

# Windhoek, Okavango & Falls

10 days | Windhoek to Victoria Falls



**ACCOMMODATED OVERLAND TOUR:** From the vibrant Namibian capital of Windhoek head across the border into Botswana where you'll explore the incredible nature and wildlife of the Okavango Delta and Chobe National Park. End your tour in Victoria Falls, home to the famous thundering waterfall of the same name.

## HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

### Trip Highlights

- **Namibia:** Discover the charming capital of Windhoek
- **Botswana:** Chobe National Park, famous for its herds of elephants with a boat cruise along the Chobe River; and the Okavango Delta.
- **Zimbabwe:** UNESCO-listed Victoria Falls, one of the natural wonders of the world.

### What's Included

- 1 night Chobe National Park Excursion (Mobile bush camping)
- Arrival transfer from Windhoek Airport on day 1
- 7 nights 2 - 3\* hotels & permanent tents
- 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 2 dinners

- Services of 3 person crew (leader, driver, cook)
- A fully equipped overland truck for transportation and game drives
- 2 day/1 night Okavango Delta Excursion (Mobile bush camping)
- Park Entry & Game drive - Chobe NP. Park Entry into Victoria Falls National Park
- All road taxes and tolls

### What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Optional activities - Check our Trip Notes for optional activities available on this tour

### Local Payment

\$500pp, paid in USD

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : Windhoek

Welcome to Namibia! Upon arrival in Windhoek, you will be met and transferred to our accommodation in the town centre. A welcome meeting is scheduled at 17:00, where you can meet your fellow passengers and tour crew. **Overnight - Windhoek**

### Day 2 : Ghanzi

Windhoek - Ghanzi. It's an early departure this morning as we head for the border and make our way into Botswana. We lay our heads this evening in the small town of Ghanzi, in the

middle of the Kalahari Desert. This afternoon you'll have the option of a number of activities that will allow you to interact with the native Bushman people who reside in this area. You'll learn about their way of life and how they are able to survive in such an arid and desolate area. **Overnight - Ghanzi (B, L)**

### Days 3-5 : Maun

Ghanzi - Maun - Okavango - Maun. Travelling north on day 3 we reach Maun, which is the starting point for the majority of people travelling to the Okavango Delta. This evening we begin our preparations for the following day.

On day 4 we rise early and head north to the Mokoro peler's station. Along the drive we'll see a number of local villages where families have lived in a traditional way for many years. Mokoros are dugout canoes manoeuvred through the waterways by local guides who "pole" them through the reeds. After a leisurely glide through the delta we reach our accommodation for the night. The afternoon and evening will offer the chance to relax with a cold drink or take a dip in the delta. The Okavango Delta, travelling from the Angolan highlands, is the largest inland delta in the world and is studded with lushly vegetated islands and unique bird life, with over 400 avian species.

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On day 5 we have the opportunity to take a game walk through the delta before we take a mokoro ride back to our vehicle in time for lunch. From here there will be an optional scenic flight over the vast expanse of water (dependent on weather conditions & availability). This afternoon we continue back to Maun. **Overnight - Maun (2), Okavango Delta (1)** (B:3, L:2, D:1)

## Day 6 : Nata Region

Maun - Nata Region. Departing Maun we head east around the edge of the scarcely populated area of the Makgadikgadi Pan. One of the largest salt flats in the world it is the vast remains of an early super lake. After reaching our accommodation this afternoon we have the option of taking a game drive or a bushwalk. **Overnight - Nata Region (B)**

## Day 7 : Kasane

Nata Region - Kasane. We continue north this morning travelling to the town of Kasane and to our accommodation on the banks of the Chobe River. The Chobe River is a natural border which divides Botswana, Namibia and Zambia. Be on the look out for the local hippos hiding just below the surface.

As the main water source of the region, the river attracts an abundance of wildlife to its shores, and our accommodation is the perfect place to spot any game that've made their way down to the water's edge. **Overnight - Kasane (B, L)**

## Day 8 : Chobe National Park

Kasane - Chobe National Park. This morning offers some free time to relax or explore the local town of Kasane before we prepare for our Chobe National Park Overnight Mobile excursion – an overnight experience in the wilds of the Chobe National park. Chobe is one of Botswana's premier game parks, renowned for its large elephant herds. Spend the afternoon in search of wildlife while we game drive to our camp within the park where we spend the evening surrounded by the night-time noises of the local wildlife. Look out for the rare Sable and Roan Antelope on your game drive, with their majestic backward slanting horns, or try keep a count of the Lilac

Breasted Roller's that swoop by! **Overnight - Chobe National Park (B, D)**

## Day 9 : Victoria Falls

Chobe National Park - Victoria Falls. Heading out of Chobe this morning we make our way back to our vehicle before we head for the Zimbabwe border. After departing Botswana we have a short drive to the town of Victoria Falls, named after the world-famous waterfalls. You then have the opportunity to explore the Falls before continuing to the town. The rest of the day offers time to relax and unwind. **Overnight - Victoria Falls (B)**

## Day 10 : Victoria Falls

Our African adventure ends after breakfast today. We suggest extending your stay to take advantage of the exciting optional excursions available at Vic Falls, which include horseback safaris, a visit to the crocodile ranch, flights over the falls and more. (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.**

### Urban Camp

Centrally located in Windhoek (a short walk from the legendary Joe's Beerhouse restaurant), Urban Camp is a comfortable campground combining city convenience with a quiet getaway. Free Wi-Fi, a sparkling pool, and private bathrooms all contribute to an oasis of calm in campsites housing up to 18 people. Nearby is a small shopping centre for amenities, and for sightseers looking to explore the history and architecture of Windhoek, the city centre is less than 2km away.



### Kalahari Arms Hotel

Set in the heart of Ghanzi, the gateway to the Kalahari, this hotel was one of the town's first established businesses. Its comfortable guestrooms offer modern amenities including a TV, air-conditioning and tea and coffee making facilities. WiFi is also available throughout the hotel and a restaurant offers tasty dishes from around the world. Guests can lounge on the sun terrace or enjoy a dip in the inviting swimming pool. A bar serves a variety of wines and beverages, which are best enjoyed lazing about the hotel's beautiful gardens.



### Delta Rain Bushcamp

This unique campsite is located in the heart of the Okavango Delta, as part of the Delta Rain safari experience. Accommodation consists of dome tents with twin beds, and "bush en-suite" bathrooms with a long-drop toilet and bucket shower. After settling in, guests can relax in the mess tent, partake in game viewing trips, or go on guided walks, while admiring the beauty of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.



### Elephant Sands

Set on an unfenced 16,000-hectare private conservancy, this bush lodge brings you face to face with some of Africa's most iconic wildlife. View elephants as they come to drink from the natural waterhole just meters away in front of the lodge. The guestrooms are arranged in spacious chalets and equipped with ensuite bathrooms. A restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a bar offering a range of local and international wines, beers and exotic

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cocktails. You will also enjoy the outdoor pool, where you can cool off and enjoy the peace and serenity of the African bush.



## Thebe River Lodge

Overlooking the Chobe River, this lodge complements the surrounding bush with its rustic design. Its guestrooms are nestled around a courtyard and offer free WiFi, air conditioning and an ensuite. Guests will also enjoy the swimming pool and hearty meals at the Thebe Restaurant. With both covered and al fresco dining areas, this restaurant boasts a wood-fire pizza oven and one of the best breakfasts in town. The bar's buzzing atmosphere draws both visitors and locals, serving cold beverages alongside a satellite TV for you to catch up on the latest international news and sports.



## Thebe River Mobile Safari

No trip to Africa would be complete without spending a night at a mobile safari camp. Chobe National Park is home to the largest elephant population in Africa and camping here allows you to truly experience the best of Botswana's landscapes and wildlife. You'll spend your night in one of the dome-shaped tents provided and assist your fellow travellers in setting up and preparing meals. All necessary camping equipment and food are provided, so after eating you can spend your evening unwinding and sharing stories over the roaring campfire.



## Shearwater Explorers Village

Situated in the bohemian town of Victoria Falls, and 400m from the Falls themselves, the affordable accommodation at the Shearwater Explorers Village consists of 5 campsites with modern bathroom facilities, and 16 chalets with en-suite showers and A/C. Shearwater operates a range of activities at the Falls, from bungee jumping to river rafting - and when the day is over, guests can wind down with Wi-Fi in the lounge areas, a drink by the pool, or even a back rub in the massage tent.



### PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 4 persons. Prices shown above are per person travelling. Single travellers will be paired up in tents with another person of the same gender.

### PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
12 Apr	AUD 2,995	AUD 3,705
10 May	AUD 2,995	AUD 3,705
07 Jun	AUD 2,995	AUD 3,705
05 Jul	AUD 2,995	AUD 3,705
30 Aug	AUD 2,995	AUD 3,705
27 Sep	AUD 2,995	AUD 3,705
25 Oct	AUD 2,995	AUD 3,705
22 Nov	AUD 2,995	AUD 3,705
20 Dec	AUD 2,995	AUD 3,705

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