

# Falls, Botswana and Namibia

## 15 days | Victoria Falls to Swakopmund



*Heading south from the majestic Victoria Falls venture through the beautiful wilderness of Botswana and Namibia before ending in Swakopmund. On this 15 day tour take in some of Southern Africa's most incredible landscapes and national parks including Chobe, Etosha and the Okavango Delta.*

### HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

#### Trip Highlights

- Victoria Falls - take a guided tour of the mighty UNESCO-listed waterfall and enjoy a sunset cruise on the rushing Zambezi River
- Okavango Delta - explore the network of channels aboard traditional mokoro canoes and enjoy a guided game walk in search of wildlife
- Etosha National Park - spend three days exploring Namibia's premier national park, looking out for lions, cheetah, rhinos and more
- 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
- Omaruru - sample some Namibian wine at a small distillery and see some of the local craftsmen and small industries at work
- Swakopmund - end your tour in Namibia's premier beach resort with two full days to relax on the sandy beaches or join optional activities

#### What's Included

- 14 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 6 dinners
- 14 nights mid-range lodges, chalets, tented camps
- Airport transfers on days 1 and 15
- Entrance and tasting at Kristall Kellerei distillery
- Game Drives Etosha and Mahangu National Park
- Himba Village Walk
- Okavango Delta Mokoro ride
- Chobe River boat cruise
- Victoria Falls Sunset Cruise
- Transport in Quantum minibuses, Toyota Land Cruisers or a 4x4 safari vehicle
- Services of an experienced local guide/driver
- Park entrance fees

#### What's Not Included

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

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 : Victoria Falls

On arrival into Victoria Falls, you will be met and transferred to your lodge. In the afternoon we enjoy a tour of the Falls and a relaxing sunset cruise on the mighty Zambezi River, basking in the afterglow of the day. This evening meet your guide and the rest of the group for a pre-departure meeting.

To partake in some of the exciting optional activities on offer in Victoria Falls we recommend arriving a day or two earlier.

#### Overnight - Victoria Falls

#### Days 2-3 : Chobe National Park



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Victoria Falls - Chobe National Park, Botswana. After a morning at leisure, a mid-morning departure takes us from Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe on to Botswana for the next two nights. You will have the remainder of the day at leisure or to partake in optional activities.

On day 3 we rise early for a morning game drive in Chobe National Park, the second largest park in Botswana covering 10,566 km<sup>2</sup>. Chobe 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 4 : Namibia and the Caprivi Strip

Chobe - Caprivi, Namibia. Leaving Botswana, we drive through Chobe National Park before crossing over into Namibia and driving through the Caprivi to our camp on the banks of the Kwando River. The afternoon is at leisure for a number of optional activities, or sit back and relax and take in the sights and sounds of the Kwando River. **Overnight - Zambezi Region (Caprivi Strip)** (B, L, D)

## Days 5-6 : Okavango Delta



Caprivi - Okavango Delta, Botswana. We leave our camp on the Caprivi for Etsha 13, on the western border of the Okavango Delta in Botswana. Unlike other deltas, it flows into the Kalahari Desert without reaching the coast, which makes it unique. En route to camp we 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.

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 7 : Kavango River

Okavango Delta - Kavango River, Namibia. Leaving Botswana we make our way into Namibia and head along the Caprivi to Rundu. We make our way to Kaisosi River Lodge and spend a relaxing afternoon at our lodge on the banks of the Kavango River. Optional activities such as a 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 8-10 : Etosha National Park



Kavango River - Etosha. On day 8 we head off to Etosha National Park. We fill the next 3 days with game drives in the hopes of spotting four of the Big Five that are resident in the park - lion, elephant, rhino and leopard, 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. Etosha Game Park was declared a National Park in 1907 and it is home to approx. 114 mammal species, 340 bird species, 110

reptile species, 16 amphibian species and, surprisingly, one species of fish. **Overnight - Etosha - Namutoni and Okaukuejo** (B:3, L:3, D:1)

## Day 11 : Himba Village Tour

Etosha- Kamanjab. We leave the wild animals of Etosha behind and move onto the spectacular scenery of Damaraland. Our final destination for the day will be Kamanjab. In the afternoon we explore a Himba village, which will be a journey of culture exchange, learning and understanding the ways of the last traditional tribe in Namibia, the Ova-Himba. **Overnight - Kamanjab** (B, L, D)

## Day 12 : Cultural Kamanjab



Kamanjab - Omaruru. After our cultural experience in the Kamanjab we head southwards to Omaruru. Once a mission station, the settlement has great historic significance and has evolved into an artistic hub for local crafts and small industries. We will stop at a local distillery and small wine cellar to taste some of its home-grown produce before arriving at our accommodation in the afternoon. **Overnight - Omaruru** (B, L)

## Days 13-14 : Swakopmund



Omaruru - Swakopmund. We move westwards across the flat desert plains travelling to Spitzkoppe, an iconic group of curved granite mountains with vivid colours.

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After a walk amongst the boulders to view the ancient Bushmen paintings and engravings, we head towards the Atlantic coast.

The next day is spent at leisure to partake in optional activities or alternatively just soak up the atmosphere of this little quaint German town and enjoy its beauty and beaches.

**Overnight - Swakopmund (B:2, L:1)**

## Day 15 : Departure Transfer



Swakopmund - Walvis Bay Airport. Today marks the end of your amazing trip. You'll be transferred by shuttle bus to Walvis Bay Airport for your onward flight. (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.**

### A'Zambezi River Lodge

A'Zambezi River Lodge features imaginative African-style architecture with sweeping curved buildings that are complimented by attractive gardens. Nestled besides the river, the lodge provides a quiet ambience for guests to enjoy nature and the facilities provided from award-winning 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.



### 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.



### 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.



### 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.



### 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.



### 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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## 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.



## 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.



## 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 hard wood 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!



## 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.



## 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. Prices shown are per person travelling. Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their

own room and needs to be added to the per person price. Travel in 2021 - Falls, Botswana & Namibia will not be operating in 2021, however we will still be offering the northbound version of this tour - see Namibia, Botswana & Falls for details.

## PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
07 Aug	CAD 6,995	CAD 8,325
05 Sep	CAD 6,995	CAD 8,325
24 Oct	CAD 6,995	CAD 8,325
09 Dec	CAD 6,995	CAD 8,325

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