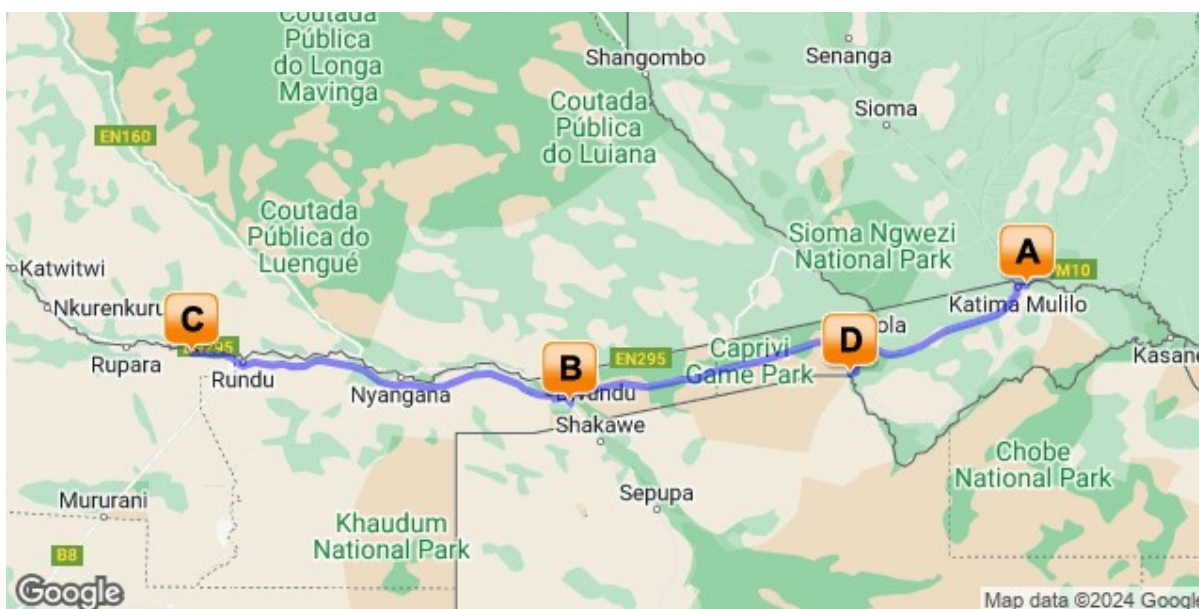




Caprivi Birding Tour 2025

Zambezi Region - Okavango River - Mahango Game Reserve - Kavango - Kwando River
8 Days / 7 Nights

08 November 2025 - 15 November 2025



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Introduction

Welcome to the enchanting Zambezi Region, formerly known as the Caprivi Strip! Nestled in northeastern Namibia, this wild and untamed paradise beckons birdwatchers and wildlife enthusiasts alike. The strip is renowned for its unique blend of habitats, ranging from verdant floodplains and dense woodlands to expansive grasslands and meandering rivers. This ecological diversity creates an ideal environment for an impressive array of bird species, including some of the most sought-after sightings in Southern Africa.

With over **450 recorded bird species**, this region is a birdwatcher's dream. Many of these species are exclusive to the Zambezi.

Key Species: Rufous-bellied Tit, Souza's Shrike, Sharp-tailed Starling, Racket-tailed Roller, Slaty Egret, Pel's and African Barred Owlet, African Skimmer, Rock and Collared Pratincoles, Arnot's Chat, Shelley's and Purple-banded Sunbirds, African Finfoot, Western-Banded Snake-Eagle, Dickinson's Kestrel, Eastern Nicator, Yellow-throated Leaflove, Trumpeter Hornbill, Schalow's Turaco, Lesser Jacana, Wattled Crane, Brown Fire-finch, Allen's Gallinule, Luapula Cisticola, Saddle-billed Stork, Pennant-winged and Swamp Nightjar, African Pygmy Goose, Rosy-throated Longclaw, Southern Ground Hornbill, Green-capped Eremomela, Green-backed and Brown-backed Honeybird, Greater Swamp Warbler and Stierling's Wren-Warbler.

Other Species: Crested and Black-collared Barbet, Bearded and Bennett's Woodpeckers, Grey-hooded (Chestnut-bellied), Pied, Giant, Brown-hooded, Half-collared and Malachite Kingfisher, African Fish Eagle, Village, Southern Brown-throated, Thick-billed, Village, Golden (Holub's) and Spectacled Weaver, Tinkling and Chirping Cisticola, White-backed Night Heron, Goliath Heron, Black Heron, Cattle, Intermediate, Little and Great Egrets, Swamp and Tropical Boubou, Kurrichane Buttonquail, African Golden Oriole, African Yellow White-eye, Southern Black Tit, Dark Chanting Goshawk, White-browed, Black, Coppery-tailed and Senegal Coucal, Hartlaub's and Arrow-marked Babbler, White-browed Robin Chat, Bearded and White-Browed Scrub Robin, Little, White-fronted, Blue-cheeked and Southern Carmine Bee-eaters and Broad-billed Roller.

Habitat: A good selection of habitats is on offer from broad-leafed, *brachystegia* and riparian woodlands, to vegetated dunes and ancient drainage lines with established Acacia, *Terminalia* and *Combretum* woodland and permanent rivers, swamps, and floodplain areas.

The tour starts and ends in Katima Mulilo. The closest international airports are Kasane (Botswana), Vic Falls (Zimbabwe) and Livingston (Zambia). There are also regional flights available from Windhoek to Katima Mulilo. Please contact us for transfer rates. We would be happy to arrange transfers and pre- and/or post-tour accommodations.



Day	2025	Accommodation
1	08.11	Caprivi Houseboat Safari Lodge, Zambezi River
2	09.11	Caprivi Houseboat Safari Lodge, Zambezi River
3	10.11	Mahangu Safari Lodge, Okavango River
4	11.11	Mahangu Safari Lodge, Okavango River
5	12.11	Mahangu Safari Lodge, Okavango River
6	13.11	Taranga Safari Lodge, Kavango River
7	14.11	Namushasha Camping2Go (Glamping), Kwando River
8	15.11	Depart from Katima Mulilo in the afternoon

Price

Cost per person sharing:

- 7 people: N\$ 35,827.00
- 6 people: N\$ 39,360.00
- 5 people: N\$ 41,663.00
- 4 people: N\$ 47,895.00
- 3 people: N\$ 57,622.00
- 2 people: N\$ 79,065.00
- Single Supplement: N\$ 2,300.00

Included

- ✓ Accommodation as per above itinerary on dinner, bed & breakfast basis in private en-suite rooms / tented rooms
- ✓ Vehicle, fuel and passenger liability
- ✓ Daily mineral water in the vehicle while travelling
- ✓ Birding guide
- ✓ Park fees, Government taxes and conservation levies
- ✓ 1 x Breakfast Cruise and 1 x Sunset Cruise pp at Mahangu Safari Lodge
- ✓ 2 x sunset birding cruise at Caprivi Houseboat safari Lodge

Excluded

- ✗ Flights, visas, travel insurance
- ✗ Gratuities, laundry, telephone calls and other items of a personal nature
- ✗ Drinks
- ✗ Pre- or post-tour expenses
- ✗ Any pandemic-related expenses
- ✗ Transfers to and from Katima Mulilo
- ✗ Lunches



Day 1: Caprivi Houseboat Safari Lodge, Zambezi Region (Sat, 8 November)

Day Itinerary

Today is considered an arrival day and we will kick off the tour with a sunset birding boat cruise in search of African Finfoot, Half-collared Kingfisher, Pel's Fishing Owl, White-backed Night Heron, Bat Hawk, Rock Pratincoles and African Skimmers to name a few. The camp's gardens and surrounds host Yellow-throated Leaflove, Schalow's Turaco, Collared Sunbird, Wood Owl, Marsh Owl, Pennant-winged, Swamp and Square-tailed Nightjar, White-browed Robin Chat and Tropical Boubou. Other specials in the area include Slaty Egret, Coppery-tailed Coucal, Copper Sunbird, Rosy-throated Longclaw, Western-banded Snake Eagle and African Hobby. You can also look forward to many Kingfisher and Bee-eater species.

Day 2: Caprivi Houseboat Safari Lodge, Zambezi Region (Sun, 9 November)

Day Itinerary

We will spend the majority of the day birding in the Eastern Floodplains in search of the local specials such as Arnot's Chat, Schalow's Turaco, Half-collared Kingfisher, African Finfoot, Coppery-tailed Coucal, Emerald Cuckoo, White-breasted and Black Cuckoo-shrike, Lizard Buzzard, Ovambo Sparrowhawk, African Goshawk, Ayres's Hawk-Eagle, Pygmy Goose, African Rail, Baillon's Crake, Rufous-bellied and Purple Heron, Slaty Egret, Rosy-throated Longclaw, Lesser Jacana, Lesser Moorhen, Luapula Cisticola, African, Montagu's and Pallid Harrier, Whiskered and White-winged Terns, Eastern Nicator, Jameson's Firefinch, Three-banded Courser, Thick-billed Cuckoo, Western-banded Snake Eagle, Shelley's Sunbird, Yellow-throated Leaflove, Pel's Fishing Owl, Trumpeter Hornbill, Yellow-throated Sandgrouse.

We will end the day with another sunset boat cruise

Day 3-5: Mahangu Safari Lodge, Okavango River (Mon, 10-12 November)

Day Itinerary

After breakfast we will travel West to Mahango Game Park with several birding stops along the way.

We will spend the next few days here doing several game drives, birding walks and boat cruises in search of the local specials: African Barred Owlet, Bennett's Woodpecker, Grey-hooded Kingfisher, Western-Banded Snake-Eagle, Chirping and Luapula Cisticola, Greater Swamp Warbler, White-backed Night Heron, Slaty Egret, Goliath Heron, Wattled Crane, Swainson's and Red-billed Spurfowls, Meve's Starling, Southern Carmine Bee-eater, Sharp-tailed Starling, Rufous-bellied Heron, Pink-backed Pelican, Dickenson's Kestrel, Ayre's Hawk Eagle, Pel's Fishing owl, White-headed Vulture, Shelley's Sunbird, Coppery-tailed Coucal, White-breasted Cuckoo-shrike, African Pygmy Goose.

Day 6: Taranga Safari Lodge, Kavango (Thu, 13 November)

Day Itinerary

We continue our journey West to Rundu. We will spend time searching for Souza's Shrike and Rufous-bellied Tit.

Taranga Safari Lodge is a terrific birding destination and great for bird photography. It has been home to a Ross's Turaco for the last few years.

Other specials that we will keep an eye out for include Tinkling Cisticola, African Golden Oriole, Coppery-tailed and Senegal Coucals, Hartlaub's, Black Faced and Arrow-marked Babbler, Southern Carmine Bee-eaters, Sharp-tailed Starling, Baillon's Crake, Marsh Owl, Square-tailed and Swamp, Bradfield's Hornbill, Brown-backed and Green-backed Honeyguide, Green-capped Eremomela, African Hobby, Lesser Jacana, Allen's Gallinule and Ayre's Hawk Eagle.

Day 7: Namushasha River Camping2Go, Kwando River (Fri, 14 November)

Day Itinerary

We will have another chance at locating the Souza's Shrike and Rufous-bellied Tit should we have dipped on them the previous day. We will start the day with birding around the local water works before returning East to the spectacular Kwando area.

Here we will target Racket-tailed Roller, Arnot's Chat, Dickenson's Kestrel, Slaty Egret, Rosy-throated Longclaw, Black and Coppery tailed Coucal, Fawn-coloured and Flappet Lark, Chirping Cisticola, Western Banded Snake Eagle, African Wood Owl, Pennant-winged and Swamp Nightjar, Wattled Crane, Shelley's, Coppery and Purple-banded Sunbirds, Southern Carmine Bee-eater, Orange-winged Pytilia, Ovambo Sparrowhawk, Lesser Jacana, Allen's Gallinule, Western Yellow Wagtail, Retz's Helmetshrike, Miombo Wren Warbler, African Pygmy Goose, Lesser Moorhen, Bradfield's Hornbill.

If water levels allow it then we will embark on a late afternoon birding cruise.

Day 8: End of Itinerary (Sat, 15 November)

Day Itinerary

After some early morning birding we will return to Katima Mulilo. Please be sure to book late-departing flights. We would be happy to arrange transfers and/or accommodations for this day.



TRANSFERS & SHUTTLE SERVICE with Caprivi Adventures

- Prices are quoted **PER PERSON** and a minimum of **2 PERSONS** per transfer rate applies!
- Kindly note: should our guide not be able to cross back over any border due to pick up or drop off times, an overnight fee of NAD 1,500 will be charged!

Transfer Route	Duration	2-3 People	4+ People
Katima Mulilo to Kasane (Botswana)	2 Hours	1800	1400
Katima Mulilo to Ngoma Border (Namibia/Botswana)	45 Min	1000	800
Katima Mulilo to Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)	4-5 Hours	2800	2100
Katima Mulilo to Livingstone (Zambia)	5-6 Hours	2800	2100
Katima Mulilo to Maun (Botswana)	8-9 Hours	6000	4600
Mpacha Airport - Katima Mulilo	30 Min	600	450

Itinerary Terms and Conditions

- The costs quoted are subject to unforeseen increases in tour related costs and may have to be adjusted
- Due to unforeseen circumstances, we may be forced to change or alter the itinerary at short or no notice; please be aware that we will attempt to adhere as close to the original program as possible.
- You must please take out, prior to confirming the booking, comprehensive travel-, medical-, evacuation-, cancellation-, curtailment- and default insurance for the duration of your trip. Due to the remote areas through which you may travel, it is vital that all guests are covered for emergencies and other unforeseen circumstances. We will not be held responsible for guest travelling without insurance.
- The relevant cancellation policy applies should you fail to start your journey for any reason, including airline delays or missed connections. Please ensure you have adequate travel insurance for this purpose. You become liable for cancellation penalties immediately on confirmation of booking services.
- Passports must be valid (usually for at least 6 months after date of travel) and still have at least 3 blank visa (not endorsement) pages.
- All visa requirements must be fulfilled and these are your responsibility. If you have any queries about obtaining visas please contact us.
- 20% non-refundable deposit is due on confirmation and the balance 45 days before departure.



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