

NAMIBIA TRACKS & TRAILS

WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE IN THE NORTH-EAST

Booking ref: G05

12 Days / 11 Nights

On this combined camping / accommodated tour you will experience the remote Kaudum, its classic Kalahari bushveld landscapes and infamously deep sand on the road. Visit the upper course of the Okavango River and the abundant wildlife of the Mahango- and Mudumu Games Parks. Enjoy a visit to the Popa Falls and the "Okavango Delta" at Lianshulu or similar.

Day 1:

Arrival at Hosea Kutako (Windhoek International) airport, where you will be met by your guide. Subsequent travel drive in a northerly direction via Okahandja to Okonjima Lodge, home of the Africat Foundation, a non-profit organisation dedicated to the conservation and protection of Namibian wild cats, in particular leopard and cheetah. Enjoy the opportunity to admire and photograph these predators.

One overnight stay at Okonjima Lodge/ or similar -fullboard.

Day 2:

We are proceeding in a northerly direction via Grootfontein and the Hoba Meteorite to the Tsumkwe area, where we will visit a Bushmen Project.

One overnight camping near the Bushmen project - fullboard.

Day 3:

Our journey continues to the Kaudum National Park, the most remote and desolated national park in Namibia. Our camp will be set up in Camp Sikeretti in the south of Kaudum. In the afternoon we go on a game drive in the area in search of elephants and possibly some predators. Excellent birding can be experienced.

One camping overnight in Kaudum National Park - fullboard.

Day 4:

Whilst we are continuing our journey through the Park in a northerly direction, we can expect some good game viewing. Our camp will be erected at the Kaudum Camp, which is idyllically situated on a huge sand dune just above the Kaudum River. Whilst your guide is preparing tonight's dinner, watch the game coming to drink at the waterhole.

One camping overnight in Kaudum National Park - fullboard.

Day 5 and 6:

We are leaving the Kaudum National Park for the Popa Falls at Bagani. We visit one of the traditional Kavango villages, before we continue to Ndhovu Lodge. Enjoy the scenery on a sundowner boat cruise on the Okavango River. We go on game viewing excursions in the nearby Mahango National Park. Excellent game viewing, i.e. Red Lechwe, Sable, Hippos, Elephants, Crocodiles and the usual plains game as well as birding can be experienced. When in bed you can listen to the ripple of the Okavango River.

Two overnight stays at Ndhovu Lodge/ or similar - fullboard

Day 7 and 8:

We continue eastwards via the Caprivi Strip to Lianshulu Lodge in the Mudumu National Park, which is a wedge shaped intrusion into northern Botswana. The park was proclaimed in 1990 and shares the Kwando River as its western border. Hundred of elephants, large herd of buffalo and several other species cram the Kwando floodplains just before the onset of summer rains. A varied cultural experience adds to the region's attraction with an optional visit to one of the traditional villages, which provides an insight into the history and lifestyle of the Caprivian people.

Two overnight stays at Lianshulu Lodge/ or similar - fullboard.

Day 9 and 10:

Today's destination is the beautiful Susuwe Island Lodge, which offers the opportunity to experience closely a wild and untouched island in the remote Kwando River. From here we undertake game expeditions in open 4x4 vehicles in the Bwabwata National Park. Game sightings in this river cradle could include vast herds of roaming elephant and buffalo, lions, hippos, leopards, sable, roan, lechwe and puku. Night drives at Susuwe offer an even closer insight into the intrigue of the African bush. There is outstanding bird watching in this area in a variety

of riverine, floodplain and grassland habitats. Boating, nature walks, picnics or infinite relaxation in the cool respite of Susuwe Island Lodge are all possible.

Two overnight stays at Susuwe Island Lodge/ or similar - Fullboard.

Day 11:

A charter flight takes you to Eros Airport, Windhoek. Subsequent transfer to Olive Grove Guesthouse.

Overnight stay at Olive Grove Guesthouse/ or similar - bed & breakfast.

Day 12:

Spend the day in Namibia's capital. In the morning you will be taken on a city tour. Windhoek is a city of many contrasts. Modern skyscrapers blend with historic buildings dating from the turn of the century. Several buildings from the German colonial era have been preserved and restored to fulfil useful functions in the community today. Some of the sights you will see on your tour are the Ride Memorial, the Old Fort, the Parliament Building (also known as the "Ink Place"), the Lutheran Church, the Railway Station and many more.

In time for check-in on your outbound flight, road transfer from Olive Grove Guesthouse to Hosea Kutako Airport. Bid farewell to Namibia!

PLEASE NOTE :

The above tour is available in 3 versions - A, B and C.

Version A - as per above itinerary.

Version B - as per above itinerary up to day 10 and continues with the mobile safari back to Windhoek as follows:

Day 11:

The return journey back into civilization takes us into the Kavango region, past neatly constructed communal villages to the town of Rundu. Spend the night in a comfortable, rustic lodge on the banks of the Okavango River with a relaxing afternoon at the swimming pool or join a group for a sundowner boat cruise on the Okavango River (optional).

Overnight in bungalows of Hakusembe Lodge (or similar) on full board.

Day 12:

After a short visit to the Craft Market in Rundu, head back into central Namibia past the towns of Tsumeb and Otavi into the Waterberg Plateau National Park. The rest of the afternoon at own leisure, relaxing at the pool or enjoy a short hike to experience the unique fauna and flora of this part of Namibia.

Overnight in bungalows of the Waterberg Plateau Park on fullboard.

Day 13:

Optional early morning game viewing drive onto the massive plateau before heading back to the capital of Windhoek via the craft market of Okahandja. Arrive in Windhoek late afternoon.

Overnight in Olive Grove guesthouse/ or similar - bed and breakfast.

Day 14:

Spend the day in Namibia's capital exploring this magic city with its many contrasts. Modern skyscrapers blend with historic buildings dating from the turn of the century. Several buildings from the German colonial era have been preserved and restored to fulfil useful functions in the community today. Some of the sights you will see on your tour are the Ride Memorial, the Old Fort, the Parliament Building (also known as the "Ink Place"), the Lutheran Church, the Railway Station and many more.

In time for check-in on your outbound flight, road transfer to Hosea Kutako Airport. Bid farewell to Namibia!

Version C - as per version A with subsequent road transfer from Susuwe Island Lodge to Vic Falls where the safari ends.



INCLUDED:

- All transport as per itinerary routing
- Accommodation on shared basis
- Meals as specified in itinerary
- Activities and park fees as specified in itinerary
- Mineral water en route

EXCLUDED:

- Expenses of a persona nature, i.e. laundry, telephone expenses, gratuities and other personal purchases
- All drinks
- Personal- as well as medical- and evacuation insurance
- Additional activities

DEPARTURES:

A:

16.09.2009 - 27.09.2009

14.10.2009 - 25.10.2009

18.11.2009 - 29.11.2009

B:

16.09.2009 - 29.09.2009

14.10.2009 - 27.10.2009

18.11.2009 - 01.12.2009

C:

16.09.2009 - 27.09.2009

14.10.2009 - 25.10.2009

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