

22 DAYS – NAMIBIA | VICTORIA FALLS | BOTSWANA

ESCAPE TO AFRICA



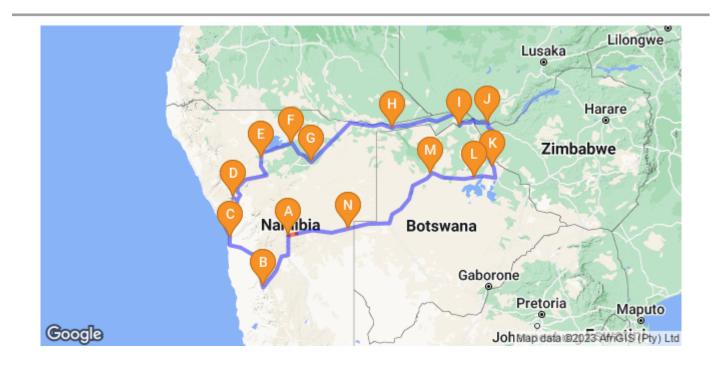


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22 Day - Namibia, Victoria Falls & Botswana (2023)

Windhoek - Sossusvlei - Swakopmund - Namib - Brandberg - Etosha South - Etosha East - Etosha National Park - Grootfontein - Divundu - Mahango Game Reserve - Chobe River Front - Chobe National Park -Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) - Nata - Makgadikgadi Salt Pans - Gweta - Maun - Moremi Game Reserve -Kalahari North 22 Days / 21 Nights 2 Persons



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Introduction

Wildlife, Wonders & Adventure Awaits.

Namibia's gasp-inducing scenery and camera-busting concentrations of wildlife have made it a top choice for travellers in recent years. Here, all that you have experienced will play out against a breath-taking backdrop of desert horizons and starry skies. Add to that an excellent road network and general infrastructure and a sprinkling of fantastic lodges, and you've got one of the most tourist-friendly destinations on the continent.

On this 22-Day (Self drive or Private guided) adventure safari you will discover some of Africa's top safari attractions and natural wonders, where you can truly disappear into the wilderness and connect with nature. Experience exhilarating wildlife experiences, paired with decent tented camps set in remote wilderness areas.

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

- Explore the natural wonders of the Namib-Naukluft Park
- Climb the highest sand dunes in the world
- Stargazing under the magnificent African sky
- Descend to the floor for the deepest canyon in Africa
- Admire the oldest Bushmen Rock Art in the world
- Search for desert adapted elephants
- Drive between the crashing ocean and ancient sand dunes of the Namib
- Visit Victoria Falls and marvel at this natural wonder
- Explore Chobe Park in Botswana with its fabled elephant population
- Glide along ancient waterways of the Okavango Delta in a traditional mokoro canoe





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 and cuisine. To properly appreciate this extraordinary country, 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; the hauntingly beautiful Kalahari Desert; and of course the Namib Desert.



Botswana is renowned for its pristine wilderness areas characterised by deep lagoons, wetlands, lush palms, rugged hills and desert plains. The country's primary tourist drawcard is undoubtedly the vast red expanse of the Kalahari Desert and its remarkably beautiful Okavango Delta, the largest inland delta in the world. These natural wonders provide a tranquil haven for an abundance of African wildlife to thrive. Other highlights include the impressive Makgadikgadi Salt Pans; the Savuti plains, which host a significant pride of lions; and the Tsodilo Hills, where 4500 rock paintings form a unique record of human settlement over many millennia.



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.

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Urban Camp	Windhoek	B&B	Standard Room	1 Night
Elegant Desert Lodge	Sossusvlei	FB	Standard Room	2 Nights
Hotel Schweizerhaus	Swakopmund	B&B	Standard Room	2 Nights
Brandberg White Lady Lodge	Brandberg	HB+	Standard Room	1 Night
Etosha Safari Camp	Etosha South	HB	Standard Room	1 Night
Emanya@Etosha Game Lodge	Etosha East	HB	Standard Room	1 Night
HH820 Accommodation	Grootfontein	HB	Standard Room	1 Night
Ndhovu Safari Lodge	Divundu	FB	Safari Tent	2 Nights
Mwandi View	Chobe River Front	HB	Safari Tent	2 Nights
Shearwater Explorers Village	Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)	B&B	Standard Chalet	2 Nights
Elephant Sands	Nata	HB	Standard Chalet	1 Night
Gweta Lodge	Gweta	HB	Standard Room	1 Night
Sitatunga Camp	Maun	HB+	Safari Tent	3 Nights
Kalahari Bush Breaks	Kalahari North	FB	Standard Room	1 Night

Key

HB: Half Board - Dinner, Bed and BreakfastB&B: Bed and BreakfastFB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and LunchHB+: Half Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Planned Activities

Day 1: Urban Camp, Windhoek



Day Itinerary

Upon your arrival at Hosea Kutaku International Airport, you will be warmly welcomed by our local representative. He will hand over your comprehensive tour file and answer any questions you might have about your journey ahead. The drive into Windhoek takes around 40 minutes, so you can relax and enjoy the scenery on the way to your first destination.

If you book a self-drive safari, our local representative will assist with your rental vehicle.

Overnight: Urban Camp View iBrochure

Your stay is at UrbanCamp, a centrally located comfortable camping ground situated in the heart of Windhoek. It is the perfect getaway with all the convenience of being in town. Big shady trees, a Beer Garden, Wi-Fi internet, nice bathrooms and a sparkling pool. Your spacious, glamping safari tent boasts a king size or twin beds with bedding, free wifi, warming blanket in winter, cooling fan in summer, shaded and comes with fresh towels, a Fridge and a Coffee Station.

It is a mere 5 min walk to the legendary Joe's Beerhouse or a good Portuguese restaurant.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast



Activities

Activity with your tour guide on a private basis (Museum Entry Fee Included) - (Self Drivers do self-guided City Tour - Museum Entry Fee Excluded)

• Windhoek City Tour

Embark on a city tour, walking/driving of Windhoek's historical buildings & monuments as well as the suburbs of Khomasdal, Katutura & Ludwigsdorf.

This lively metropolis serves as the head of the country's enterprise, administration, education and cultural bodies. The city is an eclectic blend of modern-day animation and colonial accents, interspersed with breath-taking sights and natural attractions in and around Windhoek.

Day 2: Elegant Desert Lodge, Sossusvlei



Day Itinerary

This morning, enjoy an early breakfast and depart 4 hours to Sossusvlei.

Two Night Stay: Elegant Desert Lodge View iBrochure

Situated on the border of the World heritage site of the Namib Desert and only 38 km from the gate to Sesriem and Sossusvlei, the Elegant Desert Lodge offers accommodation in 27 elegantly appointed rooms. All en-suite, the tasteful and comfortable rooms invite you to recline in the soulful yet liberating atmosphere of the world's oldest desert.

The beautiful and tranquil garden - a small oasis in the desert - offers various places to sit and relax. Alternatively, you can enjoy the vistas of the desert plains from the veranda of your own room.

Wake to the multi-coloured light of the splendid desert sunrise. Indulge in the extensive and wholesome breakfast buffet.

Dinner will tickle the taste buds with traditional Namibian delight, served either in the restaurant, or outside under the stars in the garden, depending on the weather.

The friendly and well-trained staff as well as the eerie silence and untouched landscapes will make your stay at The Elegant Desert Camp a truly memorable experience.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch



Recommended Activities (Excluded)

• Scenic Sunset Drive

Game viewing in open safari vehicles as the sun goes down – that is what Sunset Drives are all about. Enjoy an afternoon game drive in an open safari vehicle and your experienced guide will point out the special features of the area and provide interesting facts about nature. Game sightings are almost guaranteed and the driver definitely knows the most beautiful spot for a sundowner. You will be back at the lodge in time for dinner. Includes: Drinks & Snacks

Day 3: Elegant Desert Lodge, Sossusvlei



Day Itinerary

After a good night's rest rise early and soak in the contrasting, never-ending landscape, glowing in the magical light of sunrise, whilst having breakfast.

Watching the sun rise over Sossusvlei is one of those experiences that just changes you. As the light creeps slowly above the horizon, it catches the tips of the great red dunes, casting magnificent shadows on the desert floor. Put your camera to work at Dune 45 and Dead Vlei – an enormous clay pan dotted with fossilized trees and flanked by sand dunes that stand out stark against the sky.

You will make regular stops on the spectacular ±60 kilometre drive through the dune corridor down to the Vlei. Admire the mysterious Fairy Circles. At Dune 45, make a stop to view the world's most photographed dune. Further along, a gradual 2,6 kilometer round-trip walk up to Dead Vlei is a must for the healthy visitors. The more energetic have the opportunity to climb to the upper ridge of Big Daddy Dune, one of the highest dunes in this area! You spend time exploring Sossusvlei, enjoy your pre-booked lunch packs on the dunes and continue your adventure to Sesriem Canyon.

Activities

Activities with your tour guide on a private basis - Park Fees Included - (Self Drivers do self-guided Excursions - Park Fees Excluded)

• Sossusvlei & Dead Vlei

Explore the natural wonders of the Namib-Naukluft Park. Take on Dune 45 or Big Daddy and marvel at the beauty of Sossusvlei from a higher vantage point.

• Sesriem Canyon Excursion

Sesriem Canyon is located approximately 4.5km from the entrance gate of the Namib-Naukluft National Park. The Tsauchab River has shaped the Canyon over millions of years and it is one of the few places in the area that holds water all year round. Enjoy a walk through the canyon.



Recommended Activities (Excluded)

• Balloon Safari

Before sunrise, you will fly over the oldest desert of the world in a hot air balloon during the cool hours of the early morning. It is a fantastic experience and exhilarating feeling to watch the sunrise in the Namib Desert from a hot air balloon. You sail silently over the reddish dune sea of the Namib. The duration of the excursion is approximately 3½ hours commencing ½ hour before sunrise. The Hot Air Balloon flight itself takes about one hour and ends with an exclusive Champagne Breakfast at the landing spot in scenic nature. Your pilot will present you with a flight certificate before you take a leisurely nature drive back to the pick-up point.

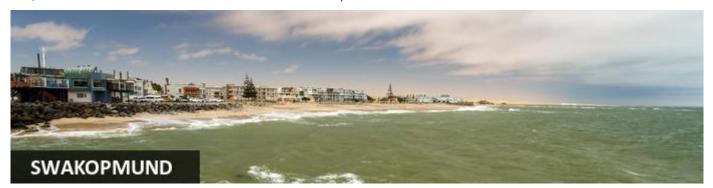
Includes: Beverages & Champagne Breakfast



ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION

- o Sossusvlei Lodge View iBrochure
- o Dead Valley Lodge View iBrochure

Day 4: Hotel Schweizerhaus, Swakopmund



Day Itinerary

After breakfast you will drive towards the lovely town of Swakopmund, approx. 5 hours.

You can admire the Kuiseb and Guab passes amazing landscape and breath-taking views as if brought directly from some fiction movie.

Swakopmund is a coastal city and popular beach resort in the Namib desert. The influence of Swakopmund's German colonial history lingers in the architecture and overall "Gemütlichkeit" of the town.

Two Night Stay: Hotel Schweizerhaus View iBrochure

Hotel Schweizerhaus is situated in the heart of Swakopmund and only 5 minutes' walk from the main Your stay for the next two days is at Hotel Schweizerhaus, situated in the heart of Swakopmund and offers charming accommodation with en-suite bathrooms. Located only a few meters away from the beach and Swakopmund jetty and city centre. Warm and friendly atmosphere with a scrumptious breakfast.

Spend time relaxing in the town of Swakopmund and enjoy lunch at the famous Café Anton, offering traditional German confectionery. Swakopmund is the culinary capital of Namibia. This popular coastal town offers a large diversity in terms of gastronomic delights.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast



Activities

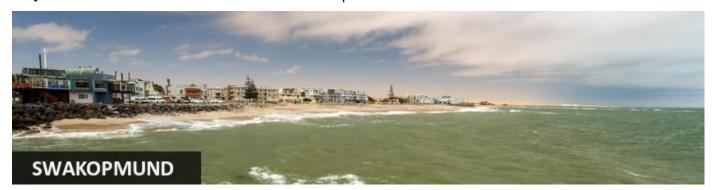
Activity with your tour guide on a private basis (Museum Entry Fee Included) - (Self Drivers do self-guided City Tour - Museum Entry Fee Excluded)

• Swakopmund City Tour

Take a stroll through the centre of Swakopmund and admire the historical buildings. Graced with many beautiful, old buildings in a colonial, Bavarian style, the best way to experience this small town is on foot. Visit the Swakopmund Museum to learn more about the town's history.

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Day 5: Hotel Schweizerhaus, Swakopmund



Day Itinerary

Early this morning you will experience the amazing riches of the Atlantic Ocean.

Discover the beautiful architecture of this historic town. Admire the Railway Station, declared a national monument in 1972, today serves as a hotel and casino as well as the old Martin Luther Locomotive. Climb up the Woermann Tower for a 360-degree view to discover the old worldly charm of Swakopmund or take a drive through the townships.

Swakopmund is dubbed the activity hub of Namibia. Swakopmund and the surrounding areas offer a variety of interesting activities. Here you will find tons of great things to do and make your choice for your unforgettable adventure. Mola Mola's Kayaking with seals and beach barbecue comes highly recommended. Activities to be booked in advance with Five Stars Tours & Safaris.

Enjoy a drive to Walvis Bay and admire the prolific bird life including masses of Flamingos at the Lagoon. One of the richest and most important wetlands in southern Africa.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Recommended Activities (Excluded)

• Kayaking Experience & Beach Barbecue

The Mola Mola Kayaking Combo with Beach Barbecue combines (all) the best of Mola Mola Safaris' experiences in one epic day!

Starting your day on our exhilarating boat cruise, you get to meet the popular pelicans and sassy seagulls joining us on board. A friendly seal or two might pop by on the boat, and if you are really lucky, you will get to experience the wonder of dolphins swimming along in the blue ocean waters. With many surprises along the way, our experienced crew will share interesting information and anecdotes about the area.

Stepping directly onto the beach at Pelican Point Peninsula, your field guide will lead you to the kayak set-up, where you will be provided with your kayaking equipment. Setting off on the water in your kayak, you will be able to explore the nearby waters, you can look forward to inquisitive seals popping up around you, even dolphins and whales may make an appearance!

After your kayaking adventure, you will make your way, either by 4x4 or a beautiful beach walk, to the Mola Mola Beach Braai (barbeque). Soak in the stunning deserted beach setting, while enjoying an authentic Namibian culinary experience.

Energized and restored, you continue by 4x4 to the dunes of the Namib Sand Sea and Sandwich Harbour. Perhaps the most emotional moments of your whole adventure in Namibia. You will be driving between the crashing ocean and ancient sand dunes of the Namib, or perhaps when you get to the top of them, with an endless view of sand and sky, either way, you will see and feel things you couldn't have imagined beforehand, and will never forget afterwards. Exhilarating rides, with experienced guides, over the ancient sand dunes and next to the ocean! Magnificent views and magical moments will take your breath away and complete your day!

Let the cool salty breeze relax your soul as you make your way back to Walvis Bay Waterfront.

Includes:

- Catamaran transfer to Pelican Point. •
- Beach Barbecue •
- Afternoon 4x4 Sandwich Harbour Excursion with light meal in the dunes •
- Drinks



Information

Walvis Bay Lagoon

Walvis Bay's calm natural lagoon is a twitcher's paradise, teeming with roughly 50 species of seabirds, including vivid flocks of flamingos, bulky-billed pelicans and glossy black cormorants. It's also a popular spot for windsurfing, kitesurfing and kayaking, while the promenade stretching for three kilometres along the water's edge is a great place for a scenic stroll.



ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION:

- Hansa Hotel • •
- View iBrochure Strand Hotel swakopmund View iBrochure

Day 6: Brandberg White Lady Lodge, Brandberg



Day Itinerary

Today you will say goodbye to the coast and continue 3 hours inland to the camera-friendly Damaraland region of Namibia with massive granite inselbergs and dolerite dykes carved into fantasy shapes by the wind.

Overnight: Brandberg White Lady Lodge View iBrochure

Brandberg White Lady Lodge is a place where you will feel at home and enjoy a true warm-hearted hospitality and friendship.

The Lodge offers stylish chalets and are spread over an area in the river valley, among large, shady trees. Each unit offers a private veranda, electric lights and en suite facilities.

The Ugab river valley with its old trees and green bushes is homestead for a wide variety of game, birds, fascinating reptiles and insects.

Basis

Half Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Elephant Drive on Day 7



Activities

Activity with your tour guide on a private basis (Park Entry Fee Included) - (Self Drivers do self-guided Excursion - Park Entry Fee Excluded)

• Brandberg - White Lady Painting

The Brandberg is the highest mountain in Namibia and is famous for the White Lady and other Bushman paintings as well as its diverse geology situated in the southern part of rural, unspoilt Damaraland.

ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION:

- Twyfelfontein Adventure Camp (2 Night stay recommended)
- Mowani Mountain Camp (2 Night stay recommended)

View iBrochure View iBrochure

Day 7: Etosha Safari Camp Gondwana Collection Namibia, Etosha South



Day Itinerary

Early this morning, climb into an open safari vehicle and experience the rush of Africa. Upon your return, you may want to enjoy a light lunch at White Lady Lodge. Depart 3,5 hours to Namibia's premier wildlife viewing destination, Etosha National Park. Your overnight stay is at Etosha Safari Camp.

Overnight: Etosha Safari Camp Gondwana Collection Namibia View iBrochure

Etosha Safari Camp is situated 9 km south of Andersson Gate, entrance to the Etosha National Park. It has a sparkling swimming pool, the Okambashu Restaurant and the Oshebeena Bar, styled like a typical little township bar.

Unwind by taking a dip in the swimming pool or try one of the delectable dishes and wines at the restaurant.

Dine under a sky full of stars and tap toes to the beat of Africa, while listening to the crackling campfire or soak in the last ray of the majestic African sunset.

Basis

Half Board - Dinner, Bed and Breakfast



Planned Activities (Included)

• Brandberg White Lady Lodge - Desert Elephant Drive (08:00 - 12:00)

Explore the surrounding area and search for desert-adapted elephants. Sightings cannot be guaranteed but you will be informed of your chances on the day of your arrival.

ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION:

- Etosha Village View iBrochure
- Etosha Oberland View iBrochure

Day 8: Emanya@Etosha Game Lodge, Etosha East



Day Itinerary

Pack your belongings because an impressive 5000-square-kilometre Etosha salt pan is waiting for you. This remote area teems with abundant wildlife. The Park is well equipped with camps, restaurants and swimming pools. Make a stop at Halali Camp where you can visit the famous Moringa Waterhole. The oasis-like natural spring at Goas is also a favourite.

Overnight: Emanya@Etosha Game Lodge View iBrochure

At Emanya, you are always surrounded by views of nature. Explore the warm soul of the African bush from the supreme comfort of your sumptuous accommodation, overlooking a busy waterhole. Allow Emanya to spoil you with a foot massage upon your return from a game drive in Etosha. Taste superior wines in our wine cellar, and enjoy the scrumptious meals of master chefs – privately, if you prefer. Discover true rejuvenation at our foot spa, and luxuriate beside the limpid pool at sunset. Lose yourself in complete tranquillity, and find the true spirit of Namibia.

Basis

Half Board - Dinner, Bed and Breakfast



Activities

Game Drive with your tour guide on a private basis (Park Entry Fee Included) - (Self Drivers do self-guided Game Drive - Park Entry Fee Excluded)

• Full Day Etosha Game Drive

The park is hands-down Namibia's most prolific wildlife destination. With dozens of productive waterholes on the edge of a 5,000 square kilometer salt pan, the park offers some of the most concentrated game-viewing on Earth.

ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION:

- Onguma Safari Camps
 View iBrochure
- Etosha King Nehale View iBrochure

Day 9: HH820 Accommodation, Grootfontein



Day Itinerary

Your journey will take less than an hour to a hidden gem, Tsumeb. Here you can delve a little deeper into Namibia's fascinating past and unique Namibian geological formations – two deep, ice-blue 'bottomless' lakes (Lake Guinas & Oshikoto Lake) and fascinating caves – and, of course, the biggest meteorite known to man.

Drive to Grootfontein for a photo opportunity of the Hoba Meteorite before you continue to your overnight accommodation.

Overnight: HH820 Accommodation View iBrochure

HH820 Accommodation is ideally situated in Grootfontein Town Centre and is an old-world Idyll. Built in the 1930's colonial style with dressed limestone and high ceilings, each of the five rooms is uniquely decorated with farm-style furniture offering comfortable beds with luxury linen and adding to the serenity we boast a lush green garden and spread out lawns with numerous birdlife. A communal dining room, lounge, and television room are available to guests.

Basis

Half Board - Dinner, Bed and Breakfast



Activities

Activity with your tour guide on a private basis (Park Entry Fee Included) - (Self Drivers do self-guided Excursion - Park Entry Fee Excluded)

• Hoba Meteorite

Experts all agree that the Hoba Meteorite is the biggest meteorite that has been found on earth until today. The meteorite came down about 20 km west of Grootfontein about 80,000 years ago and still remains at the same place, which is not surprising, considering the estimated weight of 60 tons.

Day 10: Ndhovu Safari Lodge, Divundu



Day Itinerary

After your fill of elephants, lions, hyenas, large antelope and many other interesting animals, its time to head off, for yet more spectacular safari action this time in the Caprivi wetlands and a complete contrast to the parched plains and shimmering pans of Etosha. About 5 hours driving.

After a long drive, you can relax with your feet up on your personal porch enjoying a glass of your favorite drink, whilst watching the infamous Namibian sun set. Tonight you can drift off to sleep with the calming sound of the Okavango River in the background.

Two Night Stay: Ndhovu Safari Lodge View iBrochure

Ndhovu River Lodge enjoys solitude on the edge of the Okavango river. Wake up to the singing of the birds and roaring sound of the river - what more can you ask for, you are on a well-deserved holiday, and you are staying at Ndhovu River Lodge. Your luxury safari tent boasts a private en-suite bathroom with a shower and a bedside view over the river.

The peaceful waterworld of the Okavango provides an ideal experience of the African sunrise and sunset. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the wildlife along the river.

The Popa Falls are definitely not the biggest falls you can find in Namibia, but they do provide a beautiful setting for the sundowner boat cruise.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch



Day 11: Ndhovu Safari Lodge, Divundu



Day Itinerary

Divundu is filled with the rich culture of the Kavango people – women draped with colourful cloth, Nguni cattle crossing the road every few meters. Children playing in the river and men on the wato's catching dinner with nothing but an earthworm on a hand line.

The Popa Falls is a scenic series of cascades in the village of Divundu. Popa Falls Game Park is the smallest in Namibia, still, it offers spectacular sightings of various animals such as elephant, hippo, buffalo, Nile Crocodile, red lechwe, reedbuck, as well as roan, sable, and sitatunga antelope.

Here you can experience a range of activities, from how the locals live, to river cruises, fishing and game drives.

Basis

Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Recommended Activities (Excluded)

• Boat Cruise

Take boat trips along the border of the Caprivi National Game Park, where you can see hippo, elephant, buffalo, crocodile and birds which include the White backed Night Heron and possibly the Pels Fishing Owl.

• Game Drive

Enjoy a full game drive into the Buffalo Game Park where you have a chance to see bigger herds of buffalo, breeding herds of elephants and the Sharp Tailed Starling.

• Mahangu National Game Park

We can also take you to the Mahangu National Game Park where you can see Sable Antelope, Roan Antelope, Lechwe, Reed Buck, Tsessebe, Elephant, Buffalo, Lion and Leopard.

• Village Walk

Here you can experience how the locals live in their huts made of sand, wood and cattle dung. One of our lodge employees will show you his own kraal and introduce you to the way of life of the local people. A visit to school and kindergarten is just as important as a short visit to one of the shebeens (local bars). This is not a conventional tour or a so-called living museum, it shows you the real life of the people.

• Fishing Trip

Let our local guide take you to the promising fishing spots and try your hand at catching a tigerfish, tilapia or catfish. Fishing equipment is available.

• Popo Falls Tour

Our Popa Falls boat tour is a day tour where our local guide will explain the life of the people at the river to you. You watch how the men and boys try to catch their dinner on their little mokoros (dugout canoes) with the most primitive fishing rods, see women washing clothes on the river or how mothers bathe their children in the river. The local people (Kavangos) are very friendly and nice people, who are also happy when you wave to them and greet them. During the tour you will get a packed lunch and satisfy your hunger on the island in the middle of the rapids. On the way to and from Popa Falls you can also watch crocodiles, hippos, many water birds and even elephants drinking.



ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION:

- Divava Okavango Lodge & Spa
- Shametu River Lodge

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Day 12: Mwandi View, Chobe River Front



Day Itinerary

Your drive to Chobe River Front is about 5 hours.

Two Night Stay: Mwandi View View iBrochure

Mwandi View is ideally located along the Chobe river and provides comfortable and affordable accommodation in a relaxed atmosphere with great views.

The elevated tented units each sleep 2 people, has an en-suite and twin beds, a free standing fan and all linen is supplied. Units are serviced daily by the friendly housekeeping staff. Each unit has a private deck with table and chairs overlooking the Chobe river and floodplain.

The Main Complex incorporates an Infinity pool, bar and restaurant – all overlooking the Chobe river. Breakfast and a 3 course dinner are served daily.

Mwandi View is home to an abundance of wildlife - elephant, buffalo, zebra and a variety of different antelope species, attracting lion and leopard and the sights of hippo eating on the open grass plains. There is also an abundance of bird life in the marshes for the birding enthusiasts with over 80 different species.

Basis

Half Board - Dinner, Bed and Breakfast



Expert Tips

VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTSWANA

Most visitors do not require a visa to travel to Botswana. Please consult us for further details.

Day 13: Mwandi View, Chobe River Front



Day Itinerary

The Chobe National Park is famous for impressive herds of elephant and Cape buffalo that seasonally congregate along the winding river banks and open grassy floodplains. Expect to see a diversity of hoofed mammals, including the puku (only seen in this part of Botswana), giraffe, warthog, roan and sable, and keep an eye out for the predators—lion and leopard—that are never far behind.

The Park covers a massive area in the northern part of Botswana and features a great diversity of habitats including floodplains, swamps and woodland. This variation of natural resources attracts an abundance of animals. The Chobe River forms the northern boundary of the park and is truly one of Africa's most beautiful rivers.

Explore the most accessible and popular areas in Chobe National Park and discover some of its best kept secrets.

Basis

Half Board - Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Activities

Game Drive with your tour guide on a private basis (Park Entry Fee Included) - (Self Drivers do self-guided Game Drive - Park Entry Fee Excluded)

• Chobe National Park - Game Drive

Along with many species of big game, Chobe National Park boasts the largest concentration of elephant in Africa. The park is also famous for its wonderful riverboat safaris, making Chobe an essential destination for any avid safari enthusiast.



ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION:

- Waterlilly Lodge View iBrochure
- Chobe Bush Camp View iBrochure

Day 14: Shearwater Explorers Village, Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)



Day Itinerary

This morning, depart to the main attraction and number one reason to visit this unique destination - The Victoria Falls. A genuine bucket-list destination, Victoria Falls remains one of Africa's most famous tourist towns. Not only does it offer the best views of the iconic falls, but it also has a world-class adventure-tourism scene and wildlife safaris. Best be arriving here with a camera fully charged, as this is the kind of place that's liable to send you on a pic-snapping frenzy. Raincoats are recommended.

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. A visit to the historical railway bridge is an integral part of any complete Victoria Falls experience. Visit the bridge museum and stroll along the bridge while learning about its history and taking in views of Victoria Falls with your Tour Guide.

Two Night Stay: Shearwater Explorers Village View iBrochure

Shearwater Explorers Village is a lodge located in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, close to Victoria Falls and Curio Shops and Creature World. Surrounded by indigenous vegetation and wildlife, the accommodation features a range of standard and deluxe rooms. Rooms are equipped with air conditioning, a mosquito net, an en-suite bathroom and Wi-Fi. Guests may enjoy a tasty meal and refreshing drink at the on-site restaurant.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast



Expert Tips UniVisa Zimbabwe & Zambia KAZA UniVisa = US\$ 50

It is a special visa that allows Foreign Nationals entry into Zimbabwe and Zambia as frequently as you like. Obtainable upon arrival at the border post. (Paying in cash is recommended). It is advised that clients carry the exact amount of cash on them.

Activities

Vic Falls tour with your guide on a private basis (Park Entry Fee Included) - (Self Drivers do self-guided tour - Park Entry Fee Excluded)

• Victoria Falls and Bridge Tour

Enjoy the sightings of one of the seven Natural Wonders of the world. As you enter the Victoria Falls rainforest you will notice a change in vegetation. Explore the unique rainforest feasting your eyes on magnificent plant and bird life. Your guide will take you to the stop at the different viewpoints along the way. You will find yourself in awe as you witness the sheer magnitude of the Victoria Falls. This is truly an inspiring experience.

Journey through over 100 years of history in this engaging, theatrical and educational tour. Built between 1904 and 1905 the Bridge is one of Victoria Falls most prominent landmarks. Admire the history of this remarkable structure, from its design and initial prefabrication in England, to its construction in Africa.



Day 15: Shearwater Explorers Village, Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)



Day Itinerary

Victoria Falls Town is a popular tourist town and is compact enough to walk around. It is indeed a special place where you have the privilege of co-existing with wildlife. The town retains a relaxed local feel, and has neat, walkable streets (though not at dark, because of the wild animals) lined with hotels, bars and some of the best crafts you'll find anywhere in Southern Africa. Since there are so many hotels and lodges in Victoria Falls there are a wide variety of restaurants to choose from and some of them are truly world class. There are also a few Victoria Falls restaurants dotted around town offering a variety of different foods.

Adrenalin-busting activities and views to take your breath away at Africa's greatest natural wonder. There's a dizzying menu of activities on offer, so let Five Stars Tours & Safaris help plan your adventure.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Recommended Activities (Excluded)

• Flight of Angels (12 min.)

Your flight takes you downstream over the Batoka Gorge, experiencing the natural beauty of this awe-inspiring dramatic site as you follow the mighty Zambezi River as it weaves its way through the steep cliffs.

• Lookout Cafe

The Wild Horizons Lookout Café is adored by many. It is a fusion of spectacular views and exquisite food.

• The Boma Restaurant

This is not just another ethnic restaurant, but a unique cultural experience. Excellent cuisine, including a variety of game meats and traditional Zimbabwean dishes, is accompanied by entertainment throughout your meal from traditional dancers, the Sangoma (story teller) and a local fortune teller.



Day 16: Elephant Sands, Nata



Day Itinerary

Elephant Sands Bush Lodge offers 20 En-suite safari tents and 8 En-suite chalets, each with a unique view of the watering hole frequented by numerous elephants. The lodge has a restaurant, bar and a plunge pool. Extra Activities include game drives, bush walks and mountain biking.

There is plenty of different wildlife around on the unfenced 16000 hectare private conservancy. The lodge is unfenced; all animals roam freely which means you can expect to see various wildlife. Bring a good torch or headlamp with you, if you do not want to bump into a browsing giant at night.

Overnight: Elephant Sands View iBrochure

Elephant Sands is a bush lodge and campsite located in the northeastern part of Botswana and features a natural waterhole right in front attracting various wild animals. Accommodation at the property 20 en-suite tents and 8 en-suite chalets around the water hole. The rooms are comfy and uniquely set up to bring guests closer to nature. Guests can also partake in bush walks, bush braai, game drives, and mountain biking.

Basis

Half Board - Dinner, Bed and Breakfast



Activities

Pan drive with your tour guide on a private basis (Park Entry Fee Included) - (Self Drivers do self-guided Drive - Park Entry Fee Excluded)

• Makgadikgadi Pans

Makgadikgadi Pans, a vast expanse of sparkling salt that extends as far as the eye can see.

- o Elephant Sands Game Drive (Recommended)
- o Elephant Sands Bush Walk (Recommended)
- o Elephant Sands Bush Camp including drinks, Dinner & Breakfast (Recommended)
- o Elephant Sands Bush Barbecue Recommended)

Day 17: Gweta Lodge, Gweta



Day Itinerary

Gweta Lodge, set in the village of Gweta, is a gateway to the pans and a rare oasis in the desert.

This afternoon, from Gweta Lodge, you will drive about 2 hours to Nxai Pan where you will get the opportunity to view the Baines' Baobabs, a significant tourist attraction. These amazing botanical, succulent trees are surrounded by endless plains, and have always captivated travelers visiting Botswana. The Nxai Pan is characterized by its ivory-colored landscape, which encircles the northern regions of the Kalahari Desert. The landscape is vast and endless. In fact, the salt pans are downright gigantic, dwarfing Belgium and holding the world record for being one of the largest salt pan landscapes in the world.

Overnight: Gweta Lodge View iBrochure

The lodge holds 15 rooms accommodating 38 pax comfortably. Set around the central pool the lodge offers our high class restaurant, relaxing lounge and a bar. With quality three course meals, light snacks and diverse drinks menu of local and international beers, and wines from the wine cellar as well as freshly ground continental and European coffee's.

The lodge is situated only a short distance from the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans where you can see the very entertaining Meerkats, the impressive Baobab trees and the incredible biodiversity of the region. You can also experience the way in which the locals live.

There are a range of activities to suit people of all ages. We offer half day or full day trips to the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans as well as beautiful sundowners and village walks around our quiet remote village. Gweta is a unique area where you will experience scenes you won't see anywhere else.

Basis

Half Board - Dinner, Bed and Breakfast



Activities

Baobab Excursion with your tour guide on a private basis (Park Entry Fee Included) - (Self Drivers do self-guided Excursion - Park Entry Fee Excluded)

• Baines Baobabs

Baines' Baobabs is a significant tourist attraction in Nxai Pan. These amazing botanical, succulent trees are surrounded by endless plains, and have always captivated travellers visiting Botswana.

These monumental trees are located in the Nxai Pan National Park in Botswana. The Nxai Pan is characterized by its ivory-colored landscape, which encircles the northern regions of the Kalahari Desert. The landscape is vast and endless. In fact, the salt pans are downright gigantic, dwarfing Belgium and holding the world record for being one of the largest salt pan landscapes in the world.

Recommended Activities (Excluded)

Ntwetwe meerkat visit

Our guests are taken to see our colony of habituated Meerkats who live on the edge of the Ntwetwe salt pan. These Meerkats are human habituated and this therefore gives our guests a once in a lifetime opportunity to observe their natural behaviours and charming personalities from almost touching distance!

- Village Tour
- Baobab Forest Sundowner
- Ntwetwe Pan Trips (Half Day or Full Day)



Day 18: Sitatunga Camp, Maun



Day Itinerary

Continue your journey 3 hours towards Maun. Sitatunga Camp is located 12 kms outside of Maun on the road towards Ghanzi. Accommodations are simple, clean and affordable with ensuite ablutions and air conditioning. The new Meru Tents are located in a beautifully shaded area.

Three Night Stay: Sitatunga Camp View iBrochure

Sitatunga Camp has a great setting and you can relax in the bar and restaurant with free wifi and make use of the swimming pool. Sitatunga also offers various exciting activities such as Mokoro safaris, day trips into the Okavango, Moremi and Khwai Reserves as well as multi-day Mobile Safaris to the National Parks. Other activities include Scenic Flights, Horse riding and sunset boat cruises (seasonal).

Basis

Half Board - Dinner, Bed and Breakfast



Day 19: Sitatunga Camp, Maun



Day Itinerary

Day trips to Moremi Game Reserve enables you to see the wonders of Botswana's fabulous wildlife. Depart early morning for the best photographic opportunities.

Moremi Game Reserve is about 100km (62mi) from Maun, and you can expect to spend 5 to 6 hours of the day on a safari game drive. Stop and enjoy a delicious per-booked lunch pack at a place which is more exciting than your usual spot at home.

Basis

Half Board - Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Activities

Game drive with your tour guide on a private basis (Park Entry Fee Included) - (Self Drivers do self-guided Game drive - Park Entry Fee Excluded)

• Moremi Game Drive

Game drive and game viewing are the main activity. The Moremi Game Reserve covers much of the eastern side of the Okavango Delta and combines permanent water with drier areas, which creates startling, beautiful, and unexpected contrasts. In Moremi, one gets marvelous views of the savannah game — lions, cheetahs, wild dogs, and a wide variety of birds. Moremi also has thickly wooded areas that are home to beautiful leopards. To the northeast lies Chobe National Park, which borders the Moremi Game Reserve.



Day 20: Sitatunga Camp, Maun



Day Itinerary

This half day Mokoro trip enables you to see the wonders of Botswana's fabulous wildlife. Departing from Sitatunga Camp in the early morning.

You will glide along the picturesque river courses of the Okavango Delta in the company of your experienced polar guide and discover Botswana's unique wildlife at close quarters. Mokoro rides on the waterways of the largest inland delta on earth show you huge herds of elephants, grazing antelopes and sneaking wild cats from a completely new perspective.

Basis

Half Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Planned Activities

Planned Activities (Included)

• Half Day Mokoro Trip

Traditional dug-out canoe or mokoro trips have over the years become a very popular way for travellers to experience the tranquility of the Okavango Delta. It is not surprising that regardless of their budget, visitors wanting a real insight into the lives of the people of the Okavango, choose to do these trips.

WHAT TO SEE: Various birds & water lilies and animals like elephants, zebras and antelope by chance.



Day 21: Kalahari Bush Breaks, Kalahari North



Day Itinerary

Your journey today takes you back to Namibia, about 6 hours. Please depart as early as possible after breakfast.

The Kalahari Desert is a vast sandveld region which extends over central and western Botswana into eastern Namibia and the Northern Cape. Although generally described as a desert, the typical Kalahari landscape is surprisingly well-vegetated. You can relax in comfort while taking in a unique and unspoiled landscape- certainly the best of both worlds.

Overnight: Kalahari Bush Breaks View iBrochure

Kalahari Bush Breaks Lodge consists of eight bedrooms, equipped with twin beds, and all have en-suite bathrooms. The partly covered lapa can be referred to as the 'heart' of the lodge with an open fireplace, a kitchen and bar facilities.

The garden at Kalahari Bush Breaks Lodge is shaded by worm-bark false-thorn trees and overlooks a floodlit waterhole where game and birds flock during the day. The colours and patterns have an African feel and traditional Namibian cosiness. You are looked after by a husband and wife team assisted by well trained, friendly staff conversant in various European and African languages.

Basis

Half Board - Dinner, Bed and Breakfast



Kalahari Bush Breaks allows you to choose a wide range of adventures. We are convinced that you will fall in love with the deafening tranquillity and that your impressions will be unforgettable.

- A 20km Self Drive 4x4 Route, which takes you past the ancient Bushman engravings and brings you in close contact with our ample wildlife. Kalahari Bush Breaks boasts over 20 species of antelope.
- Walking Trails of which some also lead past the Bushman engravings with spectacular views into Botswana.

Day 22: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

You have come to the end of your incredible journey, the final stretch of your road-trip. Enjoy breakfast and drive about 3 hours to the Hosea Kutako International Airport in time for your flight.

The final stretch of your road-trip, so turn up the volume and sing your heart out. Ignore the weird looks of other travelers and your passengers.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

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Price

22 DAYS - NAMIBIA, VICTORIA FALLS & BOTSWANA (2023)

- PRICE FROM: NAD 68,050 (Per Adult Sharing)
- NAD 136,100 = TOTAL TOUR PRICE

Please inquire about private-guided tour price

NOTES:

- All tours are tailor-made according to budget and personal preferences
- Self-Drive or Private-Guided Options Available
- Lower prices are available for more than 2 people sharing
- Prices are seasonal (Low Season and High Season)



Included INCLUDED IN SELF-DRIVE SAFARI

- All Accommodation (Subject to Availability at time of Booking)
- Meals mentioned in itinerary
- Rental Vehicle with Full Insurance
- Vehicle Clearance Certificates
- VIP Meet and Greet
- Airport Transfer
- 24-hour support
- Comprehensive tour file with detailed itinerary, map, route descriptions, booking vouchers, contact numbers and useful information
- All Taxes/VAT

INCLUDED IN GUIDED SAFARI

- All Accommodation (Subject to Availability at time of Booking)
- Meals mentioned in itinerary
- Rental Vehicle with Full Insurance
- Vehicle Clearance Certificates
- Cross Border Permits (Botswana & Zimbabwe)
- Visa Fees for Driver/Guide
- VIP Meet and Greet
- Airport Transfer
- 24-hour support
- Comprehensive tour file with detailed itinerary, map, route descriptions, booking vouchers, contact numbers and useful information
- All Taxes/VAT
- Planned Activities
- Fuel (EXCLUDING FUEL SURCHARGE FOR 2023, IF APPLICABLE)
- Park Entry Fees
- Professional Tour Guide Including activities with your Tour Guide on a Private Basis as per the Program

Excluded

EXCLUDED IN SELF-DRIVE SAFARI

- International & Domestic flights
- Personal Travel Insurance
- Entry Visas
- Gratuities
- Government imposed increase of taxes
- Meals & Drinks not mentioned in itinerary
- Recommended Activities
- Professional Tour Guide
- Fuel
- Cross Border Permits (Botswana & Zimbabwe)
- Applicable vehicle excesses
- Fines, fine handling fee
- Lost key call out fee, tow-in/recovery service if not mechanical or accident related, any costs resulting from negligence

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Terms and Conditions

Itinerary Terms and Conditions

The exciting news we have been waiting for as a sector is now here!

All ports of entry have been opened. Visitors will no longer be required to present a negative COVID19 PCR certificate or proof of vaccination at the port of entry. Wearing of face masks is no longer mandatory in public places and there are no longer any enforced COVID rules within the country.

Exact requirements per country can be found on the IATA website which is regularly updated and that all airlines are following.

For official entry requirements check at - https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/world.php

BOOKING CONFIRMATIONS

- o A 25% deposit is required to confirm a provisional booking.
- o For confirmed bookings the balance of payment is required 60 days prior to travel.
- o If booking confirmation takes place within the 60-day period, the full amount is payable on confirmation of booking.
- o Booking cancellations are subject to the cancellation policy below.
- o No booking will be cancelled or amended unless notified in writing.

Please Note: Payments must be made free of bank charges. Bank charges are for the account of the payer. Payment must be made in the currency invoiced.

BOOKING CANCELLATION POLICY

The following cancellation policy applies:

- o The Conservation, Community and Reserve Fee is forfeited; and
- o 25% cancellation fee (deposit forfeit) from confirmation to 59 days prior to travel; or
- o 50% cancellation fee if cancelled 58 30 days prior to travel; or
- o 100% cancellation fee if cancelled 29 days or less prior to travel or any no-shows.

If a confirmed booking cannot travel within the Rolling 60-day Period due to the Force Majeure Event the following applies:

- o Booking may reschedule to a future date however will be subject to annual and seasonal rate changes where applicable. Rescheduling can take place up to the date of arrival.
- o If not able to reschedule, cancellation fees will be waived up to date of arrival. Please note our Conditions relating to the forfeiture of the Conservation Contribution and the Conservation, Community and Reserve fee.

INSURANCE

It is a condition of booking, that the guests accept sole responsibility to ensure that they carry the correct fully comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/ travelling companions. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: delay, cancellation or curtailment of the safari, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, personal injury, illness (including but not limited to COVID-19), loss of support, death and disability, hometown repatriation costs, consequential loss, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money, and belongings. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover.

RENTAL VEHICLE

Group O - Toyota Land Cruiser 4x4 – Double Cab or Similar

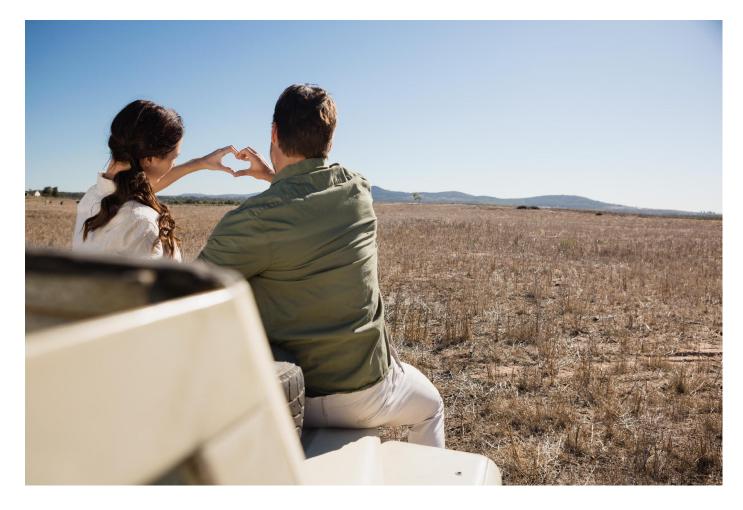




WHY TRAVEL WITH A PRIVATE GUIDE?

Your naturalist guide will quickly turn a normal safari into a life enriching journey, creating a deeper understanding and appreciation for the incredible places and people that you visit. The guide is the link between you and the intricacies of the natural world, sharing their knowledge with enthusiasm and humour. You are taken on a journey through some of the world's most beautiful wild places, encountering wildlife spectacles and engaging with age-old authentic cultures while receiving detailed interpretation as offered by our highly trained naturalist guide. Throughout this experience, you are wrapped in warm and caring hospitality.

Being native to Namibia, our guides are welcomed as friends or family everywhere they go, thus ensuring authentic and life enriching journeys. These often result in guests becoming personal friends of both our guides and the people that they visit.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- o Passports need to have at least 6 blank pages and be valid for 6 months after travel date.
- o Travel insurance is a requirement and must be purchased prior to travel. Travel insurance must be comprehensive and cover full air evacuation and repatriation, in the unlikely event of an emergency.
- o Protect your phone and electronic equipment, as it might get wet. A waterproof pouch is the best option if you want to take pictures with your phone.
- o Bring a light raincoat or umbrella and a pair of light rain boots or comfortable closed shoes.
- o Zimbabwe and Zambia don't fall under the yellow fever zone. You do not need a yellow fever vaccination.
- o Ensure you have local currency or US Dollars on you before you visit Victoria Falls.
- o Credit or debit cards are accepted at better lodges and restaurants. But, don't expect to use them at local shops or bars as none of their card facilities work.



COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

The National Guidelines for Aviation for COVID-19 have been set to ensure the safety of both travellers and airport staff. These are in addition to temperature testing, social distancing, sanitisation, and wearing of masks.

<u>NAMIBIA</u>

Currently open to all travellers. Below protocols must be followed:

- Proof of Vaccination and RT-PCR tests on arrival are no longer a requirement for all non-Namibian travellers.
- Travellers may be requested to undergo a further PCR test on arrival if officials believe they are symptomatic. Symptoms include, but are not restricted to, a fever and a dry cough. Travellers are advised to carry their own thermometer
- Should travellers be requested to carry out the PCR test on arrival, this will be at a cost of USD 70.
- Results will be available after a period of at least 2 hours. Should the PCR be negative a traveller is free to continue without quarantine
- If the PCR is positive, the traveller will be required to undergo a quarantine period of up to ten days or until such time as a negative test is received. This will be at the traveller's own expense. This can be done at approved private facilities
- Travellers must acquire travel insurance that covers medical care or in the event of an unexpected stay in Namibia

<u>ZIMBABWE</u>

Currently open to all travellers. Below protocols must be followed:

• If you're fully vaccinated, you can enter Zimbabwe by presenting a certificate of proof of vaccination (2 doses) by means of one or more of the World Health Organisation-approved vaccines. Alternatively, you can present a valid negative test certificate of a COVID-19 PCR test taken no more than 48 hours prior to departure.

BOTSWANA

Currently open to all travellers. Below protocols must be followed:

- Fully Vaccinated (Negative PCR test not required)
- Unvaccinated (Negative PCR test required, 1 shot of primary series of vaccine administered at the port of entry).

<u>ZAMBIA</u>

Currently open to all travellers. Below protocols must be followed:

- Persons who are fully vaccinated do not require any form of negative Covid-19 test results but shall be required to provide proof of full vaccination status.
- International travelers who are not fully vaccinated MUST show proof of a Covid-19 PCR test for a sample collected within 72 hours before departure from the country of origin.

Visitors will be required to present a copy of their tour itinerary upon arrival.

It is absolutely essential for guests to take out, prior to travel, comprehensive travel insurance with emergency medical evacuation cover, catering for any possible eventualities during their stay.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Whilst we take every care to ensure the information contained herein is accurate, we cannot in any manner or form guarantee the accuracy and correctness thereof. The information is taken directly from relevant country government sources and the IATA travel centre, and can change at any time and without notice. You are therefore advised that any information contained herein should not be construed as a representation made by Five Stars Tours & Safaris and it remains your sole and absolute duty to double-check current information at the time of creating an itinerary.

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