

CLASSIC KALEIDOSCOPE & CAPTIVATING ZAMBEZI (CKCZ)

12 Days

Windhoek to Kasane

TRAVEL WITH A PURPOSE!

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 forests of the Zambezi Region. This safari is a kaleidoscope of African highlights.

Classification	Classic	
Small Group Travel	2 – 16 guests	
Vehicle	Minibus or Coach	
Languages	Bilingual English / German	
Driver / Tour Guide	Services of registered driver guide throughout the tour	
Included	<p>Meals: All meals as specified in the itinerary 11 x Breakfasts, 1 x Lunch, 1 x Dinner</p> <p>Entrance Fees: Living Museum of the Damara, Twyfelfontein, Petrified Forest, Etosha National Park, Hoba Meteorite, Mahango National Park, Mundumu National Park, Chobe National Park</p> <p>Portages Still Mineral Water on Bus Activities as specified Accommodation as specified Tourism levy & Government Taxes where applicable 24hrs Medical Evacuation Insurance</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Activity package (Classic version): - Catamaran/marine cruise - Etosha open safari vehicle game drive - Additional Excursions / Activities on request 	
Meal Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This tour can be booked on either Breakfast only or - as Dinner, Bed & Breakfast option excluding Swakopmund 	
Departure Dates		
	Tour Language:	Bilingual
	Departure Days:	FRIDAY
2020	November	13, 27
	December	11
2021	January	15
	February	12, 26
	March	12, 26
	April	9
	May	7, 21
	June	4, 18
	July	2, 16, 30
	August	13, 27
	September	10, 24
	October	15
Special Discount / No Single Supplement		

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

Day 1 | Friday **SWAKOPMUND**

After being picked up at your hotel or at the international airport a transfer takes you to the coastal town of Swakopmund, where you meet up with the rest of the group and your safari guide. Upon your arrival in the early afternoon and checking into your hotel, you have the rest of the day to your own disposal. With palm-lined streets and seaside promenades, Swakopmund is a 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 architecture and African rhythms, a laid back attitude with adrenaline activities, misty mornings and desert heat. It is colourful, it is vibrant, but most of all, it is pure fun.

Europa Hof 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 while 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 personality by the vibrant use of colour and the bohemian lifestyle.

Europa Hof Hotel - Breakfast

Day 3 | Sunday **DAMARALAND**

Today we head further north, travelling along the skeleton coastline towards the Fisherman's town of Hentisbay before turning east and heading back inland past the **Brandberg**, Namibia's highest mountain (2.579m), into the Damaraland, one of the least populated and most geologically diverse areas in Africa. This harsh, rocky environment is home to the elusive desert elephant, the black rhino and free-roaming antelope species. Accompanied by a local Damara guide, we visit **Twyfelfontein**, a UNESCO heritage site where Bushman communities engraved and painted over 2.500 pictures some 6.000 years ago! After a visit to the nearby **Living Museum of the Damara**, we proceed to the **Petrified Forest** - a geological phenomenon depicting the creation and metamorphosis of wood into stone amongst some of the oldest landmasses on Earth. Here we also see the **Welwitschia mirabilis** plant – the oldest living desert plant on Earth.

Damara Mopane Lodge or similar- Breakfast

Day 4 | Monday **ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

Our destination today is the wildlife heaven of Namibia - the Etosha National Park. Guests traveling on the Superior tour today visit the **Petrified Forest**. The geological phenomenon found here depicts the creation and metamorphosis of wood into stone amongst some of the oldest landmasses on Earth. Here we also see the **Welwitschia mirabilis** plant – the oldest living desert plant on Earth. Before continuing to the Etosha National Park where we check into our lodge located on the border of the Etosha National Park, we today already enter the park for our first game viewing excursion. Together with our guide, we explore the various waterholes located close to Okaukuejo and the Anderson 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 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 6 | Wednesday

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Today your guide again takes you on a game drive in the Etosha National Park, or optionally you can book an open game drive park drive with the lodge. 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 periods 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. An optional open vehicle game drive can be booked with the lodge. Your guide will assist you with this booking.

Mokuti Etosha Lodge - Breakfast

Day 7 | 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 8 | Friday

BWABWATA NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, we follow the route of the Okavango River into the **Zambezi Region**. Lush, green, riverine forests – 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.

Shametu River Lodge – Breakfast

Day 9 | 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 10 | Sunday

MUNDUMU 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 11 | Monday

CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, we travel across the border to Kasane, a small village that is located directly on the banks of the majestic Chobe River in Botswana. Bordering the world-renowned Chobe National Park, this area is known for its unparalleled diversity and concentration of wildlife. The vast numbers of antelope attract predators such as lions, leopards, wild dogs and Hyena. With its dense population of elephants sightings are guaranteed. In the afternoon we take part in a boat cruise on the Chobe River and here have the opportunity to spot not only elephants but also hippo's and wide range of game quenching their thirst on the banks of the Chobe River.

Chobe Water Villas – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (incl. selected beverages) + Activities

Day 12 | Tuesday

DEPARTURE

Today we have the option of taking part in a game drive through the **Chobe National Park** or any other activity offered by the lodges own activity centre. Your guide will assist you in explaining and booking these. With a cup of coffee or tea enjoy the sunrise and natures awakening before departing on an optional 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, an optional transfer 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	Europa Hof Hotel		Pick up in Windhoek, transfer to Swakopmund	380
2	Europa Hof Hotel	Breakfast	Day at leisure, book any activities with your consultant/guide	
3	Damara Mopane Lodge	Breakfast	Travel to Damaraland with excursions to excursion to Twyfelfontein, Visit a Living Museum of the Damara tribe and Petrified Forest	480
4	Etosha Safari Camp	Breakfast	Travel on to the border of the Etosha National Park, Afternoon game viewing with your guide	200
5	Mokuti Etosha Lodge	Breakfast	Full day Etosha game drive in tour vehicle with Sense of Africa Guide	300
6	Mokuti Etosha Lodge	Breakfast	Full day Etosha game Drive in tour vehicle with Sense of Africa Guide (<i>optional open game drive vehicle can be booked with the lodge</i>)	200
7	Kaisosi River Lodge	Breakfast	Visit Hoba Meteorite, optional Sundowner boat cruise	450
8	Shametu River Lodge	Breakfast	Optional afternoon boat cruise on the Okavango River	220
9	Shametu River Lodge	Breakfast	Game drive in Mahango National Park (<i>weather permitting</i>), Visit an authentic traditional village near the lodge	100
10	Lianshulu Bush Lodge	Breakfast	Travel via the Bwabawata National Park to the banks of the Kwando River	250
11	Chobe Water Villas	Fully Inclusive	Travel to the Chobe National Park, afternoon boat cruise on the Chobe River	240
12	Departure / Extension on the Botswana Highlights	Breakfast	Guest can take part in an optional 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.