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Self-drive Safaris **AFRICA**

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Botswana / Namibia Overland

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Introduction:



The safari is a combination between the highlights of Botswana and Namibia.

Day 1: Johannesburg – Waterberg Wilderness Reserve

You are met by a Bushlore representative and transferred to our offices where a discussion of the trip and introduction to the vehicle will take place. We then move North towards Botswana and overnight at Waterberg Wilderness Reserve.



The Waterberg mountain range is situated in the Limpopo province of South Africa and is one of the more pristine, scenic and wildlife rich areas in South Africa. Positioned on the Eastern side of the Waterberg range the Waterberg Wilderness reserve is only 2.5 hours from Johannesburg and conveniently positioned half way to Botswana. Due to the rugged nature of the reserve which is typical of the Waterberg, a 4x4 vehicle or vehicle with good ground clearance is recommended to access the property. In the wet season a 4x4 vehicle is often essential.

Certain areas of the Waterberg Wilderness Reserve offer spectacular views over the surrounding hills and valleys and exploring the impressive gorges with natural streams and pools is certainly a highlight. The reserve is ideal for the more active with some beautiful walks and potential mountain bike trails.

Accommodation – luxury tents – self catering

Day 2: Khama Rhino Sanctuary: Serowe Botswana

We cross into Botswana at the usually quite border post of Martins Drift and make our way up to Khama Rhino Sanctuary which is about 3 hours from the Waterberg.



The Khama Rhino Sanctuary Trust is a community based wildlife project, established in 1992 to assist in saving the vanishing rhino, restore an area formerly teeming with wildlife to its previous natural state and provide economic benefits to the local Batswana community through tourism and the sustainable use of natural resources. The camping and chalet facilities at Mokongwa Camp are a short drive from the Entrance Gate and are accessible without four-wheel drive. There are 13 campsites, including sites for large groups. The central feature of each site is a large Mokongwa tree which provides both character and shade. There is also a fireplace, braai stand with grill, and tap with birdbath. The campsites are served by two communal ablution blocks.

Accommodation – campsite

Day 3: Makgadikgadi Pans

After an early morning game drive and breakfast we continue North towards the Makgadikgadi pans. Depending on the rains in Botswana we will most likely aim for the Boteti river area where the third largest Zebra and Wildebeest migration in Africa takes place during the dry season. Good numbers of Lion, cheetah and wilddog are present in this area and not far from the migration. Most other larger animal species also occur in this area although spotted Hyena are rare and Buffalo do not occur. If however heavy late rains have fallen or when travelling in the wet season then we will concentrate on the eastern side of the Makgadikgadi reserve on a raised camp looking over the pans.

Accommodation – campsite

Day 4: Nxai Pans: Nxai South Camp



In the wet season the pans come alive with the plains game attracted by the nutritious grasses. Closely following are the predators. In the season large herds are drawn to the only water supply in hundreds of kilometers. Makgadikgadi and Nxai Pans National Parks offer the openness and seasonal migration of zebras from Chobe towards Central Kalahari and abundance of exotic birds. The desert environment which makes up the CKGR with vast grassland stretches of savannah and thorny scrubs.

It covers 2500km² and was proclaimed in 1970, later extended to its present size including Baines baobab. Nxai National Park is located on the Northern fringe of the Makgadikgadi basin and includes Nxai pan, an ancient lake bed that was once part of ancient Lake Makgadikgadi. Nxai Pan National Park Consists of series of fossils pans acacia trees on islands that form shady spots for the animals to rest during hot weather. South Camp Campsite is situated not far from the second entrance gate in a well shaded area. Camping.

Accommodation – campsite

Day 5: Maun Okavango Delta: Audi Tented Camp



Audi Camp is 12 kilometers north of Maun, on the road toward the Moremi Game Reserve, located on the banks of the Thamalakane river – the southernmost tributary of the Okavango Delta. We have luxury en-suite tents on raised wooden decking overlooking the river, mini-meru tents with beds, lights their own fire places and cooking area. Large dome tents with stretcher beds. We also have many shaded camping areas and some of the sites have power points. We have a bar and a la carte restaurant. Maun offers good shops and facility to stock up and prepare for the following days of remote camping and no facilities.

Accommodation – Bedded tents

Day 6 & 7: Moremi Game Reserve: Third Bridge Camp



The Okavango Delta is one of the world's largest inland water systems. It's headwaters start in Angola's western highlands, with numerous tributaries joining to form the Cubango river, which then flows through Namibia (called the Kavango) and finally enters Botswana, where it is then called the Okavango. Millions of years ago the Okavango river use to flow into a large inland lake called Lake Makgadikgadi (now Makgadikgadi Pans).

Third Bridge camp site is located on the Western side of Moremi Game Reserve along the off stream of Moanachira River. Third Bridge camp site can be accessed along a 58km route North Westly direction through some diverse scenery across first and second bridge. Another route from the South gate goes through the Mophane forest 60km long via Xakanaka. Third Bridge area that borders on the delta and Mboma Island enjoy heavy concentration of wildlife in the dry season. Third Bridge offers much more of the wilderness experience than most of Southern African camping grounds with unspoiled wilderness and top destination. Currently, a boat station development is underway to provide boat activities and transfers to Gcudikwa and Gxhobega lagoons where the heronry of migratory birds are located. The boat station will further provide means of transport for provision of camping facilities at the Wildemess sites namely; Gxhobega and Gcudikwa 1 & 2.

Accommodation – campsite

Day 8: Moremi Game Reserve: Khwai Northgate

Moremi, hunted by the Bushman as long as 10,000 years ago, was initiated by the Batawana tribe and covers some 4,871 km², as the eastern section of the Okavango Delta. Moremi is mostly described as one of the most beautiful wildlife reserves in Africa. It

combines mopane woodland and *acacia* forests, floodplains and lagoons. It is the great diversity of plant and animal life that makes Moremi so well known. The Khawa River area is well known for huge herds of buffalo and offers some of the best viewing in Southern Africa.

Accommodation – campsite

Day 9: Chobe National Park : Savuti Camp

Savuti Camp lies on the Savute Channel in northern Botswana, a famous waterway in a thrilling state of flux. For a quarter of a century, the Savute Channel was dry, creating wide-open grassland, home to both quantities and varieties of wildlife and a legendary predator's enclave. In 2008, the waters returned, and Savuti Camp now has front-row seats to view the abundant game that has congregated and adapted in its wake.

Game concentrations here are high, particularly in the winter dry season, and apart from abundant plains game, species such as roan and sable antelope, southern giraffe, lion, leopard, cheetah, spotted hyaena, black-backed jackal and wild dog may also be encountered. In winter, this area can also be excellent for the sought-after armadillo and armadillo, which are big ticks on anyone's mammal lists!

Accommodation – campsite

Day 10: Chobe National Park : Ihaha Camp

In the wet season when the Mababe depression is at its best we spend an extra night in Savuti exploring the plains to the South east of the camp which attracts thousands of Zebra and other plains game along with many predators that follow in their wake. In the dry season we choose to head North to the Chobe river area where we spend 2 nights camping on the shores of the river. Game viewing is exceptional with huge herds of Buffalo being one of the bigger attractions.



Accommodation – campsite

Day 11: Victoria Falls – Livingstone

We cross into Zambia on the ferry which negotiates the magnificent Zambesi River and head east to the famous Vic falls which is one of the biggest attractions in Africa and the largest falls on the continent. The area is tourist friendly with a number of cultural highlights and numerous places to overnight. There are a number of high adrenalin activities available from Vic falls that have almost become as well known as the falls themselves.

Accommodation – Bushfront lodge

Day 12: Chobe National Park : Chobe Safari Lodge Camping

Chobe Safari Lodge is situated in Kasane on the banks of the Chobe River and shares a border with Chobe National Park. Right on our doorstep in the meeting of four African Countries: Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe and Zambia.

The Famous Safari Lodge campsite offers individual sites scattered amongst the Riverrene forest close to the Chobe River. Each Site has its own power point and is close to one of the modern ablution facilities. The Sedudu Bar Overlooks the river and floodplains, and is well known as “the” sundowner spot in the region. The boat trip is worthwhile.

Accommodation – campsite

Day 13: Mudumo – Caprivi Strip

The Mudumu National park is a vast 1010km squared of dense savannah and mopane woodlands, with the Kwando River as its western border. In the contrast to the rest of Namibia, the area is lush with marshes, and riverine forests.

Accommodation – Camp Kwando campsite

Day 14-15: Ngepi Camp, Kavango River, Caprivi

We further east across to Caprivi strip and the highest rainfall area in Namibia. A huge number of bird species and good game occur throughout the area. The area is also home to the most impressive rivers in the country. We stay at Ngepi camp, recently voted the best campsite in Southern Africa by ‘Getawa magazine’ readers. Situated on the banks of the Kavango River, Ngepi camp has plenty of shade and dappled sunlight – a feature of the Okavango. This is truly an oasis, cooled by the fantastic greenery of the gardens and grassy areas.



Accommodation – Ngepi camp - campsite

Day 16-17: Kadoum National Park

Kadoum National park, situated north of Tsumkwe at the border to Botswana, is the most pristine nature conservation areas in Namibia. The park lies in the Kalahari Sandveld and is 3842 sqkm in area. The landscape is characterized by dry forests with a couple of Omiramba, broad sandy riverbeds that only run after heavy rain falls for a short time. The area is a true 4x4 only area with thick sandy tracks and very little facilities. A wide variety of game occur with the larger predators occurring in good numbers. The highlight is the wilderness experience rather than the game viewing which can be difficult due to the thick vegetation.

Accommodation - campsite

Day 18: Tsumkwe

The administrative capital and main town of the Bushmanland – once home to the many bushman (san), the indigenous people in this land. They are small with distinctively tufted hair and fine features and penchant telling and acting out stories. Their language is full of clicks, denoted by an exclamation mark when written and although wonderful to listen to, almost impossible to learn. The

hunter gathered lifestyle of the living land, its animals and plants, is almost lost now and only a few traditional communities are left. The Bushmen in this area are still making the use of bush foods and share the land with the wildlife.

The area adjoins the Khaudum National park and the Kavango and together this forms a huge unfenced area through which game migrate freely.

Accommodation – campsite

Day 19-20: Etosha National Park

Etosha is Namibia's premier National Park and offers some of the better game viewing in Southern Africa. We base ourselves at Namutoni and Okaukejo camp where we will explore the surrounding areas and large pans.

Accommodation – campsite

Day 21: Sesfontein

Sesfontein is situated in the North Western part of Namibia, close to the Hoanib River, on the Southern side of the Kakaoveld. A gap in the mountains gives access to the valley basin in Sesfontein (six fountains) where lush green gardens give the landscape its special oasis charade.

Accommodation – Fort Sesfontein Lodge

Day 22: head off to Windhoek for your flight home

Costing:

R 5150.00 per person sharing excluding Botswana Park and vehicle fees

(Vehicle and guide quoted separately)

Terms and Conditions

- We require 100% payment upfront to confirm the reservation.
- Quoted in South African Rand
- Khama Rhino Sanctuary is booked by us on your behalf but paid directly therefore excluded in the quotation
- Rates are subject to availability at the time of confirming the reservation and can change due to the exchange rate
- The above itinerary is subject to availability and a re-quote at the time of enquiry
- Please note rate per person is based on two people travelling and will be subject to re-quote once you have confirmed dates of travel and exact number of travelers
- Rates are based on current rates and are subject to rate at the time of making the reservations
- Cancellations with less than 60 days notice would result in a loss of the full booking deposit
- Drivers will be required to have a valid driver's license and be over the age of 24 years.
- Rate quoted that include Park Entrance fees and may change without prior notice
- All campers are subject to all rules and regulations governing visitor conduct



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