Namibia, Botswana and Falls
15 days | Swakopmund to Victoria Falls

**SMALL GROUP ACCOMMODATED SAFARI:** Embark upon an amazing two week adventure in Southern Africa. From Swakopmund take in the highlights of Namibia and Botswana, en route to Zimbabwe’s spectacular Victoria Falls. Travel through incredible landscapes, visit a Himba village and encounter wonderful wildlife on safari in Etosha and Chobe National Parks. Explore the waterways of the Okavango Delta, cruise the Zambezi River and much more along the way.

**HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS**

**Trip Highlights**

- Swakopmund - begin your tour in Namibia's premier beach resort with a full day to relax on the sandy beaches or join optional activities
- Okavango Delta - explore the network of channels aboard traditional mokoro canoes and enjoy a guided game walk in search of wildlife
- Etosha National Park - explore Namibia's premier national park on game drives, looking out for lions, cheetah, rhinos and more
- Victoria Falls - take a guided tour of the mighty UNESCO-listed waterfall and enjoy a sunset cruise on the rushing Zambezi River
- Chobe National Park - spot some of the numerous elephants found in the national park and enjoy a cruise on the Chobe River
- Mahangu National Park - game drive through the small national park, which is home to elephants, buffalo, hippos and many species of bird
- Kamanjab - visit a traditional Himba village to understand more about the ancient culture of the Ova-Himba tribe of Namibia
- Spitzkoppe - marvel at the curved granite rock formations and see some of the ancient Bushmen rock painting that the area is known for

**What's Included**

- 14 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 4 dinners
- Airport transfers on days 1 and 15
- 14 nights mid-range lodges, chalets, tented camps
- Transport in fully equipped Toyota Land Cruisers, Mercedes All-Terrain vehicle, 12-seater 4x4 safari vehicles or other appropriate vehicles
- Services of an experienced local guide/driver
- Park entrance fees
- Omaruru wine tasting at a local distillery

- Full day game drive in Etosha NP, morning game drive in Chobe NP and game viewing in Mahangu National Park
- Himba Village Walk
- Okavango Delta Mokoro excursion
- Chobe River cruise and Zambezi Sunset River Cruise

**What's Not Included**

- International flights and visas
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Drinks and items of a personal nature

**ITINERARY**

**Days 1-2 : Swakopmund**

Welcome to Namibia, upon arrival at Walvis Bay Airport, you'll be met and transferred the 45 minutes north to Swakopmund for your overnight stay. The following day is at leisure to partake in optional activities or soak up the atmosphere of this little quaint German town.

This information has been compiled with care and good faith. They give an accurate illustration of the proposed arrangements for this holiday. Circumstances beyond our control such as changes in local conditions, inclement weather or other reasons could force us to make changes to this itinerary. Any costs shown are subject to change, though are an accurate reflection of costs at time of setting. Please also note that visa requirements are subject to change and are the responsibility of the traveler and not that of On The Go Tours.

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and enjoy its beauty and beaches. **Overnight - Swakopmund (B:1, L:1)**

**Day 3 : Spitzkoppe Bushmen Paintings**
Swakopmund - Omaruru. As we leave the dramatic Atlantic coastline behind, we move inland across the desert plains to Spitzkoppe, an iconic group of curved granite mountains with vivid colours. After a pleasant walk amongst these boulders we view the ancient Bushmen paintings and engravings. Our last stop of the day and where we overnight is the town of Omaruru - an old mission station and settlement of great historic significance which has evolved into an artistic hub for local crafts and small industries. **Overnight - Omaruru (B, L)**

**Day 4 : Himba Village Tour**
Omaramu - Kamanjab. Our journey today takes us to the Kamanjab with a stop at a local distillery and small wine cellar in Omaruru to taste some of the home grown produce en route. Later on we explore a Himba village for a journey of culture exchange, learning and understanding the ways of the last traditional tribe in Namibia, the Ova-Himba. **Overnight - Kamanjab (B, D)**

**Day 5 : Etosha National Park**
Kamanjab - Etosha. Today we head to the magnificent Etosha National Park which was declared a National Park in 1907 and it is home to approximately 114 mammal species, 340 bird species, 110 reptile species, 16 amphibian species and, surprisingly, one species of fish. **Overnight - Etosha National Park (B, L)**

**Days 6-7 : Etosha Game Drives**
We fill the next 2 days with game drives in the hopes of spotting some of the Big Four as well as cheetah, giraffe, zebra and the numerous different types of antelope the park has to offer. Our nights are spent at the flood lit waterholes encountering the park’s various nocturnal animals as they come to drink. **Overnight - Etosha National Park (B:2, L:2)**

**Day 8 : Kavango River**
Etosha - Kavango River, Namibia. Our journey today continues east as we drive along the Caprivi Strip to the town of Rundu. We arrive at the Kaisosi River Lodge for the evening and the rest of the afternoon relaxing at our lodge on the banks of the Kavango River. We also have the optional to visit to the Mbunza Living Museum, a traditional cultural school and communal business for the local Kavango people, or a sunset cruise are available. Alternatively just relax by the pool with a sundowner listening to the sounds of Mother Nature. **Overnight - Zambezi Region (Caprivi Strip) (B, L)**

**Days 9-10 : Okavango Delta**
Kavango River - Okavango Delta, Botswana. Leaving Namibia we enter Botswana through the western border of the Okavango Delta. Unlike other deltas, it flows into the Kalahari Desert without reaching the coast, which makes it unique. The next day is spent exploring the network of water pathways floating through thick vegetation in mokoros (traditional dugout canoes), discovering a variety of birds and wildlife. We stop at a secluded island to take a guided walk hoping to spot elephants, waterbuck or other animals living in this water filled paradise. **Overnight - Okavango Delta (B:2, L:2, D:2)**

**Day 11 : Zambezi Region (Caprivi Strip)**
Okavango Delta - Caprivi, Namibia. Leaving Botswana, we drive up the western border of the Okavango Delta before crossing back into Namibia and driving through the Caprivi to our camp on the banks of the Kwando River. Enroute to camp you will go on a game drive to the Mahangu National Park which is rich in fauna and flora. In the park you have the chance of spotting game such as sable and roan, elephants, hippos, buffalos, and many types of antelope. For bird watchers the Mahangu National Park offers more than 420 different bird species. **Overnight - Zambezi Region (Caprivi Strip) (B, L)**

**Days 12-13 : Chobe National Park**
Caprivi - Chobe NP, Botswana. On day 12 we head along the Caprivi and cross the border back into Botswana to Kasane, the gateway to the Chobe National Park, which is the second largest national park in Botswana covering 10,566 km². After settling in to our lodge, you will have the remainder of the day at leisure or to partake in optional activities.

The next day, we rise early for a morning game drive in the Chobe National Park, which
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has one of the greatest concentrations of elephant found on the African continent. In the afternoon we go on a cruise on the Chobe River, a truly unforgettable experience and one of the best ways to view the wildlife and the spectacular sunset. **Overnight - Chobe National Park (B:2, L:1, D:1)**

**Day 14 : Victoria Falls**

Chobe National Park - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Continuing our trip we leave Botswana and drive to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. On arrival we will enjoy a tour of the mighty Victoria Falls or Mosi oa Tunya - "the smoke that thunders". Then we will make our way to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust to visit this high-care laboratory and research facility, where you can witness their passion and commitment to wildlife rescue and rehabilitation. In the afternoon we have a relaxing sunset cruise on the mighty Zambezi River.

**Overnight - Victoria Falls (B)**

**Day 15 : Victoria Falls**

Our safari ends after breakfast, when you will be transferred to Victoria Falls Airport. We hope to welcome you again one day on another of our African adventures.

We recommend extending your stay in Victoria Falls if you want to enjoy the many activities on offer. (B)

**HOTELS**

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

**Pension A La Mer**

Just a stone’s throw from the beach, Pension A La Mer is a charming accommodation. Rooms are simple, but comfortable with bright furnishings and excellent ensuite facilities. This warm and friendly pension offers a number of excellent activities including dolphin cruises, desert tours and scenic flights - so be sure to enquire about them. This accommodation is perfectly located in downtown Swakopmund close to the beach as well as lots of bars and restaurants.

**Omaruru Guest House**

In the quaint town of Omaruru, the Omaruru Guest House offers comfortable accommodation and a friendly service. Guest rooms are stylish with hardwood flooring and excellent modern amenities. The guest house boast from a refreshing outdoor pool, on site restaurant and complimentary Wi-Fi. At the front of the property you can find the Bambu Wellness Boutique Spa - a perfect stop for some pampering when in the desert!

**Oppi Koppi Restcamp**

An oasis in the desert, Oppi Koppi Rest Camp is the ideal place to stop when visiting Namibia’s northwest. Bungalows are well furnished with fans in every room and tea and coffee making facilities. The camp prides itself on it’s friendly bar, which serves a good range of cold beers, other alcoholic beverages and ice cold Jagermeister. The out door pool is a great place to cool off from the Namibian heat before settling down for a delicious meal in the evening. The camp is situated just outside Kamanjab in northwest Namibia.

**Okaukuejo Resort**

With a popular waterhole for game viewing and a range of luxury chalets and standard rooms Okaukuejo Resort is the perfect place for relaxing and game viewing. Guest rooms range from Bush Chalets to Premium Waterhole chalets (which overlook the animals’ drinking place). Evenings are a great time to relax at the waterhole and watch the amazing wild life come down for their evening drinks - you could even take your own beverage and join in with the drinking. Okaukuejo is accessed from the southern entrance of the park and is about 17km in.

**Namutoni Resort**

Refurbished in 2007, Namutoni Rest Camp offers a luxury camp within Etosha National Park. Rooms are tastefully decorated all with private terraces to the front and rear. Namutoni is home to the famous German fort which overlooks the King Nehale waterhole. There are also a number of shops and restaurants for guests to enjoy. On an evening why not head up the wooden walkway to the water hole and watch the animals come down to drink. This resort can be found on the eastern side of world famous Etosha National Park.
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Kaisosi River Lodge
On the banks of the Okavango River, Kaisosi River Lodge consists of a number of beautiful thatched chalets. All chalets are comfortable with en suite facilities and have private terraces or balconies. There are two outdoor pools to enjoy as well as a friendly bar area. Delicious meals are served in the restaurant or for that special occasion why not take advantage of the floating breakfast on the river option. The lodge enjoys the perfect position on the Okavango River near the Caprivi Street.

Camp Kwando
A beautiful African style camp, Camp Kwando has thatched island tents and chalets on stilts. All rooms are well appointed including en suite facilities and a private deck. Meals are served just by the river and it is possible to see resident crocodiles and hippos pass by. Jump in the outdoor pool for a refreshing dip between game drives. The camp is located on the banks of the Kwando river in the Eastern Zambezi region.

Guma Lagoon Camp
Set in shade gardens, Guma Lagoon Camp offers beautiful canvas chalets each with their own private view of the water. Each chalet contains beautiful teak beds and en-suite bathrooms. In the mornings guests can take a walk down to the main decking area to watch the sun rise over the lagoon with a steaming hot cup of complimentary tea or coffee. The lodge is situated along the banks of the Guma Lagoon on the northwestern side of the Okavango Delta.

Chobe Safari Lodge
Situated on the banks of the Chobe River, Chobe Safari Lodge is an excellent gateway to Chobe, Victoria Falls and the Zambezi Region. Rooms are spacious, with excellent facilities and private balconies. The restaurant serves a fantastic array of African and International cuisine. The Cocktail and Sedudu Bar is a great place to relax with a cocktail as the sun sets. The lodge is in Kasane, just 5 kilometres from Chobe National Park.

A’Zambezi River Lodge
A’Zambezi River Lodge features imaginative African-style architecture with sweeping curved buildings that are complimented by attractive gardens. Nested besides the river, the lodge provides a quiet ambience for guests to enjoy nature and the facilities provided from award-wining restaurants to an outdoor pool with its own bar. The tastefully decorated rooms are well-equipped with modern conveniences from air-con to satellite TV. The hotel is minutes from Victoria Falls town (5km) and the mighty falls themselves.

PRICES / DATES INFO
Departure dates noted with a ‘G’ are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 4 travellers. This safari has a maximum group size of 12. The ‘Twin Share’ price is per person when there are 2 people sharing a room. The ‘Solo Room’ price is applicable to all solo travellers, or if your booking party cannot reach the minimum of 2 persons in a room. Solo Rooms can also be booked by any other person wanting the comfort and privacy of their own room.

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