

# 18 DAYS - NAMIBIA & BOTSWANA

## GUIDED TOUR (SILVER OPTION)



Valid until October 2025  
for 2 - 8 persons

Experience your very own "Water World" on this 18-day trip that takes you to the **Okavango** and **Kwando** rivers in the Caprivi Strip in Namibia, the **Chobe** in Botswana, and the mighty **Zambezi** in Victoria Falls. A visit to the **Makgadikgadi/Nxai salt pans** and the **Moremi Game Reserve** is also a must on any safari through Botswana. You can expect an abundance of spectacular animal experiences and fantastic sunsets night after night – experience "pure Africa!"



## Itinerary

### Day 1

#### *Arrival in Windhoek*

You'll be picked up at the airport by your tour guide and driven to your guest house, which is in the quiet Avis district on the eastern outskirts of Windhoek. Here you can recover from the long flight and refresh yourself in the swimming pool. In the afternoon, a short city tour awaits, and the choice of one of the many game dishes for dinner.

(approx. 40 km, journey time approx. 45 min.)

#### *Ti Melen Guesthouse*



### Day 2

#### *Waterberg*

Your journey begins with a drive to the natural paradise of the Waterberg near the village of Otjiwarongo. With its unique vegetation, it is known for the presence of rare animal species, colourful birdlife, and magnificent landscapes. In the afternoon you can hike to the Waterberg plateau, with the marvellous view of the vast savannah your reward at the top.

(approx. 260 km, journey time approx. 3 hours)

#### *Waterberg Guestfarm, Bush Bungalow*

### Day 3

#### *Grootfontein*

You continue northwards, with the option to visit the Hoba meteorite, which, weighing an estimated 60 tonnes, is the largest known meteorite in the world. Your destination is the very extensive Wildacker Guestfarm, a game and nature reserve that offers a comfortable stay in a typical Namibian atmosphere amid ancient tree-covered dunes. In the afternoon you can relax at the swimming pool and enjoy an aperitif while you watch the sunset.

(approx. 420 km, journey time approx. 4.5 hours)

#### *Wildacker Guestfarm*

#### Day 4

##### *In the Caprivi*

Today you enter the most densely populated part of Namibia, the Okavango, on the way looking out for the picturesque round huts inhabited by the locals of the Kavango tribe. Shametü River Lodge is situated directly on the banks of the Okavango, just a few kilometres from the Mahango National Park. In the afternoon, you'll go on a game drive in this interesting park, which is rich in wildlife.

(approx. 370 km, journey time approx. 4 hours)

*Shametü River Lodge, Luxury Chalet*



#### Day 5

##### *East Caprivi*

You cross the Okavango and continue through the Bwabwata National Park to Namushasha River Lodge, which is located south of Kongola on the Kwando River. From the wooden deck of the lodge, you have a direct view of the river, and, after lunch, there is time to relax before taking a boat trip on the Kwando and getting to experience "pure Africa".

(approx. 230 km, journey time approx. 3 hours)

*Namushasha River Lodge (incl. boat trip in the afternoon)*



#### Day 6

##### *Bwabwata National Park*

A game drive in the Bwabwata National Park awaits. The region around the Kwando River is considered to have the highest concentration of elephants in southern Africa, while the landscape around the Horseshoe is particularly interesting and attracts various animals and water birds. You'll also be able to take time to relax and enjoy the typical African atmosphere of the lodge.

*Namushasha River Lodge (incl. game drive in the morning)*

#### Day 7

##### *To the Chobe River*

You continue via Katima Mulilo to Kasane in Botswana, where a representative from Zovu Elephant Lodge is waiting to take you on a short boat trip, to the lodge, which is on an island in the middle of the Chobe River. In the afternoon there's an unforgettable boat trip waiting for you, during which you can marvel at crocodiles, elephants, hippos, and many water birds.

(approx. 260 km, journey time approx. 3 hours)

*Zovu Elephant Lodge (incl. boat trip)*



#### Day 8

##### *Chobe National Park*

A highly recommended game drive in the Chobe National Park, which is home to around 80,000 elephants, numerous hippos, and thousands of buffalo, is on today's programme. The buffalo are usually only seen in the early morning or late afternoon though, when they leave the bush to quench their thirst at the river. In the afternoon you can take another boat trip before ending the evening in the lodge's cosy atmosphere.

*Zovu Elephant Lodge (incl. game drive + boat trip)*

## Day 9

### *Day trip Victoria Falls*

A transfer takes you to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, where you'll visit the famous waterfalls, where huge masses of water cascade over a 110-metre-wide rock face. The local Kololo people call the waterfall *Mosi-oa-Tunya* = "thundering smoke", a name that stems from the spray that rises to 300 metres and can still be seen 30 km away (Zimbabwe visa is not included in the price). You can take a helicopter flight to see the falls from above (optional but recommended) before returning to Kasane.

(approx. 160 km, transfer time approx. 3 - 4 hours)

*Zovu Elephant Lodge (incl. day trip to Victoria Falls)*



## Day 10

### *Drive to Nata*

Your journey proceeds southwards to Elephant Sands, just north of the village of Nata. The camp is located on a 16,000-hectare private nature reserve and offers plenty of wildlife all year round. As the name suggests, elephants are the main attraction, and in the afternoon, you'll get to go on a game drive to admire large herds of them, as well as many other animals.

(approx. 260 km, journey time approx. 3.5 hours)

*Elephant Sands (incl. game drive)*

## Day 11

### *Direction Makgadikgadi National Park*

Your next stop is on a 7,500-hectare fenced-in private game farm on the edge of the famous Makgadikgadi salt pans. With zebras, giraffes, wildebeests, impalas, kudu, leopards, and sometimes lions and wild dogs' resident on the property, you'll get to go on a sunset game drive to try to spot some of them. Due to the lack of any light pollution, in the evening you can marvel at the clear southern starry sky with its millions of stars stretching from horizon to horizon.

(approx. 270 km, journey time approx. 3 hours)

*Leopard Plains Lodge (incl. sunset drive)*



## Day 12

### *Nxai Pan National Park*

Today you take a day trip to the Nxai Pan salt pans, the remains of the once mighty Lake Makgadikgadi, which was at one time the largest inland sea in Africa. With huge, whimsical baobab trees lining your path, look out for herds of wildebeest and zebra on the move, as well as the lively meerkats up close.

*Leopard Plains Lodge (incl. day trip to the Nxai Pans)*



## Day 13

### *To Maun*

Today you reach the lively town of Maun, where the streets teem, not only with people, but also with goats, cattle, and donkeys. Your lodge is located north of town, on the Thamalakane River on the way to the Moremi Game Reserve. In the afternoon, you can take a boat trip in a mokoro, a type of canoe that is widely used in the Okavango Delta. The locals drive these mokoros along using long poles to push them off the ground below the surface.

(approx. 120 km, journey time approx. 2 hours)

*Thamalakane River Lodge (incl. mokoro tour)*



#### **Day 14**

##### *To the Khwai River*

Today you get to explore the Moremi Game Reserve, which at 4,872 kilometres<sup>2</sup> is considered one of the most beautiful and diverse nature reserves on the entire Continent. The comfortable Sango Safari Camp sits in the shade of large trees and overlooks the Khwai River, where wild animals come to drink. This is the perfect base for excursions into the Moremi Park in the Okavango Delta, and, as you're booked on a "fully inclusive" basis and all the activities are included in the price, you should take advantage of the afternoon game drive.

(approx. 120 km, journey time approx. 3.5 hours)

*Sango Safari Camp*

#### **Day 15**

##### *Moremi Game Reserve / Okavango Delta*

Today offers game drives into the Moremi Game Reserve in the lodge's open safari vehicle. The park is part of the Okavango Delta, which as the largest inland delta in the world, never flows into the sea but pours into the Kalahari basin and forms numerous waterways lined with papyrus and palm trees. The Moremi Park is home to many wild animals, including the famous "Big 5", with some places only accessible via rickety pile bridges.

*Sango Safari Camp*



#### **Day 16**

##### *To Maun*

In the morning, there is the chance for another game drive before heading back towards Maun, and your lodge on the Thamalakane River. Once settled in you can book a mokoro boat trip or a visit to a nearby cultural village (optional).

(approx. 120 km, journey time approx. 3.5 hours)

*Thamalakane River Lodge*



#### **Day 17**

##### *To the Kalahari*

Today you travel via Ghanzi to the Mamuno-Buitepos border post where you leave Botswana and re-enter Namibia. Not far from the border, you'll arrive at Kalahari Bush Breaks, a lovingly lodge set amid unspoilt and unique nature. Apart from the rooms, which all have small African details, the lodge is also known for its excellent barbecues around the campfire.

(approx. 560 km, journey time approx. 6 hours)

*Kalahari Bush Breaks*

## Day 18

### Departure

Sadly, your safari adventure comes to an end today, but you have the chance to enjoy the African sun one last time before heading to the airport, saying goodbye to your tour guide, and departing for home. (approx. 260 km, journey time approx. 3 hours)

### Cost per person:

Valid until October 2025. The final costs depend on the availability of accommodation.

**For 2 persons: ZAR 241,300 per person**

(about CHF 11,860 or about EUR 12,300)

**For 4 persons: ZAR 192,300 per person**

(about CHF 9,450 or about EUR 9,800)

**For 6 persons: ZAR 176,700 per person**

(about CHF 8,700 or about EUR 9,000)

**For 8 persons: ZAR 166,350 per person**

(about CHF 8,175 or about EUR 8,475)

**Single room supplement: ZAR 28,500**

(about CHF 1,400 or about EUR 1,450)

(Exchange rate on 18 July 2024)

### Included in the price:

Full board.

Activities as described.

Accompanied by a professional tour guide in a 4x4 off-road vehicle or VW Crafter/station wagon.

Entrance fees to parks, petrol/diesel.

### Not included in the price:

Flight.

Tips, drinks.

Visa Zimbabwe.

### Remarks:

Changes can be made to the program by prior arrangement, and personal wishes can be accommodated.

If certain planned accommodation establishments are already fully booked, small changes to the program are possible.

### Host and organiser:

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