

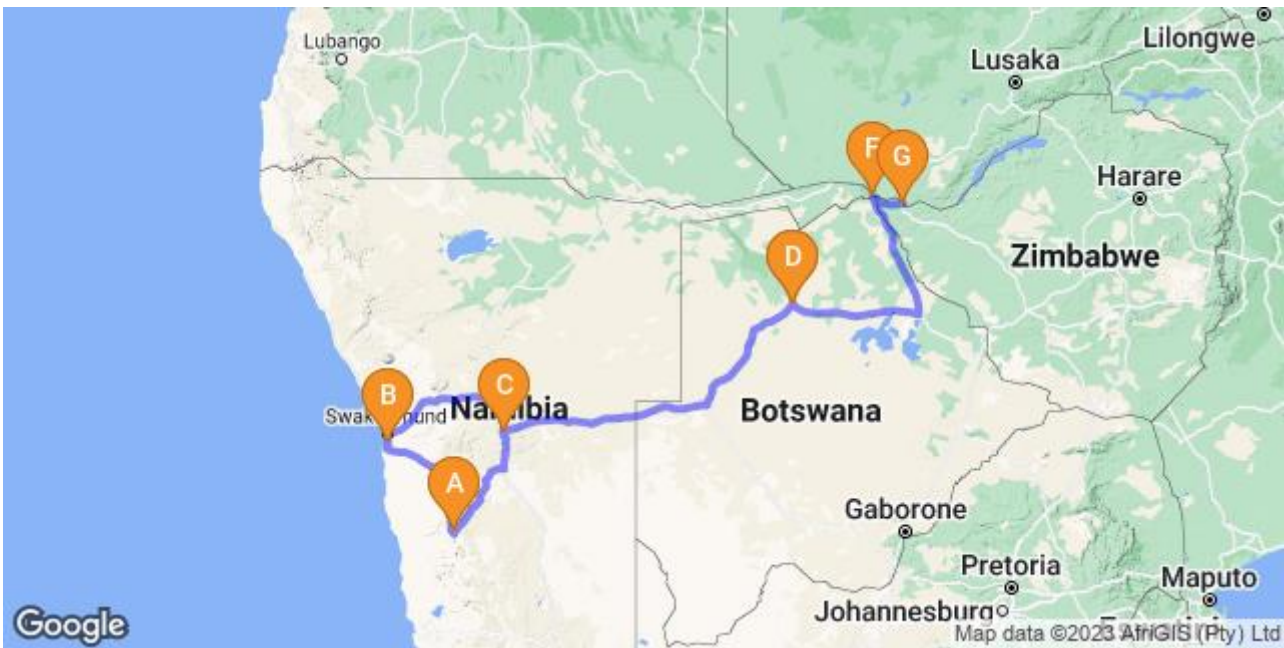


**10 DAYS EXPLORING NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA & VIC FALLS | Guided Tour**

*Sossusvlei - Swakopmund - Solitaire - Windhoek - Walvis Bay - Maun - Mahango Game Reserve - Kasane - Chobe River Front - Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)*

*10 Days / 9 Nights*

*Reference: MTA-10DNBZ*



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## Introduction

Embark on an extraordinary journey spanning the captivating landscapes and rich wildlife of Namibia and Botswana. This immersive tour takes you through iconic destinations, offering a blend of natural wonders, cultural experiences, and thrilling wildlife encounters.

Begin your adventure amidst the vast plains of Etosha National Park, where majestic animals roam freely. Witness the timeless interactions of predators and prey against the backdrop of breathtaking salt pans and waterholes teeming with life.

Explore the charming town of Rundu, nestled along the Kavango River. Journey through the Mahango Game Reserve, home to diverse wildlife and picturesque river landscapes.

Arrive in Maun, the gateway to the renowned Okavango Delta. Immerse yourself in this UNESCO World Heritage Site, where mokoro trips and wildlife safaris reveal the delta's pristine beauty and rich biodiversity.

Discover the tranquility of Nata and venture to the Sua Pan, part of the Makgadikgadi Pans. Marvel at the vastness of these salt pans, encountering unique desert-adapted wildlife and experiencing the stark beauty of the desert landscape.

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	<a href="#">Elegant Desert Lodge</a>	Sossusvlei	D,B&B	<b>2 Nights</b>
Day 3	<a href="#">Bay View Resort Namibia</a>	Swakopmund	B&B	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 4	Town Lodge Windhoek	Windhoek	B&B	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 5	<a href="#">Maun Lodge</a>	Maun	B&B	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 6	<a href="#">Maun Lodge</a>	Maun	B&B	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 7	TraveLodge Kasane	Kasane	B&B	<b>2 Nights</b>
Day 9	Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel	Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)	B&B	<b>1 Night</b>

## Included

- \* Professional Guide / Chauffeur
- \* Accommodation as stated in the program
- \* Meals as stated in the program
- \* The rental vehicle with all risk insured
- \* Fuel for Vehicle
- \* The Activities or Visits as STATED in the Program as INCLUDED
- \* Entry fees to National Parks
- \* Namibian VAT

## Excluded

- \* International flights
- \* Personal Purchases
- \* Entry fees to neighboring countries such as Zimbabwe
- \* Drinks, which are the responsibility of travelers
- \* Tips and gratuities
- \* Personal Medical Insurance and Repatriation (Very Important)
- \* Optional Activities / Additional Activities

## Day 1: Elegant Desert Lodge, Sossusvlei

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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.

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### Day Itinerary

Welcome to **Namibia**! We hope you had a pleasant flight. Your adventure begins here...

Everything you've been looking forward to is now reality. Let that set in a minute.

At Windhoek Airport or At your Accommodation,  
Discover the caring smile of your guide.

- If arriving from the Airport look out for your name on the welcome board and behind it the smiley face to welcome you.

- If already in Windhoek, your guide will come collect you from your Accommodation that you have indicated or mentioned to us, of course with a great smile to welcome you.

### **Approximate transfer time to Windhoek from Hosea Kutako International Airport – 45 minutes**

Your guide will handover your travel documents and help you get acquainted with your route and what to expect on your upcoming journey. Feel free to ask any questions. Your guide is flexible, as is your schedule, so plan it day by day as you go along to get the most out of your trip.

Your guide will know where the nearest shops and bank are if you wish to get anything. Grab some cold drinks and some snacks for the road. We recommend you plan to be on the road as early as you can.

### **Today you already heading to the gate of Sossusvlei**

#### **Depending on the time of arrival, a first Safari will be done on arrival in the afternoon.**

As the stars light up the Namibian sky, you gather around a friendly table to listen to your guide's information and discuss the journey ahead - This will happen daily until the end of your tour.

### **Overnight: Elegant Desert Lodge [View iBrochure](#)**

The Elegant Desert Lodge

Soulful, liberating and elegant

Situated on the border of the World Heritage site of the Namib Desert and only 37 kilometers from the gate to Sossusvlei, the Elegant Desert Lodge offers accommodation in 29 tastefully furnished, air conditioned rooms. All en-suite, the stylish and comfortable rooms invite you to recline in the soulful yet liberating atmosphere of the world's oldest desert.

A beautiful and tranquil garden offering various, innovative seating arrangements inspire an image of an oasis nestled in the Namib Desert. Alternatively, enjoy the vistas of the desert plains from the veranda of your room. We suggest you treat yourself to a casual lunch with a bottle of fine South African Wine, each handpicked by the owners. In the afternoon you can relax in one of our chic lounges in the gardens or at the sparkling pool, or you can participate in the Scenic drive with spectacular views overlooking the Namib Desert.



## Activities

	Okahandja Craft Market - South
Afternoon	Etosha Game Drive

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### *Okahandja Craft Market - South*

This craft market is Okahandja's best known tourist attraction. Woodcarvers from all over, and as far as the Kavango Region of north-eastern Namibia, who practice their ancient skills come here to sell their goods. Since wood is not resistant to the wear and tear of time, wood sculptures survive less well than other forms of art and are therefore an important hidden element in the art history of many cultures. The wood-and-thatch market is situated next to the main road at the town's entrance and exit. Choose from a wide variety of hand-carved wooden artifacts such as animals, bowls or jewelry boxes.

### *Etosha Game Drive*

Game drive through Etosha National Park searching for predators, plains game, reptiles & birds. Game drives are conducted in custom built safari vehicles with a pop-up roof and large opening windows to maximize photographic opportunities.

Depending on the time of year, these game drives take many different routes, but most often focus around the waterholes where you are most likely to see a variety of wildlife taking the chance to get a drink and swim.

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## Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 2:      **Elegant Desert Lodge, Sossusvlei**

### **Day Itinerary**

After breakfast, today will be all about forms and colors. The Sossusvlei dunes rise more than 375 meters above the Tsauchab River that flows from East to West in the desert, just a few kilometers from the Atlantic Ocean. They are among the highest dunes in the world. These dunes are located above an ancient petrified desert that forms a basement of sandstone.

You will take full advantage of the ocher color palettes and the wavy shapes of the Sossusvlei and Deadvlei dunes.

### **The Namib Desert - A Land of Wonders:**

**Endless Dunes:** Witness the awe-inspiring grandeur of the Namib's towering sand dunes, gracefully sculpted by the gentle caress of the wind over millennia. Their ever-changing shapes and shades of gold create a surreal canvas that inspires wonder and awe.

**Deadvlei - A Desert Masterpiece:** Step into the realm of Deadvlei, an ancient clay pan adorned with hauntingly beautiful, dead camel thorn trees. Surrounded by some of the tallest dunes on Earth, this striking contrast between lifeless trees and fiery red sands creates a surreal landscape that has to be seen to be believed.

**Sossusvlei - A Desert Oasis:** Discover the magic of Sossusvlei, an ephemeral pan where rare rains bring life to the desert, transforming the stark landscape into a vibrant oasis. Here, the white clay floor contrasts vividly with the towering red dunes, offering a spectacle that is both captivating and humbling.

#### **Embracing the Spirit of Sesriem Canyon:**

**Ancient Echoes:** As you walk in the footsteps of time, allow the canyon's ancient echoes to whisper their secrets to you. Reflect on the significance of this natural wonder, and connect with the timeless essence of the Namib Desert.

**Natural Serenity:** In the heart of Sesriem Canyon, find a tranquil oasis of peace amid the desert's harshness. The canyon's quiet serenity invites moments of self-reflection and an opportunity to recharge your spirit in the embrace of nature.

**Photographer's Paradise:** Capture the canyon's captivating beauty with your camera, as the interplay of light and shadow creates an ever-changing spectacle. The intricate patterns and textures of the rocks offer a photographer's dream come true.

#### **Activities**

Sossusvlei
Dead Vlei
Sesriem Canyon
Dune 45

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#### ***Sossusvlei***

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#### ***Dead Vlei***

This ancient clay pan was once an oasis, studded with acacias and fed by a river that suddenly changed course, leaving the earth to dry up along with the trees it previously supported. So dry were the climatic conditions that the trees never decomposed – instead they were entirely leached of moisture so that today, 900 years later, they remain as desiccated, blackened sentinels dotting the pan's cracked surface. Surrounded by the red-pink dunes of the Namibia Desert, they create a surreal spectacle that is a photographer's dream.

#### ***Sesriem Canyon***

Sesriem Canyon is a captivating natural wonder located in the heart of the Namib Desert in Namibia. Carved over millions of years by the Tsauchab River, this narrow gorge is a testament to the power of erosion. The name Sesriem comes from the Afrikaans and Dutch words for six leather straps, which early pioneers used tied together to draw water from the deep pools within the canyon. Sesriem Canyon is not only a geological marvel but also a haven for

unique desert flora and fauna, making it a popular stop for tourists exploring the surreal landscapes of the Namib Desert.

#### ***Dune 45***

Named for its location 45 kilometres past the town of Sesriem, Dune 45 is renowned for its elegant shape, which – along with its position close to the road – have earned it the distinction of ‘most photographed dune in the world’. If you’re not keen for the strenuous hike to the top of Big Daddy, Dune 45 is a more forgiving alternative, standing at only 80 metres and featuring a much gentler gradient.

#### **Basis**

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

### **Day 3: Bay View Resort Namibia, Swakopmund**



Set along Namibia's spectacularly scenic coast, the seaside town of Swakopmund is known for its wide-open avenues, colonial architecture, and its surrounding otherworldly desert terrain. Founded in 1892 as the main harbour for German South-West Africa, Swakopmund is often described as being more German than Germany. Now a seaside resort town, Swakopmund is the capital of the Skeleton Coast tourism area and has plenty to keep visitors happy. The quirky mix of German and Namibian influences, adventure options, laid-back atmosphere and cool sea breeze make it a very popular Namibian destination. Visitors can look forward to a number of exciting activities including: quad biking, horse riding, paragliding, fishing, sightseeing and fascinating desert tours.

#### **Day Itinerary**

##### **Today you will drive to Swakopmund.**

Swakopmund, a coastal gem nestled between the rolling dunes of the Namib Desert and the mighty Atlantic Ocean, is a captivating destination that exudes a unique charm and beauty. As you explore this enchanting town in Namibia, you'll be spellbound by its picturesque landscapes, rich history, and a vibrant mix of cultures. Here's a glimpse of the beauty that awaits you in Swakopmund:

The town's coastline is a mesmerizing fusion of dramatic desert dunes meeting the crashing waves of the Atlantic Ocean. The endless stretches of sandy beaches and the sea's calming rhythm create a serene and picturesque setting, perfect for tranquil walks and breathtaking sunsets.

Swakopmund's architecture reflects its colonial past, with well-preserved German-style buildings adding an old-world charm to the streets. Stroll through the town's avenues lined with historic structures, evoking a sense of nostalgia and cultural richness.

Just beyond Swakopmund lies the magnificent Namib Desert, where thrilling desert adventures await. Explore the surreal landscapes of the nearby dune fields, such as Dune 7, and experience the exhilaration of sandboarding or quad biking amidst the vast sea of golden dunes.

For the thrill-seekers, Swakopmund offers a plethora of activities, including skydiving over the desert, deep-sea fishing, hot air ballooning, and dolphin and seal cruises. The town's adventure-filled atmosphere will leave you with memories of adrenaline-fueled excitement.

Swakopmund's vibrant craft markets and boutique stores offer an array of locally crafted souvenirs, including exquisite handcrafted jewelry, traditional Himba crafts, and striking desert-inspired artworks, allowing you to take a piece of Swakopmund's beauty home with you.

Swakopmund's beauty lies not only in its natural wonders but also in the warm hospitality of its people and the sense of adventure that permeates the air. Whether you seek relaxation on the beaches, cultural immersion, or thrilling escapades, Swakopmund is a destination that promises a one-of-a-kind experience that will remain etched in your heart forever.

#### Free afternoon

#### Quad Biking

#### Overnight: [Bay View Resort Namibia](#) [View iBrochure](#)

Bay View Resort Hotel is a one of a kind, 4-star beach resort located in Dolphin Beach, halfway between Swakopmund and Walvis Bay, Namibia. The property offers 44 luxury rooms and two executive penthouse suites, all sea-facing with private balconies overlooking the Atlantic ocean. Guests can make use of the conference facility, the in-house SALT Restaurant as well as a Sky Bar on the 6th floor to take in views of the dunes and the sea.



#### Activities

Solitaire

Kuiseb Canyon

Tropic of Capricorn



***Solitaire***

Situated in the Khomas region of Central Namibia, the desert town of Solitaire serves as an oasis in the Namib Desert. The town provides an important stop on the way to the ancient dunes of Sossusvlei, allowing travellers to stock up on essentials as they make their way further into the wilderness. Solitaire also has a small bar and is renowned for its famous apple pie - said to be the best in the country. Enjoy a scenic sundowner with views of the spectacular Namib desert, hike and bike through the unspoilt natural surroundings, or visit the wonderful local Cheetah Sanctuary.

***Kuiseb Canyon***

Mysterious and remote, the Kuiseb Canyon was carved aeons ago by the Kuiseb River, which runs mainly underground. This deep fissure is flanked by steep folds of rock on one side and the copper-coloured sand dunes of the Namib Desert on the other, and shelters several wildlife species that are acclimatised to the region's harsh environment, including hyena, buck and even leopard.

***Tropic of Capricorn***

Located just South of Walvis Bay in Solitaire, is the approximate latitude of the Tropic of Capricorn at 23.5 degrees South. The Tropic of Capricorn is one of the 5 major circles of latitude and the southernmost point of latitude from where the sun can be seen directly overhead. This point of latitude runs through many other countries such as Brazil, Mozambique and Australia to name a few.

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**Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 4: Town Lodge Windhoek, Windhoek

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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.

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### Day Itinerary

Today you will take the road towards the city of Rundu, which is located on the banks of the Okavango, in northern Namibia, on the border with Angola. With around 45,000 inhabitants, this small town, capital of local crafts (basketry, wood carvings, pottery), seems always more animated than the capital in the center! There are lush green lodges, offering a relaxing setting along the river, to admire a rich birdlife, including fish eagles but also crocodiles or hippos.

Free afternoon. You will enjoy the landscape and the well-being of your lodge, or do optional activities.

Optional Activities: Boat cruise champagne and sunset, fishing on a Mokoro.

We can make the reservation for you for these activities and you can pay on the spot.

### Overnight: Town Lodge Windhoek

The hotel is located in The Steps Development which is situated in Frankie Fredericks Street in the Kleine Kuppe area of Windhoek. Situated in Grove Street next to the Lady Pohamba Hospital and adjacent to the Grove Mall, it comprises 147 stylish bedrooms, each with en-suite bathrooms featuring maxi showers. The hotel is within easy access of Windhoek's international and domestic airports, as well as the CBD and entertainment facilities.

Town Lodge Windhoek provides free and secure basement parking as well as a swimming pool and fast, reliable wireless internet. Interleading family rooms are available and one in 50 rooms has been specially designed to cater for the needs of physically disabled guests.

Full English and continental breakfast options and a sun downer bar service make this hotel the perfect place to start and end each day of your stay in Windhoek.




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## Activities

Morning	Walvis Bay Boat Cruises
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### *Walvis Bay Boat Cruises*

Several operators run boat cruises from Walvis Bay – some geared towards fishing or sightseeing and others towards dolphin and whale watching, but all offer the chance to experience the region’s natural beauty and phenomenal marine and bird life.

## Basis

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 5: Maun Lodge, Maun



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. 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 a significant pride of lions; and the Tsodilo Hills, where 4500 rock paintings form a unique record of human settlement over many millennia.



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 offering private 4x4 rentals. Don't miss the opportunity to visit the Nhaba Museum exhibiting the local history, art and culture of the Ngamiland region.

### Day Itinerary

Road day to the northeast. Your guide will show you the Marulas trees, whose fruits give a tasty local alcohol. We reach the area of Popa falls and Mahangu, in the Caprivi Strip, a narrow projection of Namibia, about 450 km east, between Botswana in the south, Angola and Zambia in the north. Caprivi is bordered by the great rivers Okavango, Kwando (which will become the Chobe) and Zambezi.

**In the afternoon, you will embark on a Magical Mokoro Safari - A Serene Journey Through Namibia's Waterways**

Welcome to a serene and enchanting adventure as you embark on a Mokoro Safari in Namibia. Glide along the peaceful waterways, surrounded by the rich wildlife and pristine landscapes of this magnificent country. Prepare to be captivated by the tranquility and beauty of the Mokoro Safari experience.

The Mokoro is a traditional dugout canoe, skillfully crafted from a single tree trunk. Experience the same mode of transport that has been used for generations by the local communities to navigate the waterways.

Drifting silently along the water's surface allows for a deeper connection with nature. Absorb the sounds of the gentle lapping of water, the songs of birds, and the occasional rustle of wildlife on the banks.

Discover the Okavango Delta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the largest inland deltas in the world. This oasis sustains a diverse array of flora and fauna, drawing a multitude of wildlife seeking refuge in its pristine habitats.

Keep an eye out for the abundance of birdlife in the delta, from colorful kingfishers and majestic fish eagles to elegant herons and playful African jacanas. Witness herds of graceful elephants coming to the water's edge to drink and bathe, offering an unforgettable sight as they peacefully interact with one another. Observe the playful antics of hippos as they submerge and surface, providing moments of amusement as they cool off in the water.

Spot the lurking presence of crocodiles, their eyes and nostrils visible above the waterline as they await potential prey.

Travel through narrow water channels lined with papyrus and reeds, creating a picturesque and serene environment. Drift through areas adorned with vibrant water lilies, adding splashes of color to the calm waters.

#### **Overnight: Maun Lodge**      [View iBrochure](#)

Maun Lodge is situated on the banks of the Thamalakane River and on the doorstep to the famous Okavango Delta. Located only 4 km from Maun International Airport and 2.5 km from the village center and is ideally positioned for both business and holiday visitors.

Accommodation consists of 30 double rooms, 2 of which are suitable for the physically challenged, 20 twin and 4 family rooms, all air conditioned with en-suite bathrooms, extensive bouquet of satellite television, tea and coffee facilities, room and laundry services. There's also 10 deluxe riverfront rooms and 2 Presidential suites, all with private verandas, en-suite and fully air-conditioned. For those on a limited budget, there's 12 thatched chalets that are excellent value for money, the chalets are en-suite, fully air conditioned, have tea & coffee facilities and 16 DSTV channels. Eight of the chalets cater for families with three beds. The remaining four have two beds each.



## Activities

MOKORO Traditional Boat Cruise

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## Basis

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 6: Maun Lodge, Maun

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As previously described

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## Day Itinerary

### Mahango National Park Game Drive - An Extraordinary Safari Adventure

Welcome to Mahango National Park, a hidden gem in Namibia, where you can embark on an extraordinary game drive safari and immerse yourself in the wonders of African wildlife and pristine landscapes. Prepare to be captivated by the diversity of species and the raw beauty of this remarkable park.

Witness the majesty of African elephants as they roam freely through the park. Mahango is known for its large elephant herds, offering you the chance to observe these gentle giants in their natural habitat. Keep an eye out for predators such as lions and leopards, as well as other carnivores like hyenas and African wild dogs, who call the park home.

Mahango National Park is a haven for birdwatchers, with over 400 species of birds recorded in the area. Spot vibrant bee-eaters, majestic fish eagles, and colorful kingfishers among the many bird species that inhabit the park. Seek out rare and elusive bird species, such as the Pel's fishing owl, wattled crane, and the endangered African skimmer.

CROSS THE BORDER to get inside Botswana, direction to Maun.

Maun, located in northern Botswana, is a bustling town often hailed as the "Gateway to the Okavango Delta." This vibrant hub serves as a launchpad for thrilling safari adventures into one of Africa's most magnificent natural wonders. As the primary access point to the Okavango Delta, Maun buzzes with energy, hosting an international airport and serving as a base for travelers seeking wildlife encounters, mokoro (canoe) trips through winding waterways, and immersive experiences in this UNESCO World Heritage Site. The town offers a blend of modern amenities, cultural encounters with local communities, and a range of accommodations, making it a perfect starting point for unforgettable African safari experiences.

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## Activities

Mahango Game Reserve

### *Mahango Game Reserve*

A pristine protected area bordering Botswana, Mahango Game Reserve in Namibia provides a convenient stopover between Rundu and Katima Mulilo and forms part of the beautiful Bwabwata National Park. Woodlands, the Kavango River, and vast floodplains of the Okavango River basin known as 'omurambas', dominate the park's landscape, and elephants, lions, leopards and different types of antelope - including red lechwes, sables and roans, - are among the 99 species of animals found here. This park is an excellent destination for avid bird watchers, with its 400-odd species, and provides the perfect location to catch a glimpse of crocodiles and hippos in the Kavango River. Besides guided daytime wildlife safaris, the reserve also offers nighttime game drives.

## Basis

Bed and Breakfast

## Day 7: Travelodge Kasane, Kasane



Tucked away in the northeastern corner of Botswana, on the banks of the famous Chobe River, the scenic little town of Kasane rests on the doorstep of the spectacular Chobe National Park. There are no boundary fences separating the village from the park and game such as elephant and hippo are often spotted roaming around the town. If on the lookout for elusive game, pay a visit to the Sedudu Valley Road, where large dead trees provide temporary homes for leopards. Within Kasane, an ancient baobab tree stands on display, once serving as a local prison. Visitors can look forward to a multitude of activities including: enjoying a game drive through the park, taking a sunset cruise down the Chobe River, visiting a local village or jumping on a day trip to the breathtaking Victoria Falls.

### Day Itinerary

Today, departure to reach Botswana. Botswana, a landlocked country in southern Africa, has a landscape defined by the Kalahari Desert and the Okavango Delta, which becomes a lush animal habitat during seasonal floods. The huge Central Kalahari Game Reserve, with its fossilized valleys and Rolling Meadows, is home to many animals including giraffes, cheetahs, hyenas and wild dogs.

Botswana has the largest inland delta in the world, the Okavango Delta, with an area of about 15,000 square kilometers. Chobe National Park is home to the largest elephant population in Africa.

Late afternoon free.

### Overnight: Travelodge Kasane

Travelodge is designed for budget conscious travellers. We have rooms which are contemporarily designed with secured parking, restaurant and swimming pool.





**Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

**Day 8: Travelodge Kasane, Kasane****Day Itinerary****Safari and Boat Cruise in Chobe National Park - An Unforgettable African Adventure**

Welcome to Chobe National Park, a wildlife haven in the heart of Africa, where you can experience the best of both worlds - an exhilarating safari and a captivating boat cruise. Prepare to be enchanted as you embark on an unforgettable journey through one of Africa's most renowned national parks.

Set out on thrilling game drives through Chobe's diverse ecosystems, teeming with an abundance of wildlife. Encounter majestic elephants, graceful giraffes, imposing lions, and a variety of antelope species, among others. Explore the Chobe Riverfront area, known for its dense populations of elephants and buffalo. The river provides a vital water source, drawing animals from far and wide, offering incredible game viewing opportunities. Keep your eyes peeled for predators such as leopards and lions, stealthily hunting their prey amidst the African wilderness.

In the afternoon you will embark on a serene boat cruise along the Chobe River, providing a unique perspective to observe wildlife from the water. The river cruise offers an intimate encounter with hippos, crocodiles, and a myriad of bird species that inhabit the riverbanks.

Experience the magic of a Chobe River sunset, as the golden hues of the African sun cast a warm glow over the landscape, creating an atmosphere of tranquility and beauty.

Chobe National Park is a birdwatcher's paradise, with over 450 bird species recorded in the area. Marvel at the vibrantly colored bee-eaters, stately fish eagles, and elegant kingfishers among many others. The Chobe River attracts an array of waterfowl, including storks, herons, egrets, and ducks, creating a captivating spectacle for bird enthusiasts.

**Activities**

Morning	Chobe Game Viewing
Afternoon	Chobe Boat Cruise

***Chobe Game Viewing***

Chobe is renowned for its excellent game viewing, especially for herds of elephants which come down to the river to drink.

***Chobe Boat Cruise***

The Chobe Boat Cruise is a wonderful way to experience the Chobe National Park. Puku and lechwe antelopes are common on the Chobe Floodplains and herds of elephants can be seen crossing the Chobe River to the islands. Other common sites are hippos and crocodiles basking in the sun. There are a variety of boating options for the Chobe boat cruises. Guests can join a standard cruise on a river cruiser taking about 30-40 people or have the opportunity to take a smaller boat and focus on photography and birding. The bigger boats have bars on board for drinks and soft

drinks. All Chobe boat cruises depart from Kasane, the town which borders onto the Chobe national park. There are regular afternoon and morning departures.

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## Basis

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 9: Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel, Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

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A nation of spectacular natural beauty, friendly people and rich culture, Zimbabwe's status as one of Africa's leading safari destinations was dampened for years by its political instability. But now that the country is transcending its strife and returning to a state of equilibrium, it is once again emerging as a vacation highlight of the continent. Victoria Falls – known to locals as 'The Smoke That Thunders' – is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and the sheer power of this massive body of water plunging into the Zambezi Gorge is awe-inspiring and unforgettable. Lake Kariba, with its game-rich shores and islands, is an idyllic safari spot featuring mind-blowing sunsets; Hwange National Park is known for its huge herds of elephants; and a kayak trip down the Zambezi through the Mana Pools National Park will appeal to the intrepid traveller, providing close encounters with crocodiles, hippos and a host of other wildlife.

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Victoria Falls is one of the world's most impressive waterfalls. It is set on the magnificent Zambezi River which creates the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. These spectacular falls can be easily visited and viewed from the Zimbabwean side. Considered to be the world's widest waterfalls, Victoria Falls measures an impressive 1708 metres in width. The small town of Victoria Falls, which lies adjacent to the waterfalls, serves as a great base from which to explore the many attractions this area of Zimbabwe has to offer. The surrounding area provides a wide range of adrenalin-filled activities for adventure lovers. Visitors can look forward to an array of wonderful activities including:

scenic flights, micro lighting, white water rafting, bungee jumping, kayaking, and once-in-a-lifetime expeditions into the incredible Chobe National Park.

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### **Overnight: Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel**

Victoria Falls Rainbow hotel is within walking distance from the Victoria Falls, the town centre, the railway station as well as the commercial district. The Airport is roughly 25km from the hotel. This hotel offer attention to detail, personal service and offers the base from which to pursue adrenaline pumping sporting activities.

The lodge is located next to the Zambezi National Park and it's possible to spot some hippos, crocodiles or game coming in for a drink from the rooms.

All rooms have air conditioning, colour television, computer hook up, telephone, ensuite bathrooms, with enclosed balconies. Suites have, in addition, a separate lounge, mini bar and another TV lounge. The hotel has 88 rooms in total.

The Hotel houses two dining experiences,

The Simujinga restaurant with its enticing African aura and blending in of Western & African cuisine and The Kraal Restaurant (Shop and Dine concept) - providing a more authentic Zimbabwean meal experience. Traditional shows ( traditional Ndebele Dancers and the Makishi from the Matonga tribe) depicting the original diversity of the Zimbabwean and Southern African culture.




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### **Activities**

Victoria Falls - The Falls

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#### ***Victoria Falls - The Falls***

One of the original natural wonders of the world, the Victoria Falls is breathtaking and not suprisingly a World Heritage Site. Known locally as 'The Smoke that Thunders' this spectacle is accessible from both Zambia and Zimbabwe. Unlike other waterfalls, Victoria Falls has a natural catwalk across from the falls which provides spectacular viewing.

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### **Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 10: End of Itinerary

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### Day Itinerary

Quiet breakfast at the lodge, and then drive to the Airport.

You need to be at the airport 2 hours before flight departure.

### Basis

Bed and Breakfast

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## Driving Directions

### Directions - Hosea Kutako International Airport [WDH] to Elegant Desert Lodge

**Distance:** 341.40km    **Travel Time:** 4:24 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for Elegant Desert Lodge:** S 24° 37' 9.272" E 15° 59' 27.186"

- Head southwest (0.3 km)
- Turn left (0.1 km)
- Turn right (0.2 km)
- Turn left (0.7 km)
- At the roundabout, take the 4th exit (1.1 km)
- Turn right onto B6 (39.7 km)
- Turn left onto Jan Jonker. Go through 1 roundabout (1.9 km)
- Turn left (0.3 km)
- Continue onto Robert Mugabe Ave (2.1 km)
- At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit (0.6 km)
- At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto Sean McBride (1.0 km)
- Turn left onto Frankie Fredericks Street (2.2 km)
- Turn left onto Rehobother Rd/B1. Continue to follow B1 (86.9 km)
- Turn right onto C24 (38.6 km)
- Continue onto M47 (69.2 km)
- Turn right onto D1206 (28.0 km)
- Turn left onto C14 (0.9 km)
- Turn right onto D854 (19.1 km)
- Continue onto D854 (48.4 km)
- Turn right (26 m)



*Directions supplied by Google.*

### Directions - Elegant Desert Lodge to Bay View Resort Namibia

**Distance:** 347.20km    **Travel Time:** 4:40 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for Bay View Resort Namibia:** S 22° 50' 35.929" E 14° 32' 24.362"

- Head southeast toward D854 (30 m)
- Turn right onto D854 (4.7 km)
- Turn right onto C19 (97.3 km)
- Turn left onto C14 (230 km)
- At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto B2 (1.0 km)
- Continue straight (0.2 km)
- Continue onto B2 (12.9 km)
- Turn left (0.2 km)
- Turn left (0.2 km)
- Turn left (16 m)
- Turn right (18 m)
- Turn left. Destination will be on the right (0.4 km)



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## Directions - Bay View Resort Namibia to Town Lodge Windhoek

**Distance:** 392.18km    **Travel Time:** 4:11 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for Town Lodge Windhoek:** S 22° 37' 15.547" E 17° 05' 43.331"

- Head northwest (0.4 km)
- Turn right (18 m)
- Turn left (16 m)
- Turn right (0.2 km)
- Turn right (0.2 km)
- Turn left onto B2 (18.6 km)
- Turn right onto Sam Nujome Ave (3.7 km)
- At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Sam Nujome Ave/B2. Continue to follow B2 (142 km)
- Turn left to stay on B2 (33.4 km)
- Continue onto B2 (108 km)
- Continue onto B1 (19.4 km)
- Turn left to merge onto A1 (49.6 km)
- Continue onto Western Bypass (3.9 km)
- Continue onto Western Bypass (2.7 km)
- Continue onto Western Bypass (7.3 km)
- Keep left (0.7 km)
- Turn left onto Mandume Ndemufayo Avenue (0.1 km)
- Continue onto Rehobother Rd/B1 (0.8 km)



- Turn left toward Frankie Fredericks Street (69 m)
- Slight left onto Frankie Fredericks Street (0.7 km)
- Turn left onto Ombika Street (0.2 km)
- Turn right (0.2 km)
- At the roundabout, continue straight. Destination will be on the left (54 m)

*Directions supplied by Google.*

## Directions - Town Lodge Windhoek to Maun Lodge

**Distance:** 812.90km    **Travel Time:** 8:54 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for Maun Lodge:** S 20° 00' 17.417" E 23° 25' 41.038"

- Head west (31 m)
- At the roundabout, continue straight (0.2 km)
- Turn left onto Ombika Street (0.2 km)
- Turn left onto Frankie Fredericks Street (1.4 km)
- Turn right onto Sean McBride (0.9 km)
- At the roundabout, take the 1st exit (0.6 km)
- At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit (0.8 km)
- Continue onto Robert Mugabe Ave (1.6 km)
- Turn right onto Jan Jonker (2.0 km)
- Turn right onto Sam Nujoma Dr (0.9 km)
- Turn left onto B6 (199 km)
- Turn left onto Bypass Rd/B6. Toll road (111 km)
- B6 turns left and becomes A2. Entering Botswana (0.1 km)
- Continue straight to stay on A2. Toll road (164 km)
- Turn left onto A3 (328 km)
- Turn right onto Tawana I (1.1 km)
- Continue onto Single Ln Bridge (0.1 km)
- Continue onto Tawana I. Destination will be on the left (80 m)



*Directions supplied by Google.*

### Directions - Maun Lodge to Maun Lodge

**Distance:** 0km **Travel Time:** 00 minutes

**GPS co-ordinates for Maun Lodge:** S 20° 00' 17.417" E 23° 25' 41.038"

- Head on Tawana I (1 m)



*Directions supplied by Google.*

### Directions - Maun Lodge to Travelodge Kasane

**Distance:** 606.02km **Travel Time:** 6:47 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for Travelodge Kasane:** S 17° 47' 0.777" E 25° 09' 54.288"

- Head east on Tawana I (0.5 km)
- Turn right onto Sekgoma Rd/A3. Continue to follow A3 (299 km)
- Turn left onto A33 (147 km)
- Continue straight to stay on A33 (151 km)
- Turn left onto Upper Rd/A33 (6.7 km)
- Turn right onto President Ave (2.3 km)
- Turn right onto Sebonego Ngwaketse Rd. Destination will be on the left (30 m)





*Directions supplied by Google.*

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## Directions - Travelodge Kasane to Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel

**Distance:** 83.59km      **Travel Time:** 1:07 hours

**GPS co-ordinates for Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel:** S 17° 55' 20.798" E 25° 50' 13.279"

- Head southeast on Sebonego Ngwaketse Rd toward President Ave (30 m)
- Turn left onto President Ave (2.2 km)
- Turn left onto Upper Rd/A33 (6.7 km)
- Turn left onto A33 (0.2 km)
- Turn right. Entering Zimbabwe (2.1 km)
- Continue straight (66.8 km)
- Continue onto Kazungula Rd (3.3 km)
- Turn left onto A8 (1.6 km)
- Turn left onto Livingstone Way/Mosi - Oa - Tunya Rd/Park Way. Destination will be on the left (0.7 km)



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## Travel Information

### General Information

#### **CLIMATE & WEATHER:**

Namibia is an all year round destination, but climate and temperatures vary throughout the year according to the different seasons. Here is an indication of the different times of the year and what to expect:

Dry Season – May to October (Winter)

May – Rains have ceased and therefore scenery is lovely and green. During the day temperatures are moderate (24 - 28°C / 75-82°F). Evenings and nights are not that cold yet and are at most times pleasant but cool.

June – Falling just before the winter months, it starts getting colder in the evenings and at night, where temperature can start dropping to 10°C / 50°F. In the southern desert areas it can get very cold. During the day temperatures are still pleasant between 20 - 24°C / 68 - 75°F.

July & August – Usually the coldest of the winter months. Average temperatures during the day are around 21 - 25°C / 70 - 77°F. At night it drops to around 7°C / 45°F and can fall below freezing in the southern desert areas and more northern regions of the country.

September & October – From September, daytime temperatures warm up slightly but it still isn't too hot. The morning and evening chill factor is less and skies are clear as it is still dry. During October it gets even drier throughout the country, due to the longer period without rain, and it slowly starts to get warmer during the days and evenings. Daytime temperatures can during this time get quite hot.

Wet Season – November to April (Summer)

November – It starts to really warm up as we head towards our peak summer months. It can get very hot throughout Namibia during November, but humidity is still low. Daytime temperatures can rise to 30°C / 86°F but can be a lot higher in the southern desert areas and far north of Namibia. Clouds can often be seen in the afternoons but it is not common for rain to fall yet.

December – A hot month overall with the first rains starting to fall throughout the country. When it rains it cools off a bit making for pleasant temperatures. Rains are usually in short bursts and don't last too long.

January & February – The hottest of the summer months. It can get extremely hot and humid with temperatures averaging around 30 - 35°C / 86 - 95°F but often reaching peaks of 40°C / 104°F in the southern and more northern areas of the country. Downpours are common in the afternoons but also not falling every day.

March & April – Rainfall is less throughout March and has usually stopped completely by the end of April. Daytime temperatures are cooler than in the peak of summer and the nights start to get colder. Most days will see temperatures of around 25 - 30°C / 77 - 86°F.

#### **VISAS & PASSPORTS:**

Motema Tours & Safaris does not arrange VISAS and therefore this will be your own responsibility and arrangement. If we do so, we will charge you for the services.

You can have a look at the following link for more information regarding visa requirements:

<https://www.visahq.com/>

Please check on the internet or with the 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.

NB: Passports need to be valid for at least 6 months from date of departure/ the date you end your holiday.

#### **TRAVELING WITH MINORS:**

For parents travelling with children under the age of 18 into or out of South Africa, Namibia or Botswana, you need to have the child's full un-abridged birth certificate with you.

**HEALTH:**

COVID-19: For the latest information and updates on travel requirements and restrictions with regards to COVID:

**Vaccinations:**

☑ You should be up to date on routine vaccinations while traveling to any destination.

☑ Namibia does not require any specific vaccinations, however you may need to show that you have been vaccinated against Yellow Fever if you will be travelling from or via a Yellow Fever Risk country.

☑ Namibia is a malaria risk country, however this is mostly in the northern parts of the country, along the rivers and Caprivi strip. Etosha is also a risk area, but this is mostly during and shortly after the rain season. ☑ We recommend that you consult your local physician with regards to vaccinations and precautions to be taken against malaria. Your doctor will be able to advise you regarding suitable malaria prophylaxis.

Some tips against malaria:

- \* Wear long sleeves and long pants in the evenings and at night
- \* Use mosquito repellents at all times
- \* Where mosquito nets are provided, make use of this when sleeping.

**Water:** Generally throughout Namibia, water is safe to drink, however bottled water is also readily available and can be purchased at all shops and lodges. Make sure you drink enough water, especially during the summer months when it can get very hot. It is a good idea to keep a water bottle filled with fresh water at all times and have this with you, especially when on activities or out and about during the heat of the day.

Water is a scarce commodity throughout Namibia, so please use water sparingly and save water where you can.

**Dietary Requirements:** If you have any specific dietary requirements, please advise this on booking your tour. This is also requested from you on the booking information form. This information will be given to all the lodges prior to your arrival so that this can be accommodated accordingly.

**Medical Conditions:** Any medical conditions you may have, needs to be noted. Please ensure that we receive this information prior to your arrival and on booking your tour. This is also requested from you on the booking information form. This includes advising us of health issues and any allergies. If you will be travelling with medication, it is best to have this properly labelled and if necessary, keep this on you at all times.

**SAFETY:**

Namibia is a safe country for travel with a low crime rate, however we always recommend that you take precautions where necessary and be aware of your surroundings. Some tips:

- \* Keep the vehicle locked at all times
- \* Do not leave valuables in the vehicle
- \* Use the safes supplied at the lodges
- \* Always be aware of your surroundings
- \* In the streets and when sightseeing, do not carry valuables visibly on your person
- \* Do not carry large sums of cash on you

We also do not recommend you travel before sunrise or after sunset, this is due to animal activity at dawn/dusk and when it is dark. Visibility in areas where there are no road lights means inability to see animals on the road and this can be dangerous.

**MOBILE NETWORK & COVERAGE:**

Roaming is expensive and therefore it is a good idea to make use of a local sim card when travelling in Namibia.

Sim cards can be purchased at most shops and fuel stations throughout the country and you can simply recharge with credit as you go along. If your service provider activates your sim card on request, you can also have internet

access on your phone whilst travelling.

MTC has the best coverage throughout Namibia, but it is important to keep in mind that there are areas with little to no reception. Should you wish to rent a satellite phone, this will be additional. We do not include this, due to the call tariffs involved over and above the daily rates, and therefore you can look to contact Sat4Rent for more information and to book a satellite phone, if you prefer to have one with you just in case. <https://www.sat4rent.com/>

The dialling code in Namibia is +264

#### **WIFI:**

Throughout Namibia almost all of the lodges offer WIFI connection of some sort. This is generally at the main area/ reception area of the lodge and not necessarily in the rooms. Some connections are still very slow and it is best to remember that WIFI connectivity and access to the internet is not guaranteed.

#### ***ELECTRICAL ADAPTORS NEEDED FOR NAMIBIA?***

In Namibia the common power plugs and sockets are of type D and M, which have 3 round pins (as in South Africa), however sometimes plug points are also used which have 2 smaller round pins (type C and N) (as shown below). The standard voltage is 220 V.

Image of 3 pin round and two pin. These plugs will work in Namibia.

If you need an adaptor then the best adaptor to get would be a type D adaptor.

This can always be purchased in Windhoek.

#### **PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:**

In Namibia, we have set public holidays throughout the year, although some dates change annually. Below is a list of the public holidays for your reference:

01 January New Year's Day

21 March Independence Day

Varies Good Friday

Varies Easter Monday

01 May Worker's Day

04 May Cassinga Day

Varies Ascension Day

25 May Africa Day

26 August Heroes' Day

10 December International Human Rights Day

25 December Christmas Day

26 December Boxing Day

Where a public holiday falls on a Sunday, the Monday will then usually be declared a public holiday. During public holidays and often on weekends, limited shops are open and usually only until 12:00 / 13:00pm in the afternoon.

#### **TIME:**

Namibia uses the same offset as Central Africa Time Zone, which is GMT + 2 hours. Since 2018, Namibia no longer uses Daylight Savings Time in the winter months.

#### **LANGUAGE:**

The official language in Namibia is English, however German and Afrikaans are also widely used and there are numerous African languages and dialects spoken throughout the country since Namibia can be divided into at least 11 ethnic groups.

**INSURANCE:**

Personal / holiday insurance is for your own arrangement and we highly recommend that you ensure you have the necessary comprehensive cover before traveling.

**CURRENCY:**

The currency in Namibia is the Namibian Dollar (N\$). This has a fixed exchange rate to the South African Rand (ZAR) of 1:1.

South African Rand (ZAR) are accepted throughout Namibia, but it is important to keep in mind that the Namibian Dollar (N\$) is not accepted in South Africa.

Foreign currency and traveller's cheques can be exchanged at any bank throughout Namibia. There is no limit with regards to the amount of foreign currency allowed into Namibia.

**CREDIT CARDS & CASH ON TOUR:**

Credit cards (Visa & MasterCard) are widely accepted throughout Namibia and most lodges will accept credit cards for payments of extras. Most fuel stations accept credit cards. We do however recommend that you have cash with you at all times to pay for extras and fuel should the credit card machines be offline or if credit cards are not accepted.

We do not recommend that you carry large sums of cash with you, but rather that you only keep a limited amount on you and rather that you draw cash from ATMs or banks in the towns/ cities you will be passing through as you go along.

Further information or assistance can be obtained from any of the commercial banks in Namibia.

NB: As an indication we suggest that you have roughly ZAR 500 – ZAR 1000 (per person) on you at all times.

If you will be visiting any of our neighbouring countries it is a good idea to keep the following in mind:

\* In Botswana you will have to pay in Botswana Pula (BWP) or American Dollars (US\$) \* In Zimbabwe you will pay in American Dollars (US\$)

Make sure you have the local currency with you, especially at the borders to be able to make payment of your cross border fees.

**FLIGHT CHECK-IN TIMES & ARRIVALS:**

Check-in for international flights will be 2 hours prior to your departure flight time. For domestic flights, this is usually only 1 hour, however we always recommend being there 2 hours in advance.

Please be aware that on arrival at international airports, transfers are usually arranged for 45 minutes after your flight arrival time to allow adequate time for you to disembark the aircraft, to go through customs and immigration and to collect your luggage.

For private charter and scheduled flights, check-in times will be specified, however this will usually be 1 hour in advance of the estimated time of departure.

As you are on holiday, leave yourself ample time for transfers etc. so that your holiday can be relaxed and you can travel without any additional stress. This makes for a good start or end to your tour.

**LUGGAGE:*****General Flight Conditions:***

- Arrival and Departure times at the different lodges can vary and will be communicated with the lodges/agents at least the day before departure.

- On a scheduled seat rate flight routing will be planned per the number of passengers booked and their respective destinations. These are not always direct flights.

- Private charter flights mean that you will be travelling alone in the aircraft for the duration of your tour and your flight times are reasonably flexible throughout. You can discuss the flight times with your pilot as you go along.

Please note that pilot accommodation has been booked throughout as it is compulsory for private charter flights but

keep in mind that you may not have the same pilot throughout and your pilot may not stay at the lodges on all nights, if the aircraft needs to be pulled in an emergency or for maintenance.

- Type of aircraft used and luggage restrictions will be determined by the number of passengers booked and the route they travel. Below is an indication.

- Luggage Detail:

Scheduled Seat Rate Flights:

- STRICTLY not more than 20kg in small soft bags only.

Inclusive of hand luggage per person.

Provided that the pax all have an average weight of 80kg each.

Private Charter Flights:

- **2 Pax:** STRICTLY not more than 25kg in small soft bags only.

Inclusive of hand luggage per person.

Provided that the pax all have an average weight of 80kg each.

- **3 Pax:** STRICTLY not more than 15kg in small soft bags only.

Inclusive of hand luggage per person.

Provided that the pax all have an average weight of 80kg each.

- **4 Pax:** STRICTLY not more than 10kg in small soft bags only.

Inclusive of hand luggage per person.

Provided that the pax all have an average weight of 80kg each.

- Flights only operate during daylight hours. All flights take place between sunrise & sunset.

- Fuel is a major component of the cost of these services. As such we will be unable to honor these rates should the fuel price increase substantially. Should this happen we will adjust our rates and update you.

- Should the Namibian currency weaken substantially against the US\$ aircraft companies reserve the right to adjust their rates. You will be advised accordingly.

- Flight companies only fly in fair weather. Whilst every effort will be made to get you to your destination at the agreed time, flight companies will not jeopardize your safety. We are blessed with 300 days of sunshine per year in Namibia. Rarely does weather either delay, or at worse force us to cancel a flight. Should either of these scenarios occur, you will be advised immediately. Costs incurred due to or caused by these diversions/cancellations e.g. Extra accommodation, transfers, meals, missed flights, will be for the clients' account. Should the flight company have incurred any costs, we will charge full cancellation fees or only refund partially. Weather is an act of God and not at the behest of the flight company.

The crew will check en-route weather and weather at the destination carefully before embarking on the flight, but these conditions change very rapidly in Namibia.

- Flight companies can only operate into & out of airfields which are serviceable. Airfields are not owned, operated or maintained by the flight companies. This places the control over, as well as the condition of these airfields beyond the flight company's control. The flight companies will not jeopardize the safety or its operations by flying into unsafe airfields. The flight companies will be obliged to cancel a flight at short notice if it is discovered that the destination airfield is unsafe to operate into. Every effort will be sought to find an alternate airfield to fly into. However, this might not always be possible & as such the flight company may not be held liable for any inconvenience or additional costs in this regard.

- The aircraft company reserves the right to load the aircraft & seat the passengers in an arrangement of its choosing to comply with safety considerations.

- If for any reason clients missed their international connecting flights and they are delayed or not arriving on the time as originally planned (short notice cancellations / changes) we will charge full cancellation fees.

- Please inform us of passengers with a medical condition e.g. respiratory problems, diabetes, heart conditions that might require special attention and/or medication. We also need to be informed of female passengers that are

pregnant at the time of travel. Namibian Law requires a medical certificate for passengers that are past their 2nd trimester of pregnancy. Most flights are done in non-pressurized small aircraft. We would require the medical certificate to state that passengers are cleared to fly in these types of aircraft.

NB: Please inform us of passenger weights (in kilograms) soonest to determine final luggage allowances on charter flights

**WHAT TO PACK:**

Some tips on what to pack:

- \* A good quality pair of sunglasses
- \* Comfortable walking shoes (closed shoes)
- \* Swimming costume
- \* Wind breaker / anorak / parka for cold evenings
- \* Camera with extra battery and extra card
- \* Binoculars
- \* A good flashlight
- \* Basic medical kit

## Terms and Conditions

### Motema Tours and Safaris Terms and Conditions

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#### **Travel agreement/contract**

This travel agreement is between the client and Motema Tours and Safaris. In terms of this travel agreement a booking is defined as a reservation which is done by the client or the client's travel agency. The client is defined as the person who accepts the booking on behalf of himself.

Travel agency is defined as any agency that places or accepts a booking for any person or group of persons or company with Motema Tours and Safaris.

#### **Deposits and Payment**

We only confirm a Booking or a quote upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit of 40% of total tour charges, the balance being due and payable 60 days prior to departure date. In the event of bookings being effected less than 60 days before departure the full amount charged will forthwith be payable.

#### **Cancellation**

Cancellation must be made in writing. Upon receipt of the written notification, Motema Tours and Safaris will confirm receipt thereof and this date will determine the following charges. This applies to Tour Guides as well.

- Up to 60 days prior to departure: Credit Note allocated and can be transferred.
- Less than 60 days to departure: 100% of total cost forfeited/lost

It is mandatory for the client to be in possession of a cancellation insurance policy. Please note that if the reason for cancellation falls within the terms of any holiday insurance policy, which the client must hold, then any such charges would normally be refunded to the client by the insurance company, subject to the terms of the insurance.

#### **Passport and visas**

Travel agencies and clients must ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited. Motema Tours and Safaris cannot be held liable or responsible should a passenger be refused entry into any country for any reason.

#### **Changes and delays**

By the company: The company shall reserve the right to change any tour due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. airlines not running on schedule, road conditions, weather, mechanical breakdown, accidents and political instability) beyond the control of Motema Tours and Safaris. The company will try to provide adequate alternatives, but will accept no liability.

By the client: In case the client changes the itinerary on his own request, the company shall try to accommodate the client, but may charge cancellation fees. This is subject to a new quotation, which will be given by the client in writing.

#### **Authority on Tour**

At all times the decision of the tour guide will be final on all matters likely to endanger the safety and wellbeing of the group. The client must at all times strictly comply with the laws, customs and foreign exchange regulations of all countries visited. Should the client be detected in any contravention of the law, custom or exchange regulations, or should the client be a nuisance to the group, the guide may order the client to leave the tour without the right of refund.

#### **Accidents**

While every precaution is taken to ensure the safety of all persons participating on the tour, the client his/hers,



heirs, dependents, agents, executors or their assignees, hereby irrevocably waive any rights they may have to claim, any form of compensation for any damages which the client may suffer due to injury or death whilst on, or at any time after the tour, from Motema Tours and Safaris. Under no circumstances will Motema Tours and Safaris be responsible for the death or injury or loss, which might occur to such persons sustained from any case whatsoever. The client hereby indemnifies and holds Motema Tours and Safaris harmless against any and all claims whatsoever the nature.

**Health**

It is the client's obligation to ensure that he is medically fit and able to embark on the tour. We recommend the vaccination against Hepatitis before travelling. Anti-malaria precautions should be commenced prior to departure and clients should bring insect repellents on tour.

**Photography**

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**Insurance**

It is a condition of travel with Motema Tours and Safaris that all guests must have insurance for medical expenses, baggage loss, cancellation/curtailment, default and personal accident.

**Liability/Responsibility**

The client should get him/herself acquainted with customary practices. Motema Tours and Safaris as well as co-operating agents do act in the capacity of agents for the clients in all matters and will under no circumstances whatsoever be responsible and be exempt from any liability for accidents, injury, delay, loss or damage to property or any other loss or damage from whatever it may arise. All tours are subject to the conditions of the concerned airlines, hotels, restaurants and all other contractors involved.

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