

# Sasendle Adventure Tours



## South Africa and Namibia Tours and Safaris

### 3 Countries Explore 2013

14 days / 13 nights

Tour Code PHGOEBEL01 (G=Guided)

The tour starts in WINDHOEK and ends in ZAMBIA. Highlights of this tour are: Windhoek, Okahandja Craft market, Omaruru Craft market and tea garden, Etosha, Caprivi (Poppa Falls), Moremi Tongue, Okavango Delta, Chobe, Victoria Falls. The safari is conducted in Sasendle 4x4 vehicles. Accommodation is provided at comfortable guesthouses and tourist class lodges. The approximate distance for this tour is 3000km.

#### Day 1: Windhoek

Arebbusch Travel Lodge is situated just south of Windhoek on the B1, and is set on the banks of the river of the same name. Although the lodge is within the city's municipal limits, it's setting within the natural surroundings of the veld, it make it an ideal destination for the business traveller and tourist alike. Many guests prefer to be away from the hustle and bustle of city life, whilst still being only 10mins drive away from the capital's shopping centres, banking and medical facilities, airport and main attractions.

**Overnight at Arebbusch Travel Lodge or similar (DBB)**

#### Day 2/3: Etosha

Departing after breakfast, we turn north towards Etosha. En-route we will stop at the Okahandja craft market. Discover the hand made craftworks that are produced by the indigenous peoples of Namibia. Omaruru has truly made its mark on the Namibian plains. Its list of local attractions include dinosaur footprints at Otjihenamaparero, a museum commemorating Omaruru's history, local craft shops and a winery boasting locally produced wines. Located between coastal town Swakopmund and northern Otjiwarongo, Omaruru is fast becoming an artist's haven with cheese, wine, chocolate and wood carved items being just some of the local produce.

A visit to the Etosha National Park is one of the highlights of travelling Namibia. Etosha, which was declared a game reserve by the German colonial administration back in 1907, covers an area of more than 22 000 square kilometres. In its centre lies a vast saltpan surrounded by grass and thorn savannah, Mopane bush land in the west and dry forest in the north-east. About two million years ago, this area was an enormous lake, fed by the Kunene River. However the lake slowly dried up because over time, the river changed its course. The Etosha National Park has a good infrastructure. Well-maintained gravel roads lead to the waterholes, where game viewing is at its best. In the three rest camps Okaukuejo, Halali and Namutoni, hotels, chalets and camping sites are available as well as restaurants, stores and swimming pools. The main entrance to the park is called the "Anderson Gate" at Okaukuejo in the south, where the park administration is also situated. The "Von Lindequist Gate" lies in the east near Namutoni. A new gate, the "Nehale Iya Mpingana Gate" (King Nehale Gate) was opened at the beginning of 2003 in the north-east. The pan is just about always dry. However, in the southern parts there are have water-holes scattered throughout this area and form the basis of life for countless game. Be it a lion or an elephant, a giraffe or a zebra; almost all African animal species are represented in the huge nature reserve, approx. 22 000 square kilometres in size. There is an estimated number of 250 lions in the park, 300 rhinos, 2 500 giraffes, 6 000 zebras and more than 2 000 elephants. The dainty springbok are especially numerous; at least 20 000 of them roam the reserve. Often, they can be observed in enormous herds of several hundred animals.

#### Activities - AC:

Am and PM game drive in the Etosha Park.

**Overnight at Okaukuejo Water Hole Suites or similar (DBB)**

#### Day 4/5/6: Onguma Game Reserve

Departing after breakfast, we depart via Namutoni to Onguma. We take different routes in order to observe as much as possible wildlife and nature. Onguma Game Reserve is situated on the eastern side of Etosha, bordering Fisher's Pan. Onguma Game Reserve is one of Namibia's best kept secrets. Here you will be awarded with the opportunity of experiencing Africa in all her beauty and diversity. Onguma Game Reserve has more than 34,000 hectares of protected land and wildlife. The nature reserve boasts over thirty different animal species consisting of plains game including kudu, giraffe, eland, Oryx, hartebeest, zebra, impala and many more roam freely. Predators such as lion,

cheetah, and leopard are common residents in this area. The latest addition to the already abundant wildlife at Onguma Game Reserve is a family of black rhinos. More than 300 bird species can also be viewed at Onguma Game Reserve. During the Namibian summer months the nature reserve becomes a bird-watcher's paradise with thousands of species migrating to the wetlands created by the seasonal rains and ephemeral river systems.

**Activities - AC:**

2 x AM and 2 x PM Game Drives

**Overnight at Onguma Lodge (Bush Suites) or similar. (DBB)**

**Day 7: Caprivi – Poppa Falls**

Our route today takes via Tsumeb, Grootfontein, Rundu to our lodge. We request an early morning departure after breakfast, in order to complete the 629 kilometers for the day. We expect arrival at 15h00, enough time to settle you in and prepare for the boat trip and sundowner.

Divava Okavango Lodge & Spa, Namibia's hidden wildlife paradise in the Caprivi where time stands still. This luxury lodge is nestled amongst majestic trees on the banks of the Okavango River a few hundred meters from Poppa Falls. It is fondly referred to by the locals as Paradishi Ghomumbiru, (Little Paradise). The Lodge offers an exquisite view over the Okavango River with excellent opportunities for bird watching. The lodge is only a couple of kilometers away from the Mahango Game Reserve, which is celebrated for its abundance of game species such as elephant, buffalo, sable and roan antelope, bushbuck, reedbuck and tsessebe.

**Activities - AC:**

Boat Trip including Island Sundowner

**Overnight at Divava Okavango Lodge and Spa. (DBB)**

**Day 8: Botswana (Moremi Tongue)**

Today is your departure to the Okavango Delta. Departure time from this Lodge to the Divundu (Bagani) Airstrip will depend on the flight schedule provided.

The Okavango Delta is the only inland delta of its kind and a unique oasis of life in the center of the arid Kalahari Desert. The 16,000 km<sup>2</sup> delta owes its existence to rainfall in the Angolan highlands. The rainy season begins in November, and the floodwater begins its 250 kilometer journey downstream. Because of the gentle slope of the delta basin, the floods take around six months to make their way from Angola. The Okavango Delta consists of channels, tributaries and lagoons as well as floodplains, islands and mainland areas. There are two distinct areas of the Delta: the vegetation of the permanent swamp includes groves of wild date palm, swathes of papyrus, islands fringed with forest and lagoons covered with floating water lilies while the seasonal swamp consists of open floodplains which support tall and elegant real fan palms, sausage trees, fig trees and a variety of scrub vegetation.

Nestled on a lush palm island in the heart of the northern Okavango Delta, Shinde is an intimate camp located on the edge of Shinde Lagoon, which simply teems with animal and birdlife. The camp's unique main area comprises a multi-tiered dining room and lounge set under canvas amongst the shade of ebony and mangosteen trees to complement the atmosphere of this original safari camp. Shinde offers a diverse range of activities, courtesy of its location which affords both water and land activities year round. Motorboats or mokoro provide a chance to experience the incredible bird, plant and reptile species found in the aquatic habitat of the Okavango Delta.

Inclusion for this Camp:

**Activities and inclusions- AC:**

- All meals and snacks
- Selected alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Game activities conducted by professional guides
- Daily laundry service
- All taxes, VAT, park entrance fees and service charges
- Emergency evacuation insurance (to regional medical facility)

**Overnight at Shinde Camp or similar. (FI)**

**Day 9/10/11: Chobe**

Transfer to Kasane after breakfast. Chobe Safari Lodge, on the banks of the Chobe River in Botswana, is the best destination for serious game viewers. Situated in Kasane, Chobe Safari Lodge is close to where the borders of four African countries meet - Botswana, Zimbabwe, Namibia and Zambia. If you are planning to visit the Chobe area, the majestic Victoria Falls or the Caprivi region, then Chobe Safari Lodge is the ideal choice of accommodation.

Chobe Safari Lodge in Kasane borders on the Chobe National Park, which is part of a water system linked to the Chobe, Linyati and Kwando Rivers. The series of islands, floodplains and lakes ensure an abundance of wildlife. The Park, right next to Chobe Safari Lodge, is home to more than 80 000 elephant as well as huge herds of buffalo. During the dry winter season, the animals move closer to the Chobe River to get water, so you will be able to view large herds of elephant and buffalo. Other game also abounds, including lion, leopard, hippo, crocodile, giraffe, as well as puku, kudu and other antelope.

The Kasane International Airport, Victoria International Airport, as well as the Livingstone International Airport are close by, and Chobe Safari Lodge offers daily transfers.

**Activities (AC) and inclusions for the 3 day package:**

3 x Nights in the Luxury River or Safari Rooms

3 x Buffet Dinners

3 x Breakfasts

2 x Lunches

1 x Game Drive

- 1 x Boat Cruise
- 2 Hours Private Boat Cruise
- 3 x Park Fees

**TWO ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES that can be selected from the supplied package are:**

Victoria Falls Day Trip (Guided), Fishing, Game Drive, Boat Cruise, Namibian Village Walk, Private Boat Cruise  
**Overnight at Chobe Safari Lodge (De Lux River Safari Room) or similar. (FI)**

**Day 12/13: Zambia**

Ideally located just 4 km from the Victoria Falls, Maramba River Lodge provides a most attractive year-round base in a shaded woodland setting. The lodge is situated in the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park on a bluff overlooking the Maramba River and it is often visited by the resident wildlife, with elephant wandering through the grounds at certain times of the year. The private chalets are spacious and airy, and nestle under mopane and mahogany trees. All the rustic, thatched chalets have creative mukwa and wrought iron fittings, en-suite tiled bathrooms, mosquito proofing with treated nets, ceiling fans, internal safe, and views over the Maramba River or floodlit waterhole. Each tent is individually decorated to a theme with our own hand crafted furniture. The en-suite bathroom is tiled throughout with a shower open to the African sky. The Safari Tents offer en-suite bathrooms and mosquito nets all under thatch. These small yet appointed tents offer the perfect compromise between budget and room facilities.

**Overnight at Maramba River Lodge or similar. (BB)**

**Day 14: Zambia**

Transfer to Livingstone Airport

**NETT Tour Cost per Person sharing (ZAR/N\$)**

<b>COST PP</b>	<b>102900</b>	<b>81000</b>	<b>68100</b>	<b>63800</b>
<b>Persons</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>

**Subject to Fuel Price, Exchange Rate and availability**  
**Cost Valid until 31 October 2013**  
**Single Supplement on request**

**Inclusions and Exclusions**

**Included:**

- SAT transport in 4x4 vehicles; Public Liability & Passenger Liability Insurance
- Flights Divundu (Bagani) to Shinde, Shinde to Kasane
- Services of a licensed English speaking driver-guide per vehicle
- 13 nights' accommodation in comfortable tourist class lodges. Meals, as stated in the itinerary.
- Fees for nature conservation areas, sightseeing & activities as per itinerary (unless stipulated as "OPTIONAL")
- Portage in overnight facilities
- Non-alcoholic beverages on tour vehicle during overland drives (in limited quantities)

**Excluded:**

- Flights not specified/airport taxes/ Visa & Permits / Travel Insurances of any kind
- Cost related to the personal use of 3G internet access & GSM cell phone provided by SAT on tour
- Tips & gratuities to hotel/restaurant personnel and guides
- Alcoholic and any other beverages in addition to those included above
- Any optional services/meals/activities/excursions not included/not mentioned in the itinerary
- Any expense of a personal nature such as for phone calls, laundry services, souvenirs, and similar

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