



21 Day Namibia-Delta-Victoria Falls Safari

Number of days: 21 days / 20 nights

Accommodation: *luxury*

Dates: flexible

Option: guided



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Suggested Itinerary/Accommodation

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1 Windhoek Olive Grove Guest House bed & breakfast

You will be met by your guide on arrival in Windhoek and transferred to their guest house for the first night in Namibia. Early evening you will meet again to discuss the safari and the coming days

The 11 rooms are luxurious spaces of escape and contemplation. Fireplaces, open-plan bathrooms and private balconies add to the romance.

The Olive Grove Guest House is actually a small boutique style hotel. The courtyard has an open-air lounge with a spa bath, plunge pool and a landscaped garden; inside is another comfortable lounge, and a dining room with a modern open-plan kitchen that gives a homely feel. Breakfast may be taken on your private verandah. Lunch and dinners are available on request, but being so close to the city, you might like to venture out for the evening.



DAYS	PLACE	ACCOMMODATION	INCLUDES
2	Kalahari Desert Distance	Bagatelle Kalahari Game Lodge 300 kms ... 3 hours or so	dinner bed & breakfast

Your safari starts today with a drive south via Rehoboth to the Kalahari Desert area of Namibia. This is a good tar road before turning east onto a good gravel road to the lodge. Enjoy and relax in this pristine area before embarking on your sunset drive which includes a close encounter with cheetah feeding. Barking geckos end the day as they call from the desert.

The Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch is on the western edge of the Kalahari, about 50km from Mariental. Surrounded by red dunes, bleached blonde grass and a spattering of acacias, this is the Kalahari of storybooks and documentaries.

Owners Fred and Onie have made the transition from game ranch to luxurious lodge with little impact on the delicate ecosystem. The lodge has ten air-conditioned chalets: four on stilts atop a dune, the remainder on the valley floor and built with straw bales. All are en suite and the dune chalets have a bath as well as a shower.

The main lodge is a comfortable and stylish focal point with a library, lounge, cellar, bar, open-air dining area and a swimming pool. The whole looks out over a waterhole and the parallel ridges of red dunes that form grass-covered streets in the desert.



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3	Namib Desert Distance	Hoodia Desert Lodge 350 kms ... 3 -4 hours or so	dinner bed & breakfast

Wake up in this lovely terrain before having a hearty Namibian breakfast. After this, we join the local Bushmen on a walk. The Bushmen here do not live in their traditional ways any more but they still know (and do) hunt in their old ways, gather food etc. They are probably the best trackers in the world, an inborn aptitude not used enough anymore!

This is a lovely and extremely informative walk where they show you the tracks of various animals, big and small as well as gathering wild food.

Return to the lodge for tea/coffee before you depart and head west, down the Tsaris Pass to the harsh but beautiful Namib Desert. You should arrive mid afternoon (bear in mind that on route, your guide will stop often for photos, plants, animals ... whatever you find interesting ... so no rush) and enjoy this beautiful lodge.

Late afternoon, you will be taken to a sundowner spot ... just the most peaceful place to be!



The owners of **Hoodia Desert Lodge**, Thomas and Henreza are the consummate hosts and their attention and enthusiasm are evident in every detail. From the warm welcome to the personalised recommendations what to do during your stay, they stop at nothing to ensure you have the best possible Sossusvlei experience.

The lodge is built on a small outcrop ringed by the Namib-Naukluft Mountains on the banks of the dry riverbed rising from that same spectacular mountain range. You are about 20 minutes' drive to the entrance of Sossusvlei Park, which means you are far enough away to enjoy total peace and quiet but close enough to Sossusvlei to enjoy a full day among the world's tallest dunes in the world's oldest desert.

With just 11 chalets, Hoodia Desert Lodge is intimate and quiet. Each room is beautifully furnished with the unique desert colours and textures as inspiration. An outdoor shower or bath in the desert is something to remember for a long time. A large and shaded verandah encourages long lazy days soaking up the ancient stillness of the Namib Desert and if it all gets too much, you can cool off in the plunge at the main lodge.

Dining is an experience in itself with Henreza taking great pride in her fair that extends beyond the meat-heavy traditions of Namibia; the wine list pairs well with the variety of dishes and be sure to ask for an al fresco lunch or dinner to top it all off.



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4	Sossusvlei	Hoodia Desert Lodge	dinner bed & breakfast

Your guide will wake you well before sunrise for coffee/tea and small snacks before heading south to Sesriem which is the entrance to the Namib Naukluft Park, the Sossusvlei Dunes, Dune 45, Dead an and other amazingly beautiful places.

This is one of the highlights of this safari ... The Sossusvlei Dunes area, one of the most beautiful places to be seen! The sand dunes of Sossusvlei in the Namib Desert are often referred to as the highest dunes in the world. Various arguments are laid out to support this claim, but all miss the point, which is that Sossusvlei is surely one of the most spectacular sights in Namibia. Located in the Namib Naukluft park, the largest conservation area in Africa, and fourth largest in the world - the sand dunes at Sossusvlei are just one excellent reason to visit Namibia.



The best time to view Sossusvlei is close to sunrise and sunset; the colours are strong and constantly changing, allowing for wonderful photographic opportunities. The midday heat is intense and best spent in the shade while sunset also offers excellent photo opportunities at Sossusvlei.

'Vlei' is the Afrikaans word for a shallow depression filled with water (well, a depression that might sometimes be filled with water!), and the name 'Sossusvlei' should strictly only be applied to the pan that lies at the place where the dunes close in, preventing the waters of the Tsauchab River from flowing any further - that is, on the rare occasions that the river does flow as far as this.

During exceptional rainy seasons, Sossusvlei may fill with water, causing Namibians to flock there to witness the grand sight, but normally it is bone dry. This particular 'vlei' is actually a more-or-less circular, hard-surfaced depression that is almost entirely surrounded by sharp-edged dunes, beyond which lies a formidable sea of rolling sand, stretching in unbroken immensity all the way to the coast. However, the name 'Sossusvlei' nowadays applies to the whole area - an area that encompasses the great plain of the Tsauchab River together with the red dunes that march along like giant sentinels to south and north of the plain.

Star dunes rise up to 300m into the air and rank among the biggest in the world; the dune valleys are marked by vast clay pans where the Tsauchab River gave up its fight to reach the sea. More than 60,000 years ago, the encroaching dunes stopped the ephemeral river from reaching the sea with over 50km still to go.

This is a photographer's haven especially in the morning light when the shadows magnify the sharp edges of the dunes, the red Namib sands shine and the area is just so beautiful. The Dead Pan is also one of the most beautiful places to visit, a short hike from one of the parking areas. For the adventurous and fit, climb one of the biggest dunes in the world, Big Daddy!

Most of the morning is spent in the area stopping to view and photograph the dunes and desert scenery returning to the lodge for lunch. On the way back to the lodge, stopover at Dune 45 which is probably

the most photographed dune in the world. A visit to the enchanting Sesriem Gorge is also recommended where evidence of wetlands of days gone by is in clear evidence.

DAYS	PLACE	ACCOMMODATION	INCLUDES
5	Skeleton Coast Distance	Zum Kaiser Hotel 400 kms ... 5-6 hours or so depending on stops	bed & breakfast

The route today will go north to the small town called Solitaire (very apt) and then west, over the Tropic of Capricorn, through the Gaub and Kuiseb Canyons, over the gravel plains of the Namib to Walvis Bay which lies on the Skeleton Coast. This drive, you will see, changes so often from open plains to mountains, sandy roads to gravel and dirt, canyons and dunes ... just changing all the time.

Visit the lagoon at Walvis Bay, a RAMSAR site where you will see a wide range of bird species from flamingos and pelicans to gulls, waders, cormorants and lost more. From Walvis Bay, you drive north between the Namib dunes and the Atlantic Ocean to Swakopmund.

Swakopmund is a quaint town, originally a German colony and still has the European feel to it ... buildings, street names etc.

Your guide will advise you on a good restaurant, in fact, I would recommend The Tug or Jetty which is within walking distance of your hotel. But please ask your guide to book well in advance as they are popular!



In a town over-run with quaint and charming guesthouses in quiet suburbs, the **Zum Kaiser Hotel** (formerly the Swakopmund Boutique Hotel) stands out for its **modern style, sophisticated service and central location**.

The seafront is a minute's walk from the hotel and the centre of Swakopmund town is a minute's walk in the other direction. You are close to restaurants, shops, activity centres and of course, miles and miles of Skeleton Coast shoreline.

With just 21 rooms and operating as a fully fledged hotel complete with room service, concierge and its own restaurant, the Zum Kaiser Hotel certainly earns its boutique hotel status.

The decor is an urban blend of boardroom neutrals in marble, brushed style and off-white finishes; mahogany highlights lift the interior from drab to elegant. The rooms too have plenty of boutique-hotel

attention with original paintings, a notable absence of anything built-in or built for convenience and luxurious bathrooms.



DAYS	PLACE	ACCOMMODATION	INCLUDES
6	Cape Cross Distance	Cape Cross Lodge 110 kms ... 2 hours or so	dinner, bed & breakfast

I would suggest this morning you join a “Living Desert Tour” where the guide will show you the small things of the desert ... namaqua chameleon, side winding adder, scorpion, white lady spider ... to name a few.

After lunch, you head north along the Skeleton Coast past a ship wreck, the interesting and colourful Vlotzkas Baken (you will see when you are here!), Henties Bay, salt pan and the interesting Cape Cross seal colony.



Cape Cross Lodge is a small and luxurious hotel in an astonishing location. The hotel is situated on the seafront of the Skeleton Coast, just out of nose-shot of the largest seal colony in the world.

A lowly cross, planted by Portuguese explorer Diogo Cáo, stood on the ill-tempered Skeleton Coast for 400 years before succumbing to the patience of nature. Now a replica stands in its place. This one is protected by a small hotel that would have had many a stranded sailor whooping for joy.

Cape Cross Lodge is beyond the whiff of the world's largest colony of breeding seals and the only sign of civilisation for many miles in every direction. The Namib Desert stretches vast and fearsome into the east and the bounteous Atlantic Ocean stretches vast and chilly to the west. The Skeleton Coast stretches for hundreds of deserted miles north and south.

The lodge has 20 large, comfortable and elegant rooms with en suite bathrooms and balconies that gaze upon the endless ocean view. Colours are demure and hazy, like the ever-present mists created by the clash between cool sea breeze and baking desert air. The living area has patios, sun decks, a lounge and cocktail bar, a wine cellar and two cosy dining areas.



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7 & 8	Damaraland Distance	Mowani Mountain Camp 250 kms ... 3-4 hours or so	dinner, bed & breakfast

Head inland through the pro-Namib will bring you to the small derelict (well nearly) mining town of Uis. From here, with the Brandberg looming on the left, you head north-west into central Damaraland, the Twyfelfontein area.

Two nights are set aside for a full day in the area ...

- Drive along the dry Aba-Huab River looking for the desert adapted elephants
- Visit Namibia's "open air museum", the Twyfelfontein rock engravings and paintings
- Burnt Mountain and Organ Pipes are also very interesting rock formations.

Looking like a traditional African kraal high up in the rocky mountains of Damaraland, **Mowani Mountain Camp** is the pinnacle of luxury and sophistication in this vast and rugged region.

Built on wooden platforms among granite outcrops the camp's 12 tents are fit for a queen with plush beds, luxurious en suite bathrooms with an exhilarating roofless section, and a private balcony with superb views of the Abu Huab River valley and Damaraland all around.



Damaraland features vast khaki plains, sheer rocky mountains and incredible desert-adapted wildlife. Track rhino and desert elephant, explore the rugged land or sit back and enjoy the dramatic scenery. Damaraland is where you will find Namibia's wildlife; that typical African safari with teeming plains herds, fearful predators, noble giants and an underworld of fascinating plants, insects, birds, reptiles and mammals.

Southern Damaraland, from Swakopmund up to the Huab River, has many geological and historical attractions and is a popular region for rugged off-road camping expeditions. The land rises slowly up towards the great escarpment and volcano-induced peaks break up the endless plains. Northern Damaraland up to the Hoanib River has the greatest concentration of game. The terrain rumples into grassy hills dotted with mopane and acacia trees as you travel north-east over the plateau towards Etosha National Park.

The area is divided into several enormous private game reserves, known as concessions, that support most species of Namibia's large game and provide some of the best birding and wildlife experiences in the country - and southern Africa for that matter.



Southern Damaraland

Giant inselbergs, formed millions ago when lava was all the rage, rise sheer and jagged from the barren plains of the inner Namib Desert. Most impressive of these are **Spitzkoppe** and the **Brandberg Massif** - which, in addition to being the highest peak in the country, has the allure of ancient rock paintings and the intriguing White Lady of Brandberg. **The Organ Pipes** are a series of dolerite pipes that, oddly enough, resemble organs pipes - though these ones were created 100 million years ago and are probably a bit out of tune by now.

As a result of some lava-induced chemical reaction over 100 million years ago, **Burnt Mountain** undergoes a spectacular transformation from dull grey to a hundred fiery reds every sunrise and sunset. Among the red sandstone boulders and hills at **Twyfelfontein** is the most impressive collection of petroglyphs in Africa. Around 2,500 ancient rock paintings and engravings feature animals, tracks and abstract symbols. The exact age is unknown but archaeological evidence indicates that hunter/gatherers lived here more than 7,000 years ago.



Northern Damaraland

Northern Damaraland rises to the Etendeka Plateau and the ground becomes more vegetated as you move north-east towards **Etosha National Park**. The main attractions are the private concessions that adjoin the great park and here is where you will find that classic African safari - with a Namibian edge. The famous desert-adapted elephants traverse this vast dry land in search of water and the world's only naturally occurring population of black rhino co-exists with the Damara communities. The endemic black-faced impala, Damara dik-dik and Hartmann's mountain zebra thrive in the region as do several endemic species of bird including Rüppell's korhaan, Herero chat, Monteiro's hornbill, bare-cheeked babbler, Carp's tit and Hartlaub's francolin.

Endemics aside northern Damaraland's hilly savannah supports a large number of species including lion, leopard, cheetah, hyena, eland, kudu, giraffe, klipspringer, steenbok, gemsbok and springbok. Birdlife is prolific with over 33 raptors recorded including cuckoo hawks, Egyptian vultures and peregrine falcons - the world's fastest animal.

DAY	PLACE	ACCOMMODATION	INCLUDES
9	Etosha Distance	Ongava Lodge 300 kms ... 3-4 hours or so	dinner, bed & breakfast

After breakfast, you head north then east stopping at the Petrified Forest on route, to Khorixas. From here, by tar road to the southern edge of the Etosha National Park.

This afternoon you can go on a game drive in the park or if you wish, with the lodge vehicle and guide (optional extra) for a game derive on this private game reserve, the Ongava Game Reserve.

Ongava Game Lodge has a rustic overcoat that fails to conceal its underbelly of luxury and elegance. The 12 enormous thatched chalets each have an en suite bathroom - with a view - and a large verandah looking out over the reserve.

The main lodge is open-sided under a canopy of timber and thatch and has a split-level living area, a dining room and a bar. The swimming pool and large game-viewing deck look out over a floodlit waterhole.

Ongava is a 30,000ha private game reserve on the southern edge of Etosha. There are two other lodges in the reserve - Little Ongava Lodge , for complete luxury, and Ongava Tented Camp for an elegant sufficiency. The reserve has all of Namibia's wildlife except elephant, which you will no doubt find on your safaris in Etosha. A highlight of the private reserve is a walking safari in which you track both black and white rhino - with an armed ranger of course.



DAYS	PLACE	ACCOMMODATION	INCLUDES
10 & 11	Etosha Distance	Onguma tented Camp 150 kms ... all day!	dinner, bed & breakfast

Today, the 18th day, is an all day game drive and even though less than 200 kms, it will take all day! Stopping at watering holes, viewing animals etc will take up the whole day ... an amazing FULL day game drive. Your guide knows the good water holes ... Nebrownii, Gemsbokvlakte, Hobas, Salvadora, Goas, Kalkheuwel, Chuddop ... to name a few!

Then, a full day (11th day) for game drives on the eastern side ... very special. The water holes are quite close and teeming with wildlife. You can go all day or return to the lodge for lunch ... as you wish ... you have your private guide so you are flexible.

Onguma Tented Camp is an elegant and stylish safari lodge at odds with the scrubby African bush that envelops it.

The seven enormous tented suites fan out around a waterhole and the colours inside are an austere reflection of the natural surrounds: charcoal black, storm-cloud grey, fern green, linen white, natural stone... And they are comfortable with cotton draping, indoor and outdoor showers, separate toilets, twin stone basins and a private sitting area and verandah. The main lodge has a pool and deck overlooking the waterhole. The lounge and dining area - done in the same style and with equal measure of elegance - is beneath stretched canvas with open sides barely keeping the encroaching bush at bay.



Etosha National Park

Etosha is one of Africa's great game parks. With 114 species of mammal and 340 species of bird you are sure to see a great variety of wildlife on your safari. Etosha is one of the few places, maybe the only place, where some of the best game viewing would be during the heat of the day when plains game in their hundreds congregate at the waterholes to drink.

As vegetation in most areas is sparse, the animals have learnt to drink during the day when predators are inactive and it is the safest time to be out in the open. It is not uncommon to see up to 7 different species of game at any waterhole. The park supports 114 species of mammal and over 340 species of bird including numerous endemics and rarities. At the heart of the park is a salt pan that is surrounded by sparse shrubs and grassy plains that become hilly mopane woodlands as you move away from the sunken saline desert.

Like everything in Namibia, the pan is ancient - 2 million years or so - and was formed when a great continental upheaval diverted the Kunene River towards the sea, leaving a massive inland lake that soon dried up. Usually a shimmering white horizon, the pan fills with water after a good rainy season and becomes a vast knee-deep lake. About 30 springs and waterholes along the pan's southern edge attract large concentrations of every representative species in the park - especially in the dry season, which runs from April to September.

The list of mammals and birds is long and Etosha National Park is an excellent self-drive destination: the roads are excellent and the waterholes clearly marked. All you have to do is drive there, turn your engine off and wait.



Wildlife you are likely to see, at close quarters if you spend some time at the waterholes, includes a growing number of rhino - both black and white - and the endemic black-faced impala and Damara dik-dik. The Namibian trademarks, gemsbok and springbok, are common and there are good numbers of southern Africa's big game including elephant, lion, leopard, cheetah, caracal, brown and spotted hyena, eland, roan, kudu, wildebeest, red hartebeest, Hartman's mountain (only in the west) and Burchell's plains zebra, and black-backed jackal.

Birding is excellent, particularly after good rains when up to a million flamingos may congregate in the pan. Etosha is one of only two places in southern Africa where blue cranes and greater and lesser flamingos breed. Raptors are common with 46 species recorded including the Bateleur, martial, Wahlberg's and tawny eagles; and Egyptian, African white-backed and lappet-faced vultures. Ostriches, secretary birds, kori bustards and black korhaans are easily spotted around the pan; and there are several specials including violet wood-hoopoe, Rüppell's bustard, Caspian plover, pygmy and red-necked falcons, three varieties of babbler and the pink-billed lark.

Photography at Etosha National Park is exceptional: the waterholes allow for unobtrusive close-ups and dramatic angles of the wildlife while the salt pan throws up a backdrop of shimmering white beneath a parched blue sky.

Etosha, by comparison to the other great parks of Africa, is an undiscovered gem. A handful of lodges operate on the perimeter of the park and they offer sunrise and sunset game drives into the park as well as on their own private reserves. The park has only three places to stay inside its gates: the government-owned Namutoni, Okaukuejo and Halali resorts. They each overlook one of over 30 waterholes and the Etosha Pan.

Next to Etosha Pan is Fischer's Pan. During the rainy season, it is often filled with water and is an excellent birdwatching site. West of Okaukuejo is an unusual stand of Moringa trees - normally found on rocky hillsides - called The Phantom Forest for its inexplicable presence on a sandy plain.

DAY	PLACE	ACCOMMODATION	INCLUDES
12	Rundu Distance	Taranga Lodge 300 kms ... 4-5 hours	dinner, bed & breakfast

Head north today via Grootfontein. Along the way, stop at one of the biggest meteorites on earth, the Hobas Meteorite. This day is not very interesting and this road (a good road), which in some parts, is dead straight, should be a day you sit back and wait to get there.

However, it is not that far and you should be at your lovely lodge by lunch which leaves the afternoon free to relax, watch birds and go on a boat cruise (optional).



...it has an almost mythical status – the Okavango river remains as one of the greatest water experiences of Africa. **Taranga Safari Lodge** is one of the very few luxury bush camp lodges in the region. Accommodation is intimate with only a few open fronted luxury riverbank tented cottages, situated amongst tall riverine tress, guests are offered ample opportunity to take in the sights and sounds of African bush with views across the river into the nearby flood plains and during season the lily covered wetlands.

Tranga Safari Lodge offers 2 luxury twin en-suite meru tents and 2 deluxe double en-suite tents. Taranga Safari Lodge has 8 standard camping sites with an ablution block.

There are daily guided river safaris taking you out for an adventure; an early sunrise cruise through the rising early morning river mist or late afternoon sundowner, mokoro trips or flyfishing. You may plan to go on a bushwalk, traditional village tour or choose to celebrate the end of a lazy day by spending memorable time at night around the fire pit stargazing.

The swimming pool and the large wooden decks offer a private and idyllic location for those wishing to unwind or to do some birdwatching.



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13	Okavango River Distance	Divava Lodge 200 kms ... 2 hours or so	dinner, bed & breakfast

After breakfast you head east to a town called Bagani and then from here to your lodge which is situated on the banks of the Okavango River, close to Popa Falls. You will arrive before lunch so a great opportunity to spend the afternoon the small, but beautiful Mahangu Game Reserve. Here you should see your first hippo, possibly a crocodile ... Namibia's wetland areas.

Or, simply relax on the deck with a sundowner din and tonic watching life float by!

The little paradise which is the [Divava Okavango Lodge & Spa](#) sits right on the banks of Okavango River, sheltered by tall trees, surrounded by indigenous bush and frequented by abundant wildlife, right on your doorstep.

20 spacious and luxurious air-conditioned chalets, each with a private deck, en-suite bathroom with indoor shower and floor to ceiling windows overlooking the river give you ample bird and game viewing opportunities, without the need to get out of bed.

Meals are served in the restaurant or on the deck with full views of the river, twittering birdlife and hopefully a few sightings of resident Hippos and Crocodiles lurking in the water. A day in the bushveld in the scouring heat can leave you exhausted, neck muscles tight, feeling hot and bothered, so unwind and pamper yourself at the spa with a sauna or steam overlooking the river, a soothing massage or cool dip in the nearby pool.



After the world's oldest desert in the south, the Caprivi wetlands come as a bit of surprise. The finger of land that slices between Botswana and Zambia to touch Zimbabwe is a sub-tropical paradise of perennial rivers, sodden marshes and verdant woodlands at odds with the parched country to the west.

Attaining its odd shape from the powers that were during colonial times, this strip of land covers about 20,000sq km between the Zambezi and Okavango Rivers. The 450km strip is 30km wide at its narrowest and 100km at its widest.



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14	Maun, Botswana Distance	Royal Tree Lodge 45 kms ... 5-6 hours or so	dinner, bed & breakfast

This can be quite a long day but your guide will make it as easy as possible.

First you enter Botswana at the Mohembo Border Post, then via Shakawe you head south-east to Sehitwa from where you turn north-east to Maun. You also pass through a few veterinary control gates ... interesting where you have to stand on a mat doused with disinfectant!

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.

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.



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15 & 16	Okavango Delta	Camp Moremi	dinner, bed & breakfast

This morning you say “good bye” to your guide when he drops you off at the Maun Airport from where you fly by light aircraft (about 20 minutes) over this amazing delta to your lodge for the next two nights.

Here you will go on game drives, boat rides, watch birds etc with the lodge guide and safari vehicle. I was there recently and you will see, these people are passionate about what they do, what they share with their guests ... just a happy bunch of people!

Camp Moremi is a small and welcoming safari lodge in the Okavango Delta's Moremi Game Reserve on the edge of a large palm-infringed lagoon.

The main living area is built in and around a grove of giant ebony trees and the tented rooms flank the lodge on both sides suspended on stilts along the water's edge. The chalets - simple, comfortable, rustic - have private bathrooms on the same platform, slightly apart from the bedrooms and private balconies overlooking Xakanaka Lagoon (pronounced KA-ka-na-ka) and the Okavango Delta beyond.

Service, food, ambience and an exceptional game viewing experience make Camp Moremi one of the regions best lodges, competing well with the higher-priced, spruced-up versions nearby.



The **Okavango Delta** is an impenetrable network of waterways and flood plains in Botswana covering an area the size of small country.

Access into the **Okavango Delta** is difficult, getting around is difficult, carting supplies in and waste out is difficult. These are all good things for this vast wildlife wilderness is utterly picturesque and devoid of human influence.

Crammed with every conceivable species of bird and beast, the delta is an Eden of excess offering amazing game viewing and birding in a scenic and tranquil African wilderness. The quintessential delta experience: gliding in silence through the waterways on an **African-style gondola** carved from a single tree.

If constant close-ups of elephant, buffalo, lion, giraffe, hyena, jackal and plenty of large and small antelope start to grow old, there's always the chance encounter with cheetah, leopard, wild dog, and red lechwe to spice things up.

Birds rightly favour the delta's abundance of supply and the delta favours an abundance of birds. Distinct **riverine and woodland habitats** attract a wider **diversity of birds** and some of the rarities you might see include Pel's fishing owls, narina trogons, white-backed night herons, African skimmers, bat hawks, wood owls and carmine bee-eaters.

Moremi Game Reserve, Chiefs Island the Moremi Tongue cover most of the delta and protect most of the wildlife. Safaris in the Okavango can be entirely on water, entirely on land or a combination of both. July to September is high water season in the delta and this period coincides with the Botswana dry season, making for the best game viewing and the best scenery.



A kink in the Kavango River, rising several thousand km away in the Angolan highlands, diverts the river from its natural course towards the Indian Ocean via the Zambezi into the flat sand basin of the Kalahari in Botswana.

Here the river fans out into a palm-shaped network of river scouts that year after year seek a path to the sea. Not to be, as the Kalahari snuffs out their attempts as the water drains into the earth to form the world's largest inland delta spanning 15,000 sq km at its peak.

The Kavango River takes several months to reach its destination and when rivulets begin to fill the the seasonal channels, Botswana's wildlife is on full water rations. Trekking for many days, elephant, buffalo and large herds of plains game leave their rapidly drying hinterlands and head for the communal wetlands in the dry winter months from July to September.

High water is a time of plenty for the herbivores in the delta but their concentrations make for easy pickings. High water is also a time of plenty for the predators, who previously ranged far and wide during the wet season in search of their dispersed quarry.

DAYS	PLACE	ACCOMMODATION	INCLUDES
17 & 18	Chobe National Park	Chobe Game Lodge	dinner, bed & breakfast

Depart by light aircraft again and fly north to the small town of Kasane (about an hour's flight) where you will be met by one of the lodge guides and transferred into the Chobe National Park.

This is a very special place, the only lodge within the Chobe Park which is situated on the banks of the Chobe River. From here, you do game drives, boat riding and relaxing on the board-walk along the river front. An amazing area where you can see hundreds of elephant, hundreds of buffalo, hundreds of hippos, hundreds of impala ... it goes on!

Two nights makes it a full day to spend in this amazing area.

The **Chobe Game Lodge** is a rough-clad vaulted maze of courtyards, passages and verandahs that face the Chobe River and its vast great flood plain.

The 47 rooms have barrel-vaulted ceilings and high archways that frame a delightful view of the river. All rooms have air conditioning, ceiling fans, complimentary mini bars and private terraces with river views.

Dining is either a high table bonanza on the river-facing terrace or a sumptuous buffet on the lawn beneath an ancient mahogany tree. The food is a Westerner's introduction to local ingredients and the wine list features some of South Africa's regular offerings.



Chobe National Park has one of the highest concentrations of wildlife in Africa. You can barely blow your nose without attracting the attentions of several ear-twitching, tail-swishing, nostril-flaring, hoof-stamping herbivores.

Elephants abound along the Chobe River as do the gamut of plains species including buffalo, lion, leopard, cheetah, hyena, wild dog, giraffe, zebra, kudu and so on down the height chart to the rare water-friendly red lechwe and puku antelopes.

The Chobe River is the arterial life-line that shoulders its way through gigantic teak, jackalberry and mukwa trees towards its confluence with the Zambezi River. Along the way, the Chobe gets tangled up with the Kwando River to form the Linyanti Wetlands - a delta-like area of pristine beauty and exceptional game viewing, especially in the dry months.



DAYS	PLACE	ACCOMMODATION	INCLUDES
19 & 20	Victoria Falls	Victoria Falls Hotel	bed & breakfast

You end your holiday in elegance and colonial style!

The road transfer from Kasane to Victoria Falls can take 2 hours, it can take 4 ... unfortunately the border control here, especially the Zimbabwe side, can take time but enjoy this African "encounter". Victoria Falls is not far from the border, only about 70 kms.

I would suggest this afternoon going on the tram sunset ride which starts outside your hotel ... I did this in May 2014 and loved it! Then you have a full day to visit the magnificent Victoria Falls, join extra activities like helicopter flights, big game encounter, visit a rural village and lots more.

With a long history of five-star excellence, the **Victoria Falls Hotel** is an icon of elegant sophistication in southern Africa.



Still going strong after 105 years, the Victoria Falls Hotel is an oasis of calm in the turmoil of Victoria Falls and the maelstrom of Zimbabwe's downward spiral. Maintaining its five-star standards, a feat near as wondrous as the Victoria Falls themselves, Victoria Falls Hotel is a luxurious hotel of grand proportions all arches, marbled verandas and immaculate presentation.

Rooms are Edwardian in style, modern in amenities and the rich history of Victoria Falls is reflected in every corner of this magnificent hotel.

Situated on the edge of Victoria Falls National Park, the falls viewing area is a 10-minute walk along a private pathway within view of the spray, the Batoka Gorge and the beautiful Victoria Falls Bridge, from which there is usually some clown dangling at the end of an elasticated rope.

The **Victoria Falls** with its rickety railings at the sheer precipice are excitement enough for some. Others take it to the extreme, swimming in a whirlpool at the falls' edge. Whichever category of thrill-seeker you fit, Victoria Falls cannot fail to enthrall with its might and multitude of picturesque vantage points.

A gazillion tonnes of water thundering over a sheer cliff drowns all other sounds and the swirling mist hides all sign of human activity. Beyond your rain forest sanctuary people are hurling themselves off bridges, across gorges, into walls of raging water and out of aircraft. Victoria Falls is a paradox of tranquil beauty and exciting adventure.



DAY 21

This is your last day here and depending on your out-bound flight, you will be transferred to the airport where this holiday will end.

Accommodation subject to availability – with minimum extra cost, up-grade any accommodation – contact us for suggestions

Flights:

Luggage is strictly limited to 20 kgs per person in soft type bags as per the picture. This includes all luggage ... clothing, hand luggage as well as camera gear.

Maximum size 25 X 65 X 30 cms (10 X 6 X 12 inches)

The above quote Includes:

1. Accommodation as indicated
2. Meals as indicated
3. Game drives as indicated – guided by own guide
4. Park entry fees- guided option only
5. Guide and vehicle with vehicle costs – guided
6. Water in vehicle- guided option only
7. Meet and greet upon arrival
8. 24 hour personal and friendly availability

The quote excludes:



1. Items of a personal nature
2. Optional extra activities
3. International flights
4. Holiday or personal insurance
5. Staff gratuities

What happens next?

1. Please have a look at my suggested route, recommended itinerary and the various price options
2. Contact me with any questions or requests
3. Together we determine a final route, itinerary and price
4. Once you are happy with the route and suggested accommodation establishments, I will make the necessary reservations as well as any other ground arrangements
5. When all reservations are secured, I will send you an invoice the 20% deposit to secure the package
6. As per our company policy, I then invoice you the balance to be paid no less than 42 days before arrival

Important information:

1. Travel Insurance

We highly recommend that you arrange your own travel insurance. Not only for your own peace of mind, but also to cover you in the event of possible tour cancellation, emergency evacuation, medical and repatriation expenses as well damage/loss/theft of your personal belongings, camera equipment, money and the like.

2. Contact detail

It is important that you give me contact detail of your next of kin or a friend whom I could contact in the event of an emergency. This detail you can give me on the Booking Form that I will forward to you.

3. Passports/Visas/Vaccinations

Please note that Africa Tours and Safaris cannot be held responsible for any of the above.

Passports need to be valid for at least 3 months from date of arrival. However, I strongly recommend at least 6 months as some border/immigration authorities require this.

Please check on the internet (<http://namibia.visahq.ca>) or your Embassy whether you require a VISA to be arranged in advance or whether you can obtain it at point of entry. In some cases, it can take up to 3 months for Visas to be issued so please do not leave this to the last minute. Please note that we cannot arrange Visas from our side as the application requires your signature as well as the actual passport to be endorsed.

The same applies to any possible vaccinations. Your doctor should be able to advise you.

