

Self-Drive 19 Nights | 20 Days Best of 3 Countries - Lodge & Hotel Accommodation

Africa's unique natural beauty and rich diversity of wildlife are among the continent's true treasures. This safari has proven to be authentic and will most likely allow you to spot the Big 5. You will experience exciting moments on safaris in the national parks of Namibia and Botswana. You are there when an elephant family meets for a bath in the river, or when the herd of zebras grazes peacefully while the lions are already lurking in the bushes. Namibia fascinates you with the change of impressive landscapes from dry, endless expanses, the rows of mighty mountain ranges to the desert landscapes. From the abundant wildlife in the Chobe to magnificent Victoria Falls, this trip will delight you.

Highlights: Kalahari, Namib Desert, Sossusvlei, Deadvlei, Sesriem Canyon, Swakopmund, Etosha National Park, Caprivi strip, Chobe National Park, Houseboat on the Chobe River, Victoria Falls.

Inclusions:

- 19 x overnights
- 19 x breakfasts
- 5 x lunch
- 16 x dinner
- 16 days 4x4 vehicle rental.
- All vehicle and boat transfers as listed in the programme
- 1 x Namibia Handbook
- Comprehensive Travel Documents Pack
- Filled Coolerbag

Exclusions:

- Entrance fees and permits for the National Parks, with the exception of the Chobe National Park
- Optional Activities
- Personal Expenses, Telephone Expenses, Drinks, meals not mentioned in the programme, Souvenirs, Tips
- Exclusions applicable in the terms and conditions from the vehicle rental company
- Fuel, Contract Fee of the vehicle rental company
- One-way collection fee of the vehicle rental company to collect the car in Kasane and drive it back to Windhoek
- Travel Insurance and Visa costs
- International flights

Price per person sharing for 2 persons: Approximately NAD 90,710.00

Tour Programme

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.

Day	Tour Programme
1	<p>Arrival at Hosea Kutako International Airport in Windhoek. After the entry formalities, the rental car will be picked up followed by a drive directly to your accommodation in the Kalahari area.</p> <p>The rest of the day is spent at leisure. A generous selection of optional activities will enrich your three-day stay in an intimate atmosphere, and can be booked directly at the lodge.</p> <p>Overnight: Guest lodge in the Kalahari (Bed Breakfast Lunch Dinner)</p>
2	<p>Today you can choose to optionally partake in the many activities on offer on the reserve. The guest lodge team will gladly respond to your individual interests and will offer you to consider individual game drives, Kalahari excursions, wilderness courses, hikes, game walks or horse riding activities, as well as giving you the opportunity to accompany biologists on their field work trips.</p> <p>Overnight: Guest lodge in the Kalahari (Bed Breakfast Lunch Dinner)</p>
3	<p>On the horizon, the rising sun, 149.6 million km away, signals its wake-up call. Today you can enjoy another day on the game reserve and optionally consider other activities, or choose to relax comfortably in this tranquil setting. You have another overnight in this picturesque setting in the savannah.</p> <p>Overnight: Guest lodge in the Kalahari (Bed Breakfast Lunch Dinner)</p>
4	<p>After a hearty breakfast your journey continues through the Kalahari Desert landscapes. On the way you will discover gigantic sociable weaver nests in ancient camel thorn acacias.</p>

	<p>As you approach the lodge, endless, linear dunes stretch across the chalky base terrain of the Kalahari. Oryx, springbok and the smaller duiker antelope form wonderful animal motifs in the red dune sand. The Kalahari (also called Kgalagadi) is a thorn bush savannah, partly also dry savannah, but is sometimes referred to as a desert because of the predominant red sand.</p> <p>After arrival at the lodge you will have some time to relax.</p> <p>Optional activity: During the late afternoon, we recommend that you join a guided sundowner drive in the red Kalahari dunes. The activity is offered in open and comfortable off-road vehicles by knowledgeable guides who have a lot of passion for this special environment. It is a tour to get to know the Kalahari with its unforgettable landscapes.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge in the Kalahari (Dinner Bed Breakfast)</p>
5	<p>Today, before your departure, consider joining a Bushman tour (optional). Before breakfast you will take a walk to a nearby Bushman village. Here you will get to know their way of life, their traditions and customs, as well as some of the wisdom of this indigenous tribe. Your journey then continues further east, through the picturesque Tsaris Pass landscapes into the Namib Desert. You will spend the next two nights near the famous Sossusvlei area.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge near Sossusvlei (Dinner Bed Breakfast)</p>
6	<p>Head for the Sesriem Park early in the morning, as a dune landscape in the morning light offers an unforgettable landscape. Sossusvlei is surrounded by the highest dunes in the world, which suck the last bit of strength out of the visitor's legs when climbing them. Once you reach the top, however, you will be richly rewarded with a fantastic view of the dunes and various "vleis". Dune 45 is the most popular dune to climb. Afterwards you can visit the smaller Sesriem Canyon. The afternoon can be spent at leisure at the lodge.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge near Sossusvlei (Dinner Bed Breakfast)</p>
7	<p>Continue your journey today via Solitaire and Walvis Bay to the coastal town of Swakopmund. Your drive takes you through the enchanting landscapes of the Namib Desert. The visitor who reaches Solitaire will first notice the many old-timer car wrecks that are picturesquely draped along the roadsides. The long gravel roads are occasionally decorated with a small trail of dust. You are surrounded by breath-taking expanses and the most beautiful desert landscapes. You drive through granitic sculpture landscapes, ancient erosion valleys and now and then cross a dry river bed. Arrival in Swakopmund is in the afternoon.</p> <p>Optional activities: Catamaran boat trip, Living Desert Tour, quad biking, camel riding, visit to the museum, aquarium, crystal gallery, horseback safari, flight over the Skeleton Coast or Sossusvlei</p> <p>Overnight: Hotel in Swakopmund (Bed Breakfast)</p>
8	<p>This morning you can consider to optionally partake in a variety of activities on offer in the coastal area. We recommend either a Catamaran Marine Cruise on the Walvis Bay Lagoon, or a half-day Living Desert Tour.</p> <p>Catamaran Marine Cruise: Between Walvis Bay and Swakopmund, on the rough Atlantic coast, you will experience the unique nature and wildlife of the Walvis Bay lagoon on board a spacious and comfortable catamaran. The four-hour cruise goes from the harbour port via the Walvis Bay oyster banks to Pelican Point, which is home to a large colony of fur seals. The tour offers many highlights. Among other things, pelicans are hand-fed in flight. You will learn a lot of interesting things about these and other marine animals. At the end of the cruise you are offered snack platters with fresh oysters and sparkling wine.</p> <p>The Desert Tour, also called the Living Desert Tour, is a unique experience in 4x4 vehicles intended to introduce the visitor to the impressive beauty of the Namib Desert and to showcase life in the desert. The coastal dune belt, which may appear barren and lifeless to some, is home to a fascinating variety of small animals that have adapted to the desert. They survive thanks to the fog that regularly rolls in from the cold Atlantic Ocean.</p> <p>Admire the "Dancing White Lady", a spider that cartwheels down the dunes at 44 revolutions per second in order to escape any enemy. Admire the transparent desert gecko with webbed feet that look like snowshoes. Learn about the different bugs and insects and how these manage to survive in the desert. A unique opportunity to experience the desert up close.</p> <p>Overnight: Hotel in Swakopmund (Bed Breakfast)</p>
9	<p>The journey continues into the interior of the country today, through the picturesque Erongo mountains, and further north into the immediate vicinity of the famous Etosha National Park. Here, not far from the central Etosha Andersson Gate, your lodge is perched on a hillside with an outstanding view of the surrounding environment.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge outside of the Etosha National Park (Dinner Bed Breakfast)</p>
10	<p>Check out from the lodge after breakfast and drive to Etosha National Park which you enter at the Andersson Gate. You will enjoy a full day game drive in your own vehicle from the central to the eastern side of the park, stopping at the various waterholes to spot as many animals as possible.</p> <p>The Etosha National Park has a biodiversity that is hard to beat. A variety of animals gather at the various waterholes which can lead to a spectacular experiences. Every single waterhole has a unique character. For example, the Okondeka waterhole is one of the best for lion watching. The predator can often be seen here with prey. The waterhole is a natural spring and is located just north of Okaukuejo right on the western edge of the pan.</p>

	<p>Continue to the eastern side of the park where your next accommodation is situated just outside the Von Lindequist Gate.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge outside of the Etosha National Park on the eastern side (Dinner Bed Breakfast)</p>
11	<p>Today you have another opportunity to explore the various waterholes on the eastern side of the park in your own vehicle. Leave early to get to the park as soon as the gates open. At a particular waterhole, a leopard usually perches in a tree to rest after its nightly hunt. Before sunset, you will leave the park and drive back to your accommodation outside the park.</p> <p>The park is home to about 114 species of mammals, 340 species of birds, 110 species of reptiles, 16 species of amphibians and 1 species of fish (up to 49 during floods). Etosha National Park holds the prestigious title of being the world's premier patron of the black rhino and offers unparalleled opportunities for spectacular game viewing.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge outside of the Etosha National Park on the eastern side (Dinner Bed Breakfast)</p>
12	<p>After breakfast, you leave the Etosha area and continue your journey further northward into the Caprivi strip. En route to the next lodge you will also drive past the Popa waterfalls. These are not real waterfalls, but rather a series of rapids. During the course of the afternoon you will reach your lodge which is in the Divundu area, in the Caprivi strip.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge in the Divundu area (Dinner Bed Breakfast)</p>
13	<p>Today you can fully explore the Mahango Park area. Optional activities which can be booked with the lodge are: morning or afternoon game drives into the Mahango National Park, and Western Caprivi Buffalo drives. Alternatively, you can also opt to explore the park in your own vehicle. Another optional activity would be boat trips on the Kavango river, which are also on offer during the morning and afternoon.</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>Overnight: Lodge in the Divundu area (Dinner Bed Breakfast)</p>
14	<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.</p> <p>You continue through the lush and 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 Mudumu 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>Overnight: Lodge on the banks of the Kwando River (Dinner Bed Breakfast)</p>
15	<p>Today you have the opportunity to extensively explore the Kwando area and the Mudumu National Park. The lodge also offers optional activities which you can join, as mentioned above.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge on the banks of the Kwando River (Dinner Bed Breakfast)</p>
16	<p>During the morning you depart to Botswana. After a drive of approximately 200 km you will reach the Ngoma border post. From here you drive through the Chobe National Park to Kasane (approximately 70 km). Here you drop off your rented vehicle at the airport, and will be transferred to the lodge which is located directly on banks of the Chobe River. The afternoon can be spent at leisure, or alternatively you can optionally book a boat cruise on the Chobe River directly with the lodge.</p> <p>Overnight: Lodge in Kasane on the banks of the Chobe River (Dinner Bed Breakfast)</p>
17	<p>We recommend that you optionally book a three-hour game drive this morning into the Chobe National Park with the lodge. Chobe National Park is not only an elephant mecca but is home to large herds of buffalo, Burchell's zebra and has a high density of predators such as lions, spotted hyenas and cheetahs.</p> <p>After check out, a transfer service will take you to the Kasane Immigration Station. Thereafter you travel further upstream by boat transfer, which will take you to a houseboat via Impalila Island. Here you will arrive around lunch time. Activities and excursions are weather dependant, but you can choose to participate in boat trips, 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>Overnight: On a Houseboat (Full Board and Activities)</p>
18	<p>Enjoy another day on the house boat, filled with a variety of included activities.</p> <p>The Chobe area 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. The Chobe river attracts many animals who</p>

	<p>come here, especially in the afternoon, to quench their thirst. A unique opportunity to observe and photograph wildlife from the boat.</p> <p>Overnight: On a Houseboat (Full Board and Activities)</p>
19	<p>After breakfast one of the smaller boats will take you back to Impalila Island thereafter to Kasane, where a representative of a transfer company will be awaiting you. A vehicle transfer will take you to Victoria Falls town (approx. 90 km). Your accommodation is located not far from the mighty Victoria Falls.</p> <p>Optional: We recommend taking a tour to the famous Victoria Falls today. You can book this tour directly with the hotel's activity desk.</p> <p>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>The rest of the afternoon is at leisure and you can optionally book additional activities directly with the hotel, or chose to explore the nearby central town on foot.</p> <p>Overnight: Hotel in Victoria Falls (Bed Breakfast)</p>
20	<p>The morning is can be spent at leisure in the hotel, or you may opt to book another short activity directly. After check out transfer service will take you to Victoria Falls Airport around midmorning. Return flight home.</p>