

CLASSIC KALEIDOSCOPE & CAPTIVATING ZAMBEZI (CKCZ)

12 Days

Windhoek to Kasane

2018 SOA Scheduled Guided Tour

LIVE THIS!

A land of contrasts, compare the dunes of the coastline, the rocky mountain massifs of Damaraland, the game on open plains and spring fed waterholes in Etosha and the lush, African rivers and bush of the Zambezi. This safari is a kaleidoscope of African highlights.

Classification	Classic											
Pax	2 – 20 guests											
Vehicle	Minibus or Coach											
Languages	Bilingual English / German											
Driver / Tour Guide	Services of registered driver guide throughout tour											
Included	Meals: 11 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch Entrance Fees: Living Museum of the Damara, Twyfelfontein, Petrified Forest, Etosha National Park, Mahango National Park, Chobe Flood Plain Portages All meals as specified in the itinerary Still Mineral Water on Bus Activities as specified Accommodation as specified Tourism levy & Government Taxes where applicable 24hrs Medical Evacuation Insurance											
Excluded	All International / Domestic Flights & taxes Visas Travel & Personal accident insurance Personal Expenses Excursions / Activities not specified Gratuities											
Optional Extras	- Dinner supplement (Day 3-11) - Excursions / Activities on request											
Departure Dates (Special Discount / No Single Supplement)												
Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
10, 24	8	12	16	2, 16, 30	13	11, 25	8, 22	6, 20	3, 17, 31	14, 21	5, 12	

- Arrival flights on day of tour departure to be no later than 09h00

Day 1 / Friday

SWAKOPMUND

We travel to **Swakopmund** and upon our arrival in the early afternoon we check into our hotel, after which we have the rest of the day to our own disposal. With palm-lined streets and seaside promenades, Swakopmund is a very popular holiday destination in Namibia. Its pleasant summer climate and long stretched beaches attract anglers and surfers from all over Southern Africa. For the international guest, Swakopmund is a bohemian mix of German correctness and African time, laid back attitude with adrenalin activities, misty mornings and desert heat. It is colourful, it is vibrant, but most of all, it is fun.

Swakopmund Plaza / Beach Hotel

Day 2 / Saturday

SWAKOPMUND

Swakopmund is often fondly referred to as the “playground of Namibia”, it has numerous activities ranging from, adventure to exploring the fascinating features of the Namib Desert and the animals and plants that occur and survive here. Embrace the relaxed pace of this idyllic coastal town whilst enjoying coffee and freshly baked pastries in one of the many café’s. Alternatively explore the rugged, sweltering desert on a day tour, or view this awesome, environment from the air on a scenic flight. Find your inner child and push adrenaline to its limits with extreme adventures such as skydiving over the desert or quad biking and

sand boarding on the dunes. Take time to get the feel of this quaint town with its historic buildings, museums, shopping arcades and beach bar that has transformed into its own personality by the vibrant use of color and the bohemian lifestyle.

Swakopmund Plaza / Beach Hotel - Breakfast

Day 3 / Sunday

DAMARALAND

Heading further north, we travel past the **Brandberg**, Namibia's highest mountain (2.579m), into the Damaraland, one of the least populated and geologically diverse areas in Africa. This harsh, rocky environment is home to the rare desert elephant, the black rhino and free-roaming antelope species. We visit to **Twyfelfontein**, a heritage site where Bushman communities engraved and painted over 2500 pictures some 6000 years ago! After a visit to a nearby **Living Museum of the Damara** we proceed on to the **Petrified Forest** - a geological phenomenon depicting the creation and evolution of some of the oldest landmasses on Earth. Here we also visit the **Welwitschia mirabilis** plant – the oldest living desert plant on Earth.

Damara Mopane Lodge - Breakfast

Day 4 / Monday

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

After a tranquil breakfast, we travel towards the **Etosha National Park**, famous for its vast amount of wildlife and unique landscape. Once we have reached our camp located just outside of the National Park, we head onto our first safari into the National Park. Together with our guide we explore the various waterholes located close to Okaukuejo and the Andersson gate.

Etosha Safari Camp - Breakfast

Day 5 / Tuesday

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

The day is devoted purely to the abundant wildlife found in the **Etosha National Park**, which surrounds a parched salt desert known as the Etosha Pan. The park is home to 4 of the Big Five - elephant, lion, leopard and rhino. The Park was proclaimed as Namibia's first conservation area in 1907 by the then Governor, von Lindequist. Despite the size of the Etosha National Park, only the southern edge of the pan is accessible to visitors. Game viewing in the park is largely focussed around the waterholes, some of which are spring fed and some supplied from a borehole, ideal places to sit and watch over 114 different game species, or for an avid birder, in excess of 340 bird species. Popular game species such as giraffe, blue wildebeest, plains and mountain zebra, hyena, lion, leopard, antelopes such as kudu, oryx, eland, as well as some of the endangered species such as Black rhino, cheetah and the black-faced impala are all found here. An extensive network of roads link the over 30 water holes allowing the visitor an opportunity to do a real game viewing safari over the stretch of the park as each different area will provide different encounters.

Mokuti Etosha Lodge - Breakfast

Day 6 / Wednesday

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Today your guide again takes you on a game drive in the Etosha National Park. We may encounter animal species we have not seen the previous day and look forward to any new surprises at the different waterholes visited. The Etosha Pan dominates the park. This salt pan desert, which is nearly completely enclosed by the park and is lined by numerous watering holes, is roughly 130 km long and as wide as 50 km in places. During Etosha's notorious dry spells the pan is a deathly place, lying parched and cracked under the molten African sun. It is claimed that game viewing is best during the dry spells as animals will then congregate closer to water. But even in the rainy season the park remains an abundant wildlife haven. You then have the pleasure of experiencing the rebirth of life as the young foals, cubs and chicks are seen frolicking with their parents and the sprouting new green shrubs and grasses create a pleasing green oasis. In the afternoon we travel back to our lodge, where we enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure.

Mokuti Etosha Lodge - Breakfast

Day 7 / Thursday

KAVANGO REGION

After breakfast we travel north towards Namibia's lush **Kavango region**. En route we stop at **Hoba Meteorite**, the world's largest known meteorite. We continue to the Kavango River close to Rundu, known for its rich selection of hand-made wooden crafts. With its magnificent woodlands and perennial rivers, the Kavango region contrasts sharply with the rest of Namibia. Large swathes of tall woodland, riverine forests, floodplains and reed-lined channels dominate the area. This is also the area where you will see many of the traditional huts and homesteads still popular in use today. At our lodge we can enjoy a sundowner cruise on the Okavango River (*optional*).

Kaisosi River Lodge - Breakfast



Day 8 / Friday

BWABWATA NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast we follow the route of the Okavango River into the **Zambezi Region**. Lush, green, riverine – that is what the Zambezi region looks like. This juxtaposition is what makes Namibia the “Land of Contrasts”. The area is typified by perennial rivers and large forests of trees. Whereas most of Namibia is arid, this area is lush, the soil rich and the wildlife plentiful. It is a lively hotbed where one can see subsistence and cattle farming and the well-known traditional wood carvings. We arrive at our lodge close to the Mahangu National Park where the following two nights are spent along the lush vegetation of the Okavango River. Our rooms award us with uninhibited view onto the Buffalo Park across the river. Optionally we can visit the Popa Falls, a series of small rapids in paradisiacal environment, or enjoy a late afternoon boat cruise on the river.

Ndhovu River Lodge - Breakfast

Day 9 / Saturday

BWABWATA NATIONAL PARK

After an early breakfast we travel into the Mahangu National Park. Being Namibia’s smallest but best populated Game Park, the visit will be rewarding in terms of wildlife and bird watching. The Mahango Game Park has a high number of elephants, as well as fair numbers of antelopes which are scarce or not seen in other parts of Namibia. These include the roan and sable antelope, tsessebe and the red lechwe. The park is also home to a number of sitatunga, however these antelopes are very scarce, and sightings will be excellent luck. The Mahango Game Park is an excellent destination for bird watching with over 400 species to be spotted.

Ndhovu River Lodge - Breakfast

Day 10 / Sunday

CHOBE FLOODPLAINS

We travel via the town of Katima Mulilo towards the end of the Zambezi strip. En route we visit a traditional village to learn more about the Caprivi people’s culture. Our lodge for the following nights is situated along the banks of the **Chobe River**, shortly before it enters Botswana. Having enjoyed an optional Sundowner drink on a river beach setting we return to the lodge for dinner.

Camp Chobe - Breakfast

Day 11 / Monday

CHOBE FLOODPLAINS

Today we enjoy a **guided canoeing excursion** to experience the rich diversity of bird and wildlife of the **Chobe River** followed by a short walk to a light lunch spot. We then return to the lodge either by boat (*depending on the water level*) or guided walk experiencing the open African plains scattered with wildlife. The remainder of the day is at leisure enjoying the open space.

Camp Chobe – Breakfast, Lunch

Day 12 / Tuesday

DEPARTURE

After breakfast, we cross the border into Botswana and travel to Kasane where you are able to extend your holiday at a lodge bordering the Chobe National Park or continue with a transfer to Victoria Falls.

Breakfast

- Join our Botswana Highlights tour via Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park, Makgadikgadi Pans, the Moremi Game Reserve and the Kalahari Desert back to Windhoek.
- Transfers available from Kasane to Livingstone or Victoria Falls town for our Victoria Falls package.
- Extend your stay with the Okavango Delta package starting in Kasane
- Scheduled flights from Victoria Falls to Windhoek or South Africa available.

TOUR SUMMARY:

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEAL BASIS	ACTIVITIES	KM
1	Swakopmund Plaza / Beach Hotel		Pick up in Windhoek, transfer to Swakopmund	380
2	Swakopmund Plaza / Beach Hotel	Breakfast	At leisure, book any activities with your consultant	
3	Damara Mopane Lodge	Breakfast	Excursion to Twyfelfontein and Petrified Forest. Visit a Living Museum of the Damara	480
4	Etosha Safari Camp	Breakfast	Afternoon Etosha game drive in tour vehicle	200
5	Mokuti Etosha Lodge	Breakfast	Full day Etosha game Drive in tour vehicle	300
6	Mokuti Etosha Lodge	Breakfast	Full day Etosha game Drive in tour vehicle	200
7	Kaisosi River Lodge	Breakfast	Visit Hoba Meteorite, optional boat cruise	450
8	Ndhovu River Lodge	Breakfast	Optional visit to Popa Falls or afternoon boat cruise	220
9	Ndhovu River Lodge	Breakfast	Game drive in Mahango National Park, weather permitting	100
10	Camp Chobe	Breakfast	Visit a traditional village, Travel to the Chobe flood Plains	360
11	Camp Chobe	Breakfast, Lunch	Canoeing on the Chobe River with light lunch stop and walk or boat cruise back to the lodge	
12	End of tour in Kasane	Breakfast	Travel through the Chobe National Park to Kasane, Optional extensions to Victoria Falls or Chobe National Park	80

Alternative accommodation may be used