

# 14 Day Namibia & Botswana Adventure

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This trip begins in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe and travels south through Botswana and Namibia before ending in Swakopmund, Namibia.

This trip starts in Victoria Falls on Sunday morning and departs Victoria Falls on Monday morning, allowing you a day to explore. Should you wish to explore Victoria Falls extensively, ATC or your travel agent can assist you, in booking your activities as well as accommodation. However, costs due to earlier arrival, will be for your own account.

<b>Trip code:</b>	VS14
<b>Accommodation style:</b>	Camping
<b>Length of trip:</b>	14 Days
<b>Starts in:</b>	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
<b>Finishes in:</b>	Swakopmund, Namibia
<b>Pre-departure Meeting:</b>	Held at the Departure Point at 17h00, the day before your departure.
<b>Departure point:</b>	Victoria Falls Rest Camp, Parkway Drive, Victoria Falls
<b>Check-In Time:</b>	08h45
<b>Departure Time:</b>	To be advised at the pre-departure meeting
<b>Breakfasts included:</b>	13
<b>Lunches included:</b>	11
<b>Dinners included:</b>	11
<b>Brunches included:</b>	0
<b>Countries visited:</b>	Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe
<b>Local Payment:</b>	US\$ 545

## PLEASE NOTE:

This itinerary should be used as a guide only and may vary from day to day depending on road & weather conditions, political situations and group decisions.

All prices & Local Payments are subject to change.

Due to Tourism Laws in some of the countries we visit, there may be a truck and crew change during the trip. Your arrival transfer and pre-trip accommodation in a dorm bed is included in your trip price. Should you choose not to make use of these, or in the event that Africa Travel Co was not updated with your arrival details, no refund will be paid for services not used.

Please ensure you've received a copy of our pre departure information document with information on what to expect on this overland safari.

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Beginning from the mighty Victoria Falls, this fourteen day trip takes us into Botswana and the Chobe National Park, where we hope to see some of the thousands of elephants that the park is famous for and spend the night at a mobile camp under the African stars. We then have the opportunity to spend a couple of nights camping in the wilderness of the Okavango Delta, the world's largest inland delta. We cross into Namibia where our next stop is the Etosha National Park. Etosha's waterholes attract a host of African animals. We end the trip in Namibia's seaside town of Swakopmund where you can explore the desert on a number of adventure activities.

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## INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

Entrance to Victoria Falls, Chobe Overnight Mobile Excursion, Okavango Delta Excursion, Etosha National Park, Spitzkoppe & Swakopmund.

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## **ZIMBABWE**

This landlocked country is situated in the southern part of Africa, between the mighty Zambezi and Limpopo Rivers. The word Zimbabwe is believed to have two meanings, 1) it is believed the word Zimbabwe is derived from dzimba-dza-mabwe, which means "large house of stone" in the Shona (Karanga Dialect) language. 2) It is also believed to be derived from the word dzimba-hwe which means venerated houses in the Zezuru dialect of Shona.

### **DAY 1: Victoria Falls (No Meals)**

#### **Included Activity: Entrance to Victoria Falls**

Today is spent relaxing or participating in a myriad of Optional Excursions. Named after the famous World Heritage site and Water Falls, the town of Victoria Falls is situated on the Zambezi River and surrounded by the Victoria Falls National Park. Our campsite is conveniently situated in the centre of town, and within walking distance of the adventure booking agents, restaurants and shops.

A 20 minute walk down the main road takes you to the entry point to view the falls, which are situated between Zimbabwe and Zambia. Victoria Falls, or Mosi-oa-Tunya (the Smoke that Thunders), was named by David Livingstone on his explorations, and is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.

At 1700 m wide and around 100 m high, this is the world's largest sheet of falling water and a memorable sight on any African Safari! After our adventure activities briefing (see price guide at the end of this document for options), the day is spent relaxing at the campsite's swimming pool, viewing the Victoria Falls, or exploring the many sights and delights of this town!

White water rafting in the Batoka Gorge is considered to be world class. Besides the excitement of the grade 5 rapids, there are the "floats", where there is time to admire the scenic cliffs and occasional wildlife on the riverbanks.

**OPTIONAL Excursions include elephant back safaris, horseback safaris, walking with lions, a visit to the crocodile ranch, boat cruises and golf at The Elephant Hills Resort. Adrenalin junkies can bungee from the Victoria Falls Bridge connecting Zimbabwe and Zambia or abseil down the Batoka Gorge - neither activity is for the faint hearted! All year round, flights in fixed wing, micro light and ultra light aircraft or helicopters provide an aerial perspective over this magnificent World Heritage Site. White water rafting on the Zambezi is world class. Beside the excitement of the Grade 5 rapids, there are the "floats," where there is time to admire the scenic cliffs and the occasional wildlife on the riverbanks.**

## **BOTSWANA**

The size of this successful country can be compared to countries such as Kenya or France, and fairly smaller than Texas. Botswana is a landlocked country with borders such as South Africa, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe which can all be crossed overland. For such a small country it boasts an array of spectacular game viewing opportunities such as, hundreds of elephants splashing in the Chobe River and the Okavango Delta and its maze of lagoons.

### **DAY 2: Victoria Falls to Chobe National Park (Botswana) (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

After breakfast we cross the border into Botswana and head to Kasane where we have a chance to explore the town of Kasane. After lunch, once we are packed and prepared, we leave for our Chobe National Park Overnight Mobile excursion – an overnight experience in the wilds of the Chobe National park. Chobe is one of Botswana's premier game parks, renowned for its large elephant herds. Spend the afternoon in search of wildlife while we game drive to our camp within the park

where we spend the evening surrounded by the night-time noises of the local wildlife. Look out for the rare Sable and Roan Antelope on your game drive, with their majestic backward slanting horns, or try keep a count of the Lilac Breasted Roller's that swoop by! After our night in the bush, we head out early to continue our search for wildlife, before packing up the camp and heading back to Kasane.

### **Included Activity: Chobe National Park Overnight Mobile excursion**

#### **DAY 3: Chobe National Park (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

Once returning to camp, we have a bit of free time to relax at leisure.

#### **DAY 4: Chobe National Park to Maun (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

Heading out early, we cross the western end of the Chobe National Park area along the main route in a south-westerly direction to the southern reaches of the Okavango Delta and our destination, Maun. On our route, we have routine stops to at Botswana's 'meat' borders – check points that were set up to protect its thriving beef export industry from the spread of disease. Maun is the starting point for travel into the Delta and it is from here that we set off to explore the Okavango Delta. Tonight we prepare our provisions and packs for our 2 night excursion. We suggest bringing along a smaller daypack on your trip which can be used to pack the supplies needed for this short excursion. Your trip leader will brief you fully on what is needed, and what to expect prior to your trip into the Delta.

#### **DAY 5: Maun to Okavango Delta (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

### **Included Excursion: 3 Day / 2 Night Drive in Mokoro Excursion**

The Delta is a huge expanse of water, which has travelled from the Angolan highlands, spreading out to form the largest inland delta in the world. Studded with exotic islands, The Delta is renowned for its incredible variety of bird life and animals and is unique to Southern Africa.

Here we have the opportunity to take the included 3 Day / 2 Night Drive in Mokoro Excursion into the Delta. After an early rise, we pack our expedition vehicle and from Maun we drive north for a couple of hours to reach the mokoro poler's station. The Delta region is studded with many local villages where many families live in a traditional way. Some of the villages are very remote and can only be reached by the traditional mode of transport – the Mokoro. Mokoros are dugout canoes manoeuvred through the waterways by local guides who "pole" them through the reeds. At the Mokoro station, we meet our 'polers' and pack our supplies before heading out into the waterways. After a couple of hours along the waterways, our guides find us a place to camp, and later in the afternoon we set off on an afternoon nature walk, allowing us to experience The Delta wilderness. The camp is situated in an open wilderness area with no ablution facilities.

#### **DAY 6: Okavango Delta (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

A day of rest, relaxation and Delta experiences await. Today we have the opportunity to partake in a number of activities including swimming, game walks, mokoro cruises and even a chance to try our hands at poling our own mokoro! There is also ample time to relax and rest during the hotter hours of the day, so challenge your new friends to a game of cards, or chat with your guides about their culture and lifestyle, or simply lie back and enjoy the sounds of the surrounding wilderness...

#### **DAY 7: Okavango Delta to Maun (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

This morning affords us a final opportunity for a game walk before packing up and setting off back to Maun. After our Mokoro ride and vehicle transfer, we arrive back in the afternoon and have the chance to complete our picture of the Okavango Delta by taking an optional scenic flight over The Delta (dependent on weather conditions & availability).

## **NAMIBIA**

This sandy yet spectacular country gained its independence from South Africa in the year of 1990 and its largest city, also the capital city is Windhoek. This is a country of compelling beauty and wide

horizons dominated by the brooding and desolate Namib Desert, which has the highest sand dunes in the world.

**DAY 8: Maun to Divundu (Namibia)** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Following the Kavango River, we enter Northern Namibia. Heading to our spectacular campsite located on the banks of the Kavango River – Watch the sun go down from the deck of the river, but keep watch for the occasional hippo grazing on the lawn!

**DAY 9: Divundu to Etosha National Park** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

From Divundu, we head to the Etosha National Park. Covering 22 700 km<sup>2</sup>, Etosha is Namibia's premier nature and wildlife reserve. Situated around the Etosha Pan with a large variety of animal and bird life, the extensive network of gravel roads affords us the opportunity of accessing even the most remote areas of the park. After lunch, and once it has cooled off a bit, we spend the remainder of the day exploring the park's northern area. Keep an eye out for the striking Oryx and Springbok as these are endemic to desert National Parks! After dinner why not head to the waterhole where you can sit and observe the animals may come to drink in the evenings.

**Included Activity: Game drive in the ATC vehicle**

**Optional Activity: Night game drive with the National Park**

**DAY 10: Etosha National Park** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Today we make our way across the park, keeping a look out for the many different mammals, reptiles, birds and insects in the various regions. As the vegetation types change, so does the animal and bird life that relies on it, and so different sections of the Park offer a variety of different game options. After a full day of game viewing, we exit the park through Anderson gate and head to our camp just 10kms away; perhaps the chance for a quick dip in the pool before dinner, followed by a relaxing evening in this very interesting bar.

**Included Activity: Game drive in the ATC vehicle.**

**Optional Activity: Night Drive**

**DAY 11: Etosha National Park Area** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Today's drive takes us further south through the Namibian countryside to our campsite, located in the vicinity of Etosha National Park.

**Optional Activity: Game Drive**

**DAY 12: Etosha National Park area to Brandberg (UIS)** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Today we head down south to the area of the Brandberg. All depending on the time of arrival we will have the opportunity to explore the area.

**DAY 13: Brandberg (UIS) to Swakopmund** (Breakfast)

Today we head for Swakopmund, via Spitzkoppe. Founded by the Germans in 1892, their colonial influence is still evident today. Swakopmund has a selection of excellent coffee shops, restaurants & bars as well as many arts and crafts shops selling Namibian curios. There are fine beaches to walk along as well as a great museum, aquarium and galleries to visit. Alternatively, the lovely beach and promenade make for a great relaxing walk – though bathing in the ocean waters may be somewhat chilly!

**Included Activity: Visit to Spitzkoppe**

## DAY 14: Swakopmund (Breakfast)

After breakfast, we exchange addresses and part ways, having just experienced a trip of a lifetime!

**Optional Activities:** Sky diving, quad biking, sand boarding, scenic desert flights, dolphin cruises, fishing trips, golf, horse riding and more. An activity briefing will be held on arrival in Swakopmund (see price guide at the end of this document).

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### WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

Flights, Airport departure taxes departure transfer, visas, meals unless otherwise stated, travel insurance, laundry, personal items, sleeping bag, pillow & tips.

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### Meals on tour

Meals and menu's vary as food is purchased en-route, and is subject to produce that is available seasonally in the areas we travel through. As we support the local communities along the way, fresh produce is mostly purchased direct from the producer or local grower and therefore has an organic appearance. Our safari cooks are able to offer a wide variety of menu's with the ingredients available, even if the produce on offer is not of the same selection as what you may be used to back home.

The breakfast spread consists of bread (toast when time allows), spreads and cereals with a hot breakfast every few days. Lunches are mostly prepared en-route with a supply of 'build your own' sandwich ingredients available. Dinners are cooked in the evenings on arrival at the campsite. A wide array of dinner menus are on offer during your safari, consisting of curries, stews, pastas, BBQ's and even roasts!

### Transport on tour

Our overland vehicles are custom built converted Mercedes Benz or MAN trucks that have seating space for our passengers and a storage areas for luggage and all trip equipment. The trucks seat between 27-30 passengers on our camping trips. Most seats are forward facing, though some models have a combination of forward, backward and some inward facing seats with tables. Vehicles have sliding glass windows, and the seating area is raised providing a great advantage for game viewing and photography. Seats are cushioned and there is storage space for personal items like cameras, snacks and day packs in the seating area.

### Participation on tour

All of the tours operated by ATC are participation trips meaning that all passengers are expected to help out around camp. The crew members running the trip will set up a rota system that will be followed. One day you may be on cleaning duty, the next day you may be on cooking duty and so forth. This is not only to make the trip easier for all involved but also for you as the passengers to get to know one another while on trip.

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## OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

ZIMBABWE:	
Please ensure that you pay for activities in Victoria Falls with US\$ CASH	
Trip T-Shirt	30 US\$
<b>VICTORIA FALLS:</b>	
White Water Rafting-Full Day	140 US\$
River Boarding combo Raft & Board	180 US\$
Bungee Jump (111m)	150 US\$
Micro Light over the Falls-15mins	170 US\$
Helicopter Flight over the Falls 12 mins	155 US\$

**BOTSWANA:**

Scenic Flight Over Delta (300-350US\$ per plane max 5 pax)	100 US\$
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<b>NAMBIA:</b>	
<b>SWAKOPMUND ACTIVITIES:</b>	
Quad Biking – 1Hr/2 Hr	100US\$
Sand Boarding – Lie Down/ Stand Up	55US\$ / 70 US\$
Township Tour	80 US\$
Tandem Skydive	(Weather Permitting) 350 US\$
Horse Riding (2Hrs)	80 US\$
Fishing	155 US\$
Dolphin Cruise	90 US\$
Scenic Flight (various)	(Weather Permitting) As per Operator
Hot Air Ballooning	(Weather Permitting) 450 US\$

**PLEASE NOTE:** That this is not a full list of available activities. There are many more to choose from. Prices are approximate and can change at any given time. Only to be used as a guideline.

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The staff and management look forward to welcoming you aboard and trust that you will enjoy your trip with us!

**“Safari Njema”**

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