

# Self-Drive Safari

## 16 Nights | 17 Days

### Wildlife Experiences – Lodge & Hotel Accommodation

**Highlights:** Opportunity to see the Big 5, Windhoek, Waterberg, Etosha National Park, Caprivi Strip, Botswana, Houseboat on the Chobe River, Chobe National Park, Victoria Falls.

**Inclusions:**

- 16 x Overnights
- 16 x Breakfast
- 2 x Lunch
- 12 x Dinner
- Activities (on days 14 & 15)
- 13 days 4x4 Vehicle Rental
- 3 x Transfers
- All Boat Transfers as outlined in the Tour Programme
- Comprehensive Travel Documentation Pack
- 1 x Namibia Handbook
- Meet & Greet Service in Windhoek

**Price per person sharing:** Approximately NAD 86,020.00

*This Tour Programme is an itinerary suggestion which is meant to serve as a tour example, and depending on personal preference, timeframe as well as individual budget, we can prepare an individualized, tailor-made tour programme.*

#### Tour Programme

Day	Tour Description
<b>1</b>	<p>Arrival in Windhoek, at the Hosea Kutako International Airport. After completing your vehicle rental formalities your journey can commence with the drive through to Windhoek town (approximately 30 minutes drive) to your hotel. For your first and last evening in Windhoek we recommend that you book the desired restaurant in advance. We can gladly assist with recommendations as well as the table reservations.</p> <p>Optional Activities: Guided Katutura Township Tour, Sight-seeing in Windhoek (can also be undertaken in own arrangement).</p> <p><b>Overnight: Hotel in Windhoek (Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
<b>2</b>	<p>Today your self-drive safari "Wildlife Experiences" can really get started. You drive north to the first lodge, which is located near Otjiwarongo. Midday arrival at the lodge, and optionally you can partake in a sundowner drive on the reserve this afternoon.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Lodge in the Otjiwarongo region (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
<b>3</b>	<p>This morning you can optionally embark on an informative guided drive through the Mopane savannah on the reserve to see the white rhinos who will be your special guests at a bush brunch. Around noon you leave the lodge and drive to the world famous Etosha National Park. In the language of the Ovambo tribe, Etosha means "Great White Place".</p> <p><b>Overnight: Camp in the Etosha National Park (Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
<b>4</b>	<p>Today you can explore the central area of park in your own vehicle. The Etosha National Park has a biodiversity that can hardly be surpassed. A variety of animals gather at the various waterholes, which offers spectacular opportunities for game viewing. Each individual waterhole has a unique character. For example, the Okondeka waterhole is one of the best for spotting lions. This predator can often be seen here with prey. The waterhole is a natural spring and is located just north of Okaukuejo, on the western edge of the pan.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Camp in the Etosha National Park (Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
<b>5</b>	<p>At 130 km long and 50 km wide, the Etosha Pan is by far the largest pan in Africa and is also the park's most distinctive feature. The total pan area measures about 4800 km<sup>2</sup>, which is roughly about a quarter of the total area of Etosha National Park.</p> <p>Today you drive through the park in an easterly direction and have the opportunity to stop at the various waterholes en-route to the north eastern area of the park. Before sunset you reach the Von Lindequist gate, where you exit the park and continue to drive a short distance, until you reach your lodge.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Lodge outside the Etosha National Park, eastern side (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
<b>6</b>	<p>Today you have another opportunity to explore the various waterholes situated on the eastern side of the park. It is recommended to get an early start, so as to enter the park as soon as the gates open. At certain waterholes you can perhaps spot a leopard in the tree relaxing after its nightly hunt. During the afternoon you return to your lodge outside of the park for another overnight.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Lodge outside the Etosha National Park, eastern side (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
<b>7</b>	<p>Today the journey continues in a northerly direction into the Caprivi region. The drive takes you past many small traditional villages and onwards to the town of Rundu where you can enjoy one overnight on the banks of the</p>

	Kavango River. <b>Overnight: Lodge outside of Rundu (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b>
8	<p>After breakfast, you continue your journey further northward, and en route you will also drive past the Popa waterfalls. These are not real waterfalls, but rather a series of rapids. In the afternoon you will reach your lodge which is in the Divundu area, in the Caprivi strip.</p> <p>The Caprivi strip falls within a tropical climate zone and records high rainfall during the rainy season (December to March). Sometimes, when the temperatures are high, the climate is often also very humid. The entire western side of the Caprivi is now a wildlife sanctuary. In 2002, the former Mahango Game Park and West Caprivi Game Park were merged into what is now known as the Bwabwata National Park. The park stretches between the Okavango and Kwando rivers and covers an area of over 5000 square kilometres. It is estimated that around 8000 elephants live in this area, as well as more than 1000 buffalo, but also many species of antelope, as well as spotted hyena, lion and leopard are prevalent here.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Lodge in the Mahango area (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
9	<p>Today you can fully explore the Mahango Park area. Optional activities which can be booked through the lodge are: morning or afternoon game drives into the Mahango National Park. Alternatively, you can also opt to explore the park in your own vehicle. Another optional activity would be a boat trip on the Kavango river, these are offered in the mornings as well as the afternoons.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Lodge in the Mahango area (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
10	<p>On the far eastern side of the Caprivi, close to Namibia's border with Botswana and Zambia, the Caprivi is wedged between these two countries. It's really just a small area of land, and that's why it's also called the Caprivi Strip. You continue through the water-rich Caprivi strip today, to the Kwando area, where your lodge is situated directly on the banks of the Kwando River. An ideal place to relax and take in nature.</p> <p>Optional Activities: Game drives in the Mudumo National Park in the morning or afternoon, also, boat trips on the Kwando River. A guided bush walk in this pristine wilderness is also recommended, as this area is home to more than 400 bird species, making it a paradise for bird lovers. The Kwando River is a tributary of the Zambezi and forms the border between the eastern and western parts of the Caprivi strip.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Lodge on the banks of the Kwando River (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
11	<p>Today you have the opportunity to extensively explore the Kwando area and the Mudumo National Park. The lodge also offers optional activities which you can join, as mentioned above.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Lodge on the banks of the Kwando River (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
12	<p>During the morning you depart to Botswana. After approximately 200 km you will reach the Ngoma border post. From here you continue to drive through the Chobe National Park to Kasane (approximately 70 km). Your lodge is located directly on banks of the Chobe River. The afternoon can be spent at leisure or alternatively optionally book a game drive into Chobe Park with the lodge directly.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Lodge in Kasane on the banks of the Chobe River (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
13	<p>Optional Activities on offer today: During morning you have the opportunity to take an approximately three-hour game drive in an open 4x4 vehicle into the Chobe National Park. Not only is Chobe National Park an elephant mecca, it is also home to huge herds of buffalo, and Burchell's zebra and also has a high density of predators such as lion, spotted hyena and cheetah. During the afternoon you can choose to join a boat cruise on the Chobe River.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Lodge in Kasane on the banks of the Chobe River (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
14	<p>Today after breakfast and check out, a transfer service will take you to the Kasane Immigration Station. Thereafter journey further upstream, with a boat transfer, which will take you to a houseboat. Here you will arrive around lunch time. Activities and excursions are weather dependant, but you can choose to participate in an excursion to a traditional village, or enjoy bird watching, and take a hike to the old baobab tree on Impalila Island. As there are three motor boats per houseboat it enables the flexible planning of the included water activities. Experience a romantic sunset as the sun sets over the Chobe River.</p> <p><b>Overnight: On a Houseboat (Full Board &amp; Boating Activities)</b></p>
15	<p>The Chobe National Park is known for having the largest elephant population in Africa. The 10,500 square kilometre national park is home to over 80,000 elephants, with most residing in the far north of the park on the banks of the Chobe River. Three smaller boats are available for close-up game viewing trips today on the river.</p> <p><b>Overnight: On a Houseboat (Full Board &amp; Boating Activities)</b></p>
16	<p>After breakfast one of the smaller boats will take you back to Impalila Island thereafter onwards to Kasane, where a representative of a transfer company will be waiting for you. Subsequent transfer to Victoria Falls (approx. 90 km). Your hotel is situated within walking distance of mighty Victoria Falls.</p> <p>Optional Activities: Today we recommend a tour of the famous Victoria Falls. You can book this tour directly with the hotel. The Victoria Falls, which are part of the UNESCO World Natural Heritage Sites, are the result of a spectacular natural phenomenon, when the Zambezi plunges about 110 meters over a 1708 meter wide basalt cliff. The Falls are one of the planet's greatest natural wonders and awe inspiring to anyone who sees the thundering water masses with their own eyes.</p> <p>Further optional activities: White water rafting &amp; canoeing, bridge sports, elephant backed safaris, cage diving amongst crocodiles, tiger fishing, bungee jumping, zip line, helicopter flights over the Falls, dinner in a boma, to mention just a few.</p>

	<b>Overnight: Hotel in Victoria Falls (Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b>
<b>17</b>	During the morning you can choose to book further optional activities, or explore the town on foot. Around midday, transfer to Victoria Falls Airport. Onward Flight from Victoria Falls.