

A Walker's World

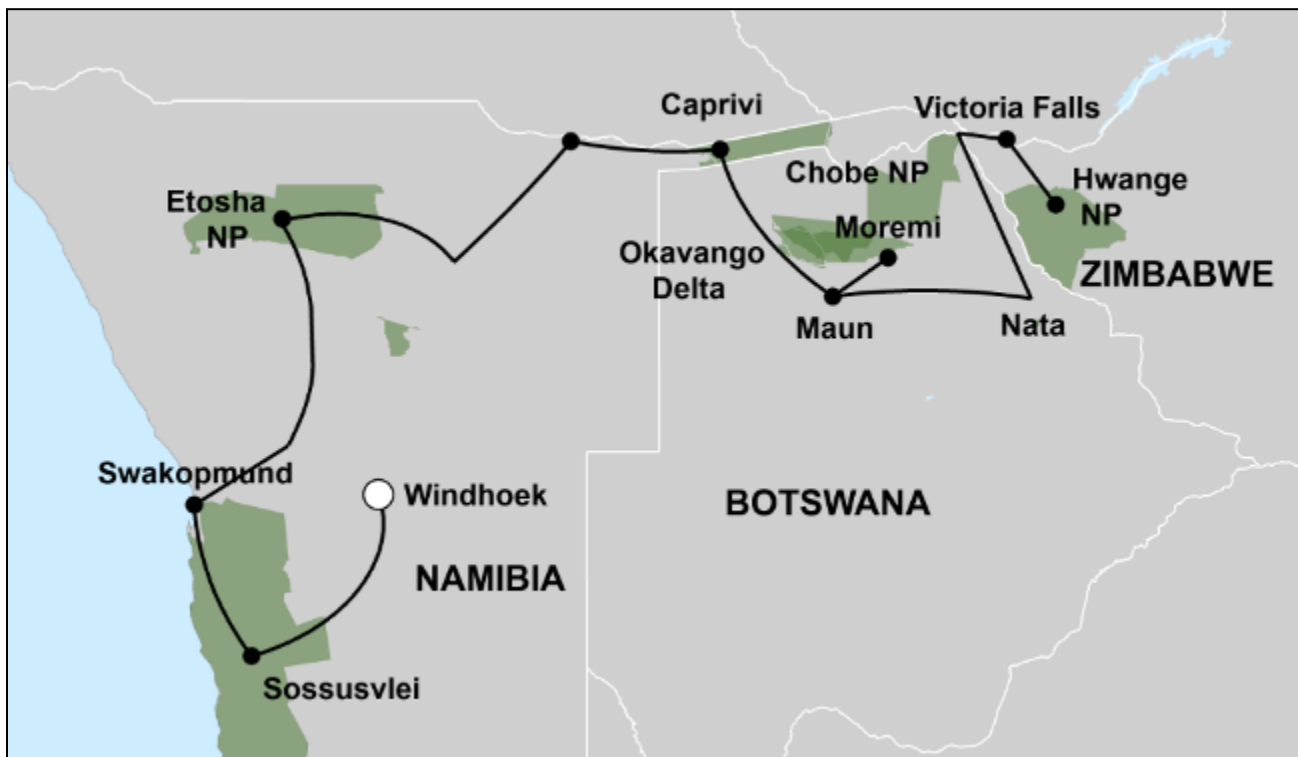
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GREAT SOUTHERN AFRICA LODGE SAFARI

THIS IS THE ULTIMATE AFRICAN SAFARI!

21 Day Small Group Lodge Safari Windhoek To Victoria Falls

Spend three weeks exploring Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe, experiencing the wildlife, culture and scenery only Africa can deliver. From marvelling at the Victoria Falls to the breath-taking magnitude of Namibia's dunes and big game interaction – this tour combines all the comforts of lodge accommodation with an unforgettable safari experience.



HIGHLIGHTS

Windhoek – delightful capital city of Namibia

- Sossusvlei – Visit the world's highest sand dunes and Sesriem Canyon
- Swakopmund – Charming coastal German town – optional activities
- Etosha – Full day game drives
- Rundu – Visit local Kavango fishing community
- Caprivi Strip – Sunset cruise to Popa Falls & game viewing in Mahangu National Park
- Okavango Delta – Traditional mokoro excursion
- Moremi region – Day and night game drives
- Makgadigadi Pans – visit to the Nata Bird Sanctuary

- Chobe – Game drive and sunset cruise on the Chobe River
- Hwange National Park – full day game viewing
- Victoria Falls – Sunset cruise on the Zambezi River

DAY 1 WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA

On arrival at Windhoek Airport, you will be met and transferred to your accommodation, Terra Africa Guest House. The rest of the afternoon may be spent at leisure. This evening you will meet your guide and the rest of your group at the lodge at 6.00 pm for your pre-departure meeting.

Accommodation at Terra Africa Guest House or similar

DAYS 2 & 3 SOSSUSVLEI, NAMIBIA

Moving south we make our way towards the Namib Naukluft National Park and our accommodation for the next two nights, Agama River Camp. The park contains what is considered to be the oldest desert in the world. The next morning we need to wake up early to visit the world's highest sand dunes at Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. These dunes, which can reach heights of over 300 m, are absolutely spectacular and provide for a fantastic photo opportunity. With luck, there may even be water in the vlei (lake). We also stop to view the Sesriem Canyon, which was carved millions of years ago by the Tsauchab River.

B, L, D & B, L, D

Accommodation at Agama River Camp or similar

Driving distance 280 km & 230 km



Sossusvlei

DAYS 4 & 5 NAMIB NAUKLUFT NATIONAL PARK TO SWAKOPMUND, NAMIBIA

The day is spent driving through the Namib Naukluft National Park on our way to Swakopmund. The Namib-Naukluft Desert is an ancient land with an ageless spirit. It is home to some of the rarest plant and animal species in the world. Sightings of the unique fauna and flora are a must on a Namibian safari. The animals of this harsh landscape include the oryx, springbok and Hartmann's Mountain Zebra. En-route we make a stop in the small town of Walvis Bay where you may spot a variety of birds including flamingo's in the lagoon. We arrive at the charming coastal town of Swakopmund in the late afternoon, where you will have the opportunity soak up the atmosphere of this quaint, little German town and enjoy its beauty and beaches.

On day 5 partake in optional activities or alternatively just soak up the atmosphere of this little quaint

German town and enjoy tis beauty and beaches.
Accommodation at Alte Brucke Resort or similar
Driving distance 350 km & 230 km

B, L & B

DAY 6 SWAKOPMUND TO ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Leaving the cold Atlantic coastline behind us, we continue our journey towards Namibia's best-known highlight of the north – Etosha National Park. The first night is spent at our lodge neighbouring the park, situated on an outcrop of dolomite rocks and overlooking a forest of Mopane and white Seringa trees. Spend the afternoon relaxing at the pool, or take a leisurely stroll through the natural bush and gardens. Optional game drives are also available.

B, L, D

Accommodation at Toshari Lodge or similar
Driving distance 465 km



Oryx at waterhole Etosha

DAYS 7 & 8 ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK, NAMIBIA

After breakfast we enter the Etosha National Park via the Andersson gate, named after Karl Johan Andersson, one of the first European explorers to come across the Etosha pan, which means “Great White Place” in the Ndonga dialect of the Ovambo tribe. We fill the next two days with game drives in the hopes of spotting lion, leopard, elephant and rhino as well as cheetah, giraffe, zebra and the numerous types of antelope the park has to offer. Our nights are spent at the flood-lit waterholes or viewpoints encountering the park's various nocturnal animals that come to drink. Etosha was declared a National Park in 1907 and it is home to approx. 114 mammal species, 340 bird species, 110 reptile species, 16 amphibian species and, surprisingly, one species of fish.

B, L, D & B, L, D

Accommodation at Namutoni Camp or similar
Driving distance 230 km & 80 km

DAY 9 ETOSHA TO OKAVANGO RIVER, NAMIBIA

Departing from Etosha we drive further north to the town of Rundu. Here we visit the Mbunza Living Museum, a traditional cultural school and communal business for the local Kavango people who make a living from fishing, tending cattle and cultivating crops. After this cultural interaction, we make our way Kaisosi River Lodge on the banks of the Okavango River. We will arrive in the late afternoon to relax by the pool with a sundowner listening to the sounds of Mother Nature. **B, L, D**

Accommodation at Kaisosi River Lodge or similar
Driving distance 450 km

DAY 10 CAPRIVI REGION, NAMIBIA

This morning we travel eastwards onto our camp in the western Caprivi region, Nunda River Lodge. Before departure however, there will be time for optional activities such as an early morning boat cruise at the lodge. Continue to your lodge situated on the banks of the Okavango River. In the late afternoon you will enjoy a sunset cruise to Popa Falls. **B, L, D**

Accommodation at Nunda River Lodge or similar
Driving distance 210 km

DAY 11 MAHANGU NATIONAL PARK, NAMIBIA

In the morning we drive to Mahangu, meaning 'food of the local people', which is situated next to the Okavango River. Enjoy a morning game drive in the Greater Bwabwata National Park, which extends from the Kavango River in the west to the Kwando River in the east and incorporates the Mahangu Game Reserve. Elephant, roan, kudu and buffalo are amongst the animals likely to be seen as well as prolific birdlife.

In the afternoon return to your lodge and spent the rest of the afternoon at leisure. **B, L, D**

Accommodation at Nunda River Lodge or similar
Driving distance 50 km

DAY 12 MAUN BOTSWANA

We leave the Caprivi and travel south to Maun, the gateway to the Okavango Delta and Moremi Game Reserve. The name Maun is derived from the San word "maung", which means "the place of short reeds". The afternoon is yours to spend at leisure, either relaxing next to the pool at the lodge or if you are keen for some excitement, why not book a scenic flight over the Okavango Delta.

Accommodation at Thamalakane River Lodge or similar

B, L

Driving distance 50 km

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Scenic flight over the Delta (22 min, 45 min, 60 min) must be booked in advance



Poling by mokoro



Aerial view Okavango

DAY 13 MAUN TO GREATER MOREMI, BOTSWANA

After breakfast we will be picked up by our local Botswana guides and take a short drive to the mokoro

station. From here, we will float in these traditional dug-out canoes through the thick vegetation of the Okavango Delta discovering a variety of birds and wildlife. Unlike other deltas, it flows into the Kalahari Desert without ever reaching the coast. After this spectacular excursion, we make our way to our camp, which is situated in the Greater Moremi region. Once settled into our camp, we will enjoy dinner and embark on a night game drive in the private concession – a fantastic opportunity to spot some nocturnal animals that are more difficult to encounter during the day.

Experience one of Botswana's finest game viewing areas in an unfenced, mobile bush camp located on a private concession in close proximity to the Moremi Game Reserve , a 2 hour drive from Maun. Twelve comfortable tents are positioned privately under big Acacia trees, offering travellers an authentic and secluded African bush experience. The camp is also equipped with a homely and communal dining and bar area.

The tents are covered with Bedouin-style fly-sheets, offering guests protection from Botswana's weather conditions and fashioning the camp with a distinctive nomadic appearance & atmosphere. Listen to the remarkable night sounds of the bush from the comfort of a safari tent equipped with twin beds, soft pillows and duvets. Doors and windows are fitted with mosquito screening and insect repellent is provided.

To limit the camp's impact on the environment yet still afford the necessary comfort in the bush, the en-suite bathrooms are equipped with flush toilets and hot bucket showers. Please note that the camp is solar powered, and cameras and mobile phones can be charged in the communal areas should the power levels allow it. At night the paths to your tents will be illuminated by lanterns and your guide will escort you back to the privacy of your tent

B, L, D

Accommodation at Bedouin Bush Camp or similar
Driving distance 100 km



DAY 14 GREATER MOREMI, BOTSWANA

We have the opportunity to spend the day on game drives. In our open 4x4 vehicle we will explore the Moremi Game Reserve on morning and afternoon game drives hopefully spotting a variety of game that frequent this region. This large area is renowned for its concentration of mammals and it is not unusual to see many different types of wildlife during just one game drive. Game viewing is seasonal; depending on the time of the year you may see different species in different areas. The best time for game viewing is the end of the dry season or spring from August to November. During this season, in order for us to offer the best game viewing possible, extra driving may be required due to the animals migrating closer to the river. In the summer, birdlife can also be viewed in abundance with exceptional sightings of wildfowl and raptors.

B, L, D

Accommodation at Bedouin Bush Camp or similar

Driving distance 150 km

DAY 15 GREATER MOREMI TO NATA, BOTSWANA

We leave the bush behind and travel east towards the Makgadikgadi Pans, once a large river fed lake, however the pans are now saline and empty. In the afternoon we visit the Nata Bird Sanctuary, where we get the opportunity to enjoy the magnificent view over the Sowa pan, which is part of the Greater Makgadikgadi Pans. (Please note a visit to the pans is subject to the road conditions and water levels as well as time constraints.)

B, L, D

Accommodation at Nata Lodge or similar

Driving distance 420 km

DAYS 16 & 17 NATA TO CHOBE, BOTSWANA

This morning we head north to Kasane, the gateway to the Chobe National Park. Chobe, which is the second largest national park in Botswana and covers 10,566 square km, has one of the greatest concentrations of elephant found on the African continent. The afternoon is at leisure to partake in a number of optional activities or to relax by the pool. The next day you will get to see the wildlife of the Chobe National Park on a morning game drive, with the hope of spotting big game up close and also the possibility of an encounter with one of the large predators. In the afternoon we go on a cruise on the Chobe River, a truly unforgettable experience and one of the best ways to view the animals as they come down to drink, as well as the spectacular African sunset.

B, L, D & B, D

Accommodation at Chobe Safari Lodge or similar

Driving distance 320 km

DAYS 18 & 19 CHOBE TO HWANGE NATIONAL PARK, ZIMBABWE

Today we make our way across the border into Zimbabwe and onto Hwange National Park where we spend the next two nights. Hwange National Park is one of Africa's finest havens for wildlife and is home to vast herds of elephant, buffalo, and zebra and has a very large concentration of giraffe. It is also home to many predators and endangered species plus varied birdlife. A full day game drive is included on the park on the second day.

B, L, D & B, L, D

Accommodation at Sable Sands or similar

Driving distance 265 km

DAY 20 VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

Continuing our trip, we turn northwards to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. In the afternoon we have a relaxing sunset cruise on the mighty Zambezi River, basking in the afterglow of the day. The rest of the day may be spent at leisure or partaking in one of the many optional activities on offer (at own expense).

Accommodation at Ilala Lodge or similar

Driving distance 5 km

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

15 or 22 minute Helicopter
Flight

Flying Fox (Cable Slide)
Gorge Swing

Boma Dinner incl transfers
Zip Line

Guided Tour of the Victoria Falls
Sunset Bike Tour

Horse Back Safaris (novice)
Dinner Cruise
Canoeing (full day)

Whitewater rafting (full day)

DAY 21 VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

Our safari ends after breakfast, when you will be transferred to Victoria Falls Airport.



Microlight flight over Victoria Falls

SCHEDULE 2020

20 Jan – 9 Feb	4 – 24 Jun	26 Oct – 15 Nov
18 Feb – 10 Mar	17 Jul – 6 Aug	14 Nov – 4 Dec
9 - 29 Apr	10 – 30 Aug	8 – 28 Dec
25 May – 14 Jun	17 Sep – 7 Oct	

Safaris require minimum 4 / maximum 12 participants

COST 2020 – per person in US\$

Share twin/double	US\$4,775	Single room supplement	US\$1,075
National Park fees	US\$350 per person		

COST INCLUDES:

- 20 nights accommodation in mid-range hotels, lodges and camps in rooms with private ensuite facilities
- MEALS: Breakfast daily, 16 lunches, 15 dinners
- All transportation and sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Game-viewing activities as stated in the itinerary

- Chobe River Sunset Cruise
- Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Victoria Falls
- Transfers on arrival ex Cape Town Airport and on departure day to Victoria Falls Airport
- Services of a professional guide plus local guides where stated in the itinerary

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Optional tours in Victoria Falls and Maun
- Tips & gratuities
- Visas if required
- Items of a personal nature
- Refreshments

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

On the evening of day 1, there will be a meeting presented by your guide, at 18h00 at your lodge. It is imperative that all clients attend this meeting so as not to miss out on any critical information.

Whilst it is our every intention to adhere to the above-mentioned itinerary, there may on occasion be a necessity to make alterations in order to make the tour more enjoyable or practical. Therefore, please treat the itinerary as a guide only.

TRANSPORT:

Vehicles are fully equipped Toyota Land Cruisers, Sprinters, 12-seater 4x4 safari vehicles or other appropriate vehicles with comfortable seating, large windows for game viewing, a music and PA system and air-conditioning to be determined by the company. All luggage, besides hand luggage and photo equipment, is carried on the vehicle or trailer roof racks to ensure maximum comfort in the vehicle. For transfers between Kasane and Victoria Falls (or vice versa), 2x4 vehicles may be utilised.



TRAVELLING TIMES AND DISTANCES:

All travelling times are affected by road conditions, border crossings, detours and weather conditions, therefore on certain days travelling times may be longer than anticipated especially where there is a lot of distance to be covered. Please keep in mind that the time it takes to travel

100 km in your home country is not equivalent to the time it takes to travel 100 km on African roads, therefore we encourage you to sit back and enjoy the spectacular scenery Africa has to offer. Where possible additional stops will be made to ensure your travelling comfort at all times.

ACCOMMODATION:

We make use of mid-range typical African standard lodge accommodation. Accommodation is situated either in National Parks, on the banks of a river, or in other places of interest. The accommodation will be a mix of lodges, chalets and tented camps. All of them offer a private bathroom with a shower/bath and toilet. Some properties have swimming pools and/or bar and restaurant areas.

MEALS:

Where included most breakfasts and dinners will be enjoyed in the restaurants of the various accommodation establishments, however on certain nights the guide will provide an authentic meal for the group, which will be enjoyed together in the evening, often around a camp fire. Please advise us of any special dietary requirements in advance.

TIPPING GUIDELINE

Allow US\$5 – 8 per day per person
Additionally for local guides US\$2–3
Restaurant waiters/waitresses 10 – 15% of bill
Polers Okavango Delta BWP 50 - 100

VISAS:

It is your responsibility to ensure you have the necessary visas required to visit Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia and South Africa prior to departure. Please note that travellers entering Botswana will be required to present a valid international health certificate of vaccination for yellow fever should they originate from or have travelled through countries which have been declared yellow fever infected areas within the preceding 6 months.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Please note that travel and cancellation insurance is mandatory for every guest booked on these safaris. All insurance is solely the responsibility of our guests. Please ensure you arrange your own insurance with protection for the full duration of your journey to cover personal injury, damage and loss of personal items including but not limited to camera equipment and other electronic items, medical expenses, repatriation expenses and loss of luggage, etc. Please speak to your travel agent if you require assistance.

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