

CAPTIVATING ZAMBEZI (CZ)

8 Days

Windhoek to Kasane

TRAVEL WITH A PURPOSE!

Discover the diverse African culture amongst abundant wildlife and lush riverine forests. Compare the wildlife in relatively dryer Etosha to the different game along three major rivers in the Zambezi and Chobe area. This safari is Africa at its most pure.

Classification	Classic	
Pax	2 – 16 guests	
Vehicle	Minibus or Coach	
Languages	Bilingual English / German	
Driver / Tour Guide	Services of registered driver guide throughout the tour	
Included	Meals: All meals as specified in the itinerary 7 x Breakfasts, 1x Lunch, 1x Dinner Entrance Fees: Etosha National Park; Mahango National Park; Mundumu National Park and Chobe National Park Portages Still Mineral Water Activities as specified Accommodation as specified Tourism levy & Government Taxes where applicable 24hrs Medical Evacuation Insurance	
Pick Up	Collection by your guide at the International airport if arrival is before 09h00, or directly at your pre-booked hotel / guesthouse in Windhoek	
Excluded	All International / Domestic Flights & taxes Visas Travel & Personal accident insurance Personal Expenses Excursions / Activities not specified Gratuities	
Optional Extras	Excursions / Activities on request	
Meal Options	This tour can be booked on either Breakfast only or as Dinner, Bed & Breakfast basis	
Departure Dates		
	Tour Language:	Bilingual
	Departure Days:	TUESDAY
2020	November	17
	December	1, 15
2021	January	19
	February	16
	March	2, 16, 30
	April	13
	May	11, 25
	June	8, 22
	July	6, 20
	August	3, 17, 31
	September	14, 28
	October	19
Special Discount / No Single Supplement)		

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

Day 1 | Tuesday

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Departing Windhoek we travel north through extensive cattle farming areas and bushland 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 primarily 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, more than 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 a comprehensive game viewing safari throughout the park as each different area will provide various 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. From the banks of the Okavango River directly at the footsteps of our lodge we have a magnificent view onto the Popa Falls, a series of small rapids in paradisiacal environment before arriving at our lodge on the banks of the Okavango river and close to the Mahango National Park where the following two nights are spent along the lush vegetation. Our rooms award us with an uninhibited view onto the Buffalo Park across the river. Optionally we can enjoy a late afternoon boat cruise on the Okavango River or short walk to a local Habukushu village.

Shametu River Lodge – Breakfast

Day 5 | Saturday

BWABWATA NATIONAL PARK

After an early breakfast, we travel into the Mahango 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 several 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

MUDUMU NATIONAL PARK

We depart the Mahango National park and travel across the Zambezi Region, (*prev. Caprivi*) to the lush woodlands of the Kwando River. Hundreds of elephants, large Buffalo herds and numerous antelopes roam these majestic riverine woods. With over 400 species of birds, this area counts as one of the best birding hotspots in the whole of southern Africa. At the lodge, you can participate in optional nature drives or boat cruises.

Lianshulu Bush Lodge- Breakfast

Day 7 | Monday

CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, we travel across the border to Kasane, a small and bustling town right on the edge of the **Chobe National Park**, before crossing the mighty Chobe River on a short but scenic boat transfer to our 5 Star lodge right on the edge of the Chobe river. Our Villa for the night is in a special corner of the African wilderness, where two mighty rivers meet, a wetland paradise that is a haven for nature and wildlife. Discover the wonders of this magical destination. At the very tip of Namibia's Zambezi Region, previously known as Caprivi Strip. The exclusivity and style of this boutique lodge is unparalleled. Here wildlife roams freely in profusion and diversity. It is home to the largest concentration of elephant in Africa, while other game consists of large herds of buffalo, puku, lechwe, bushbuck and kudu. Other significant species such as lion, leopard, wild dog, sable and roan antelope are encountered in many areas of the reserve. In the afternoon embark on a guided **Chobe sunset river cruise** along the National Park to experience the multitude of game species found along the banks of the Chobe River.

Chobe Water Villas – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (including selection of beverages) + activities

Day 8 | Tuesday

DEPARTURE

Today we take part in a game drive through the Chobe National Park or any other activity offered by the lodges own activity centre. With a cup of coffee or tea enjoy the sunrise and natures awakening before departing on an open game drive with lodge rangers, exploring the national park and see the forage of wildlife along the Chobe river such as elephants, Lechwe, Roan or Waterbuck. Returning to the lodge breakfast is served on the terrace overlooking the river. The remainder of the day is at leisure. For guests departing to Victoria Falls, a transfer optionally takes you across the border to the airport. Guests extending with the Botswana Highlights take part in an excursion to Victoria Falls to discover why the **Victoria Falls** is one of the seven natural wonders on Earth as we explore it on a guided excursion on foot. This dramatically beautiful event is accompanied by a deafening roar and fine spray that arcs up into the sky, giving the falls its local name: Mosi-oa-Tunya - the "Smoke that Thunders". Afterwards, visit a craft market where we can purchase or look at handmade crafts of the local inhabitants (optional). We return to Kasane, where the remainder of the day is at leisure.

Breakfast

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Join our Botswana Highlights tour experiencing the Chobe National Park, Makgadikgadi Pans, the Moremi Game Reserve and the Kalahari Desert back to Windhoek.
- Extend your stay with an Okavango Delta or Chobe National Park extension.
- Scheduled flights from Victoria Falls to Windhoek or South Africa are available.



TOUR SUMMARY

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEALS	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 with the guide in tour vehicle, guests can optionally book an open game drive with the lodge	200
3	Kaisosi River Lodge	Breakfast	Visit Hoba Meteorite, optional sundowner boat cruise	450
4	Shametu River Lodge	Breakfast	Optional afternoon boat cruise on the Okavango River or walk to local Habukushu village	220
5	Shametu River Lodge	Breakfast	Game drive in Mahango National Park (<i>weather permitting</i>), Visit an authentic traditional village near the lodge	100
6	Lianshulu Bush Lodge	Breakfast	Travel via the Bwabawata National Park to the banks of the Kwando River	250
7	Chobe Water Villas	Fully Inclusive	Travel to the Chobe National Park, afternoon boat cruise on the Chobe River	240
8	Departure / Extension with the Botswana Highlights Tour	Breakfast	Guests can take part in an early morning game drive into the Chobe National Park. Guests extending on the Botswana Highlights take part in an excursion to the Victoria Falls.	

Alternative accommodation may be used.