

## CAPTIVATING ZAMBEZI (CZ)

8 Days

Windhoek to Kasane

### LIVE THIS!

Discover the diverse African culture amongst abundant wildlife and thick riverine forests. Compare the wildlife in relatively dryer Etosha to the different game in the Zambezi. This safari is Africa at its most pure.

<b>Classification</b>	Classic										
<b>Pax</b>	2 – 20 guests										
<b>Vehicle</b>	Minibus or Coach										
<b>Languages</b>	Bilingual English / German										
<b>Driver / Tour Guide</b>	Services of registered driver guide throughout tour										
<b>Included</b>	<b>Meals:</b> All meals as specified in the itinerary 7 x Breakfasts; 1 x Lunch <b>Entrance Fees:</b> Etosha National Park; Hoba Meteorite, Mahango National Park; Chobe Flood Plain Portages Still Mineral Water Activities as specified Accommodation as specified Tourism levy & Government Taxes where applicable 24hrs Medical Evacuation Insurance										
<b>Excluded</b>	All International / Domestic Flights & taxes Visas Travel & Personal accident insurance Personal Expenses Excursions / Activities not specified Gratuities										
<b>Optional Extras</b>	- Dinner supplement (Day 1-7) - Excursions / Activities on request										
<b>Departure Dates (Special Discount / No Single Supplement)</b>											
Nov 18	Dec	Jan19	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
13, 27	11	15	19	5, 19	2, 16	14, 28	11, 25	9, 23	6, 20	3, 17, 24	8, 15

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

### More Than Just A Journey....

We have a sense of Africa rooted deep in our own lives and experiences and our purpose is to share this with our guests. Namibia has abundant wildlife in our National Parks as well as large tracts of land which lie unfenced for wildlife to traverse freely. With its diverse cultures Namibia is a melting pot of sights, sounds, aromas, tastes and emotions, just waiting to be experienced!

The vast size of Namibia is predominantly connected and accessible through gravel roads, which make traveling a fascinating yet time consuming aspect of your journey. Sense of Africa owns and operates a very comprehensive fleet of vehicles that are specially designed and custom built to mechanically suit these demanding road conditions, both in their configuration as well as their sturdy construction. This adds to the durability and reliability of our fleet, but also to the comfort while on safari. Our vehicles are fitted with airflow-cooling systems, sliding windows and/or pop-up roof and an audio/microphone system enhancing guests' safari enjoyment.

A safari often stands or falls with the guide and we appreciate that a good guide can make a great safari excellent. Our guides, mostly Namibian citizens, are hand-picked for their passion with a profound respect, interest and understanding for the country and its people. To offer you our guest the typical Namibian flair and experience we encourage flexibility and their personal involvement in showcasing Namibia's tradition during safaris.

**Day 1 / Tuesday**

**ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

Departing Windhoek we travel north through extensive cattle farming areas and bush land to the **Etosha National Park**, famous for its vast amount of wildlife and unique landscape. In the late afternoon once we have reached our camp located on the outside of the National Park, we have the rest of the day at leisure.

**Mokuti Etosha Lodge**

**Day 2 / Wednesday**

**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 visitors the opportunity of an extensive game viewing safari over the stretch of the park as each different area will provide different encounters.

**Mokuti Etosha Lodge - Breakfast**

**Day 3 / Thursday**

**KAVANGO REGION**

After breakfast we travel north-east towards Namibia's lush **Kavango region**. En route we stop at **Hoba Meteorite**, the world's largest known meteorite. We continue 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 in popular use today. At our lodge we can enjoy an optional sundowner boat cruise on the Okavango River.

**Kaisosi River Lodge - Breakfast**

**Day 4 / 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 on the banks of the Okavango river and close to the Mahangu National Park where the following two nights are spent along the lush vegetation. 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.

**Shametu River Lodge – Breakfast**

**Day 5 / Saturday**

**BWABWATA NATIONAL PARK**

After an early breakfast we travel into the Mahangu National Park. Being Namibia's smallest but most densely populated National 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. The Mahango National Park is an excellent destination for bird watching with over 400 species to be spotted.

**Shametu River Lodge – Breakfast**

**Day 6 / Sunday**
**CHOBE FLOODPLAINS**

We travel via the town of Katima Mulilo towards the border with Botswana and the end of the Zambezi region. 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.

**Chobe River Camp – Breakfast**
**Day 7 / Monday**
**CHOBE FLOODPLAINS**

Today we enjoy a **guided canoeing excursion** (*depending on current water levels of the Chobe river*) to experience the rich diversity of bird and wildlife of the **Chobe River** followed by a short walk to a spot amidst the shade spending trees, where a light lunch is served. 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.

**Chobe River Camp - Breakfast, Lunch**
**Day 8 / 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 for our Victoria Falls extension package.
- Extend your stay with the Okavango Delta package starting in Kasane
- Scheduled flights from Victoria Falls to Windhoek or South Africa are available.

**TOUR SUMMARY**

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEAL BASIS	ACTIVITIES	KM
1	Mokuti Etosha Lodge		Travel to Etosha National Park, Afternoon at leisure	530
2	Mokuti Etosha Lodge	Breakfast	Full day Etosha game Drive in tour vehicle	200
3	Kaisosi River Lodge	Breakfast	Visit Hoba Meteorite, optional sundowner boat cruise	450
4	Shametu River Lodge	Breakfast	Optional visit to Popa Falls or afternoon boat cruise	220
5	Shametu River Lodge	Breakfast	Game drive in Mahango National Park ( <i>weather permitting</i> )	100
6	Chobe River Camp	Breakfast	Visit a traditional village, Travel to the Chobe flood Plains	360
7	Chobe River Camp	Breakfast, Lunch	Canoeing on the Chobe River with light lunch stop and walk or boat cruise back to the lodge	
8	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**