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SADC Special

Namibia, Botswana & Victoria Falls Safari

- Departs from:** Johannesburg (SA) or Kasane (Botswana)
- Ends in:** Johannesburg (SA) or Windhoek (Namibia)
- Option 1:** 11 days Botswana & Victoria Falls (ZAR 35,000 pp)
- Option 2:** 14 days Namibia (ZAR 28,500 pp)
- Option 3:** 28 days combined (ZAR 63,500 pp)
- Next Departure:** 4 to 31 March and 11 May to 7 June 2022



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We haven't been to the bush for 18 months – prices slashed – come and join us!

Never to be repeated – Maximum 6 vehicles per expedition

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Tour summary

The safari starts in Johannesburg (alternate meeting point by arrangement) and heads first to Botswana (Kasane), then Namibia, and ending in either Windhoek or Johannesburg.

On the 11-day Botswana safari you'll visit Victoria Falls, the Moremi area and the Okavango Delta, Chobe National Park the Savuti region, and the Central Kalahari.

On the 14-day Namibia safari you'll spend three glorious nights in Etosha National Park, before heading out into some of Namibia's most spectacular desert landscapes – Kaokoland, Damaraland – in search of the elusive desert-adapted elephants, rhinos and lions. Putting your newfound 4×4 skills to the test, we'll take on the iconic Van Zyl's Pass – a true 4×4 experience – before heading back south where we'll round off an unforgettable safari with a night beneath the spectacular boulder formations of Spitzkoppe.

Guests can also join us for the entire 28-day adventure, including all the above, plus overnight accommodation on the return drive back to Johannesburg.

You are welcome to take your own vehicle, or hire one of our best-in-class, fully-equipped Avis 4×4 Safari Vehicles at discounted rates. You'll stay in a mix of superb wild safari camps and safari lodges.

Contact us today for more information and to book your place.

Highlights

- Carefully selected lodges and wild safari camps
- Day visit to Victoria Falls and Chobe River photographic cruise
- 1 night in Chobe area, 2 nights in Moremi/Khwai
- Okavango Delta and Mokoro water safari
- Central Kalahari
- 2 nights in Etosha National Park
- Epupa Falls – Kunene River camp on the Angolan border
- Van Zyl's Pass and Desolation Valley
- Rare desert elephant and rhino
- Brandberg and Spitzkoppe

Days 1-3 – Kasane & Chobe River photo safari



En-route to Kasane we'll overnight in two magnificent wild camps (including the renowned Elephant Sands) where you'll be surrounded by herds of elephant that have walked many kilometres for water. Upon arrival in Kasane we'll explore the Chobe River on an unforgettable photographic safari. In photo-friendly boats and assisted by the world-renowned Pangolin photo team, you'll get to see wildlife from a whole new perspective. Being low to the water allows for some exceptional photo opportunities. Professional equipment supplied.

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Day 4 – Victoria Falls



Transfer into Zimbabwe to visit the magnificent Victoria Falls. Lunch on the veranda of the iconic Victoria Falls Hotel overlooking the gorge and the historic railway bridge over the Zambezi River.

Day 5 – Savuti and Chobe National Park



Heading south west, we'll continue into the iconic Savuti region, one of Africa's best-known big-game areas. Savuti is a place of enchantment and beauty, and boasts one of the greatest concentrations of animals in Southern Africa. We'll overnight at a safari camp overlooking a water pan and sip sundowners as animals congregate for their evening drink.

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Days 6-7 – Moremi area and the Okavango Delta



Moving south through the Moremi region, you'll follow the historic routes of the early Bechuanaland pioneers into the Moremi/Khwai Concession Area. This stunning region is known for its prolific and diverse wildlife. Enjoy two nights overnighing under the stars at a magnificent wild camp. You'll have the opportunity to explore the area at your leisure, with a picnic lunch in the bush.

Days 8-9 – Mokoro Water Safari



Heading deeper into the Okavango Delta, we'll explore this vast and unique water wonderland – arguably Botswana's best wildlife area. From your river lodge chalet the next two days will be spent in search of the wide variety of animals and birds that this remarkable region is renowned for. You'll explore the reed channels and floodplains in a Mokoro (traditional dugout canoe), while absorbing the beauty of this magnificent area. Canteen refresh for the next leg.

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Days 10-11 – Central Kalahari Game Reserve



A unique element of this safari is a two day visit to the Central Kalahari based at a tented safari camp with your “Meru” en-suite tent with full food catering. A chance to interact with the San people who call this vast, wonderful region their home.

Day 12 – Arrive in Windhoek (Halfway change over)



“Meet n greet”, a chance to freshen up, and stock up on personal supplies before heading north to Etosha National Park and Namibia’s wild Kaokoland.

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Days 13-16 – Etosha National Park



We set off to the eastern side of the world famous Etosha National Park and overnight at a comfortable camp. Time spent on a leisurely game drives, heading west into the park. We'll explore vast pans full with seasonal bird life and overnight in our vehicles in a camp under the stars. We can hope to see lion, elephant, black rhino and giraffe as they gather at waterholes along the route and will follow the 4×4 trails that fringe this huge salt pan, a breeding ground for thousands of migrating flamingos.

Day 17-18 – Kaokoland and Epupa Falls



Continuing west through Etosha National Park we'll exit through the Galton Gate. From here we enter into Kaokoland, one of the wildest and least populated areas in Namibia – population density one person every 2km² (1/4 of the national average). The most represented ethnic group is the Himba people, who account for about 5000 of the overall 16000 inhabitants of Kaokoland. Two days of relaxing at a palm filled oasis camp on the Kunene River, overlooking Angola and just a few hundred metres from the Epupa Falls.

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Day 19 – Van Zyl's Pass



Well rested, we head towards Van Zyl's Pass base camp. Van Zyl's Pass is arguably the most iconic 4×4 route in Southern Africa and we'll overnight near one of the river beds high up in the craggy mountains.

Day 20 – Kaokoland and Marienfluss



The highlight of your desert mountain experience will be beholding the spectacular Marienfluss Valley as it unfolds from the top of Van Zyl's Pass. It is a 3000m descent into the valley and an exhilarating trail to a very friendly and intimate community-owned campsite.

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Days 21-22 – Puros Canyon



Travel through Namibia's most dramatic landscapes en-route to a magnificent camp perched on the banks of the Hoarusib River. Spend the following day exploring the canyon where you'll find a variety of desert adapted wild animals.

Day 23 – Damaraland



Working our way south along the Hoarusib and Hoanib riverbeds, we'll immerse ourselves in this vast, spectacular wilderness, hope to see Namibia's rare and magnificent desert elephants. Refresh refuel at a well-known desert lodge with breakfast and dinner.

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Day 24 – Palmwag Conservancy and Desolation Valley



The following day you'll continue south to the breath taking Desolation Valley into the Huab River, to an exclusive campsite. Desert elephants are fairly common in this stunning region, as well as large herds of springbok and Oryx.

Day 25 – Spitzkoppe



Day 25 takes you past the Brandberg, the highest point in Namibia, world famous for its many thousands of rock paintings. As the sun sets over this startling dome of rock, the mountain itself seems to catch on fire – giving it its name, Brandberg, or 'burning mountain'. Camp under the stars at the Spitzkoppe (the "Matterhorn of Namibia") which is nearly 700 million years old.

Day 26 – Return to Windhoek



A final night in Windhoek and a chance to refresh, relax and enjoy a farewell dinner for those returning to other home destinations.

Day 27-28 – Return to Johannesburg

Overnight at a convenient bush camp en-route to Johannesburg.

Route



Included

- All accommodation
- Dinners
- Specified activities
 - Photographic boating Chobe River including photographic equipment
 - Victoria Falls Transfer
 - Mokoro Trip
 - Choice of SAN people experience or Kalahari E-bike
- Park Fees
- Two way radios
- A useful equipment list will be supplied
- *Optional Track4Africa Map – can be supplied

Excluded

- Vehicles – must have own equipped vehicle or we can arrange appropriate hire vehicle at discounted rates. Talk to Stephen or Martin about vehicle suitability
- Fuel
- Breakfast & lunches – Breakfast cereals eaten in camp with en-route picnic lunches
- Beverages
- Personal insurance including medical and evacuation, personal belongings, baggage, cancellation and curtailment
- Tips, curios, and any optional (non-scheduled) excursions and activities
- Local increases in park fees and taxes between time of booking and arrival
- *No ground tents in Botswana
- **Required COVID testing**

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