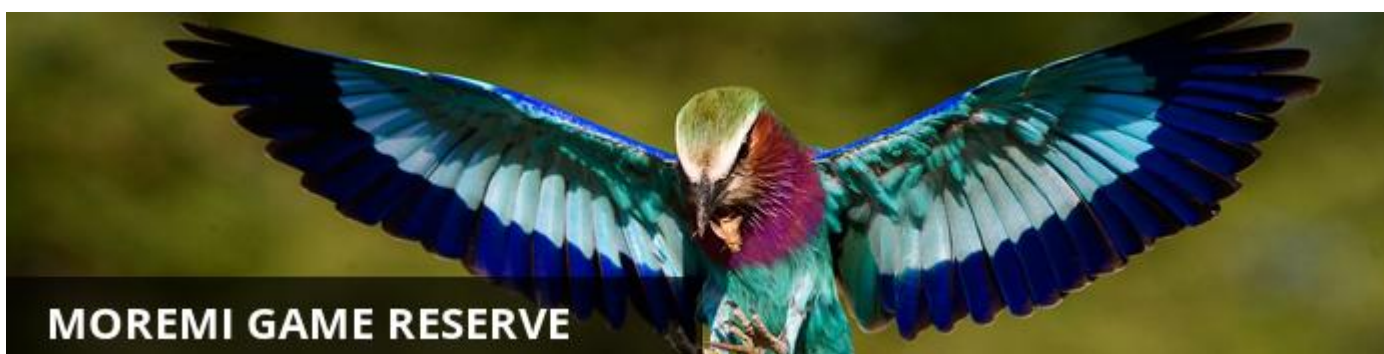




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Maun - Moremi Game Reserve - Ghanzi - Windhoek - Ongava Private Game Reserve

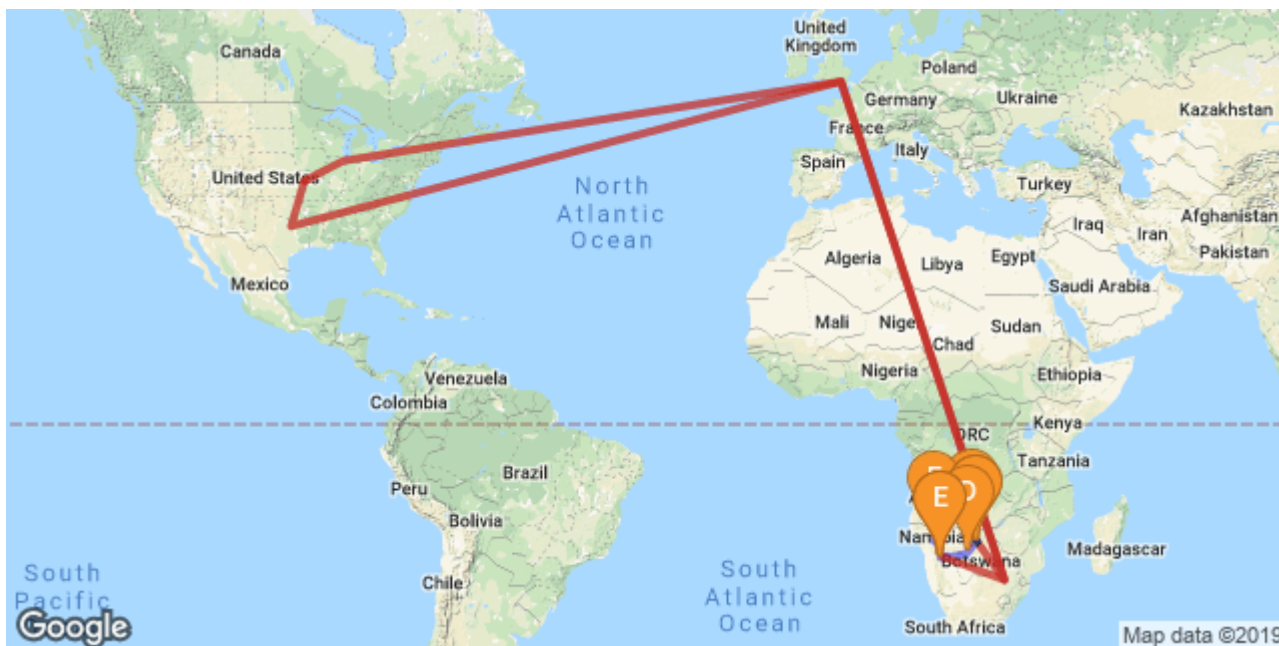
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Introduction

There's nothing like a road trip to gain a better understanding of the land. You, Neville and fellow traveller Anne, will be travelling in your hired 4x4 vehicle on made dirt roads linking the lodge accommodations in this tour. Access to the delta camp will be by aircraft.

The features of this tour include:

- Luxury tented camp in the heart of the Delta
- Authentic San (Bushman) experience based in a community-owned lodge in the Kalahari
- Brand new luxury lodge in Etosha with waterhole and ground-level hide

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Accommodation	Destination	Start	End	Basis	Room Type	Duration
Overnight Travel		21 Aug	23 Aug			2 Nights
Royal Tree Lodge	Maun	23 Aug	24 Aug	HB	1x Single Room	1 Night
Setari Camp	Moremi Game Reserve	24 Aug	27 Aug	FI	1x Standard Tent	3 Nights
Own Arrangement	Maun	27 Aug	28 Aug	B&B		1 Night
Dqae Qare San Lodge	Ghanzi	28 Aug	29 Aug	FI	1x Twin Room	1 Night
Discovery Guest House	Windhoek	29 Aug	30 Aug	B&B	1x Double Rooms	1 Night
Anderssons At Ongava	Ongava Private Game Reserve	30 Aug	2 Sep	FI	1x Family Unit	3 Nights
Immanuel Lodge	Windhoek	2 Sep	3 Sep	B&B	1x Twin Room	1 Night
Overnight Travel		3 Sep	4 Sep			1 Night

Key

HB: Half Board - Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FI: Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

Price

US\$7715 Per person Twin/Share

One-third share of Maun to Windhoek vehicle rental, cross-border fees, documentation fees, one-way rental charge and fuel costs USD930.

No Single Supplement.

Tour will operate with a minimum of two guests and a maximum of three guests.

Overnight stops in Maun and Windhoek may be in alternative, similar properties, depending on availability.

Day 1: Wednesday, 21 August

Overnight Travel

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
21 Aug	2055 (Scheduled)	American Airlines [AA]	Kansas City International Airport [MCI]	17:40	Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport [DFW]	19:24		
21 Aug	192 (Scheduled)	British Airways [BA]	Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport [DFW]	21:55	Heathrow International Airport [LHR]	13:00 (22 Aug)		

Day 2: Thursday, 22 August

Overnight Travel

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
22 Aug	0055 (Scheduled)	British Airways [BA]	Heathrow International Airport [LHR]	19:05	OR Tambo International Airport [JNB]	07:05 (23 Aug)		

Day 3: Friday, 23 August

Royal Tree Lodge, Maun

Maun

Set on the banks of the beautiful Thamalakane River in northern Botswana, Maun is the third largest town in this spectacularly scenic southern African country. Maun is the starting point for most expeditions into the Okavango Delta and as a result, has developed into a bustling metropolis that is considered Botswana's tourism capital. Area attractions include a renowned riverboat that offers cruises up and down the Thamalakane River; the forest groves of the Maun Game Reserve; and Moremi Game Reserve, home to hippos, lions and rhinos. Maun also serves as the jumping off point for many safaris and air charters as well as offers 4x4 rentals. Don't miss the Nhaba Museum exhibiting the local history, art and culture of the Ngamiland region.

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
23 Aug	8300 (Scheduled)	South African Airways [SA]	OR Tambo International Airport [JNB]	11:45	Maun Airport [MUB]	13:25		

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
23 Aug	Royal Tree Lodge	Maun Airport [MUB]	Royal Tree Lodge		Transfer

Overnight: Royal Tree Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Reference No: 7422017011575

Royal Tree Lodge is a private game reserve located twenty minutes from the iconic safari town of Maun, the gateway to the Okavango Delta.

The lodge is situated on a private reserve on the banks of the Thamalakane River with an abundance of wildlife including giraffe, zebra, springbok, ostrich, eland, gemsbok and kudu as well as an extensive variety of bird life.

Guests will indulge in comfort and relaxation in one of Royal Tree Lodge's well appointed, private tented chalets or romantic thatched honeymoon suites. World class cuisine served by candlelight on the lodge's expansive teak deck, is the perfect way to conclude a day's safari.

At Royal Tree Lodge, it's not just about luxurious accommodation and old world hospitality. Marked walking trails invite guests to create their own adventure allowing safe, intimate interaction with wildlife. For the more adventurous, set off on a horse back safari, scenic flight over the delta, or mokoro canoe trip down the river.

Finish off the day with a warm drink around the communal fire as personal safari hosts and Royal Tree Lodge managers share life stories from over 80 years of combined safari experience.



Basis

Half Board - Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 4-6: Saturday, 24 August to Monday, 26 August

Setari Camp, Moremi Game Reserve

Moremi Game Reserve

Situated in the east of the Okavango Delta, Moremi Game Reserve ranks as one of the most beautiful reserves in Africa. It covers more than 4871 square kilometres of pristine wilderness, and the varied terrain includes savannah, winding waterways, and dense forest. This diverse ecosystem supports an incredibly wide spectrum of wildlife, ranging from large herds of buffalo, wildebeest and zebra, to the rare sitatunga and lechwe antelope, lion, cheetah and packs of wild dog in the open grasslands. The birdlife is prolific and includes most of the 550 bird species recorded on Botswana's national bird list. A range of luxury lodges in the reserve offers visitors the perfect base to experience this corner of paradise.

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
24 Aug	Charter Flight	Mackair	Maun Airport [MUB]		Setari Camp			

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
24 Aug		Royal Tree Lodge	Maun Airport [MUB]		Transfer

Overnight: Setari Camp [View iBrochure](#)

Reference No: SDBW169891 / Setari: 285

Setari Camp is located on a picture-perfect palm island in the very heart of the Okavango. Situated within a private concession of 120,000 acres of unspoilt wilderness, exclusivity and seclusion are guaranteed. Enjoy a pure Delta experience, inhabited by a myriad of birdlife and wildlife unique to this exceptional ecosystem. The area is a birder's paradise, boasting a huge number of migrant birds, aquatic birds, raptors, a seasonal heronry and to top it all, the hauntingly beautiful Pel's Fishing Owl.

Setari Camp accommodates 20 guests in 8 light and airy tents and 1 suite designed for families. Each tent cleverly combines understated luxury with an authentic and relaxed home-from-home atmosphere. The camp resembles an enormous tree-house where the entire construction is elevated with wooden walkways linking the impressive sitting and dining areas, pool-with-a-view, gym and curio shop. All of the tents have private decks with spectacular views over the Okavango. Safari activities available at Setari include bush walking, boating or gliding gently through the waterways in a traditional Mokoro (dug-out canoe). Delicious home-cooked food, super-comfy accommodation and superb guiding all combine to making Setari a hidden treasure in the iconic Okavango Delta.



Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

Day 7: Tuesday, 27 August MAUN GARDEN STUDIO, Maun

Maun

As previously described

Day Itinerary

Overnight: Maun Garden Studio

Reference No: Margaret

Tonight we stay at **MAUN GARDEN MERU** a B&B in Maun.

Set on the banks of the Thamlekane River, The Maun Garden Studio offers accommodation within 7 km of the Maun Airport. Free WiFi and parking are provided. Boasting garden views, this self-catering garden studio features a fully-equipped kitchen area, a seating area with a TV and a furnished veranda with BBQ facilities. It has an en suite bathroom with a shower. Breakfast is included and served on the deck, while scenic flights, Mokoro trips and Delta boat excursions can be organised at a surcharge.

The Maun Garden Meru is a luxury tent set amongst the beautiful gardens surrounding Maun Garden Studio. The property features an outdoor swimming pool and access to the Thamalakane River. Airport transfers and restaurant reservations can be booked with advance notice.

The classic Meru tent is equipped with twin beds, en suite shower, toilet and basin. It offers a kitchenette with fridge, and there are outdoor barbecue facilities.

Breakfast is served on the deck,

Restaurants and shopping malls are within 7 km of The Maun Garden Meru.



Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
27 Aug	Charter Flight	Mackair	Setari Camp		Maun Airport [MUB]			

BasisBed and Breakfast

Day 8: Wednesday, 28 August
Dqae Qare San Lodge, Ghanzi

Ghanzi

Situated 300 kilometres southwest of Maun and just north of the Trans-Kalahari highway, which runs from Lobatse in Botswana to Walvis Bay in Namibia, the small town of Ghanzi is sometimes referred to as the 'Capital of the Kalahari'. It serves as the administrative centre of the Ghanzi district which covers a vast area of cattle ranches and farmland in the west of Botswana. The Ghanzi area has a number of lodges which focus on cultural tourism as well as wildlife viewing - here you can experience the fascinating world of the San Bushmen as they explain to you how they forage, hunt and find water in this harsh environment.

Overnight: Dqae Qare San Lodge**Reference No: SDBW169891 / D'Qae Qare: DQS003485/1**

Dqae Qare San Lodge offers a unique Kalahari experience as it is owned and run by the San people (Bushmen). Set up as a social enterprise the Lodge supports the local San D'Kar community through employment and is a crucial project in the San's quest for cultural survival. As a guest of the San at Dqae Qare you will enjoy all the benefits of the excellent accommodation, traditional cuisine and extensive adventure and cultural activities. The Lodge is located on 7500 hectare game farm owned by the San which includes a range of plains game from giraffe to warthog and including leopard, cheetah and brown hyena.

As a celebration of San culture, the community delight in sharing their culture and extraordinary knowledge of the Kalahari with guests through bush walks, traditional dancing, fire making, craft making, trapping and storytelling or experience everything and more over a full day Bushman Experience. Accommodation consists of 15 en-suite rooms and an extensive campsite under the Camel thorn trees. Wild camping on the farm is also possible or at the Far Campsite 10km south of the Lodge. Our excellent meals, often with wild foods sourced off the farm, can be booked by lodge guests and campers.



Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

Day 9: Thursday, 29 August

Discovery Guest House, Windhoek

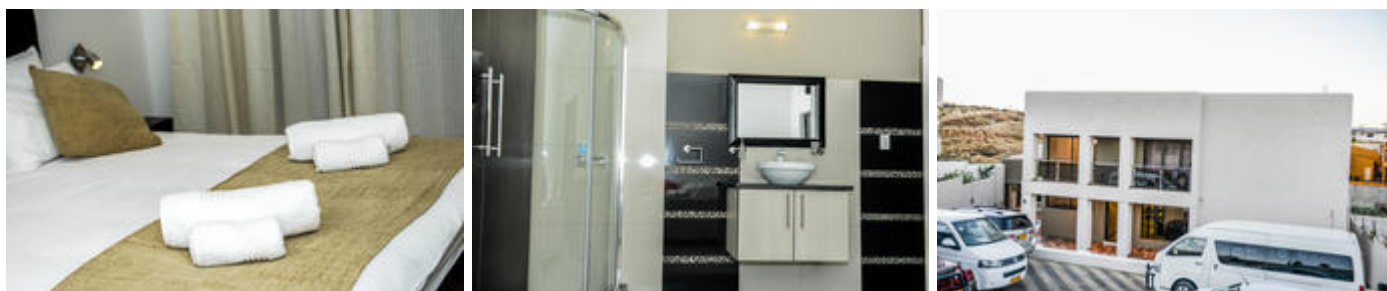
Windhoek

Situated in Central Namibia, the cosmopolitan city of Windhoek serves as the capital of the country. It is home to an international airport and a plethora of restaurants, shops, entertainment venues and accommodation options. The city is clean, safe and well-organised, with a colonial legacy that is reflected in its many German eateries and shops, and the widespread use of the German language. Windhoek has an interesting mix of historical architecture and modern buildings, many of which are worth a look, including the Alte Feste an old fort, the 1896 Christuskirche Christ Church, and the more contemporary Supreme Court.

Overnight: Discovery Guest House

Reference No: 7436515876361

Discovery Guest House is located in the heart of Hochland Park, Windhoek. The Guest House is very modern with exquisite finishes. Discovery Guest House offers executive accommodation at a very competitive rate to travelers.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 10-12: Friday, 30 August to Sunday, 1 September

Anderssons At Ongava , Ongava Private Game Reserve

Ongava Private Game Reserve

Sharing the southern boundary with Etosha National Park, the prolific 30 000-hectare private Ongava Game Reserve is considered one of the top private game reserves in the region, enjoying global recognition for exceptional conservation, groundbreaking research and exciting safari experiences. The landscape is characterised by vast open plains dotted with salt pans and abundant wildlife. Visitors can easily access Etosha through Andersson's Gate in the south. Known for its luxury lodges made out of natural materials, Ongava is a popular destination for those looking to immerse themselves in nature. The reserve offers visitors the perfect combination of wildlife safari experiences within and around the Etosha National Park. One of Ongava's top attractions is its rhino population and guests can experience the thrill of getting close to these majestic creatures. Popular activities include: night game drives, guided nature walks, bird watching and 4x4 guided game drives.

Overnight: Anderssons At Ongava [View iBrochure](#)

Reference No: 28041

With pressing environmental issues threatening our future, Ongava is once again responding to the needs of the planet and our guests with the creation of Anderssons at Ongava and the Ongava Research Centre (ORC), the next generation in eco-tourism.

Taking a lesson from the wild in the power of symbiotic relationships, Anderssons at Ongava provides an interactive hub for guests to be a part of conservation science, where cutting edge technology meets hands on, field-based research.

Guests at Anderssons at Ongava have the option of being immersed in and can contribute to developing creative, knowledge driven solutions with resident scientists, visiting researchers, conservationists and rhino security personnel, or simply relaxing and enjoying the luxurious guest suites, waterhole, photographic hide, and pool where they will find their own personal place for reflection.

Ensuring a light footprint and an exceptional experience, Anderssons at Ongava will have seven contemporary designed luxury guest units and one family unit, accommodating a maximum of 18 Guests.



Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

Day 13: Monday, 2 September Immanuel Lodge, Windhoek

Windhoek

As previously described

Overnight: Immanuel Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Reference No: 7436511783945

Conveniently located just minutes from the city of Windhoek, Immanuel Wilderness Lodge offers an oasis of tranquility in the magnificent Namibian Savannah. This comfortable, family-run lodge makes an ideal base for exploring the remarkable surrounding wilderness.

Traditional thatched roofs and rustic details create an authentically African atmosphere while lovely ensuite bathrooms and luxurious touches add all the comforts of home. Revitalise yourself in the refreshing pool and indulge in some hearty meals served by the lodge's award-winning chef.

If you are looking for a truly Namibian safari experience complete with personal service and warm hospitality, look no further than the exceptional Immanuel Wilderness Lodge.



Twin Room

Each twin room has two comfortable single beds and an ensuite bathroom with 24-hr hot water. The rooms occupy traditional thatch buildings which ensure a pleasant temperature year round. A private outdoor patio area allows guests to relax while enjoying views of the surrounding wilderness.

Air conditioning | Free WiFi | Fridge | Ensuite Bathroom | Hairdryer | Twin Beds | Patio |
Sleeps 2

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 14: Tuesday, 3 September Overnight Travel

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
3 Sep	6274 (Scheduled)	British Airways [BA]	Hosea Kutako International Airport [WDH]	14:55	OR Tambo International Airport [JNB]	16:45		
3 Sep	0054 (Scheduled)	British Airways [BA]	OR Tambo International Airport [JNB]	21:10	Heathrow International Airport [LHR]	07:20 (4 Sep)		

Day 15: Wednesday, 4 September End of Itinerary

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
4 Sep	295 (Scheduled)	British Airways [BA]	Heathrow International Airport [LHR]	10:30	Chicago O'Hare International Airport [ORD]	13:10		

4 Sep	3104 (Scheduled)	American Airlines [AA]	Chicago O'Hare International Airport [ORD]	17:10	Kansas City International Airport [MCI]	18:44
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Maun Garden Studio	Margaret		267 6860 254
Royal Tree Lodge	7422017011575	+267 680 0757	
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South African Airways [SA]	OHGHF8	+27 11 978 5313	

Travel Information

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Situated in the southern reaches of Africa, Botswana is renowned for its pristine wilderness areas characterised by deep lagoons, wetlands, lush palms, rugged hills and desert plains scattered with scrubland. 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, where visitors are privy to massive zebra migrations during the flood season; the Savuti plains, which host large prides of lions; and the Tsodilo Hills, where 4500 rock paintings form a unique record of human settlement over many millennia.

Banking and Currency

Currency

Botswana's currency is Pula (which means 'rain' in Setswana). It is divided into 100 thebe (which means 'shield' in Setswana). Travellers' cheques and foreign currency may be changed at banks, bureaux de change and authorised hotels.

The US dollar, Euros, British Pound and the South African Rand are the most easily convertible currencies (and accepted by some establishments - but, generally, then an inflated rate of exchange will be applied).

Banking

Seven main commercial banks, as well as a number of foreign exchange bureaux, operate in Botswana. Operating hours are Monday to Friday 08h30 to 15h30 and Saturday 08h30 to 10h45.

Full banking services are available in major towns, although ATMs are sprouting up all over the country. Most credit cards are accepted at hotels and restaurants. Cultural sites and community art and craft outlets usually only accept cash.

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Public transport in Botswana is geared towards the needs of the local populace and is confined to main roads between major population centres. Although cheap and reliable, it is of little use to the traveller as most of Botswana's tourist attractions lie off the beaten track.

Driving off the main roads in Botswana is only recommended to experts in 4x4 vehicles, that are equipped correctly. Most lodges offer transfers or they can be arranged. If, however, you will be driving in Botswana: your home driving licence will be accepted (with an official English translation if necessary; driving is on the left side of the road; and the national speed limit is on tarred roads is 120km/h and 60km/h in towns and villages.

Be sure to watch out for wild animals on the roads!

There are major airports in Maun, Kasane and Gaborone, while smaller charter flights are used to get to the other top attractions and camps.

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Tap water is considered safe to drink, although outside main cities and towns, visitors are advised to check first and sterilise water if in any doubt. Bottled water is available in most tourist centres. Filtered water is available at most camps and shops offer bottled water - it is advised to be well stocked of bottled water if you are travelling off the beaten track. Milk is pasteurised, and dairy products, local meat, poultry, seafood, fruit and vegetables are generally safe.

Safari lodges and camps serve international-style cuisine, generally of an extremely high standard, along with local beer and imported wine and spirits. Good restaurants and bars can be found in main towns, often within hotels. Beef and goat are very popular meats. Elsewhere, food is more basic: millet and sorghum porridge are the local staples.

A discretionary 5 to 10% tip is typical for restaurant bills. In many places, a service charge is automatically added. It is customary to tip the game guide and lodge staff while on safari.

Climate and Weather

Botswana's climatic pattern is typical of southern Africa, although its rainfall is less than countries further east. The rains in Botswana come mostly between December and March, when average minimum temperatures are in the low 20°s. Some days will be bright and sunny, some will have afternoon thunderstorms, and some will just be grey.

As with Namibia, April and May in Botswana are generally lovely, with the sky clear and the landscape green. Night temperatures start to drop during these months, especially in the Kalahari. Note that places in and around the Okavango tend to have less extreme, more moderate temperatures than the drier areas of the Kalahari.

From June to August the night-time temperatures in drier areas can be close to freezing, but it warms up rapidly during the day, when the sky is usually clear and blue. It's now very much 'peak season' for most safari areas: the land is dry in most areas so the animals congregate around the few available water sources.

This continues into September and October, when temperatures climb again, drying the landscapes and concentrating the game even more. This is the best time for big game safaris – although October can feel very hot, with maximum temperatures sometimes approaching 40°C.

November is difficult to predict, as it can sometimes be a continuation of October's heat, whilst sometimes it's cooled by the first rains; it's always an interesting month.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

In summer, lightweight, lightcoloured cottons are preferable. Avoid synthetic materials and black clothing, as they increase perspiration and discomfort. In winter, wear trousers, long-sleeved shirts / blouses and jerseys. From May – August, night temperatures can fall below zero degrees celsius, so warm jerseys and jackets are vital, especially on morning and evening game drives. Garments of neutral colours that blend with the bush and forest are advisable for safaris and game viewing. Bring a lightweight jacket and/or jersey for unexpected temperature changes or rain. Closed, comfortable walking shoes or gym shoes are a must in all seasons. Special attention should be given to protection from the sun. Bring a sunhat, good quality sunscreen, sun lotion and polarised sunglasses. Wide brimmed sun hats are essential.

Electricity and Plug Standards

Electrical sockets (outlets) in Botswana are the "Type M " South African SABS1661 ("Large" 15 amp BS-546) sockets. This is actually an old British standard. The "Type M " South African plug and socket is not to be confused with the

"Type D " Indian plug and socket. In pictures, they look very similar, but the South African type is much larger than the Indian type, and they are physically incompatible. If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in. Travel plug adapters simply change the shape of your appliance's plug to match whatever type of socket you need to plug into.

Electrical sockets (outlets) in Botswana usually supply electricity at between 220 and 240 volts AC. If you're plugging in an appliance that was built for 220-240 volt electrical input, or an appliance that is compatible with multiple voltages, then an adapter is all you need.

But travel plug adapters *do not change the voltage*, so the electricity coming through the adapter will still be the same 220-240 volts the socket is supplying. If you need to use appliances that are not compatible with 220-240 volt electrical input, you will need a voltage converter.



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, cuisine and the annual Oktoberfest celebrations. To properly appreciate this extraordinary country, you will have to venture out of the cities to 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, such as lions, desert-adapted elephants and the Hartmann's Mountain Zebra; the hauntingly beautiful Kalahari Desert; and of course the Namib Desert stretching for over 2000 km along the magnificent Atlantic Coast. Namibia is an ideal destination for travellers seeking an unforgettable African experience in a uniquely beautiful untamed wilderness.

Banking and Currency

Currency

Namibia uses the Namibian Dollar (N\$) this is linked on a one to one exchange with the South African Rand. The Rand is legal tender in Namibia, but the N\$ cannot be used in South Africa.

If you are wishing to purchase currency before arriving in Namibia, it is easiest to buy Rand as the Namibian Dollar is seldom available in banks outside of Namibia.

Banking

Banks are found in most towns, and are generally open from 09h00 to 15h30 on weekdays and 08h30 to 11h00 on Saturdays. Closed on Sundays and public holidays. Most of them offer foreign exchange services - with cash, bank and credit cards as well as travellers cheques.

You can also obtain cash from many of the ATMs. Several international banks have branches in main city centres. Always advise your bank that you are travelling outside of the country as they might block your purchases if they have not been informed.

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Public transport in Namibia is geared towards the needs of the local populace, and is confined to main roads between major population centres. Although cheap and reliable, it is of little use to the traveller as most of Namibia's tourist attractions lie off the beaten track.

It is easy to travel around Namibia by car, and a 2WD vehicle is perfectly adequate for most journeys. However, long distances, poor mobile phone coverage outside of main towns and infrequent petrol stations that only accept cash mean that planning ahead is vital.

There are major airlines that fly into Windhoek and Swakopmund. Other destinations are reachable by car or charter flight.

Namibians drive on the left and all signposts are in English. Seat belts must be worn at all times and talking in a mobile phone while driving is prohibited. The general speed limit is 120km/h on tarred roads outside of towns and 100km/h on gravel roads. In built up areas, the speed limit is 60km/h.

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Traditional Namibian cuisine is rarely served and so the food at restaurants tends to be European in style and is, generally, of a very high standard.

Namibia is very meat-orientated, and many menu options will feature steaks from various animals. However, there is usually a vegetarian and seafood section offered by most camps and restaurants.

In the supermarkets you'll find pre-wrapped fresh fruit and vegetables (though the more remote the areas you visit, the smaller your choice), and plenty of canned foods, pasta, rice, bread, etc. Most of this is imported from South Africa.

The water in Namibia's main towns is generally safe to drink, though it may taste a little metallic if it has been piped for miles. Natural sources should usually be purified, though water from underground springs and dry riverbeds seldom causes any problems. However, filtered and bottled water are readily available in most towns and all camps, lodges and hotels.

Climate and Weather

Partially covered by the Namib Desert, one of the world's driest deserts, Namibia's climate is generally very dry and pleasant – it's fine to visit all year round. Namibia only receives a fraction of the rain experienced by countries further east. Between about **December to March** some days will be humid and rain may follow, often in localised, afternoon thunderstorms. These are more common in the centre and east of the country, and more unusual in the desert.

April and especially **May** are often lovely months in Namibia. Increasingly dry, with a real freshness in the air, and much greenery in the landscape; at this time the air is clear and largely free from dust.

From **June to August** Namibia cools down and dries out more; nights can become cold, dropping below freezing in some desert areas. As the landscape dries so the game in the north of the country gravitates more to waterholes, and is more easily seen by visitors. By **September and October** it warms up again; game-viewing in most areas is at its best, although there's often a lot of dust around and the vegetation has lost its vibrancy.

November is a highly variable month. Sometimes the hot, dry weather will continue, at other times the sky will fill with clouds and threaten to rain – but if you're lucky enough to witness the first rains of the season, you'll never forget the drama.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

Namibians have a somewhat relaxed attitude to dress codes. A jacket and tie is very unusual. In fact, long trousers and a shirt with buttons are often quite adequate for a formal occasion or work wear. A pair of sensible shoes, jeans and a t-shirt is recommended.

During the day it is generally hot, so pack light weight loose fitting clothes in natural fabrics, such as linen or cotton, that will keep you cool and are easy to wash and dry.

Avoid blue clothing - the tsetse flies are drawn to the colour blue, and their bite can give you African Sleeping Sickness.

Long sleeved shirts and long trousers will protect you against mosquitoes at night.

Electricity and Plug Standards

Current is 220/240 volts at 50 cycles per second. A three-point round-pin adapter plug should be brought for your electrical appliances. Such adapters are also available at major airports.

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