

Sasendle Adventure Tours



South Africa and Namibia Tours and Safaris

Wildlife and Birding Extravaganza 2013-Option1 21 days / 20 nights

Tour Code WHCAEX01 (G=Guided)

The tour starts in WINDHOEK and ends in Zambia or Zimbabwe. Highlights of this tour are: Windhoek, Okahandja Craft market, Etosha, Bird Watching, Kavango River and (Poppa Falls), Mahango Game Reserve, Kwando River, Zambezi River and 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 5000km (including Game Drives).

Day 1: Windhoek - Ondekaramba

The farm Ondekaremba measures 7.300 hectares and boasts a 100-year old family tradition. Shortly after touching down you will be met by the peace and quiet of Africa's wide-open spaces. Enjoy after a long flight the charm of scenery and unspoilt nature. Ondekaremba is called: 'The place where grazing is good'. Thanks to this, combined with numerous watering places, you can be at one with nature by exploring, be it via game drives, hiking trails on a terrain where there are an abundance of wildlife and birds. The lovely garden with landscaped pool area waits for you to come and have a swim, or to just relax. Meals made to a large extent of the lodge's own products are prepared in their farm kitchen and are served on the open-air verandas, as a picnic in the bush, or inside the old rustic stone farmhouse.

Overnight at Ondekaramba Farm or similar. (DBB)

Day 2/3/4/5/6/7/8: Etosha –

Etosha will be explored in 3 parts, Western (Dolomite Camp), Southern (Okaukuejo) and Eastern Side (Namutoni)

Departing after breakfast, we turn north towards Etosha. En-route we will stop at the Okahandja craft market. Discover the hand make craftworks that are produced by the indigenous peoples of Namibia. 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 Dolomite Camp or similar (DBB) Day 2/3/4

Overnight at Okaukuejo Camp or similar (DBB) Day 5/6

Overnight at Namutoni Camp or similar (DBB) Day 7/8

Day 9/10/11: Hakusembe - Caprivi

Picturesquely situated on the south bank of the Okavango River, 16 km west of Rundu, Hakusembe River Lodge is the perfect stopover on the way into Caprivi and to the Victoria Falls. The 10 chalets (with air-conditioning) offer magnificent views of the river and the lush vegetation which teems with diverse birdlife. The swimming pool invites

to cool off on hot summer days. Experience the river world on a boat trip or join an excursion to the cultural village nearby. Relish the enchanting atmosphere during dinner in the restaurant and with a drink at the bar.

Activities - AC:

Bird watching from boat
Sunset River Cruise

Overnight at Hakusembe River Lodge – Floating Bungalow or similar. (DBB)

Day 12/13/14: Caprivi – Poppa Falls

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:

Birding
Boat Trip including Island Sundowner

Game Drive in Mahango Park

Traditional Village visit

Overnight at Divava Okavango Lodge and Spa or similar. (FI)

Day 14/15/16: Caprivi – Kwando River

As the evening sky turns into a red glow you sit back, high above the river, enjoying a chilled drink while listening to the deep grunt of hippos. This experience awaits you on the sundowner deck of Namushasha River Lodge on the Kwando River in eastern Caprivi. Apart from 24 rooms in chalets the lodge consists of a restaurant, a bar and a swimming pool. Watch elephant, hippo, buffalo or sable antelope on our excursions by boat or off-road vehicle, visit a traditional village in the vicinity or take time to observe the colourful birdlife (more than 400 species).

Activities - AC:

Boat Trip

Game Drive Mwabatha Park

Birding

Overnight at Namushasha Lodge or similar (FI)

Day 17/18/19/20: Caprivi – Zambezi River

This Voyager is more than a houseboat, or just another lodge in Africa, it is a luxuriously appointed floating lodge, operating on the Chobe and Upper Zambezi Rivers. It is an exclusive experience affording you privacy and the opportunity to experience the wildlife-rich floodplains of the Chobe National Park. What is unique about this Voyager is that each cabin is allocated its own tender boat and river guide to explore the endless water ways. You are free to create your own itinerary, from game viewing, birding, photography, fishing, cultural visits or walking through one of Africa's prime wildlife environments. The Upper Zambezi has some of the best river fishing in the world. Test your skills against the Tiger fish, one of the most explosive freshwater game fish in the world, or simply travel through an iconic piece of Africa in distinctive comfort and style.

ENTERTAINMENT DECKS

The middle deck comprises of the lounge, dining area, open air decks, galley (kitchen) and Captains Bridge. The lounge area consists of two private lounges with a small reference library containing the latest bird, plant and fishing guides. This area affords panoramic views of the surroundings and unequalled game viewing opportunities. The communal dining area is where all your sumptuous meals are served, and also a great place to hold meetings should this be required. Tea, coffee and refreshments are available from the bar throughout the day on this deck. The open air deck offers a choice of cooling off in the jacuzzi or watching the African sunset whilst being serenaded by the night sounds. Top deck or the viewing deck has a seating area to leisurely sip Sundowners or soak up the warm African sun on the sun loungers. Catch up on some supreme birding and game viewing. In the evenings, this top viewing deck becomes prime position to familiarise oneself with the spectacular African night sky...

GAME VIEWING

Water based game viewing from the main vessel and private tenders while based on the Chobe River in Chobe National Park. This area is one of the prime game viewing destinations in Africa. Sightings of two of the big five are almost guaranteed on a daily basis in the form of elephant and buffalo while big cats are often spotted leisurely lapping up water or just taking a stroll on the water's edge. Crocodiles and hippo are always present. Not being restricted to having to leave the park before sunset to head back to a lodge, clients are afforded the opportunity to allow Africa to lull them to sleep with her lullaby while on the waters of Chobe.

BIRDING

This area of operation boasts home to over 450 species of birds found in the following varied habitats: the floodplains (water birds), woodlands savannah, riverine forest & mopani woodlands. Birding is conducted either directly off the main vessel, from small tender boats or by foot on the surrounding floodplains and woodland/forest areas. A bird list is available of 390 species that can be seen from the river, this excludes the species recorded in the surrounding areas that are unlikely to be seen from the boat. Being serenaded at night by the Swamp Nightjar and sightings of Rock Pratincole, African Skimmer, Luapula and Chirping Cisticolas, Slaty Egrets, Swamp Boubou, Coppery-tailed Coucal, White-backed Night Heron, Half-collared Kingfisher, Collared Palm Thrush, Pygmy Geese,

Western Banded Snake Eagle make this trip a must for all birders. 14 species are noted as exceptional interest to birders and 31 species of unusual interest.

WALKING

The floodplain and wetland areas of the Zambezi and Chobe have a diverse ecological makeup. The opportunity to take guided walks is available over varying distances and within different habitats. The walking is comfortable as the terrain is reasonably flat and is not exclusively for the energetic. At Caprivi's tip is an island called Impalila Island which has the accolade of being the only place in the world where 4 countries meet each other, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

CULTURAL VILLAGE VISIT

On a typical village visit clients are shown around and introduced to the various village life elements by one of the headmen and are encouraged to ask any questions they may have. After the tour through the village, the locals then put on a small dance and encourage the guests to join them. Small beaded necklaces and other curios are for sale afterwards. A truly warm Capriviian village experience.

Overnight at Zambezi Voyager or similar. (FI)

Day 21: Zambia

Transfer to Livingstone/Victoria Falls Airport

NETT Tour Cost Per Person Sharing (ZAR/N\$)

COST PP	76500	58850	52990	50100
Persons	2	4	6	8

**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
- Services of a licensed English speaking driver-guide per vehicle
- 20 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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