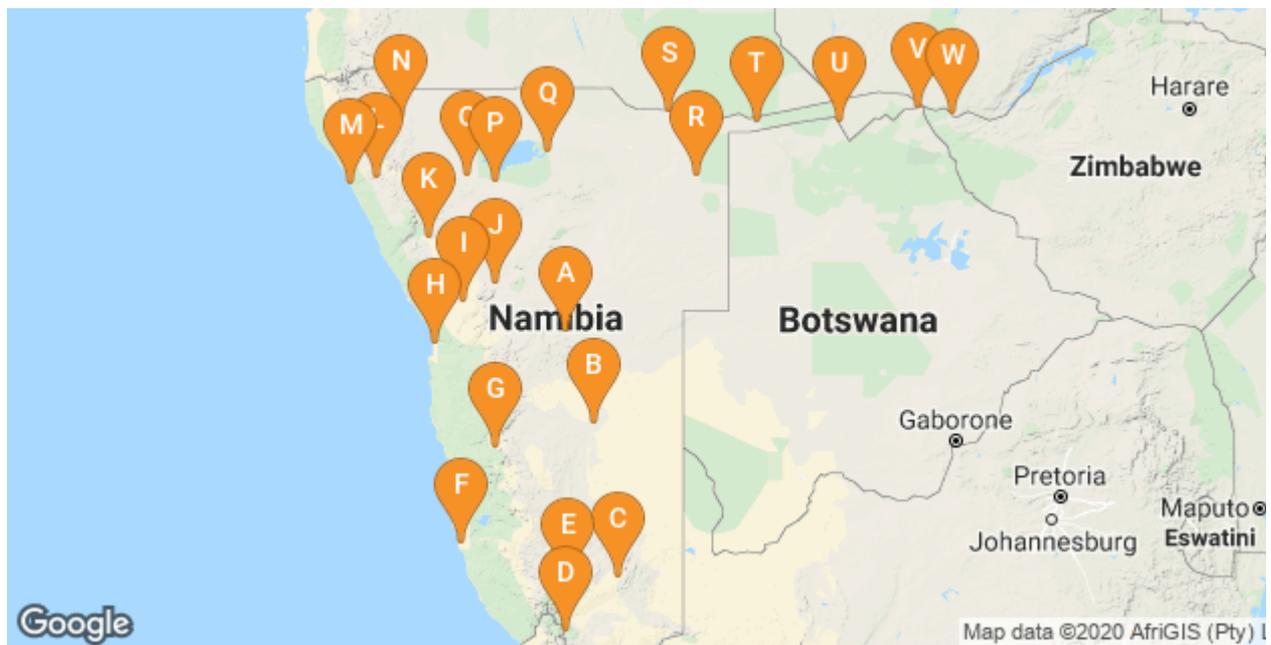
VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

Namibia

Zannier Reserve - Mariental - Southern Namibia - Orange River - Fish River Canyon - Luderitz - NamibRand Nature Reserve - Swakopmund - Spitzkoppe - Erongo Mountains - Twyfelfontein - Kaokoveld - Skeleton Coast - Opuwo - Etosha Heights Private Reserve - Ongava Private Game Reserve - Onguma Game Reserve - Bushmanland - Rundu - Divundu - Kwando River - Chobe River Front Namibia - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

24 Days / 23 Nights

2 Persons



Introduction

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Omaanda	Zannier Reserve	FI	1x Double Room	1 Night
Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch	Mariental	D,B&B	1x Double Room	1 Night
Goibib Mountain Lodge	Southern Namibia	D,B&B	1x Double Room	1 Night
Norotshama River Resort	Orange River	D,B&B	1x Double Room	1 Night
Fish River Lodge	Fish River Canyon	D,B&B	1x Double Room	1 Night
Luderitz Nest Hotel	Luderitz	D,B&B	1x Double Room	1 Night
andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge	NamibRand Nature Reserve	FI	1x Double Room	1 Night
Desert Breeze Lodge	Swakopmund	B&B	1x Double Room	1 Night
Spitzkoppen Lodge	Spitzkoppe	D,B&B	1x Double Room	1 Night
Erongo Wilderness Lodge	Erongo Mountains	D,B&B	1x Double Room	1 Night
Mowani Mountain Camp	Twyfelfontein	D,B&B	1x Double Room	1 Night
Hoanib Valley Camp	Kaokoveld	FI	1x Double Room	1 Night
Skeleton Coast Shipwreck Lodge	Skeleton Coast	FI	1x Double Room	1 Night
Opuwo Country Lodge	Opuwo	D,B&B	1x Double Room	1 Night
Etosha Heights Safarihoek Lodge	Etosha Heights Private Reserve	D,B&B	1x Double Room	1 Night
Ongava Lodge	Ongava Private Game Reserve	D,B&B	1x Double Room	1 Night
Onguma The Fort	Onguma Game Reserve	D,B&B	1x Double Room	1 Night
Nhoma Safari Camp	Bushmanland	FI	1x Double Room	1 Night
Hakusembe River Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia	Rundu	D,B&B	1x Double Room	1 Night
Divava Okavango Resort & Spa	Divundu	D,B&B	1x Double Room	1 Night
Lianshulu Bush Lodge	Kwando River	D,B&B	1x Double Room	1 Night
Chobe Water Villas	Chobe River Front Namibia	B&B	1x Double Room	1 Night

Ilala Lodge Hotel	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	B&B	1x Double Room	1 Night
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Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

D,B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

FI: Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

Day 1: Omaanda, Zannier Reserve

Zannier Reserve

Situated just 30 minutes east of Namibia's Windhoek International airport, Zannier Reserve stretches for 900 square kilometres. It is known for its scenic savanna-covered landscapes inhabited by a vast variety of wildlife. Commonly spotted species include: leopard, giraffe, warthog, antelope, ostrich and jackal. It is also home to the Shiloh Wildlife Sanctuary which provides a refuge for injured or abandoned rhinos and elephants. Visitors can look forward to spotting an array of wildlife, soaking up the beautiful views, and enjoying a guided safari to track the animals.

Overnight: Omaanda

Omaanda, meaning rhinoceros in Oshiwambo, is a five-star lodge set within the Zannier Reserve by N/a'an ku sê, an incredible private animal conservation reserve of 9000 hectares in the countryside surrounding Windhoek. Overlooking the boundless savannah, the lodge offers 10 comfortable round thatched huts, paying tribute to the traditional architecture of Ovambo. It also features a restaurant and a cosy bar, overlooking a heated infinity pool. A spa and a boma complete the lodge facilities, offering a typically local place to meet and mingle by the fire. For safety reasons Omaanda only welcome children from 6 years onwards. The close proximity to Windhoek and the International Airport make Omaanda the perfect choice for the first and last nights of guest's stay in Namibia, promising a locally authentic experience.



Meet and Greet

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At Hansen's Booking Agency cc we understand how important it is to create a calm and relaxing environment for guests and to have our clients know that they have someone there with them in the beginning, during and at the end of their travel. This is why we always have one of our representatives meet you at either the airport or at the car rental company in Windhoek to welcome you and go through your travel files with you to answer your questions and make sure that that the start of your journey runs smoothly and to give you that go-to person in Namibia which will assist you during your trip for any travel assistance.

Activities

Omaanda - Nature Drives

Directions - Hosea Kutako International Airport [WDH] to Omaanda

Distance: 60.38km **Travel Time:** 1:02 hours

GPS co-ordinates for Omaanda: S 22° 27' 3.440" E 17° 24' 20.500"

- Exit the airport and turn right onto B6 road Detmont to Windhoek (West direction)
- After 9.5 km, turn right onto the D1510 (gravel road)
- After 8.45 km, turn right onto M53 at the four ways intersection (gravel road)
- After 9 km, you have reached the Omaanda lodge gate on the right hand side



Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities
All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

Day 2: Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch, Mariental

Mariental

Situated in south central Namibia, fringing the Kalahari Desert, the city of Mariental lies along the TransNamib railway and serves as the Hardap Region's commercial and administrative capital. It provides an important petrol stop before heading west to Sesriem to view the red-orange dunes of Sossusvlei. Mariental is located close to magnificent the Hardap Dam, which is the largest reservoir in Namibia. The Hardap Irrigation Scheme has breathed life into this arid terrain, which is now fertile with farmlands covered in citrus, melons, lucerne, wine and maize, and dotted with ostrich farms. The dam is a popular holiday resort which draws city slickers from Windhoek and offers an array of watersports, scenic walks, and abundant wildlife in a 20000-hectare nature reserve set on its western bank; where visitors can spot rhino, ostrich, antelope, springbok and a variety of bird species.

Overnight: Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch

The lodge lies on the edge of the Southern Kalahari in the mixed tree and shrub Savannah.

The ranch is characterized by huge red sands dunes running parallel, and in a northern-westerly to south-easterly direction. This 'Spirit of Africa' atmosphere, coupled with service, delivered with graciousness and charm, in an unashamedly luxurious setting, will be the hallmarks of this establishment, providing excellent value and unforgettable memories for the discerning traveller.



Activities

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Bushmen Walk

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Star Viewing

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Afternoon Drive

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Horseback Safari

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Night Game Drive

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Morning Scenic Drive

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Combination Drive

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Morning Cheetah Viewing

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Bushmen Walk

Located in Mariental, South Africa, the Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch offers guests a Bushmen Walk activity. Guests can join in a relaxing walk with Bushmen from the San tribe to the demonstration village. Guests can learn ancient survival skills as well as Bushmen secrets inherited from forefathers. On arrival at the traditional Bushman village, guests will meet a family who will demonstrate the way water is stored in ostrich egg shells, plants for medicinal use, setting up traps, as well as the making of ostrich and bead jewelry.

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Star Viewing

The Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch, situated in Mariental, South Africa, offers guests star viewing. Guests can view the spectacular Southern Hemisphere sky from the Bagatelle Observatory using a state-of-the-art computerized telescope. Planets, brilliant star clusters, galaxies and the moon will be revealed to guests by the resident astronomer.

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Afternoon Drive

The Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch, situated in Mariental, Namibia, offers guests an afternoon game drive. The activity includes a game drive in the reserve, viewing a variety of game such as giraffe, kudu, zebra, oryx, blue wildebeest and eland. Guests are able to experience breathtaking views of the reserve that has some of the highest dunes in the region, with views over the pan.

The Kalahari has more than 150 bird species for guests who are bird enthusiasts. The well-known suricate, more commonly known as a meerkat can also be seen. As the day draws to a close, guests are treated to a sundowner on the dune, complemented by refreshments and a Namibian snack, while enjoying a breathtaking sunset over the Kalahari.

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Horseback Safari

The Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch, situated in Mariental, South Africa, offers guests a variety of horses suitable for children, beginners, intermediate and advanced riders. Guests can experience the Kalahari 's silence on the well-trained quarter horses also known as cowboy horses accompanied by a guide. Once halfway guests can enjoy a refreshing drink on the dune before heading back to the ranch.

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Night Game Drive

The Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch, situated in Mariental, South Africa, offers guests a night game drive. After dinner, the drive commences and guests who are adventurous at heart are offered the opportunity to spot animals by use of a large, strong spotlight. Animals that can be seen are the aardwolf, wild cats, and owls. The night game drive will be accompanied by a hot sherry in winter or something refreshing in summer.

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Morning Scenic Drive

Located in Mariental, South Africa the Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch offers guests a morning scenic drive in the reserve. Guests are able to catch glimpses of a variety of game such as giraffe, kudu, zebra, oryx, blue wildebeest and eland. The reserve has some of the highest dunes in this region with views over the pan, characteristic of the Kalahari. The Kalahari has more than 150 bird species for guests who enjoy birdwatching. The well-known suricate can also be seen.

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Combination Drive

The Combination Drive offered by the Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch is a game drive, cheetah feeding, and sundowner on the dunes. The game drive is in a reserve where guests can see a variety of game such as giraffe, kudu, zebra, oryx, blue wildebeest, eland and much more. The reserve has some of the highest dunes in the region with views over the pan, characteristic to the Kalahari. The Kalahari has more than 150 species of birds. The well-known suricate (meerkat) is also to be seen, although they are very scarce.

Cheetah feeding allows guests the opportunity to come up close to the cheetah and offers a great opportunity for taking photos. The guides will provide guests with interesting facts about this incredible cat and the history of the cheetahs in the game ranches care. After this, a sundowner on the dune will await guests, with refreshments and a Namibian snack, while guests can enjoy a breathtaking sunset in the Kalahari.

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch Morning Cheetah Viewing

The Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch, situated in Mariental, South Africa, offers guests a morning cheetah viewing. The activity allows guests to get up close to the cheetah, a perfect opportunity to take photos. Guests will be shown how the cheetahs are fed while listening to the guides provide interesting facts and information about the cheetah. A brief history of the cheetah will be shared with the guests.

Directions - Omaanda to Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch

Distance: 263.08km **Travel Time:** 3:13 hours

GPS co-ordinates for Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch: S 24° 18' 0.742" E 18° 01' 58.569"

- Head southwest (1.5 km)
- Turn left (0.6 km)
- Turn right (1.2 km)
- Turn left (0.4 km)
- Turn right (0.8 km)
- Turn left onto M53 (4.8 km)
- Turn left onto D1510 (8.6 km)
- Turn right onto B6 (4.8 km)
- Turn left onto C23 (62.2 km)
- Turn right onto C15 (101 km)
- Turn left to stay on C15 (27.2 km)
- Turn right onto C21 (9.9 km)
- Turn left onto D1268 (40.3 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 3: Goibib Mountain Lodge, Southern Namibia

Southern Namibia

Southern Namibia offers a harsh but beautiful environment stretching from the Orange River up to the Central Namibian highlands, Southern Namibia is epitomised by vast, slowly changing landscapes. The breathtakingly beautiful landscape features the Naukluft mountains, Namib desert dunes, and the Fish River Canyon. Southern Namibia is dotted with quiver trees, covered in golden grasslands, and crowned with burnt red dunes fringed by blue sky-lines. A spectacular array of wildlife roams freely including klipspringer, oryx and kudu. Visitors can soak up the breathtaking views of the Fish River Canyon, discover the wild desert horses near Aus, and explore the famous ghost town of Kolmanskop. Don't miss the ancient ochre dunes of Sossusvlei.

Overnight: Goibib Mountain Lodge

Goibib Mountain Lodge is a tranquil hideaway in the heart of the Great Karas Mountains in Southern Namibia easily accessed via the main B1 tar road from either north or south. Our comfortable accommodation, warm hospitality, tasty traditional meals and ideal location enable you to experience the very essence of Namibia and its people. Goibib Mountain Lodge offers Guests a dream holiday, but with a difference. Here, you will not be pursued by the Big Five or chased by stampeding herds . . . Instead you will have the chance to peacefully view many species of antelope and other wildlife that inhabit the veld



Activities

Goibib Mountain Lodge - 2 hour game drive
Quiver Tree Forest
Giant's Playground

Quiver Tree Forest

Some 14 kilometres from Keetmanshoop is a striking natural phenomenon that is well worth a visit: a natural forest of roughly 200 quiver trees, set on a large outcrop of blackish dolerite rocks. Named for the pliable bark that was once used by bushmen to craft quivers for their arrows, quiver trees are in fact not trees at all, but unusually large succulents with scaly bark and twisted branches topped with spiky, fleshy leaves. The most mature specimens here are between 200 and 300 years old, and some measure as high as nine metres. The forest, which was declared a

national monument in 1955, is best viewed at sunrise or sunset, when the soft, warm light further enhances this already captivating sight.

Giant's Playground

The Giant's playground gets its name from the way in which the massive dolerite boulders appear to have been purposefully placed on top of one another by a gigantic hand. The manner in which the boulders are stacked creates fascinating rock formations and a series of mazes where one can easily lose one's bearings one is not careful. Hiking between these rock formations will entertain visitors for a couple of hours and is guaranteed to present great photo opportunities.

This fascinating rock formation is located on the farm Gariganus and visitors need to buy their tickets at the farm office before setting out.

Directions - Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch to Goibib Mountain Lodge

Distance: 387.04km **Travel Time:** 3:40 hours

GPS co-ordinates for Goibib Mountain Lodge: S 27° 19' 49.769" E 18° 34' 7.626"

- Head south on D1268 (23.4 km)
- Turn right onto C20 (12.1 km)
- Turn left onto B1 (234 km)
- Keep left to stay on B1 (6.9 km)
- At the roundabout, take the 1st exit and stay on B1. Destination will be on the right (110 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 4: Norotshama River Resort, Orange River

Orange River

Rising from the beautiful Drakensberg Mountains in Lesotho, forming part of the international border between South Africa and Namibia, the Orange River is the longest river in South Africa. The Orange River Basin extends into Namibia and northern Botswana. The river snakes its way through one of Southern Africa's harshest environments bringing life to an area of sheer rugged beauty. Aside from vineyards in the desert the river also creates a mobile playground from which to explore the area. This spectacular river created the diamond dune fields along Namibia's coast, by washing diamonds downstream from the Kimberly region over millions of years. Visitors can look forward to excellent whitewater rafting, canoeing, kayaking, and wonderful river cruises.

Overnight: Norotshama River Resort

This malaria-free retreat is framed by Namibia's breathtaking natural landscape on the banks of the Orange River. Be sure to pack your camera as the route will expose you to stark contrasts of sky, water and sand unlike anything you have witnessed before. Not only will the landscape leave you breathless, but you may well come across the indigenous wild Namib horses that roam this untamed wilderness. To complete a truly memorable day, stop off at the A La Carte Restaurant and indulge in a candle-lit dinner while soaking in a larger-than-life sunset. At Norotshama River Resort there is a choice of luxury thatched chalets or floating bungalows. Riverside camping sites equipped with individual barbeques, electricity and ablution facilities are available. Norotshama Resort is located inside a private reserve, known as Aussenkehr Nature Park. You can experience the many unique features of the Park by making enquiries at Norotshama reception.

Activities at Norotshama River Resort include:

- Excursions to local canyons, wild Namib horses and Nature Park
- Canoeing
- Fishing and Fly Fishing
- Bird Watching
- Hiking
- Sport Rock Climbing of various grades
- Swimming.



Activities

Orange River Rafting

Orange River Canoeing

Orange River Canoeing

Flowing through an endlessly beautiful and rugged desert landscape, the mighty Orange River is an idyllic place for travellers seeking a tranquil and secluded water-based experience. Canoeing and river rafting tours combine relaxation and excitement, and are a wonderful way to experience the serenity of life on a desert river.

Directions - Goibib Mountain Lodge to Norotshama River Resort

Distance: 236.38km **Travel Time:** 2:14 hours

GPS co-ordinates for Norotshama River Resort: S 28° 23' 38.606" E 17° 24' 38.806"

- Head southwest on B1 toward D203 (188 km)
- Turn right onto C13 (46.6 km)
- Sharp left (2.0 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 5: Fish River Lodge, Fish River Canyon

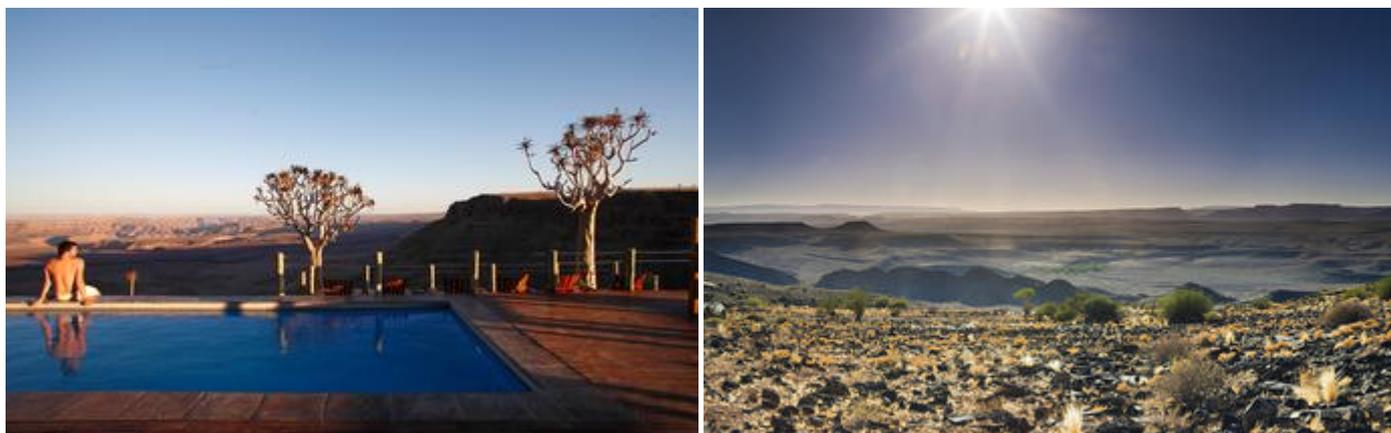
Fish River Canyon

Carving out an epic rocky wonderland in the south of Namibia, the Fish River has created Africa's largest and the world's second largest canyon. Hot, dry and stony, the Fish River Canyon measures a whopping 160 kilometres in length, at times 27 kilometres in width and 550 metres in depth. The awe-inspiring natural beauty of this ancient geological marvel draws visitors from around the globe. For those looking for adventure, the intense 85 kilometre Fish River Hiking Trail through 1.5 billion years of geological history will definitely thrill avid adventure enthusiasts, and for visitors looking to relax, head over to the canyon's southern end to enjoy a soak in the mineral waters of the renowned hot springs of Ai-Ais, or take in the spectacularly scenic views from Hobas Restcamp as well as numerous other viewpoints along its rim. Other popular activities include: scenic chartered flights, horse riding, nature drives and seasonal kayaking.

Overnight: Fish River Lodge

Fish River Lodge in southern Namibia is the only lodge perched directly on the rim of the Fish River Canyon offering guests breathtaking views of the canyon from sunrise to sunset. Experience first hand the geological forces that unfolded 300 million years ago, when the Fish River began to etch its way through hard quartzite forming a Canyon 90 kilometres long, 549 metres deep and 28 kilometres wide in some places, making it the world's second largest Canyon. The 45 000 hectare Canyon Nature Park is a natural sanctuary for Karoo succulent flora and endemic wildlife.

Incredible hiking trails meander down into the heart of the canyon affording guests spectacular scenery combined with 75 km river frontage made up of permanent water holes and rock pools that attract Hartmans Zebra, Kudu, Oryx, Springbok and many other smaller wildlife species and endemic birdlife.



Activities

Fish River Canyon Viewpoint
Fish River Hiking Trail

Fish River Canyon Viewpoint

Located in Southern Namibia The Fish River Canyon is the largest canyon in Africa and draws many visitors each year. This viewpoint has a beautiful panoramic view of the canyon where visitors can witness the Fish River flow through sharp corners amidst rocky terrain.

Fish River Hiking Trail

The Fish River Canyon was formed when the plates of the African continent split, and gradually deepened by the flow of water, over the course of hundreds of millions of years. Today, in the midst of rugged plains and mountains, travellers can look down into its depths and see the geological history of Namibia written in its layers. And for the brave and fit few, there is an opportunity to do one of the most challenging hikes in Africa - a gruelling five-day trail from Hobas to Ai-Ais.

Directions - Norotshama River Resort to Fish River Lodge

Distance: 259.87km **Travel Time:** 3:50 hours

GPS co-ordinates for Fish River Lodge: S 27° 31' 38.402" E 17° 32' 13.417"

- Head east toward C13 (2.0 km)
- Slight left onto C13 (108 km)
- At the roundabout, continue straight to stay on C13 (35.9 km)
- Turn right (11.7 km)
- Slight right onto D463 (82.9 km)
- Turn right to stay on D463 (19.4 km)
- Turn right. Destination will be on the right (9 m)
- Directions supplied by Google



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 6: Luderitz Nest Hotel, Luderitz

Luderitz

Sandwiched between the rugged and stark Atlantic Coast and the arid Namib Desert, the town of Luderitz is set in an incredibly unique geographical setting. This seaside town is something of an anomaly frozen in time – a piece of 19th-century Bavaria bordering the pinkish sand dunes of the Namib Desert. Lutheran churches, German bakeries, and colonial buildings boasting German art nouveau architecture are dotted about the settlement, while its windswept beaches are home to flamingos, ostriches, seals and penguins. The nearby ghost town of Kolmanskop, which has been taken over by the desert dunes, is one of the most fascinating area attractions, located approximately 10 kilometres from Luderitz central. Visitors can also take a trip to discover the wild desert-adapted horses located near the small town of Aus.

Overnight: Luderitz Nest Hotel

The Lüderitz Nest Hotel enjoys a superb on the rocks and sea location, with far reaching uninterrupted views. The hotel's private tidal beach with walk-on jetty, unique in Namibia, allows the guest to get close-up to the sea. All rooms and suites have direct sea views. The outdoor sparkling residents' pool with sun-loungers and parasols is surrounded by verdant gardens. Facilities include free Wi-Fi throughout, complementary full-buffet breakfasts, free sauna and free secure parking. The hotel delivers a friendly service in a relaxed environment.

Since 1998, management and staff have hosted guests from around the world and very much look forward to welcoming you. Hospitality Association of Namibia (HAN) Excellence Awards 2016 winner.



Activities

Kolmanskop
Coastway Safaris Pomona/Bogenfels Tour
Shark Island Luderitz
Luderitz Nest Halifax Island Catamaran Tour
Garub Desert Horses

Kolmanskop

Amongst the sands of the Namib, the crumbling buildings of a small, once-luxurious town emerge from the drifting dunes. This ghost town is Kolmanskop, a reminder of the wealth of a time when diamonds could be picked by hand from the desert, and a remarkable photographic opportunity with few equals anywhere on earth.

Coastway Safaris Pomona/Bogenfels Tour

Bogenfels is a famous rock arch that is about 60m high, standing with one foot in the sea and the other on land.

The Pomona/Bogenfels Tour is a day tour in the Sperrgebiet area where De Beers are still mining. The tour includes the old ghost towns of Pomona and Bogenfels where visitors will see old mining equipment from the 1910-30's when the Germans discovered the first diamonds in the area.

Shark Island Luderitz

Shark Island is located on Shark Peninsula in Luderitz Bay, in southwest Namibia. The resort overlooks the bay, town and harbor. Onlookers can spot the seals and pelicans that frequent the rocky areas around the site. The resort is an excellent central point for exploring the town of Luderitz, the Kolmanskop Ghost Town and Diaz Point the historic landing spot of 17th century explorer Bartholomeu Diaz. The resort also runs it's own signature trip, Sand Roses, into the Diamond Area at Agate beach. Visitors get to see the sand roses formed from crystallized gypsum, which are a stunning natural marvel.

Luderitz Nest Halifax Island Catamaran Tour

Luderitz Nest Halifax Island Catamaran Tour features an insight into one of Africa's largest Marine Protected Areas. Halifax Island is home to Namibia's second largest African Penguin colony and the only spot in Namibia to see penguins in the wild.

Garub Desert Horses

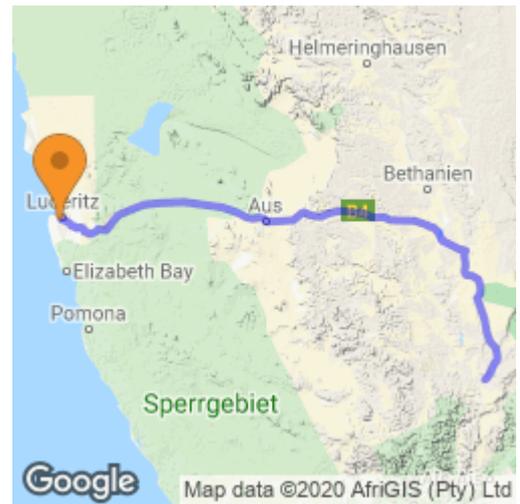
Garub Desert Horses are found on the very barren eastern fringe of the Namib Desert and have adapted to the harsh conditions and the arid land which now fulfills all their needs. Research has determined that the horses are a harmonious part of the desert ecosystem and have found their home at Garub.

Directions - Fish River Lodge to Luderitz Nest Hotel

Distance: 323.69km **Travel Time:** 3:33 hours

GPS co-ordinates for Luderitz Nest Hotel: S 26° 39' 10.427" E 15° 08' 58.055"

- Head northeast toward D463 (9 m)
- Turn right onto D463 (55.8 km)
- Turn left onto D462 (25.3 km)
- Turn left onto B4 (241 km)
- Continue straight onto Bay Rd (0.1 km)
- Slight left onto Nachtigall St (0.2 km)
- Turn left onto Dias St (0.6 km)
- Slight right (0.1 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 7: andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge, NamibRand Nature Reserve

NamibRand Nature Reserve

Spanning an area of 172,200 hectares and encompassing four distinct ecosystems, the Namib Rand Reserve is among the largest privately owned game parks in Southern Africa. Founded to conserve the unique environment and wildlife species of the south-western Namib Desert, the park's mix of dunes, mountains, rocky outcrops, sandy flats and gravel plains provides habitats for a diversity of mammals – including hyenas, jackals, foxes, antelopes and various wild cats – as well as a plethora of bird species, reptiles, insects, frogs and flora. Visitors can discover the mysterious 'fairy circles', which dot the landscape and sip on sundowners while watching the sunset over this unspoilt ancient landscape. Having been named Africa's first International Dark Sky Reserve, it is one of the least light-polluted areas in the world, so don't miss this excellent star gazing opportunity.

Overnight: andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge

One of the most pristine areas on Earth, the Namib Desert is a world of vast spaces, endless horizons, dramatic landscapes and jagged mountain heights. Cradled against the ancient mountains, andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge is renowned for its luxurious accommodation overlooking the starkly beautiful Namib Desert. Designed to capture the splendour and solitude of the desert, just ten stone and glass suites spread out along the curve of the escarpment, allowing absolute privacy. Each air conditioned suite is furnished to complement the majestic hues of the desert and features a private veranda, split-level bedroom and living room with fireplace, ensuite glass-encased bathroom and outdoor shower. The suites are equipped with a star-viewing skylight, discrete music system and custom-stocked personal bar. The guest area, where walls have become windows that fold away completely, boasts unimpeded desert vistas. The split-level lodge boasts a fire-lit bar, comfortable sitting room, wraparound veranda and Safari Shop. A fine selection of wines from an impressive walk-in wine cellar complements the delicious meals. Guests can escape the desert heat with a revitalising midday dip in the pool, fed by water from an underground spring. At sunset, animals are drawn to a nearby waterhole, enhancing desert sundowner drinks. A state-of-the-art observatory and resident astronomer provide insight into the magnificent constellations of Africa's first International Dark Sky Reserve.



Activities

D707

and Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge - Quad Bike Excursions

and Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge - Sossusvlei Excursion

and Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge - Nature Drives
and Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge - Star Gazing
Sesriem Canyon
Sossusvlei - The Vlei
Dead Vlei
Dune 45
Namib Sky Balloon Safaris

Sesriem Canyon

Sesriem Canyon, a deep chasm carved through the rocks by water, is a striking natural feature of the area that is best explored on foot. Stony walls rise up sharply on both sides of the canyon, while birds roost in its crags and lizards dart along the ledges. The canyon's name was coined when early settlers used it as a water source, using six lengths of leather ('ses riem – six thongs) tied together to lower buckets into the water at the base of canyon.

Sossusvlei - The Vlei

This is the vlei itself where, for now, the waters of the Tsauchab River disappear into the red sands of the Namib.

Dead Vlei

This ancient clay pan was once an oasis, studded with acacias and fed by a river that suddenly changed course, leaving the earth to dry up along with the trees it previously supported. So dry were the climatic conditions that the trees never decomposed – instead they were entirely leached of moisture so that today, 900 years later, they remain as desiccated, blackened sentinels dotting the pan's cracked surface. Surrounded by the red-pink dunes of the Namibia Desert, they create a surreal spectacle that is a photographer's dream.

Dune 45

Named for its location 45 kilometres past the town of Sesriem, Dune 45 is renowned for its elegant shape, which – along with its position close to the road – have earned it the distinction of 'most photographed dune in the world'. If you're not keen for the strenuous hike to the top of Big Daddy, Dune 45 is a more forgiving alternative, standing at only 80 metres and featuring a much gentler gradient.

Namib Sky Balloon Safaris

Situated in the heart of the Namib Naukluft Park, Sossusvlei, one of the most fascinating landscapes in Namibia, is a photographer's dream. Gigantic orange dunes, dramatic shadows, undulating plains and rocky mountains create a magical kaleidoscope of colours and shapes.

To the east, Namib Rand Nature Reserve vast sandy plains are surrounded by towering granite mountains and rolling dunes.

Here, in the oldest desert on the planet, amazingly adapted animals and plants come together to form one of the most visually stunning ecosystems in the world. And truly the best way to experience the heart of the Namib desert is with a hot air balloon safari.

Watching the spectacular sunrise over this magnificent landscape from a silent hot air balloon is the experience of a lifetime, never to be forgotten

At landing, you come back to earth with an “Out Of Africa” style Champagne breakfast set up in the middle of nowhere.

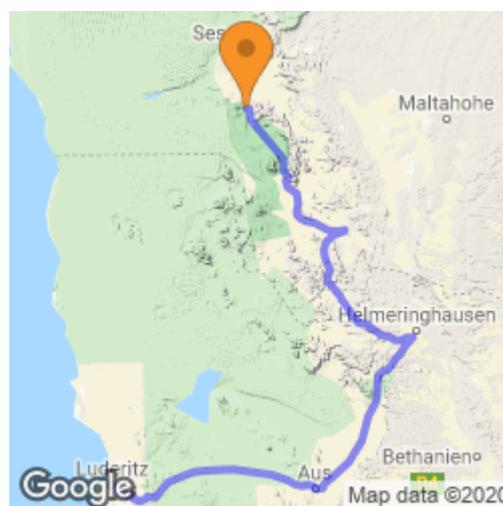
Your pilot will present you with a flight certificate before you take a leisurely nature drive back to the pick-up point.

Directions - Luderitz Nest Hotel to andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge

Distance: 428.40km **Travel Time:** 5:24 hours

GPS co-ordinates for andBeyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge: S 24° 46' 46.698" E 15° 53' 19.564"

- Head northeast (0.1 km)
- Slight left (0.3 km)
- Continue onto Dias St (0.3 km)
- Turn right onto Nachtigall St (0.2 km)
- Continue onto Bay Rd (1.1 km)
- Continue onto B4 (126 km)
- Turn left onto C13 (101 km)
- Turn left onto C27 (99.1 km)
- Turn left onto D831 (98.6 km)
- Turn left (0.8 km)
- Continue straight. Destination will be on the left (0.8 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities
All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

Day 8: Desert Breeze Lodge, Swakopmund

Swakopmund

Set along Namibia's spectacularly scenic coast, the seaside town of Swakopmund is known for its wide-open avenues, colonial architecture, and its surrounding otherworldly desert terrain. Founded in 1892 as the main harbour for German South West Africa, Swakopmund is often described as being more German than Germany. Now a seaside resort town, Swakopmund is the capital of the Skeleton Coast tourism area and has plenty to keep visitors happy. The quirky mix of German and Namibian influences, adventure options, laid-back atmosphere and cool sea breeze make it a very popular Namibian destination. Visitors can look forward to a number of exciting activities including: quad biking, horse riding, paragliding, fishing, sightseeing and fascinating desert tours.

Overnight: Desert Breeze Lodge

Staying at Desert Breeze it will feel like you are part of the Namib desert. You will be living "in the view" of the oldest desert in the world. Total peace and silence so close to Swakopmund. Surrounded by colourful and very unique architecture contrasting but yet fitting in with the desert landscape will soothe any soul. Big basalt sculptures stand guard over the desert landscape. The luxury bungalows with the creative feeling and friendly staff will make your stay very special.

Desert Breeze offers 12, all en-suite, luxury bungalows and one exquisite villa, each with a private sun deck to admire the breath-taking view of the dunes.

Expressing sophisticated style and luxury from our accommodation right through to our breakfast facilities, we endeavour to make our guests feel pampered and spoiled.

Each bungalow and the villa are equipped with wireless internet, mini bar, coffee and tea making facilities and digital safes. The breakfast facility serves only the freshest of produce for breakfast. Seating is available indoors or on the deck for guest to enjoy the view and peaceful atmosphere. Secure parking as well as laundry facilities are available.



Activities

Kuiseb Pass
Guab Pass
Skeleton Coast Scenic Flight

Catamaran Charters
Desert Explorers Quad Biking 2 Hour Explorer Tour
Tommy's Tours and Safaris Living Desert Tour
Swakopmund Tandem Skydiving Tour
Sandwich Harbour 4x4
Desert Explorers Sand Boarding

Kuiseb Pass

Kuiseb Pass takes you through the Kuiseb Canyon, the watercourse of which only flows occasionally but often enough to halt the advance of the red sands of the Namib.

Skeleton Coast Scenic Flight

Our property is located in a safe and secure area in Cape Town, near to some of the best shopping centres like the V&A Waterfront and minutes away from Cape Town International Airport.

Catamaran Charters

The Catamaran Charters Team invites you aboard the 45ft Royal Cape Sailing Catamaran Silverwind, or the 60ft Simon Sailing Catamaran Silversand, or the 40ft Admiral Motorised Catamaran Silvermoon, to enjoy an adventure packed tour to Pelican Point and Walvis Bay's beautiful bay area.

The chances of encountering dolphins, whales, turtles, seals and Mola Mola (sunfish) make the search for the marine big 5 and adventurous tour by enjoying sparkling wine, fresh oysters and other mouth-watering snacks aboard the spacious and comfortable catamarans.

Desert Explorers Quad Biking 2 Hour Explorer Tour

Located in Swakopmund, Namibia. Desert Explorers Quad Biking 2 Hour Explorer Tour takes visitors on a pleasant guided quad bike tour to explore the different plant and animal life of the Namib Desert. During a variety of stops along the way, visitors can learn a little about the creatures of the desert.

Tommy's Tours and Safaris Living Desert Tour

The Living Desert Tour, originally developed by Tommy himself in the 1990's, is a unique 4x4 adventure drive through the dunes outside Swakopmund, Namibia. Just the drive in the dunes is an amazing experience, but Tommy will show you a lot more than sand. The tour takes you from the vegetated, life-rich eastern side of the dunes, right through the dunes to the Atlantic Ocean on the western side of the dune belt.

Swakopmund Tandem Skydiving Tour

Swakopmund Skydiving Club offers a tandem jump from 10 000 ft for those with no previous sky-diving experience. This includes a briefing before the jump, a scenic flight over the famous Namib Dune Fields, a 35 second free fall, a 5 minute canopy ride, and a safe landing back at the club house.

Sandwich Harbour 4x4

Sandwich Harbour 4x4 is a safari company based in Walvis Bay, Namibia, offering 4x4 excursions to Sandwich Harbour, Marine Dune Days, Kayak Combos and Bird Watching Activities in the Wetlands around Walvis Bay.

Desert Explorers Sand Boarding

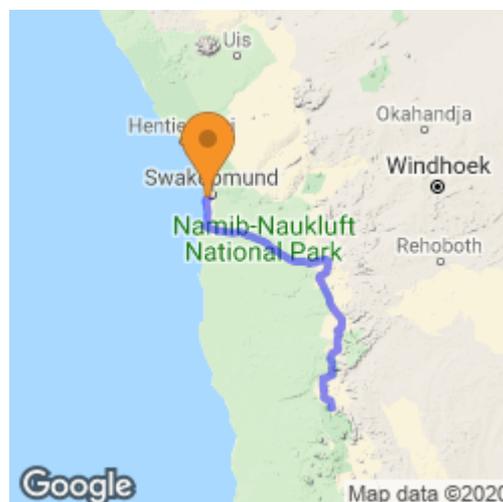
Desert Explorers offer a range of activities in the desert, including lie-down or stand-up sandboarding. No experience is needed for either and six different slopes are included in the lie-down option. Speeds of up to 80km/h can be reached for the maximum adrenaline buzz. Stand-up sand boarding is snowboarding with a difference. Two slopes are on offer with various runs on either. This awesome full morning outing is guaranteed to get the adrenaline pumping.

Directions - and Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge to Desert Breeze Lodge

Distance: 387.83km **Travel Time:** 5:12 hours

GPS co-ordinates for Desert Breeze Lodge: S 22° 40' 49.563" E 14° 33' 10.572"

- Head southeast toward C27/D826/D831 (1.6 km)
- Turn left onto C27/D826/D831. Continue to follow C27 (38.3 km)
- Continue onto D826 (11.8 km)
- Turn left onto C19/M36. Continue to follow C19 (71.1 km)
- Turn left onto C14 (230 km)
- At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto B2 (1.0 km)
- Continue straight (0.2 km)
- Continue onto B2 (31.1 km)
- Turn right onto Rhode Allee (0.6 km)
- Continue onto Moses Garoeb St (65 m)
- Turn right onto Anton Lubowski Ave (0.8 km)
- Turn right at Aukas. Destination will be on the right (1.3 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 9: Spitzkoppen Lodge, Spitzkoppe

Spitzkoppe

Situated in Namibia's spectacularly scenic Namib Desert, between Usakos and Swakopmund, the Spitzkoppe are a group of bald granite peaks forming one of Namibia's most recognizable and dramatic landmarks. These enormous towering domes provide a paradise for hikers and mountaineers, from beginners interested in guided historic walks to professional climbers eager to ascend some challenging slopes. Other popular activities include exploring the many bushmen rock paintings and camping in some of the area's scenic secluded campsites or rustic tented camps.

Overnight: Spitzkoppen Lodge

"A sense of place in an archaeological landscape"

The Barnard Family is honoured to welcome you at Spitzkoppen Lodge. The same owners and developers of Kalahari Bush Breaks Lodge, have the privilege to share their dream come true of an exclusive destination on the edge of the Namib Desert, which started some 14 years ago. You are invited to indulge in the pleasure and passion of a friendly service in a relaxed ambiance.

The lodge is situated on the northern periphery of the Spitzkoppe inselberg, between huge granite boulders, which were created more than 150 million years ago, with breath-taking views onto the Brandberg and Erongo Mountains. The stylish, private accommodation consists of 15 spacious, tastefully furnished chalets, each with private bathroom and outside viewing deck, which connects the guest with the vast stretches of untouched sand and boulders beyond.

Situated on the inland edge of the Namib Desert, the climate of the Spitzkoppe Conservation Area is arid, with a mean annual rainfall of 50mm and a high evaporation rate of 3200mm per annum. Most rainfall occurs between January and April, and with the granite outcrops being impermeable, rainfall runoff collects at the foot of the outcrops creating unique micro-habitats for woody plants to grow in an otherwise arid area.



Activities

Gross Spitzkoppe
Klein Spitzkoppe

Directions - Desert Breeze Lodge to Spitzkoppen Lodge

Distance: 160.20km **Travel Time:** 1:59 hours

GPS co-ordinates for Spitzkoppen Lodge: S 21° 48' 50.094" E 15° 10' 27.585"

- Head southwest toward Anton Lubowski Ave (1.3 km)
- Continue onto Aukas. Go through 1 roundabout (0.4 km)
- Continue onto Daniel Tjongarero Ave (0.9 km)
- Turn right onto Henties Bay Rd/Nordring (0.3 km)
- Turn right onto Mandume Ya Ndemufayo (1.4 km)
- Turn right onto Nelson Mandela Ave (0.8 km)
- At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Sam Nujome Ave (1.5 km)
- At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Sam Nujome Ave/B2. Continue to follow B2 (118 km)
- Turn left onto D1918 (17.9 km)
- Turn right onto D3716 (11.7 km)
- Turn left onto D1925 (3.2 km)
- Slight right (0.9 km)
- Keep left. Destination will be on the left (1.9 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 10: Erongo Wilderness Lodge, Erongo Mountains

Erongo Mountains

Conveniently located only a few hour's drive from Namibia's capital city of Windhoek, the Erongo Mountain Range stretches across the plains between the towns of Omaruru and Karibib, and is home to a remarkably rich natural heritage. This expanse of rugged wilderness serves as one of Namibia's most popular tourist drawcards, attracting visitors with its spectacularly scenic landscapes, magnificent caves and rock painting sites, and its impressive array of wildlife species. These include, among others: rhino, elephant, cheetah, leopard, giraffe, wildebeest, impala, blesbok, waterbuck, kudu, warthog, mountain zebra, oryx, eland, springbok and over 200 species of bird. Visitors can look forward to enjoying a variety of adventurous activities such as hiking, rock climbing, games drives, horse riding safaris and mountain biking.

Overnight: Erongo Wilderness Lodge

Erongo Wilderness Lodge

The Natural Place to Stay

There is a special wilderness area, encircled by the Erongo Mountains, where the desert, mountain, and bushveld ecosystems combine. Here, in a secluded valley, you will find twelve luxury tented chalets in a dramatic setting of granite boulders and breathtaking views.

Nature provides the compelling reasons for visiting this unique environment. Many rare, endemic, and special species of animal, bird, and plant life thrive here, making this one of Namibia's most diverse and wildlife-rich areas. This wealth of natural and cultural history can be enjoyed by joining a guided nature drive, visiting one of the Bushman rock art sites, or walking among the mountains with one of our knowledgeable guides. Or make the experience a more personal one by simply exploring on your own, or just soaking up the atmosphere from the private deck of your tent.

Luxuriate in this richness of nature!



Activities

Erongo Wilderness Nature Drive/Paula's Cave

Erongo Wilderness Nature Drive/Paula's Cave

Located within the Erongo Mountain Nature Conservancy near Omaruru, The Erongo Wilderness Lodge offers a variety of leisure activities to its guests. One of these is a scenic 4X4 drive through the wilderness to Paula's Cave; one of six sites of rock paintings in the massive granite outcrops known as the Klippdachs on the western edge of the conservancy. It takes about an hour and a half to reach the site and the drive can be done in the morning or afternoon. The afternoon drive includes a sundowner at the rock art site and a slow drive back searching for nocturnal animals with the help of a spotlight.

Directions - Spitzkoppen Lodge to Erongo Wilderness Lodge

Distance: 126.06km **Travel Time:** 2:02 hours

GPS co-ordinates for Erongo Wilderness Lodge: S 21° 27' 40.281" E 15° 52' 27.606"

- Head north (2.1 km)
- Sharp left (0.9 km)
- Slight left (3.5 km)
- Sharp left onto D3716 (8.2 km)
- Turn right onto D1930 (18.8 km)
- Turn left onto D1927 (20.8 km)
- Turn left onto D2306 (24.8 km)
- Turn right onto D2315 (46.1 km)
- Turn right (0.7 km)
- Turn left. Destination will be on the left (0.2 km)
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Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 11: Mowani Mountain Camp, Twyfelfontein

Twyfelfontein

Set in the Kunene Region of northwestern Namibia, Twyfelfontein is a spectacularly scenic area, featuring one of the largest and most important concentrations of rock art in Africa. The name 'Twyfelfontein' translates to 'Fountain of Doubt', which refers to the perennial spring situated in the impressive Huab valley flanked by the slopes of a sandstone table mountain. It was this spring that attracted Stone Age hunters over six thousand years ago, and it was during this time that the extensive group of rock engravings and paintings were produced. Visitors can look forward to basing themselves at some wonderfully shady campsites along the Aba-Huab riverbed, while exploring over thirty different sites of these sacred records of ritual practices relating to traditional hunter-gatherer communities.

Overnight: Mowani Mountain Camp

Mowani Mountain Camp offers luxury tented accommodation with magnificent desert views. Open air en-suite bathrooms and private decks give you great views of Damaraland and the reliability of nearby Twyfelfontein with its San engravings and paintings is contrasted by the elusive desert adapted elephants.

The Twyfelfontein conservancy has been protecting the southern most roaming ground of the black rhino and elusive desert elephant. Sustainable eco-tourism and community upliftment is of the utmost importance at Mowani. Guides from the local tribes compliment day-time game drives to track mountain zebra, kudu, springbok, klipspringer and if you are fortunate enough... the leopard! The adventurer in me took over at Mowani. Days were filled with game drives, hot air balloon trips over the Aba-Huab Valley, champagne breakfasts and al fresco meals amidst the dusky landscape beneath Mopani trees.



Activities

Twyfelfontein Rock Art
Petrified Forest
Organ Pipes
Burnt Mountain

Twyfelfontein Rock Art

Twyfelfontein is a World Heritage Site boasting one of the richest rock art concentrations in Africa. Thousands of tourists come to this site each year to view some 2, 500 Stone Age rock engravings. The area is home to 17 rock art sites, which collectively encompass 212 engraved stone slabs. There are an additional 13 sites displaying rock paintings.

Petrified Forest

Situated approximately 50 kilometers west of the town of Khorixas, in an area of open veld, lies a large deposit of massive tree trunks that have "turned to stone" through a process of diagenesis. These petrified tree trunks are up to 34metres long, 6 metres in circumference and are approximately 260 million years old. Due to the lack of root or branch remains, it's believed that the trees were washed down an ancient river to the site in a massive flood.

Organ Pipes

The Organ Pipes are located near Twyfelfontein and a few kilometres to the Burnt Mountain in Damaraland, Namibia. It is a 100m long feature of unusual dolomite columns these rocks were formed by volcanic activity and after erosion, the rocks have remained in the form of organ pipes.

Burnt Mountain

Burnt Mountain is a small hill located near Twyfelfontein and just a kilometre from the Organ Pipes in Damaraland, Namibia. This national monument displays an intense variety of colours formed by volcanic activity interacting with organic material that transformed into a sedimentary bed over 125 million years ago.

Directions - Erongo Wilderness Lodge to Mowani Mountain Camp

Distance: 223.59km **Travel Time:** 3:13 hours

GPS co-ordinates for Mowani Mountain Camp: S 20° 30' 16.733" E 14° 25' 24.322"

- Head northeast (0.2 km)
- Turn right (0.7 km)
- Turn right onto D2315 (2.3 km)
- Turn left (6.3 km)
- Slight left (0.2 km)
- Turn right (0.1 km)
- Continue straight (0.9 km)
- Turn left toward C33 (22 m)
- Turn left onto C33 (1.6 km)
- Turn left onto C36 (3.5 km)
- Continue onto C36 (3.6 km)
- Turn right onto D2344 (115 km)
- Turn right onto C35 (27.1 km)
- Turn left onto D2612 (58.4 km)
- Turn right. Restricted usage road. Destination will be on the right (3.4 km)



- Directions supplied by Google

Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 12: Hoanib Valley Camp , Kaokoveld

Kaokoveld

Straddling the Angola/Namibia border, the Kaokoveld is a dry, mountainous and relatively undeveloped region that takes in the harsh beauty of Namibia's Skeleton Coast and the copper sands of the northern Namib Desert. The area is inhabited by three main ethnic groups – the Damara, Herero and Himba people – each with their own unique customs, traditions and rituals. The coastal Kaokoveld Desert stretches over 45000 square kilometres and is home to the renowned prehistoric welwitschia plant. A diverse variety of wildlife can be found in the desert including: giraffes, desert-adapted elephant, black rhino, a variety of endemic reptiles and many different bird species.

Overnight: Hoanib Valley Camp

Located in one of the most beautiful areas of Namibia, the camp and its surrounds are truly breathtaking with many visitors feeling time spent here is a life affirming experience. The north western area, Kaokoland, is identified by its vast open desert wilderness, towering dunes and swathes of rocky mountains. Tucked into the backdrop are six guest tents exuding a modern safari style that reflects their surrounds in the furnishing and design.

Your days are spent exploring this spectacular area, understanding its unique geology, wildlife and culture. Home to one of the last great nomadic tribes, the iconic Himba, as well as the indentifiable Herero, there is plenty of opportunity for cultural interaction. The Giraffe Conservation Foundation, with whom this is a joint venture, add a wealth of specialist knowledge to your morning and afternoon drives, searching for the desert adapted elephant, giraffe, lion, black rhino and mountain zebra. Alternatively there are few better places to spend restful time contemplating the beauty around you than from the privacy of your veranda before enjoying exceptional hosting and dining.



Activities

Himba Village visit
Elephant Nature Drive
Rhino Tracking

Rhino Tracking

The Matobo Hills is one of the last bastions of both black and white rhino in Africa. Rhino tracking by vehicle or on foot, with skilled and knowledgeable guides, is one of the most unforgettable safari experiences to encounter.

Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

Day 13: Skeleton Coast Shipwreck Lodge, Skeleton Coast

Skeleton Coast

Stretching from the Swakop River to southern Angola, the Skeleton Coast is known as the 'Land God Made in Anger' and is remoteness at its best. Thousands of miles of sandy desert dotted with shipwrecks meet with the cold waters of the Atlantic and somehow an amazing array of wildlife and flora manages to survive in this harsh but beautiful environment. Ocean fog creeps over the shoreline caused by the warm dry air of the Namib Desert colliding with the cold Benguela current. This otherworldly area is home to a diversity of wildlife including seabird colonies, Cape fur seals, zebra, gemsbok, desert-adapted elephant, lion and much more. Surfing enthusiasts are drawn to these powerful waves and photographers flock from around the globe to snap a shot of this eerie shipwreck graveyard and for the unrivalled maritime photographic opportunities. This coast is desolate but breathtakingly beautiful.

Overnight: Skeleton Coast Shipwreck Lodge

The lodge is located in the famous Skeleton Coast Central Concession between the Hoarusib and Hoanib Rivers in the Skeleton Coast Park, only 45 km north of Möwe Bay. The lodge is situated on the southern bank of the Huarusib River Mouth, nestled between the dunes with a view of the Atlantic

Ocean where the cold Benguela current pushes a refreshing breeze over the shipwreck shaped cabins. The size of the concession area is approximately 146,600 hectares situated in North Western Namibia.

Parking and Pick-up point

Vehicles of self-drive guests are parked under cover at the pickup point situated at Möwe Bay. Fly-In guests will also be picked up at Möwe Bay. You will then be transferred the 45km north to the Shipwreck Lodge in a closed game drive vehicle.

Möwe Bay GPS co-ordinates: 19°03'52,3" S & 12°35'03,4" E

Lodge emergency contact number: +264 (0)81 260 0830.

Pick-up times

The Pickup times from Möwe Bay to the Lodge will be at:

11:00 OR 15:00

Departure times from Shipwreck Lodge to Möwe Bay will be at:

09:00



Activities

Quad biking
Full day Möwe Bay Excursion
4x4 Hoarusib River
Beach Lunch

Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

Day 14: Opuwo Country Lodge, Opuwo

Opuwo

Opuwo, meaning 'the end' in Herero, lies in the north western Kunene region of Namibia. It serves as the capital of the region and is known as the gateway to the magnificent Epupa Falls. The surrounding landscape is characterised by low-lying hills, and vast dry desert plains inhabited by a wealth of desert-adapted wildlife. It serves as the central hub for the Himba culture. The town provides a perfect base for visitors wishing to explore the Kaokoland area and visit the local villages of the itinerant Himba people. The town and the Opuwo surrounding area is known as one of the cultural highlights of a trip to Namibia as it features an incredibly rich cultural heritage. Don't miss an opportunity to learn about the fascinating Himba community within this starkly beautiful landscape.

Overnight: Opuwo Country Lodge

Opuwo Country Lodge is situated on a northwest facing hilltop just outside the town of Opuwo.

An awe-inspiring 360° view of the surrounding area gives visitors a spectacular vantage point of the surrounding area.

With luxury and standard accommodation, air conditioning, as well as well-appointed camping sites — the Lodge is the ideal base from which to explore the Kaokoland. Deck chairs and umbrellas set the scene for a relaxed day around the pool or a welcome respite from the heat after a hard day's drive. Next to the pool is the Bar and Restaurant where guests can enjoy ice cold refreshments and mouth-watering meals. The lodge is within easy reach of Kaoko-Otavi, Epupa Falls and Swartbooisdrift, popular destinations for visitors to the area.

Road conditions between Kamanjab and Opuwo are in excellent condition (tarmac). The 85 km to Ruacana is also a tarmac road and in excellent driving condition.

Fly-in guests are welcome. Please be sure to arrange for pickup before your arrival. The lodge is unfortunately not suitable for guests in wheel chairs.



Activities

Epupa Falls

Epupa Falls

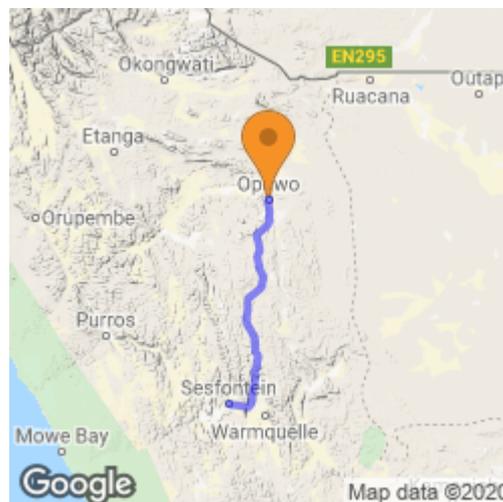
Situated in the Kaokoland area of Namibia, Epupa Falls is set near the border of Angola. Named by the Herero people after the spray it creates, Epupa means 'water falling'. The falls consists of a series of little waterfalls created by the Kunene River as it drops 60 metres, creating hundreds of natural pools that provide the Himba people and visitors with a fantastic recreation spot. These incredibly beautiful falls create a spectacular contrast to the arid desert and rugged surrounding mountains. Visitors can look forward to discovering the unspoilt environment, the majestic baobabs and wild fig trees dotting the surrounds. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy world-class birdwatching and spot an array of species including the bee-eaters, hornbills, kingfishers, fish eagles, flycatchers, and herons.

Directions - Fort Sesfontein Lodge to Opuwo Country Lodge

Distance: 149.26km **Travel Time:** 2:20 hours

GPS co-ordinates for Opuwo Country Lodge: S 18° 02' 41.015" E 13° 50' 0.343"

- Head east toward D3707 (0.4 km)
- Turn left onto D3707 (11.1 km)
- Turn left onto C43 (134 km)
- Turn right to stay on C43 (0.8 km)
- Turn left (0.5 km)
- Turn left (0.8 km)
- Keep left (1.2 km)
- Turn left (73 m)



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 15: Etosha Heights Safarihoek Lodge, Etosha Heights Private Reserve

Etosha Heights Private Reserve

Set just outside the south-western border of Etosha National Park, Etosha Heights Private Reserve offers enthralling landscapes, a huge variety of flora and fauna, and a wide range of thrilling activities. Vast savannah, rivers, forests, Mopani woodland, salt pans and dolomite hills spread themselves over the 60,000-hectare area. Numerous safaris and game drives offer the chance to see kudu, lion and the elusive mountain zebra (in the hills) and sable, black-faced impala, giraffe, aardvark, elephant and many more (around the waterholes). Visitors can also take night drives and bush picnics. A double-storey photography hide allows close-up encounters with an incredible diversity of gorgeous birdlife and animal life. Fantastic luxury facilities are provided by the accommodation options.

Overnight: Etosha Heights Safarihoek Lodge

Safarihoek Lodge is located on Etosha Heights Private Game Reserve and is part of a 60,000ha reserve which shares borders, for about 65kms, with Etosha National Park. It consists of 9 farms that were originally used for domestic farming. Over a period of time, acquired and combined to create a stunning wildlife reserve that they are now privileged to be part of.

With an array of animals which include various species of antelope, predators, birds as well as others. Guests can be assured their time spent at Safarihoek Lodge will make for an interesting and memorable safari.

Etosha Heights Namibia partakes in various conservation efforts and projects that are currently operational and many more still to come. The main goal and vision is to encourage and develop sustainable eco-friendly tourism, all to the benefit of the area, animals as well as the community.



Activities

Etosha Heights Safarihoek Game Drives

Etosha Heights Safarihoek Game Drives

Etosha Heights Safarihoek Game Drives takes place on an impressive 60 000 hectares of classic Etosha landscape, dominated by vast flat savanna, interspersed by Mopani woodland, riverine forest and scattered salt pans. Visitors can choose from a variety of options including Morning Game Drives, Afternoon Sundowner Drives, Night Drives, Interpretive Bush Walks, and Private Game Drives. Visitors will see elusive mountain zebra, kudu and lion, as well as

numerous species of antelope including sable, black-faced impala, giraffe, and other plains game. In winter, aardvark and elephant sightings are not infrequent.

Directions - Opuwo Country Lodge to Etosha Heights Safarihoek Lodge

Distance: 337.81km **Travel Time:** 3:53 hours

GPS co-ordinates for Etosha Heights Safarihoek Lodge: S 19° 14' 33.000" E 15° 17' 9.000"

- Head south (73 m)
- Turn right (2.0 km)
- Turn right (0.5 km)
- Turn left onto C43 (0.5 km)
- Turn right onto C41 (56.2 km)
- Turn right onto C35 (196 km)
- Turn left onto D2763 (13.4 km)
- Turn right onto D2695 (19.9 km)
- Turn left onto D2696 (38.8 km)
- Turn left (3.7 km)
- Turn right (6.8 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 16: Ongava Lodge, Ongava Private Game Reserve

Ongava Private Game Reserve

Sharing the southern boundary with Etosha National Park, the prolific 30 000-hectare private Ongava Game Reserve is considered one of the top private game reserves in the region, enjoying global recognition for exceptional conservation, groundbreaking research and exciting safari experiences. The landscape is characterised by vast open plains dotted with salt pans and abundant wildlife. Visitors can easily access Etosha through Andersson's Gate in the south.

Known for its luxury lodges made out of natural materials, Ongava is a popular destination for those looking to immerse themselves in nature. The reserve offers visitors the perfect combination of wildlife safari experiences within and around the Etosha National Park. One of Ongava's top attractions is its rhino population and guests can experience the thrill of getting close to these majestic creatures. Popular activities include: night game drives, guided nature walks, bird watching and 4x4 guided game drives.

Overnight: Ongava Lodge

Ongava Lodge is one of Namibia's premier lodges on one of the country's most important private game reserves.

The well-established Ongava Lodge is situated in the privately owned Ongava Game Reserve along the southern boundary of Etosha National Park. Placed as it is close to the top of a hill in the foothills of the Ondundozonanandana range, the vantage point is beautiful and overlooks a well-frequented waterhole and the plains beyond.

Ongava Lodge offers luxury accommodation in 14 rock-and-thatch en-suite chalets. There are impressive views over the camp's waterhole from the main lounge and dining areas and there is also an inviting pool to cool off in the heat of the day. Meals are either served in the main dining area under thatch or on the dining deck under the stars.

Activities include game drives into Etosha, spending time in the camp hide, and nature drives and walks on the reserve. Ongava has resident white and black rhino, giving guests staying at Ongava the opportunity to see both species.



Activities

AM Etosha National Park Game Drive
PM Ongava Reserve Game Drive

Directions - Etosha Heights Safarihoek Lodge to Ongava Lodge

Distance: 91.25km **Travel Time:** 1:29 hours

GPS co-ordinates for Ongava Lodge: S 19° 20' 59.900" E 15° 52' 17.000"

- Head southwest (6.8 km)
- Turn left (3.7 km)
- Turn left onto D2696 (1.2 km)
- Continue onto D2697 (10.5 km)
- Turn left onto D2695 (47.4 km)
- Slight left (3.9 km)
- Turn left (5.5 km)
- Turn right (2.0 km)
- Turn left (2.2 km)
- Turn right (7.8 km)
- Turn right (0.3 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

Day 17: Onguma The Fort, Onguma Game Reserve

Onguma Game Reserve

Situated east of Etosha, bordering Fisher's Pan, Onguma Game Reserve is one of Namibia's best-kept secrets. The reserve offers visitors the opportunity to experience Africa in all her beauty and diversity. Onguma Game Reserve features over 34000 hectares of protected land scattered with a variety of wildlife including plains game, black rhino, kudu, giraffe, zebra, lion, cheetah, leopard and more than 300 bird species. The seasonal rains attract thousands of migrating birds to the Fisher's Pan wetland area. The neighbouring Etosha National Park is home to a rich array of wildlife, including four of the Big 5. Visitors can enjoy game drives, guided walks and rhino research drives within the private reserve as well as wildlife safaris into Etosha National Park to view abundant game in the largest national park in Namibia.

Overnight: Onguma The Fort

Onguma The Fort is unlike any other, the only one of its kind in Namibia.

It is built in exactly the right spot to give guests probably one of the best sunset views in the whole of Namibia - overlooking the beautiful scarceness of the Etosha Pans, decorated only with its wild animals and hundreds of Camel Thorn trees.



Activities

Etosha Game Drive
Onguma Nature drives
Onguma Etosha Game Drive
Onguma Interpretive Bush Walks

Etosha Game Drive

Game drive through Etosha National Park searching for predators, plains game, reptiles & birds.

Game drives are conducted in custom built safari vehicles with a pop-up roof and large opening windows to maximize photographic opportunities.

Depending on the time of year, these game drives take many different routes, but most often focus around the waterholes where you are most likely to see a variety of wildlife taking the chance to get a drink and swim.

Onguma Etosha Game Drive

Onguma Etosha Game Drive takes guests into the Etosha National Park in the mornings and afternoons, accompanied by experts tour guides in open-sided vehicles. Guests will have an opportunity to see about 114 species of mammal in Etosha. They include the black-faced impala and the threatened black and white rhino. There are however no buffaloes, hippos, crocodiles or monkeys, but there is enough to keep guests enthralled on the game drive.

Onguma Interpretive Bush Walks

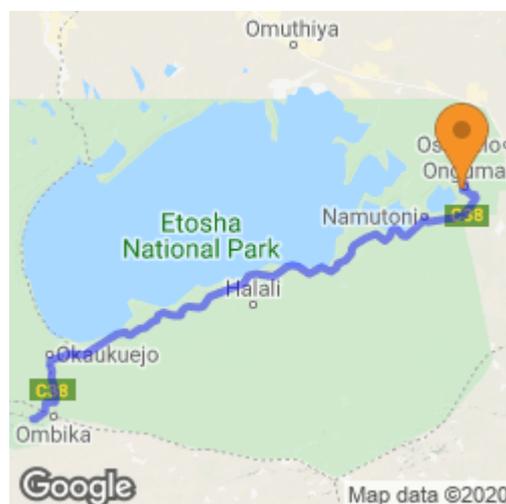
Onguma Interpretive Bush Walks features a unique physical, mental and spiritual adventure through nature. Visitors will experience the sights, smells and sounds of the Namibian bush by conducting an early morning leisurely walk accompanied by experienced armed rangers. The interpretive walks will bring visitors closer to nature by exposing them to the intimate detail of the surroundings.

Directions - Ongava Lodge to Onguma The Fort

Distance: 181.41km **Travel Time:** 3:21 hours

GPS co-ordinates for Onguma The Fort: S 18° 44' 10.202" E 17° 02' 34.540"

- Head east (0.5 km)
- Turn left (3.6 km)
- Turn left (70 m)
- Turn right (2.5 km)
- Turn right (2.8 km)
- Turn left onto C38 (145 km)
- Turn right to stay on C38 (11.4 km)
- Turn left (0.6 km)
- Turn right (6.2 km)
- Turn left (1.0 km)
- Turn left at the 1st cross street (4.5 km)
- Continue straight (0.9 km)
- Sharp left (2.5 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 18: Nhoma Safari Camp, Bushmanland

Bushmanland

Situated in northeastern Namibia, Bushmanland is infamous for its spectacularly scenic rugged terrain. It is home to the San and Bushmen people, the earliest known inhabitants of Namibia. Scattered shrublands characterise the landscape that is dotted with baobabs and other indigenous trees. Visit the ramshackle collection of shops in Tsumkwe to stock up on supplies before venturing out into the desert wilderness on a thrilling 4X4 excursion. Support the local communities by buying their locally-made crafts including bracelets, necklaces and colourful hand-beaded bags. Explore the wealth of rock art peppered around Bushmanland. Visitors come here to enjoy excellent wildlife viewing and for close cultural encounters with the indigenous people of this mesmerising land.

Overnight: Nhoma Safari Camp

Nhoma Safari Camp is a small activity orientated, tented camp, situated in the north eastern corner of Namibia on state-owned land within the traditional area of the Ju/'hoan San or Bushmen (as they are commonly known in Namibia). The camp is owned and was built by Arno Oosthuysen with the help of the //Nhoq'ma community with whom he has had an exclusive agreement since 1999. Tourism allows the community to earn cash in order to buy food and supplies not provided by the surrounding environment. Without tourism, the community would have left their ancestral land and moved to settled areas such as Tsumkwe.

The safari tents, shaded by large Zambesi teak trees, provide the basic luxuries such as comfortable beds and ensuite bath rooms with hot water. Meals and drinks are provided in a central dining area consisting only of a large thatched roof. It is adjacent to the Ju/'hoan village by the name of //Nhoq'ma and 60 km, or a one-and-a-half hour drive on a 4WD track, from the Khaudum National Park. The ten tents are spread out along a vegetated dune with a 180 degree view over the Nhoma omuramba (fossil river bed). The vegetation of this part of the Kalahari is classified as woodland savannah and is a far cry from the image people have of the Kalahari! Other surprises reveal themselves during the course of a visit.



Activities

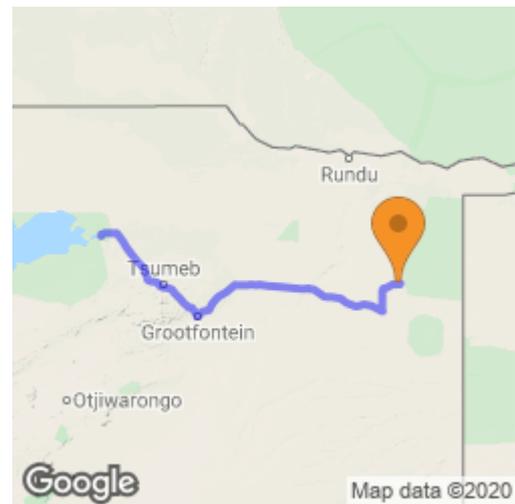
Activities offered at the camp ranges from hunting with the Bushmen hunters, veld food collection, the making of hunting equipment to traditional games and the healing dances. When conditions are suitable a short night drive is undertaken to view springhare and look for other nocturnal animals

Directions - Onguma The Fort to Nhoma Safari Camp

Distance: 446.48km **Travel Time:** 5:17 hours

GPS co-ordinates for Nhoma Safari Camp: S 19° 13' 34.339" E 20° 18' 9.245"

- Head east (2.5 km)
- Sharp right (0.9 km)
- Sharp left (18.1 km)
- Turn right (3.3 km)
- Continue onto B1 (81.1 km)
- Continue straight onto C42 (56.0 km)
- Turn left onto Okavango Rd/B8. Continue to follow B8 (59.0 km)
- Turn right onto C44 (178 km)
- Turn left onto D3312 (48.2 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

All Drinks (excl Premium Brands) Included

Day 19: Hakusembe River Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Rundu

Rundu

Bordering Angola, on the banks of the Okavango River in northern Namibia, the town of Rundu serves as the capital of the eastern Kavango region. Rundu is renowned for its local woodcarvers market as well as the numerous woodcarvers' huts dotting the side of the road. The town provides a great stopover to refuel for visitors heading to Katima Mulilo as well as an excellent base from which to explore the magnificent surrounding areas. Visitors to Rundu can enjoy the beautiful surrounds including the magnificent Popa Falls and Mahangu Game Reserve. Other popular activities include: great game viewing, excellent bird watching as well as kayaking on the spectacular Kavango river.

Overnight: Hakusembe River Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia

Hakusembe River Lodge is located 16 km west of Rundu on the B 10 (Okavango).

A lush green oasis on the banks of the Okavango River. Absorb river peace from one of the 20 chalets, hop aboard the Hakusembe River Queen, stroll to the cultural village or just relax on the deck listening to the soft symphony of feathered friends.



Activities

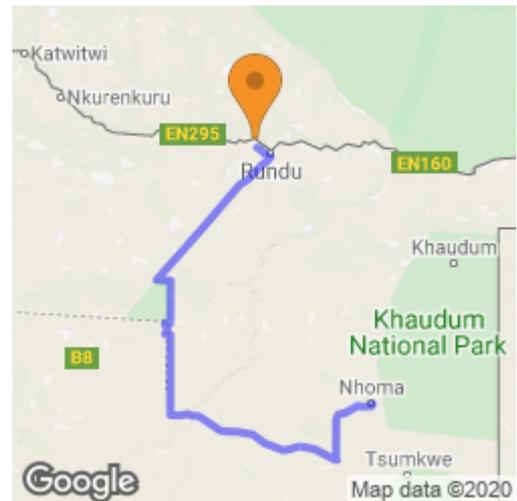
Activities from Hakusembe River Lodge include guided river safaris, an early morning guided bird watching walk, (over 400 species have been spotted locally), bream and tiger-fishing, (you can have your tiger fish mounted by the lodge!!) and the very popular champagne sunset cruises

Directions - Nhoma Safari Camp to Hakusembe River Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia

Distance: 350.82km **Travel Time:** 4:34 hours

GPS co-ordinates for Hakusembe River Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia: S 17° 51' 59.574" E 19° 40' 14.525"

- Head southwest on D3312 (48.2 km)
- Sharp right onto C44 (103 km)
- Turn right (46.5 km)
- Turn left (3.1 km)
- Sharp right (7.4 km)
- Turn right (3.0 km)
- Turn left (32.7 km)
- Slight right onto B8 (97.1 km)
- Turn left onto B10. Destination will be on the right (9.7 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 20: Divava Okavango Resort & Spa, Divundu

Divundu

Set roughly 200 kilometres east of Rundu on the southeastern banks of the great Okavango River, the small village of Divundu is known for its excellent location for exploring the river, game parks and national reserves of the area. Take fishing or bird watching boat safaris, or visit the Mahango Game Park, filled with herds of elephants, as well as hippo, buffalo, giraffes, antelope, and many other animals. The spectacular Popa Falls is a must-see. They are in fact a series of cascades that tumble through the split rocks. Divundu makes a wonderfully idyllic base for exploring Botswana and the Okavango Delta.

Overnight: Divava Okavango Resort & Spa

Build on the river banks of the Okavango river and right next to Popa Falls, Divava Okavango Resort & Spa is within 20 minutes drive to the Mahango National and Buffalo Game Parks, the perfect doorway to unparalleled adventure and a destination beyond wildlife safaris.

Namibia's hidden wildlife paradise in the Kavango where time stands still, Divava Okavango Resort & Spa really is one of its kind in the region. Experience magical moments in the National Game Parks and the rumbling river that feeds your imagination, leaving you with tales to tell for many days and years to come. After your exhilarating journey, visit the Divava Okavango Spa, a place that evokes the perfect harmony between natural beauty and pure relaxation. All 20 rooms are luxurious with thatched roofs in the wide spread and tranquil gardens. Enjoy the delicacies of the restaurants at Divava Okavango Resort. The Resort offers an exquisite view over the Okavango River with excellent opportunities for bird watching and other activities for the young and curious explorers.



Activities

Divava Okavango Boat Safari

Divava Fishing on the Okavango River

Divava Game Drive at Mahango Game Reserve

Popa Falls

Village Tour

The Buffalo Game Park

Divava Okavango Boat Safari

Divava Okavango Resort And Spa is nestled amongst majestic trees on the banks of the Okavango River in the Bagani area, close to Divundu. The resort offers boat safari trips on the Okavango River every afternoon. Trips are undertaken on both small and large boats and guests can look forward to viewing the hippo, crocodile, and birdlife in the area. The boat safari continues upstream to watch the sun set over Popa Falls with refreshments and snacks.

Divava Fishing on the Okavango River

Divava Okavango Resort And Spa is nestled amongst majestic trees on the banks of the Okavango River in the Bagani area, close to Divundu and Popa Falls. The resort offers daily fishing trips on the mighty Okavango River which boasts species such as the hard-fighting tigerfish, tilapia and catfish. Tours are undertaken on small boats with a guide and include all fishing equipment.

Divava Game Drive at Mahango Game Reserve

Divava Okavango Resort And Spa is nestled on the banks of the Okavango River in the Bagani area, just 10-minutes drive from the Mahango Game Park. This protected game park forms part of the Bwabwata National Park of Namibia and offers sightings of elephants, buffalo, lion, antelope and leopard. The game drive is undertaken in a 4x4 safari vehicle with a driver/guide.

The Buffalo Game Park

The Buffalo Game Park, also known by its official name of Buffalo Core Area, is nestled on the eastern side of the Okavango in the Kavango region of Namibia. Sprawling over 600 kilometres, the park is home to an abundance of game, with a large concentration of elephants, buffalos, sable antelope and hippos, calling the area home. A part of the Buffalo park is situated in the ruins of an old South African army station, which is regularly visited by impalas and kudus.

Directions - Hakusembe River Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia to Divava Okavango Resort & Spa

Distance: 215.89km **Travel Time:** 2:11 hours

GPS co-ordinates for Divava Okavango Resort & Spa: S 18° 06' 52.904" E 21° 35' 20.452"

- Head east on B10 toward Zufahrt Hakusembe River Road (9.7 km)
- Turn left onto B8 (200 km)
- Turn right. Destination will be on the left (5.8 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 21: Lianshulu Bush Lodge, Kwando River

Kwando River

Meandering through the spectacular Caprivi Strip in northwest Namibia, the Kwando River rises from the central Angolan highlands forming the boundary between Namibia, Zambia and Angola. The area surrounding the Kwando River is known for its protected game reserves, national parks and wildlife sanctuaries. It offers excellent game viewing with the perennial waters of the river attracting plentiful wildlife including large herds of elephant, hippos, crocodiles, red lechwe, turtles, zebra, impala, spotted-necked otters and over 400 species of bird. Visitors can enjoy a relaxing stay at one of the many lodges set on the banks of the river and soak up the spectacular views of wild Africa. Popular activities include: game viewing, bird watching, fishing, and camping.

Overnight: Lianshulu Bush Lodge

Lianshulu Lodge in the East Caprivi overlooks the Kwando River and is situated on a private concession inside the Mudumu National Park of Namibia.

The area is a lush wilderness of riverine forest, marsh and open woodland, providing a home for an abundance of wildlife. For the prospective guest to Lianshulu Lodge, the attraction will be found in a quintessentially African experience, blending exceptional service with superb scenery and a fascinating array of fauna and flora.

From the early morning coffee, to the moment when Caprivi drums beckon to a romantic evening, the dedicated staff will provide a high standard of personal, yet unobtrusive attention. Always, the spectacle of an enchanting Africa will keep the visitor to Lianshulu Lodge enthralled.



Activities

Nature drives in the Mudumu National Park are conducted in open 4x4 vehicles. Other activities include guided morning walks in the park, bird watching, boat excursions and sunset cruises on the Kwando River. Optional night drives are offered between May and November

Directions - Divava Okavango Resort & Spa to Lianshulu Bush Lodge

Distance: 245.89km **Travel Time:** 2:35 hours

GPS co-ordinates for Lianshulu Bush Lodge: S 18° 08' 47.692" E 23° 22' 55.511"

- Head southwest (5.8 km)
- Turn right onto B8 (81.2 km)
- Continue onto B8 (122 km)
- Turn right onto C49/M125 (37.0 km)
- Directions supplied by Google



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 22: Chobe Water Villas, Chobe River Front Namibia

Chobe River Front Namibia

Forming the boundary between Botswana and Namibia is the Chobe River - one of the most well-known perennial rivers in Africa. The Chobe River Front encompasses vast floodplains fringed by lush riverine woodlands. The abundant wildlife inhabiting the river and its shores can be viewed from a river safari where visitors can spot elephants, hippo, water-loving antelope including the rare red lechwe and a variety of other game such as giraffe, zebra, and buffalo. Nature lovers will delight in the incredibly scenic natural landscapes and bird watchers can look forward to the wide section of bird species which can be spotted along the river banks.

Overnight: Chobe Water Villas

WELCOME

Chobe Water Villas, an exclusive and intimate "boutique" Lodge is located in Namibia at the eastern tip of the famous Caprivi Strip now known as the Zambezi Region.

The Lodge is exclusively situated in the 150 km² Namibian Kasika Conservancy directly on the banks of the Chobe River and opposite the renowned Chobe National Park and the safari town of Kasane, in Botswana. This location affords unobstructed views into the National Park and over the world-renowned Sedudu Island. This island boasts the greatest density of wildlife of any river system in the world and includes Elephant, Lion, Buffalo, Hippo, Crocodile and up to 8 species of antelope and 460 of birds and waterfowl.

This spectacular location ensures that this exciting view into untamed Africa is available from the Lodge and every one of its 16 exclusive Water Villas. Chobe National Park itself is furthermore home to Giraffe, Wild Dog, Leopard, Cheetah, Jackal, Hyena and one of the greatest Zebra migrations after the Masai Mara or Serengeti in Tanzania and Kenya. The 117,000 km² Chobe National Park's wildlife statistics confirm that it is home to 160,000 Elephants along with some 164 mammal species representing one of the largest concentration of wildlife in Africa. Antelope species include Kudu, Roan, Sable, Lechwe, Waterbuck, Eland, Puku, Gemsbok, Springbok, Klipspringer, Impala and the occasional rare Sitatunga. This location at the confluence of the legendary Chobe and the mighty Zambezi Rivers is where the borders of Namibia, Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe meet.

Here in Africa keen fishing enthusiasts will be challenged by the greatest of fresh water fighting fish, the powerful and energetic Tiger Fish along with Nembwe and the delicious Three Spot Bream.

Chobe Water Villas nestle under magnificent shading Acacia trees and exclusively HOSTS a maximum of only 32 guests in its uniquely positioned 16 luxurious Water Villas and in its Lounges, Bar, Restaurant, Infinity Pool, African Boma and Pool Deck.

The arrival experience itself is unique as the only access is by a 15 minute leisurely Safari Boat transfer from Kasane in Botswana cruising across the Chobe River amongst Hippo and Crocodile. Upon arrival a warm and genuine Namibian welcome awaits you.



Activities

Chobe water villas - Morning 4 to 5 hour open 4x4 Game Drive Safari into Chobe National Park (08:00 – 12:00/13:00) including Park Fees, Tea, Coffee, Biscuits or Rusks and Bottled Water

Morning 3 to 4 hour Chobe River Safari along the banks of the Chobe National Park (08:00 to 11:00/12:00) including Park Fees, Tea, Coffee, Biscuits or Rusks and Bottled Water

Afternoon 3 hour Chobe River Safari along the banks of the Chobe National Park (15:30 to 18:30) including Park Fees, Snacks, Soft Drinks, Local Spirits, Beers, Wines and Bottled Water

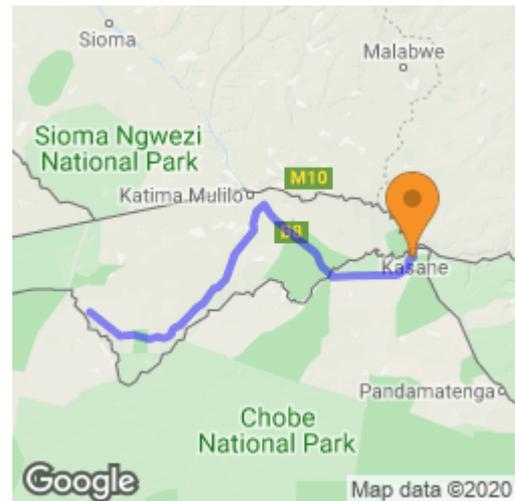
Afternoon 3 hour Boat Cruise on both Chobe and Zambezi Rivers including the historic Kasai Channel and Impalila Island along the shores of Botswana, Namibia and Zambia (15:30 to 18:30). Includes Snacks, Soft Drinks, Local Spirits, Beers, Wines and Bottled Water

Directions - Lianshulu Bush Lodge to Kasane Airport [BBK]

Distance: 263.58km **Travel Time:** 2:59 hours

GPS co-ordinates for Kasane Airport [BBK]: S 17° 49' 48.532" E 25° 09' 43.726"

- Head southeast on C49/M125 Continue to follow C49 (143 km)
- Slight right (0.4 km)
- Turn right (0.3 km)
- Turn left (0.4 km)
- Turn right (5.8 km)
- Turn right onto B8 (56.9 km)
- Continue straight onto Ngoma Bridge River Crossing Entering Botswana (0.3 km)
- Continue straight to stay on Ngoma Bridge River Crossing (0.8 km)
- Continue onto A33 (53.4 km)
- Turn right (1.3 km)
- Turn left (0.2 km)
- Turn right (0.3 km)
- Turn left (33 m)
- Keep left Destination will be on the left (0.2 km)



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 23: Ilala Lodge Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Resting on the southern banks of the Zambezi River at the western end of the eponymous falls, this popular tourist town is compact enough to walk around and makes an ideal base for travellers exploring the seventh wonder of the world, the unfathomably vast Victoria Falls. About two-thirds of the falls can be viewed from the Zimbabwean side and, while the falls are undoubtedly the star attraction, the area provides both adventure seekers and sightseers with plenty of opportunities to warrant a longer stay. Popular activities include scenic flights over the falls in helicopters or microlights, bungee jumping off the Victoria Falls Bridge, white-water rafting (seasonal), and day trips to Chobe National Park. The town itself offers some excellent accommodation and restaurant options as well as an eclectic variety of African curios and authentic art sold by friendly Zimbabwean locals who are wonderfully welcoming and eager to help you enjoy your stay.

Overnight: Ilala Lodge Hotel

Ilala Lodge Hotel is ideally located only 8 minutes away from the spectacular Victoria Falls. A family run hotel, Ilala Lodge has 73 stylish, well-appointed spacious rooms, that offer the ultimate in comfort and luxury. As we are the closest hotel to the beautiful Victoria Falls, the spray makes for a perfect backdrop during your stay.

Experience a culinary journey at the award-winning Palm Restaurant at Ilala Lodge Hotel. Centrally located only minutes away from the Victoria Falls, The Palm Restaurant offers a magnificent à la carte menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Guests can choose from an extensive list of South Africa's finest wines, cocktails and artisan gins. We offer an unrivalled al-fresco dining experience under the starlit African sky, with the sound of the Falls in the background. The Palm Restaurant is an adventure for the appetite that is not to be missed.

Relive the historical journey embarked by David Livingstone exploring the mighty Zambezi River aboard the Ra-Ikane fleet. Named after his instrumental guide, the boats represent the grace of a bygone era honouring the rich history of Victoria Falls and its explorers, adventurers and heroes. The Ra-Ikane offers a variety of cruises, including breakfast, lunch and sunset, as well as private charters.



Activities

Victoria Falls - The Falls
Devil's Pool

Shearwater Bungee Jumping at Victoria Falls
Victoria Falls National Park

Victoria Falls - The Falls

One of the original natural wonders of the world, the Victoria Falls is breathtaking and not surprisingly a World Heritage Site. Known locally as 'The Smoke that Thunders' this spectacle is accessible from both Zambia and Zimbabwe. Unlike other waterfalls Victoria Falls has a natural catwalk across from the falls which provides for spectacular viewing.

Devil's Pool

Guaranteed to send shivers down the spine of even the most stalwart soul, a dip in the Devil's Pool lets you peer over a 103-metre-high precipice onto the thundering Victoria Falls as they plunge into the gorge below. Enclosed by sloping rock sides that make it much safer than it seems, the pool's surreal beauty is one-of-a-kind and no visitor to Livingstone should miss the adrenaline rush of a dip here.

Shearwater Bungee Jumping at Victoria Falls

Bungee jumping at Victoria Falls provides the original and ultimate thrill! The location is unbeatable, in front of the largest curtain of falling water in the world, at a World Heritage Site, set against the backdrop of one of the Seven Natural Wonders in the World and above the raging torrents and misty gorges of the mighty Zambezi River. Four seconds of free fall and 111 metres of pure adrenaline. Victoria Falls Bungee is consistently voted as one of the top five adrenaline experiences on the planet. For Bungee Jump veterans, speak to your Jump Master and make it even wilder by doing an ankle-tied, back flip or a star elevator jump.

Victoria Falls National Park

The Victoria Falls National Park is located on the Zimbabwean side of the border and boasts beautiful hiking trails, a wealth of wildlife and spectacular views of 'The Smoke That Thunders', as local people call the falls. Permeated by the fine mist that rises from the falls as they plummet 100 metres into the gorge below, the reserve encompasses 23 square kilometres of verdant rainforest, where delicate ferns, tangled monkey vines, tropical palms and mahogany trees thrive in the moist environment. Resident game species include white rhinos, elephants, buffalos and antelope, as well as hippos and crocodiles that lurk in the rivers and pools.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 24: End of Itinerary

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Transport

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
	Scheduled	Scenic Air	Skeleton Coast Shipwreck Lodge		Sesfontein Airstrip			

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
		Hoanib Valley Camp	Shipwreck Lodge		Transfer
		Kasane Airport [BBK]	Kasane Immigration Office		Transfer
		Kasane Immigration Office	Ilala Lodge Hotel		Transfer
		Ilala Lodge Hotel	Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA]		Transfer

Voyage Information

Date	Boat	Agency	Departure Port	Time	Arrival Port	Time	Class	Ref
	Cruise		Kasane Immigration Office		Chobe Water Villas			
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Travel Information



Located in southwestern Africa, Namibia boasts a well-developed infrastructure, some of the best tourist facilities in Africa, and an impressive list of breathtaking natural wonders. Visitors can explore the capital of Windhoek and discover the lovely coastal town of Swakopmund boasting remnants of the country's German influence, reflected in the architecture, culture, cuisine and the annual Oktoberfest celebrations. To properly appreciate this extraordinary country, you will have to venture out of the cities to explore the remarkable natural landscapes Namibia has to offer. These include: the impressive Fish River Canyon; the vast Etosha National Park teeming with abundant wildlife, such as lions, desert-adapted elephants and the Hartmann's Mountain Zebra; the hauntingly beautiful Kalahari Desert; and of course the Namib Desert stretching for over 2000 km along the magnificent Atlantic Coast. Namibia is an ideal destination for travellers seeking an unforgettable African experience in a uniquely beautiful untamed wilderness.

Banking and Currency

Currency

Namibia uses the Namibian Dollar (N\$) this is linked on a one to one exchange with the South African Rand. The Rand is legal tender in Namibia, but the N\$ cannot be used in South Africa.

If you are wishing to purchase currency before arriving in Namibia, it is easiest to buy Rand as the Namibian Dollar is seldom available in banks outside of Namibia.

Banking

Banks are found in most towns, and are generally open from 09h00 to 15h30 on weekdays and 08h30 to 11h00 on Saturdays. Closed on Sundays and public holidays. Most of them offer foreign exchange services - with cash, bank and credit cards as well as travellers cheques.

You can also obtain cash from many of the ATMs. Several international banks have branches in main city centres. Always advise your bank that you are travelling outside of the country as they might block your purchases if they have not been informed.

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Public transport in Namibia is geared towards the needs of the local populace, and is confined to main roads between major population centres. Although cheap and reliable, it is of little use to the traveller as most of Namibia's tourist attractions lie off the beaten track.

It is easy to travel around Namibia by car, and a 2WD vehicle is perfectly adequate for most journeys. However, long distances, poor mobile phone coverage outside of main towns and infrequent petrol stations that only accept cash mean that planning ahead is vital.

There are major airlines that fly into Windhoek and Swakopmund. Other destinations are reachable by car or charter flight.

Namibians drive on the left and all signposts are in English. Seat belts must be worn at all times and talking in a mobile phone while driving is prohibited. The general speed limit is 120km/h on tarred roads outside of towns and 100km/h on gravel roads. In built up areas, the speed limit is 60km/h.

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Traditional Namibian cuisine is rarely served and so the food at restaurants tends to be European in style and is, generally, of a very high standard.

Namibia is very meat-orientated, and many menu options will feature steaks from various animals. However, there is usually a vegetarian and seafood section offered by most camps and restaurants.

In the supermarkets you'll find pre-wrapped fresh fruit and vegetables (though the more remote the areas you visit, the smaller your choice), and plenty of canned foods, pasta, rice, bread, etc. Most of this is imported from South Africa.

The water in Namibia's main towns is generally safe to drink, though it may taste a little metallic if it has been piped for miles. Natural sources should usually be purified, though water from underground springs and dry riverbeds seldom causes any problems. However, filtered and bottled water are readily available in most towns and all camps, lodges and hotels.

Climate and Weather

Partially covered by the Namib Desert, one of the world's driest deserts, Namibia's climate is generally very dry and pleasant – it's fine to visit all year round. Namibia only receives a fraction of the rain experienced by countries further east. Between about **December to March** some days will be humid and rain may follow, often in localised, afternoon thunderstorms. These are more common in the centre and east of the country, and more unusual in the desert.

April and especially **May** are often lovely months in Namibia. Increasingly dry, with a real freshness in the air, and much greenery in the landscape; at this time the air is clear and largely free from dust.

From **June to August** Namibia cools down and dries out more; nights can become cold, dropping below freezing in some desert areas. As the landscape dries so the game in the north of the country gravitates more to waterholes, and is more easily seen by visitors. By **September and October** it warms up again; game-viewing in most areas is at its best, although there's often a lot of dust around and the vegetation has lost its vibrancy.

November is a highly variable month. Sometimes the hot, dry weather will continue, at other times the sky will fill with clouds and threaten to rain – but if you're lucky enough to witness the first rains of the season, you'll never forget the drama.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

Namibians have a somewhat relaxed attitude to dress codes. A jacket and tie is very unusual. In fact, long trousers and a shirt with buttons are often quite adequate for a formal occasion or work wear. A pair of sensible shoes, jeans and a t-shirt is recommended.

During the day it is generally hot, so pack light weight loose fitting clothes in natural fabrics, such as linen or cotton, that will keep you cool and are easy to wash and dry.

Avoid blue clothing - the tsetse flies are drawn to the colour blue, and their bite can give you African Sleeping Sickness.

Long sleeved shirts and long trousers will protect your against mosquitoes at night.

Electricity and Plug Standards

Current is 220/240 volts at 50 cycles per second. A three-point round-pin adapter plug should be brought for your electrical appliances. Such adapters are also available at major airports.



A nation of spectacular natural beauty, friendly people and rich culture, Zimbabwe's status as one of Africa's leading safari destinations was dampened for years by its political instability. But now that the country is transcending its strife and returning to a state of equilibrium, it is once again emerging as a vacation highlight of the continent. Victoria Falls – known to locals as 'The Smoke That Thunders' – is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and the sheer power of this massive body of water plunging into the Zambezi Gorge is awe-inspiring and unforgettable. Lake Kariba, with its game-rich shores and islands, is an idyllic safari spot featuring mind-blowing sunsets; Hwange National Park is known for its huge herds of elephants; and a kayak trip down the Zambezi through the Mana Pools National Park will appeal to the intrepid traveller, providing close encounters with crocodiles, hippos and a host of other wildlife.

Banking and Currency

Currency

Zimbabwe uses its own unit of currency, the Zimbabwe Dollar. No other currency is accepted. Do not plan on being able to use cash machines in Zimbabwe to draw money. Before leaving home please exchange all the money that you will need for your trip. Most of this should be in 1, 5, 10 and 20 denominations because change is not always available. In an emergency you can try Barclays Bank, Stanbic Bank or Standard Chartered Bank as they will infrequently accept foreign debit cards for withdrawing cash.

Banking

Banks in Zimbabwe are open for business Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 08h00 to 15h00, on Wednesdays from 08h00 to 13h00 and Saturdays from 08h00 to 11h30. They are closed on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Only VISA and MasterCard are accepted in Zimbabwe, however it should be noted that very limited facilities will have credit card machines, and the connection is not always reliable so it is advisable to carry cash as back up.

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Taxis are safe and reliable, and can be booked through your hotel front desk. Taxis in cities travel within a 40km radius of the city. Always take a taxi at night.

Major airlines fly into Victoria Falls, Harare and Bulawayo. Charter flights are available to most attractions and camps.

Zimbabwe has a good road infrastructure, by African standards, although potholed. Between major towns, there are frequent road blocks. Traffic drives on the left side of the road.

If you are driving yourself around Zimbabwe, be sure to check on fuel availability in advance. If you are covering long distances within the country, ensure you carry extra fuel in 5 or 10lt metal containers in case of emergency. Fuel is generally available, but supply can fluctuate. Fuel is only available for cash.

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Zimbabwe's native cuisine is based on sadza, a cooked porridge made from ground maize which is normally be accompanied by some tasty relish, perhaps made of meat and tomatoes, or dried fish. Safari camps will often prepare sadza if requested, and it is almost always available in small restaurants in the towns.

Camps, hotels and lodges that cater to overseas typically serve a variety international fare, and the quality of food prepared in the most remote bush camps is usually excellent.

If you are driving yourself around and plan to cook, then get most of your supplies in main towns. There are a number of South African shopping chains operating in Zimbabwe which will generally have all that you will need.

Water in the main towns is usually purified.. The locals drink it, and are used to the relatively innocuous bugs that it may harbour. If you are in the country for a long time, then it may be worth acclimatising yourself to it. However, if you are in Zimbabwe for just a short period of time, then try to drink only bottled, boiled, or treated water available in towns and from all camps, lodges and hotels.

Climate and Weather

In Zimbabwe, the rains come principally in **December, January, February and March**; the further north you are, the earlier the precipitation arrives and the later it leaves. Zimbabwe's higher eastern areas usually receive more rainfall than the lower-lying western ones.

By **April and May** most of the rain is gone, leaving a verdant setting, which is starting to dry out. Especially in more southerly and higher locations, the night-time temperatures start to drop.

The nights in **June, July and August** become much cooler, so don't forget to bring some warmer clothes, in case you want to spend an evening outside; the days are still clear and warm. For Zimbabwe, this is the start of the 'peak season'– days are often cloudless and game sightings continually increase.

Into **September and October** the temperatures rise once again: Zimbabwe's lower-lying rift valley – Mana Pools – can get very hot in October. During this time, you'll see some fantastic game, as the Zimbabwe's wildlife concentrates around the limited water sources.

November is unpredictable; it can be hot and dry, it can also see the season's first rainfalls – and in this respect it's a very interesting month, as on successive days, you can see both weather patterns.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

When in Zimbabwe the cardinal rule is to wear casual, comfortable clothes during the day as temperatures can get very hot. It is advisable to wear light loose-fitting clothing, such as cotton or linen, as they are cool and easy to wash. Warmer clothes are advised for the evenings and rainwear for the wet season.

A brimmed hat and sunglasses are a good idea year-round. Long-sleeved shirts and long trousers will also guard against the scorching sun rays. It is recommended you wear light shoes, especially if your itinerary entails a lot of walking.

For safaris, please remember to wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Earth colour clothes, such as browns, greens and tans are advisable.

Electricity and Plug Standards

Current is 220/240 volts at 50 cycles per second. Both square and round plugs are used.
