

# Self-Drive 22 Nights | 23 Days Spectacular Safari through 3 Countries - Hotel & Lodge Accommodation

**Highlights:** Seeing the Big 5, Windhoek, Waterberg, Etosha National Park, Caprivi strip, Houseboat on the Chobe River, Chobe National Park, Victoria Falls, Botswana.

**Inclusions:**

- 22 x overnights
- 22 x breakfasts
- 21 x dinner
- 23 days 4x4 vehicle rental.
- All car and boat transfers as listed in the programme
- 1 x Namibia Handbook
- Comprehensive Travel Documents Pack
- Personal Meet & Greet in Windhoek

**Price per person:**

Deluxe Tour: Approximately NAD 101,070.00

Classic Tour: Approximately NAD 98,490.00

***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 Programme
1	<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.</p> <p>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>
2	<p>Today your spectacular self-drive safari through 3 countries can really get started. You drive north to the first lodge, which is located near Otjiwarongo in the Waterberg region. 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 Waterberg region (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
3	<p>This morning you can optionally embark on an informative guided game drive through the Mopane savannah on the reserve to see the white rhinos, or you can self-drive to the nearby Waterberg Plateau for sight-seeing in this national park.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Lodge in the Waterberg region (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
4	<p>After breakfast you depart from the Waterberg area and drive to the next camp which is located in the Grootfontein area. On the way you can optionally visit the Hoba meteorite, which is estimated to be the largest meteorite on earth.</p> <p>You will reach your destination during the early afternoon. This bush camp offers a full board package for two nights, which includes an interactive Bushman activity. The safari tents in this camp are equipped with private bathrooms, beds and mosquito nets. The guests can experience the freedom of the African bush and relax in the savannah landscapes, while at the same time getting to know the ancient bushman culture.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Bush Camp in the Grootfontein area (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
5	<p>This morning after breakfast you can enjoy a traditional Bushman village visit. Here you will get to know their way of life as well as some of their traditions, and get an insight into the ancient wisdom of the San people. The term San refers to a number of ethnic groups in southern Africa who originally lived as pure hunter-gatherers. The word "San" goes back to a designation of the Nama of South Africa and means something like "those who pick up something from the ground".</p> <p><b>Overnight: Bush Camp in the Grootfontein area (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>

<b>6</b>	<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. During the course of 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>
<b>7</b>	<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 also offered in the mornings as well as the afternoons.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Lodge in the Mahango area (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
<b>8</b>	<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 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>
<b>9</b>	<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>
<b>10</b>	<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 you can 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>
<b>11</b>	<p>Today after breakfast and 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. 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>
<b>12</b>	<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>
<b>13</b>	<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 waiting for you. Subsequent transfer to the lodge in Kasane, where you can spend the remaining afternoon at leisure.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Lodge in Kasane on the banks of the Chobe River (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
<b>14</b>	<p>Today we recommend that you undertake a day visit to the famous Victoria Falls, in Zimbabwe. 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>Optionally, you can also enjoy a lunch at the Look-Out Café in Victoria Falls (please consult with your guide for this add-on)</p> <p>Afterwards you will be transferred back to your lodge in Kasane for a further overnight.</p> <p>We can gladly assist in booking this optional Victoria Falls day tour for you in advance at a small extra fee.</p>

	<b>Overnight: Lodge in Kasane on the banks of the Chobe River (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b>
<b>15</b>	<p>After breakfast your journey continues through Botswana as you proceed towards the Nata area. There is no need to plan for extra stops en route, as the land here belongs mostly to the wild animals who roam around freely. The country of Botswana is about the size of France, and it is one of the most sparsely populated countries on earth, with just 2 million inhabitants. You will pass through Ngwasha Gate, which is a veterinary checkpoint. The vehicle and the shoes of the occupants are disinfected here. Continue to your camp which is about 50km before you reach the town of Nata. Elephant and buffalo herds are at home here and frequently use the water hole, and sometimes even the pool of the lodge, to quench their thirst.</p> <p>Optional Activities here are: Morning bush walk and game drives for animal tracking.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Lodge in the vicinity of Nata (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
<b>16</b>	<p>Today, after an early breakfast you depart from Nata and head for the small town of Gweta, which is the gateway to the famous Makgadikgadi pans. Aim for a midday arrival at your lodge, if you wish to optionally join an activity to the Ntwetwe pans in the afternoon. Amongst many things, you will encounter some rather extraordinary creatures - the meerkats. If you observe these animals for some time, you can see how they interact with each other. Due to an ongoing familiarization program, it is possible to get really close to these fascinating creatures.</p> <p>There are also other optional activities on offer here, for instance quad biking if you are interested in driving the quads yourself – this can be booked at the lodge directly, at an additional cost.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Lodge in the vicinity of Gweta (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
<b>17</b>	<p>Today you can optionally participate in another activity offered by the lodge. For example, in the afternoon you can go on a guided hiking tour to the baobabs, these ancient trees are surrounded by many myths and legends.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Lodge in the vicinity of Gweta (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
<b>18</b>	<p>After breakfast you depart and drive to Maun. This town is known as the gateway to the Okavango Delta. Here you can book a variety of activities directly with the lodge. For example, you can join a Mekoro day trip which takes you through the crystal-clear water channels of the Okavango Delta.</p> <p>Other optional activities on offer here include helicopter flips and scenic flights over the Okavango Delta.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Lodge in Maun (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
<b>19</b>	<p>You can enjoy the day at leisure today, or optionally book the activities mentioned above directly with your lodge.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Lodge in Maun (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
<b>20</b>	<p>After breakfast you drive to the small town of Ghanzi. Here you have an overnight stay to break the long journey back to Namibia. You can see some species of antelope in the game reserve where you are staying, which is located just outside of Ghanzi.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Lodge in the vicinity of Ghanzi (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
<b>21</b>	<p>Today your journey takes you back to Namibia. For the next two nights you will have the time to review and enjoy the memories of your spectacular journey through 3 African countries. The lodge near Gobabis conveys the feeling of ultimate relaxation but also offers optional game drives on their reserve, and a sundowner drive in the Kalahari Desert is particularly popular here.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Lodge in the vicinity of Gobabis (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
<b>22</b>	<p>Today you have the opportunity to relax and unwind. Optionally you can also take part in a game drive on the reserve. You can observe the animals by sitting close to the waterhole of the lodge. You can watch, photograph and document the animals drinking, wallowing and grazing in this peaceful and tranquil environment.</p> <p><b>Overnight: Lodge in the vicinity of Gobabis (Dinner, Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b></p>
<b>23</b>	<p>The last leg of your safari ends today at Hosea Kutako Airport, where you return your rented vehicle and check-in for your returning flight home.</p>