

DESERT & DELTA 2024: 12 Days | NASV/NSV (North)

Validity: 2024

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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

Tour departure point

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

07:00am Haus Garrison, 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

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 Getaway Africa 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

Day 1 – Swakopmund to Khorixas

Our exploration of the desert begins with a trip up north, where the hot desert sands meet the cold waves of the Atlantic Ocean. We'll stop at seaside holiday town of Wlotskabaken for a photo opportunity before heading to the Lichen Fields for a viewing and talk by your guide on the Lichen Colonies. We then visit the renowned Seal Colony at Cape Cross, known as the largest in the world with over 200,000 Cape Fur Seals hugging the shore. Cape Cross marks the spot where the first European explorer set foot on the coast of Namibia in 1486, and was erected in honour of the then king of Portugal by explorer Diego Cao. (Please note that the Cape Cross Colony may be inaccessible at times which means that we will not be able to visit the seals.) The road then continues away from the coast and takes us towards the Khorixas area.

Accommodation	NWR: Khorixas https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/khorixas-camp
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Swakopmund to Khorixas (via Cape Cross)
Meals	Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Seal Colony at Cape Cross

Day 2 – Khorixas to Etosha National Park

This morning we will explore the Twyfelfontein Rock Engravings and the Petrified Forest in the Kunene Region with a local guide. This area has been inhabited for 6000 years by the Khoi San. These inhabitants used the site to conduct shamanist rituals. In the process, 2500 rock paintings were created. This site displays one of the largest concentrations of rock petroglyphs in Africa. Also on route, we visit the Petrified Forest, a national monument, comprising of prehistoric tree trunks now fossilised. In prehistoric times huge tree trunks were washed down a river and deposited in alluvial sands, creating this relic. We leave Twyfelfontein for Etosha National Park. With vast salt pans, savanna and woodland, Etosha is one of Africa's finest game parks. At 18 000 sq km, it is one of the biggest Parks in Southern Africa. Etosha means "great white area", which refers to the large dried pan in the middle of the Park. We will spend the afternoon exploring the park in the Truck.

Accommodation	NWR: Okaukuejo https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Khorixas to Etosha National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Petrified Forest, Twyfelfontein Rock Engravings, Afternoon game drive

Day 3 - 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.

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Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Etosha National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Full day game drive

Day 4 - Etosha National Park

On our third day in Etosha, you will have the morning at leisure. Climb the Okaukuejo tower to watch the sun rising or spend your time around the waterhole waiting for the animals to arrive for their morning drink of water. After lunch, we board our truck and head to our next Etosha Camp – Namutoni and enjoy an afternoon game drive en-route.

Accommodation	NWR: Namutoni https://nwr.com.na/resorts/namutoni-resort
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Etosha National Park (Okaukuejo rest camp to Namutoni rest camp)
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Afternoon Game Drive

Day 5 – Etosha to Divundu

We leave the white sands of Etosha behind and venture towards the Kavango River for our overnight stop in Divundu.

Accommodation	Mahangu http://www.mahangu.com.na/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom

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Route Etosha National Park to Divundu
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 – Divundu to Maun

Prior to departing for Maun, we enjoy a leisurely boat cruise on the beautiful Kavango River. We then cross the border into Botswana and head towards the gateway to the Okavango Delta, the town of Maun. We overnight in Maun before heading for our next adventure – The Okavango Delta.

Accommodation Sedia <https://sedia-hotel.com/>

Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Divundu to Maun
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Morning Boat Cruise

Border Post Namibia: Mohembo Tel.; Open: 07h00-24h00
 Botswana: Mohembo, Tel.; 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 Maun. Please pack lightly and only take what you need for the following two nights. Today we make our way towards the Okavango Delta. Early risers 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. Our guide will prepare us on what to expect for our afternoon mokoro excursion into the Okavango Delta.

Accommodation Khwai Tented Camp (no website available)

Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom

Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

Route Maun to Khwai Conservation area
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity Okavango Delta scenic flight
Included Highlight Sunset Mokoro Excursion

Day 8 – Savuti Game Reserve

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 full day game drive as we spend most of our day on safari in 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 evening we arrive back at Khwai to share and compare all the amazing sightings while on safari.

Accommodation Khwai Tented Camp (no website available)

Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom

Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

Route Savuti Game Reserve
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Full Day Game Drive Savuti Game Reserve

Day 9 – Khwai to Nata

Today's journey from Khwai to Nata passes the Botswanan salt pans. You will pack up camp and depart at first light on the open 4x4 safari vehicles before meeting the truck in Maun. The scenic drive from Maun to Nata showcases some of Botswana's breathtaking landscapes and the rich cultural heritage. Keep an eye open as there is always a chance of a wildlife encounter or two before reaching your overnight destination in Nata. This afternoon, after our arrival in Nata, we enjoy a guided drive to the Nata pans, which forms the breeding ground for a host of water birds including pelicans and flamingo in their thousands (birds dependant on seasonal migratory patterns).

Accommodation Nata Lodge <https://underonebotswanasky.com/nata-lodge/>

Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

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Route Khwai Conservation Area to Nata (long day)
Included Highlight Afternoon pans drive
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 10 – Nata to Kasane - Chobe National Park

We journey from Kalahari sands of Nata to Kasane and arrive 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.

Accommodation	Thebe River Safaris http://www.theberiversafaris.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Nata to Kasane
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	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 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.

Accommodation	Shearwater Explorers Village http://explorersvillage.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: 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>
Route	Kasane to Victoria Falls
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch
Optional Activity	Victoria Falls National Park Entry
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 Getaway Africa.
Meals	Breakfast
Optional Activity	Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Bungee Jump, Helicopter Flights, White Water Rafting