

## DESERT & DELTA: 12 Days | NASV/NSV (North)

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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"!

**Please ensure that you have downloaded and read a copy of the PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION booklet as this document contains important information (e.g travel insurance, visas, your money, health etc) you need to know before you depart on tour**

### PCR Testing / Requirements

All guests participating in this tour should adhere to and be familiar with any mandatory covid-19 vaccine requirements or PCR testing requirements of the country/countries being visited. All costs associated with PCR testing will be for the guests' own account.

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### Tour departure point

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

**07:00am** Haus Garnison, 4 Tobias Hainyeko Street,  
Swakopmund, Namibia  
Tel: 002 64 403340  
<http://hausgarnison.com/>

### Tour ending point

Shearwater Explorers Village, Adam Stander Dr,  
Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe  
Tel: +263 13 47362  
<http://explorersvillage.com/>

### Maximum Number of Passengers

20 (All protocols and government regulations in terms of carrying capacity will be adhered to at the time of travel)

### 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 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.

### What's included

All meals which are prepared and served at the truck / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / 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

### Countries Visited

Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe

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## TOUR ITINERARY

### Day 1 – Spitzkoppe to Brandberg

After meeting your crew and fellow travellers, we leave the coastal town of Swakopmund early and we 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

<b>Accommodation</b>	Brandberg Rest Camp
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Swakopmund to Brandberg (via Spitzkoppe)
<b>Meals</b>	Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	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 ±2-hour return 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. For those who would like to visit an educational centre showcasing the lifestyle of the Himba Tribe, you will have the opportunity to book an optional excursion this afternoon.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Oppi Koppi Rest Camp <a href="https://www.oppi-koppi-kamanjab.com/">https://www.oppi-koppi-kamanjab.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Brandberg to Kamanjab
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	NWR: Halali <a href="https://nwr.com.na/resorts/halali-resort">https://nwr.com.na/resorts/halali-resort</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Kamanjab to Etosha National Park
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	NWR: Okaukuejo <a href="https://nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort">https://nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Etosha National Park
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	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).*

<b>Accommodation</b>	Heja Game Lodge <a href="http://www.hejalodge.com">http://www.hejalodge.com</a> OR Klein Windhoek Guest House <a href="https://www.kleinwindhoekguesthouse.com/">https://www.kleinwindhoekguesthouse.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated / Camping:</b> 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>
<b>Route</b>	Etosha National Park to Windhoek
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Walk through Windhoek with your guide

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### 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 this tonight we enjoy a dance evening that provides an insight into their culture of song, dance and story-telling.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Ghanzi Trail Blazers <a href="http://ghanzitrailblazers.co.bw">http://ghanzitrailblazers.co.bw</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Windhoek to Ghanzi
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	San Tribal dance in evening
<b>Optional Activity</b>	San Guided Walk (could take place the next morning)
<b>Border Post</b>	Namibia: Buitepos, Tel: +264 62 560401, Open: 07h00-24h00 Botswana: Mamanu, Tel: +267 (0) 659 2013/2064, Open: 07h00-24h00

### Day 7 – Khwai Conservation Area

You will be separated from your truck for the next 2 nights and it is therefore important that you pack/gather your personal belongings which you may need, before we depart for Maun today as there is limited time in Maun for re-packing and storing. Please pack lightly and only take what you need for the following two nights. This morning we rise early and make our way towards Maun, where upon arrival in Maun you will have the opportunity to go on an optional scenic flight over the Delta (time and weather permitting). After your optional flight, you will be collected from Maun and will be transferred to the Khwai Conservation area in smaller safari type vehicles. This evening our guide will prepare us on what to expect for our mokoro excursion into the Okavango Delta and our game drive in Khwai.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Magotho / Boga Campsite (no website available)
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions
<b>Route</b>	Ghanzi via Maun to Khwai Conservation area
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Okavango Delta scenic flight

### Day 8 - Khwai Conservation Area

Heading out early, we transfer by safari vehicle, to the poling station, 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 pole and 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. After lunch, we will return to Khwai Conservation area for our afternoon game drive which will be conducted in open 4x4 safari vehicles. The game viewing routes chosen during the afternoon by the professional guide may vary especially when high floods are experienced as certain roads may be closed or impassable.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Magotho / Boga Campsite (no website available)
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions
<b>Route</b>	Overnight accommodation - poling station – Okavango Delta – Khwai Conservation Area
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Okavango Delta Morning Mokoro Excursion / Khwai Conservation Afternoon Game Drive

### Day 9 – Khwai – Savuti – Chobe - Kasane

Today's journey from Khwai to Kasane (via the Savuti National Park) is expected to take approximately 10 hours. You will pack up camp and depart at first light on the open 4x4 safari vehicles. The road conditions can best be described as dense sand and depending on the season you are travelling in, could be through thick vegetation. During the winter months (May-September) we strongly suggest layering up on clothing, pack a beanie and/or scarf and thick jacket. Animal sightings can never be guaranteed while we transit/traverse these wilderness areas and any stops for viewing of the wildlife will add to the time spent in the 4x4 safari vehicle. We suggest stocking up on snacks and at least 1 x 5l bottle of water in Maun for the journey as there are no re-supply points until you reach Kasane.

The Savuti Game Reserve is a unique area bordered by the Okavango Delta to west and Chobe National Park to the east. Today is a long day as we spend most of our day travelling via the various sectors including the Savuti Game Reserve in search of the species that roam the plains. Expect some bumpy roads as we traverse this wilderness area in our 4x4 vehicles. Offering habitats from wetland, open water to the grasslands and Savannah woodland, we hope to see as many species of fauna and flora possible. This afternoon we arrive on the banks of the Chobe River and will be re-united with our truck in the town of Kasane.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Thebe River Safaris <a href="http://www.theberiversafaris.com">http://www.theberiversafaris.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Khwai Conservation Area – via Savuti Game Reserve – Kasane (long day ±6-8 hours)
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Game Drive through Savuti Game Reserve in 4x4 safari vehicles

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### Day 10 – Chobe National Park

For those that opt to participate in the optional game drive in Chobe National Park, you will be collected early from camp and will venture out in open 4x4 safari type vehicles. You will return to camp in time for lunch and a quick siesta before we head out in the afternoon to explore the Chobe National Park from the river, enjoying a leisurely boat cruise which allows us an up close and personal experience with the many elephants that frequent the river in the afternoons.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Thebe River Safaris <a href="http://www.theberiversafaris.com">http://www.theberiversafaris.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Chobe National Park Boat Cruise
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Chobe National Park Game Drive

### 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 will 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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Shearwater Explorers Village <a href="http://explorersvillage.com/">http://explorersvillage.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite (pre-erected dome tent with camper beds) with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Kasane to Victoria Falls
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Victoria Falls National Park Entry
<b>Border Post</b>	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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Getaway Africa.
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Bungee Jump, Helicopter Flights, White Water Rafting