

NAMIBIA TO VICTORIA FALLS 18 DAYS GUIDED SAFARI



for 4 – 8 Personen

Two deserts, the **Atlantic Ocean**, Africa's "**Big 5**", a **houseboat** cruise and finally **Victoria Falls** as the cherry on top – all this and more awaits you on this 18-day guided safari. From Windhoek we first drive into the **Kalahari**, then into the **Namib Desert** and to the coastal town of **Swakopmund**. After exploring the **Erongo Mountains** we head northeast in search for large herds of elephants, for lions, hippos, buffalo and such in **Etosha**, **Mahangu** and **Bwabwata** National Parks. Next we board a houseboat for a leisurely cruise on the **Chobe River** and to top it all off you will be gazing at the thundering mass of water cascading down **Victoria Falls**. This trip leaves nothing to be desired.



Itinerary

Day 1

Arrive in Windhoek

Our guide will pick us up at the airport and drive us to the lodge. In the middle of the African bush we can rest in the garden and at the pool, from where we have a beautiful view of the farmland. In the afternoon we go on a farm tour.

Auas Safari Lodge, south of Windhoek

Day 2

Drive to the edge of the Kalahari semi-desert

In the morning we drive via Rehoboth and Kalkrand to the Kalahari. At sunset we take a nature tour in an open off-road vehicle in the up to 30 m high red longitudinal dunes with typical flora and fauna of the Kalahari Semidesert.

Kalahari Red Dunes Lodge in the Kalahari

Day 3

Drive to Sesriem/Sossusvlei

Over the spectacular landscape of the Tsaris Mountain Pass, we now travel to Sesriem. On the way, the fantastic landscapes at the Namib edge let us imagine what awaits us in the next days: the incredible vastness of the Namib Desert with isolated island mountains and dune landscapes. In the afternoon we visit the Sesriem Canyon.

Sossusvlei Lodge, close to the park entrance



Day 4

Sossusvlei

Drive to Sossusvlei, to the highest dunes in the world. Since the sun is still quite low in the morning, the high sand dunes shimmer golden, yellow and reddish on one side, but are dark and shady on the other side. Thus, the dune ridge stands out razor sharp. Short hike and visit of the photogenic Dead Vlei with its bizarre tree trunks. Afterwards the drive continues north via Solitaire to the interesting lodge.

Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge in the Namib Desert



Day 5

Via the Gaub ~ and Kuiseb Pass to Swakopmund

We pass the Gaub- and Kuiseb and cross the central Namib Desert. On the way we will see ostriches, maybe springboks, zebras and oryx antelopes. Via Walvis Bay we reach the coastal town Swakopmund, where we spend the night with a view over the ocean. Dinner in a restaurant directly on the beach.

Strand Hotel Swakopmund, Luxury Room



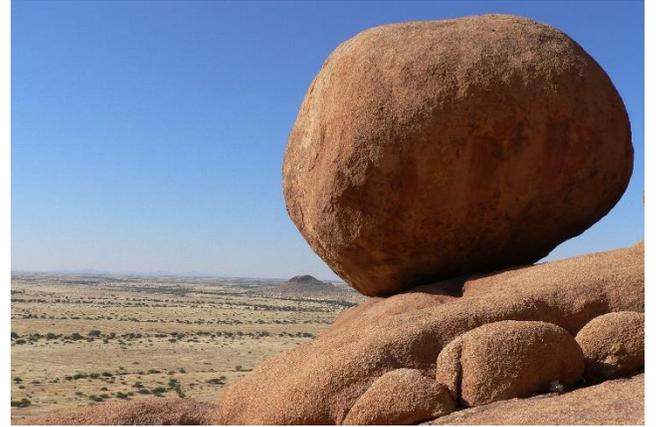
Day 6

Swakopmund

Today we take a very interesting boat trip in the lagoon of Walvis Bay. We see seals, dolphins, flamingos and pelicans.

In the afternoon a variety of activities are offered (optional). Swakopmund is an interesting and historical town, we can visit the aquarium, the museum and the crystal gallery or more adventurous - quad biking. There are a variety of interesting shops and coffee shops that we can enjoy.

Strand Hotel Swakopmund, Luxury Room



Day 7

Journey to the Erongo mountains

We bid farewell to the ocean and drive into the Erongo Mountain massif. The drive takes us back into the desert past the Spitzkoppe granite inselberg, the "Matterhorn" of Namibia, which rises 600 metres out of the plain.

The area is famous for a large variety of semi-precious stones that are mined from the ancient granite rocks. Our lodge is nestled between bizarre granite rock formations. Guided walks to sunset and sunrise in this wild landscape are included.

Erongo Wilderness Lodge

Day 8

Drive to the Etosha National Park

After breakfast, we can't wait to visit the greatest wildlife sanctuary in Namibia, the Etosha National Park. The park is one of the largest wildlife reserves in the world and one of the most outstanding wildlife parks in Africa. The animals are attracted by the Etosha pan, a huge depression rarely filled with rainwater.

However, at its edge there are waterholes where flocks of land animals and birds spend the whole year. Game drives in the park. In the evening we can watch the coming and going at the illuminated waterhole.
Camp Okaukuejo in the Park, Waterhole Chalet

Day 9

Etosha National Park

Exciting game viewing awaits us today in Etosha National Park. We have the whole day to visit the different waterholes and watch animals like giraffes, kudus, zebra, oryx antelopes, black noses, impala, wildebeest, springboks, ostriches and with a little luck even lions. The Halali Camp also has a gently lit waterhole where we can spend some time in the evening. Maybe we see the elusive leopard?

Halali Camp in the Park



Day 10

Game drive through eastern part of the park

Another day of game viewing in this animal kingdom. We visit the old fort at Namutoni before we leave the park and proceed to a unique bush camp, our next overnight destination. Let the lodge spoil you while you enjoy a delicious glass of wine for dinner.

Mushara Bush Camp, outside the eastern gates of Etosha

Day 11

Travel to Rundu, on the border to Angola

Today we drive into the most densely populated part of Namibia, the Okavango. On the way we see picturesque round huts inhabited by the locals of the Kavango tribe. Our destination today is the Hakusembe River Lodge, which is located west of Rundu, directly at the Okavango. On the other side of the river is Angola. We can relax before a sunset boat trip on the Okavango River in the late afternoon.

Hakusembe River Lodge on the Okavango

Day 12

Journey to the Mahango National Park

Birds' twittering will wake you to a new day on the Okavango River. We continue through the Kavango eastwards to the Caprivi. From time to time we see the kraals of the Kavango and above all straw traders along the road selling straw sheaves for the roof of the huts. Our lodge is also located directly on the Okavango. Attention: possibly hippos graze at night between our tent bungalows. In the afternoon we go on a game drive in the animal rich and interesting Mahango National Park.

Mahangu Safari Lodge on the Okavango

Day 13

Drive through Western Caprivi

After the breakfast cruise on the Okavango River, we cross the Okavango and drive through the Bwabwata Park to our lodge, which is located south of Kongola, directly on the river. In the afternoon we will take another boat trip. This time on the Kwando River. Again, we experience "Africa at its best!".

Namushasha River Lodge on the Kwando River



Day 14

Bwabwata National Park

We take an interesting game drive in Bwabwata National Park with the lodge. The region around the Kwando River is considered the area with the highest concentration of elephants in southern Africa. The landscape around the Horseshoe is particularly interesting. In the free time in the afternoon we might want to try some fishing at the Kwando. Or we simply enjoy the typical African atmosphere at the lodge.

Namushasha River Lodge on the Kwando River

Day 15

Transfer to Kasane/Botswana

Drive to Katima Mulilo, where the tour guide is turning back. Don't worry, all further transfers have been taken care of. Transfer to Kasane in Botswana.

There we board the deluxe houseboat Chobe Princess on which we will stay the next two nights.

From the deck we look onto the Chobe National Park, where huge herds of elephants often hike to the river. We may also see giraffes, kudus, waterbucks, lechwes and impalas. The boat trip with a drink at sunset is an unforgettable experience.

Chobe Princes Houseboat incl. Full board and activities



Day 16

Houseboat on the Chobe River

The whole day we enjoy the silence, the African ambience and the richness of the animal world with hippos, elephants and crocodiles, while the almost tropical landscape passes by leisurely. We can also try our hand at "tiger fishing". For bird lovers this area is a paradise, as over 400 different species have been recorded.

Chobe Princes Houseboat incl. Full board and activities



Day 17

Transfer to Victoria Falls

Transfer to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. Our Lodge is within walking distance of the world-famous waterfalls. The local Kololo tribe call the waterfall Mosi-oa-Tunya meaning "The Smoke which Thunders." The name is derived from the spray mist which goes up to 300m into the air and is visible from 30km away. In the afternoon we visit the waterfalls, where huge masses of water cascade over a width of 1708 meters down into the pools 110 m below (entry to the falls is not included).

Ilala Lodge in Victoria Falls (only breakfast included)

Day 18

Victoria Falls – flight to Johannesburg - Europe

In the morning we would have the opportunity to book different activities like crocodile farm, white river rafting or a scenic flight over the waterfalls (optional). Transfer to the airport for afternoon flight. Return to Europe on night flight out of Johannesburg.

Price on request

Included in the price:

Full board (except in Victoria Falls)
Activities as indicated
Professional tour guide with a 4x4 Landcruiser or VW Crafter till day 16
Entrance fees, permits, fuel

Not Included:

Flights
Tips and drinks
Visa for Zimbabwe and entrance to Victoria Falls

Note:

Guests can request alternative accommodation or change the itinerary to their individual requirements. Should some of the lodges be fully booked, we will be able to find suitable alternatives. This could have an effect on the final price of the tour.

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