

DESERT & DELTA 2019 – SWAKOMUND TO VICTORIA FALLS: 12 Days | - Accommodated (North)

Meals Included on Tour

Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOT
Breakfast	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	11
Lunch	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	7
Dinner	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	9

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 – Spitzkoppe to Brandberg

After meeting your crew, we leave early and make our way to the massive granite formations of Spitzkoppe, which tower 700 metres above the desert plains below. The presence of rock art indicates their significance to the San people who lived here many years ago. We will enjoy a walk with a local guide and have the opportunity to view some examples of the San's rock art before setting off for our overnight stop for the evening.

Accommodation	Brandberg White Lady Lodge https://www.brandbergwllodge.com/home OR Uis White Lady http://uiswhiteladyguesthouse.com/
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Swakopmund to Brandberg (via Spitzkoppe)
Included Highlight	Visit and explore Spitzkoppe with a local guide

Day 2 – Brandberg White Lady

The Brandberg (Burning Mountains) are regarded as the highest in Namibia and home to the famous White Lady, one of more than 45,000 rock paintings in the area. This morning we will make the 1-hour hike to visit the painting that is said to be around 2,000 years old. *(Please be advised that the hike does traverse rough terrain along the gorge of the normally dry Tsisab River).* After our exploration, our journey continues to the area of Kamanjab.

Accommodation	Toko Lodge http://www.tokolodge.co/ OR Etotongwe http://www.etotongwelodge.com/
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Brandberg to Kamanjab
Included Highlight	Brandberg White Lady hike

Day 3 - Etosha National Park

Rising early this morning we drive to the Etosha National Park. Etosha is the venue for some of the most unique game viewing experiences in Africa. This afternoon we reach the park and begin with our first game drive as we make our way to the rest camp.

Accommodation	NWR: Halali https://nwr.com.na/resorts/halali-resort OR NWR: Namutoni https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/namutoni-resort
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Kamanjab to Etosha National Park
Included Highlight	Afternoon game drive in truck

Day 4 - Etosha National Park

Our second day in Etosha allows for a full day to continue our exploration of the park. No day on safari is ever the same and the suspense before that special sighting is the motivation that keeps our eyes wide open. We explore the edges of the Etosha Pan in search of the abundant wildlife that occur in the park.

Accommodation	NWR: Okaukuejo https://nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Etosha National Park
Included Highlight	Full day game drive in truck

Day 5 - Windhoek

It is an early rise as we take aim for Windhoek, the capital city of Namibia. Upon arrival in Windhoek, we will take a short walk through the city centre and have the opportunity to view some of its better known landmarks. *(Our accommodation for the night is situated halfway between the city and the airport).*

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Accommodation	Heja Game Lodge http://www.hejalodge.com
Facilities	Two per Room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Etosha National Park to Windhoek
Included Highlight	Walk through Windhoek with your guide

Day 6 - Botswana – Ghanzi

Today we travel east to neighbouring Botswana and the Kalahari Desert. Starkly different to the Namib Desert after which Namibia is named, the Kalahari is no less dramatic and covers over 900 000 square kilometres. The San people have long been associated with this harsh environment and tonight we enjoy a dance evening that provides an insight into their culture of song, dance and story-telling.

Accommodation	Ghanzi Trail Blazers http://ghanzitrailblazers.co.bw
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Windhoek to Ghanzi
Included Highlight	San Tribal dance in evening
Border Post	Namibia: Buitepos, Tel: +264 62 560401, Open: 07h00-24h00 Botswana: Mamanu, Tel: +267 (0) 659 2013/2064, Open: 07h00-24h00

Day 7 – Okavango Delta

Before departing Ghanzi we will enjoy an informative guided walk with the San community. After our walk, we head towards Maun, where upon arrival in Maun this afternoon, you will have the opportunity to go on an optional scenic flight over the Delta (time and weather permitting). This evening our guide will prepare us on what to expect on our full day excursion into the Okavango Delta.

Those guests who have pre-purchased the upgrade package – will board the flight into the Delta upon arrival in Maun and will re-join the group on the morning of day 9. Please speak to your consultant for your programme of the Okavango Delta Excursion.

Accommodation	Sedia Riverside Lodge http://sedia-hotel.com/ OR Mokoro Lodge http://mkorolodge.com-botswana.com/
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Ghanzi to Maun
Included Highlight	San Guided Walk
Optional Activity	Okavango Delta scenic flight

Day 8 - Okavango Delta Excursion

The most rewarding and enjoyable way to explore and experience the beauty and serenity of this intricate system of lily covered channels and lagoons is by mokoro. Heading out early, we will be transferred by safari vehicle to the poling station (approximately 1 hour transfer) where we will meet the polers who will be escorting us into the Delta. The polers will steer us through the serene area of narrow, reed lined channels which open out onto beautiful lagoons. Reaching one of the many islands, a nature walk may be taken with your poler. After the walk, we return by mokoro through the channels back to the poling station. While the mokoro trail is not primarily a game viewing activity, a variety of game may be spotted in this pristine wilderness area, including elephant, giraffe, kudu, impala and zebra.

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Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Maun – poling station – Okavango Delta - Maun
Included Highlight	Okavango Delta Day Excursion

Day 9 – Nata

Leaving Maun behind us this morning (and re-uniting with those that chose the upgrade package) we make our way towards the town of Nata. We will spend most of the day in our truck as we journey across the northern reaches of the Makgadikgadi Pans. Our activity package will afford us the opportunity to enjoy an afternoon guided game drive to the Nata Sanctuary, which forms the breeding ground for a host of water birds including pelicans and flamingo in their thousands.

Accommodation	Nata Lodge http://underonebotswanasky.com/camps/nata-lodge.php OR Pelican Lodge http://www.pelicanlodgebotswana.com/
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Maun to Nata
Activity Package	Makgadikgadi Salt Pans (Nata Sanctuary)

Day 10 – Chobe National Park

We rise early this morning as we continue north to our camp on the banks of the Chobe River. This afternoon is set aside for exploring the Chobe National Park. We begin our exploration in 4x4 vehicles, which allows us an up close and personal experience with the many elephants that frequent the river in the afternoons. The afternoon ends with a leisurely boat cruise and a meal served around the campfire.

Accommodation	Thebe River Safaris http://www.theberiversafaris.com
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Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Nata to Kasane
Activity Package	Chobe National Park Game Drive, Chobe National Park boat cruise

Day 11 - Zimbabwe -Victoria Falls

With the memories of our wildlife encounters firmly etched in our minds, we cross the border into Zimbabwe this morning and travel the short distance to Victoria Falls. Today you have the opportunity to visit the spectacular Victoria Falls at your leisure, also known by the local name of “Mosi-oa Tunya” (the smoke that thunders). While much of today is dedicated to viewing the mighty Zambezi River as it drops into the Batoka Gorge below, the bustling adventure town of Victoria Falls also offers a range of optional activities for those wanting a dose of adrenaline in the afternoon. For the more relaxed traveller there are craft markets and coffee shops on offer as well.

Accommodation	Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel http://www.victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel.com
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Kasane to Victoria Falls
Optional Activity	Visit the Vic Falls, Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Bungee Jump, Helicopter Flights, White Water Rafting
Border Post	Botswana: Kazangula Road, Tel: +267 62 50320 / Open: 06h00-20h00 Zimbabwe: Kzangula Road, Open: 06h00-20h00

Day 12 - Victoria Falls

Your tour comes to an end after breakfast and with the many activities on offer in Victoria Falls, today is the perfect day for the adventure that most suits your style. Whether rafting the mighty Zambezi River or enjoying a flight over the falls, this is your day to enjoy the many attractions on offer in Victoria Falls.

Accommodation	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through your consultant.
Optional Activity	Visit to the falls, Bungee Jump, Gorge Swing, Sunset Cruise, Helicopter Flights, Boma Dinner Experience http://www.shearwatervictoriafalls.com

This itinerary has been written with the Activity Package items included. If you wish to participate in all the activities listed, you will need to purchase the Activity Package.

Activity Package

This is an optional payment that covers what we consider to be ‘essential activities’ on our tours. Ideally we would include all of these, but not everyone can afford this. This payment is 100% transparent and is listed below. The Activity Package must be pre-booked along with your tour booking. We cannot always guarantee availability of the activities if you only book on the morning of your tour departure .

If you are travelling as a single supplement guest and have purchased the single supplement, please note that the single supplement does not cover any Activity Package items which include accommodation. All items booked under the Activity Package are booked on a per person sharing basis and you will not be entitled to a single room during these activities.

Activity	Price
Makgadikgadi Pans excursion	R 400
Chobe National Park boat cruise	R 620
Chobe National Park game drive	R 620
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Okavango Delta Excursion Upgrade

Included in the tour price is a full day excursion into the Okavango Delta. An upgrade package is available for purchase, should you wish to spend 2 nights in the Okavango Delta. **Upgrade cost: R 13,200 per person**

Maximum Number of Passengers

20

Countries Visited

Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe

After hours emergency contact

Our reservations staff are available to receive emergency calls. We would like to request that you respect this emergency number and use it only in the event of emergencies. Please only contact this number if, for example, you have missed your incoming flight, you cannot find your airport

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transfer or you are running late for your tour departure.

If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199

If calling within South Africa: 082 578 2199

Arrival / Departure

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends to allow for delays and changes.

Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

If you require accommodation before or after your tour we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers – contact your travel agent to make these bookings.

Tour departure point

07:00am Stay@Swakop, 173 Anton Lubowski Street, Swakopmund, Namibia

Tel: +264 64 403 138, www.stay-at-swakop.com

Please ensure you arrive at the departure point at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time.

Tour ending point

Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel, 278 Parkway Drive, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe Tel: + 263 13 44583 / 42213-4 www.victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel.com

What's included

Meals (Breakfast x 11 / Lunch x 7 / Dinner x 9) (unless otherwise specified, all meals are prepared and served at the truck) / accommodation / qualified crew / transport in the truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

What's excluded

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, bottled water, soft drinks, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities / souvenirs / activity packages and optional activities.

All information provided in this tour dossier is subject to change without prior notice. Changes would always be in consideration of your safety first and a better quality experience where possible. Overnight accommodation stops can change without prior notification, depending on road or weather conditions or any unforeseen circumstances. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the properties listed in this dossier, these are to be used as a guideline only. We recommend that you download the most up to date version of this tour dossier one week prior to your tour departure date, however, changes are possible within 7 days prior to your tour departure.

Partaking in an adventure tour in Africa involves covering hundreds if not thousands of kilometres and our tours are as much about this journey as they are about the destinations we visit. Use your time during these drives to talk to your fellow travellers, have a drink and take note of the world passing by your window. Some roads you travel on will be smooth and easy while others could take up to an hour to cover 1 kilometre. There is just no telling what could happen with road, weather, traffic and other conditions that may exist that will either increase or decrease the amount of time you spend on the road so take your watch off, put your iPad away, turn off your phone and just relax. An average day could take anything from 5 to 14 hours, it all depends on the day... and that's only an "average"!
