



Etosha & Zambezi - 10 Days (#17127)

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Overview

Discover diverse African culture, abundant wildlife and thick riverine forests in the Zambezi Region. This safari is Africa at its most authentic.

Minimum 2 guests / Maximum 16 guests.

Departure Day - Wednesday, selected departure dates.

Trip Highlights

Windhoek-Etosha National Park-Kavango Region-Mahango National Park-Zambezi National Park-Chobe-Victoria Falls

Detailed Itinerary



Day 01

Day 1, Wednesday - Windhoek - Etosha National Park

You will depart Windhoek in a northern direction, passing cattle farming areas and bushland to the Etosha National Park, famous for its vast amount of wildlife and unique landscape. In the late afternoon, once we have reached our camp located on the outside of the National Park, we have the remainder of the day at leisure.

Day 02

Day 2, Thursday - Etosha National Park

The day is devoted purely to the abundant wildlife found in the Etosha National Park, which surrounds a parched salt desert known as the Etosha Pank. The park is home to 4 of the Big Five - elephant, lion, leopard and rhino. The Park was proclaimed as Namibia's first conservation area in 1907 by the then Governor, von Lindequist. Despite the size of the Etosha National Park, only the southern edge of the pan is accessible to visitors. Game viewing in the park is primarily focussed around the waterholes, some of which are spring fed and some supplied from a borehole, ideal places to sit and watch over 114 different game species, or for an avid birder, more than 340 bird species. Popular game species such as giraffe, blue wildebeest, plains and mountain zebra, hyena, lion, leopard, antelopes such as kudu, oryx, eland, as well as some of the endangered species such as Black rhino, cheetah and the black-faced impala are all found here. An extensive network of roads link the over 30 water holes allowing visitors the opportunity of a comprehensive game viewing safari throughout the park as each different area will provide various encounters.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 03

Day 3, Friday - Etosha National Park - Kavango Region

After breakfast, travel north towards Namibia's lush Kavango region. En route, you will pass numerous villages lining the roadside. Arrive at the lodge just outside to Rundu, known for its rich selection of hand-made wooden crafts. With its magnificent woodlands and perennial rivers, the Kavango region contrasts sharply with the rest of Namibia. Large swathes of tall woodland, riverine forests, floodplains and reed-lined channels dominate the area. This is also the area where you will see many of the traditional huts and homesteads still in popular use today. At our lodge, we can enjoy an optional Sundowner boat cruise on the Okavango River.

Meal: Breakfast



Day 04

Day 4, Saturday - Kavango Region - Mahango National Park

After breakfast, follow the route of the Okavango River into the Zambezi Region. Lush, green, riverine – that is what the Zambezi region looks like. This juxtaposition is what makes Namibia the “Land of Contrasts”. The area is typified by perennial rivers and large forests of trees. Whereas most of Namibia is arid, this area is lush, the soil rich and the wildlife plentiful. It is a lively hotbed where one can see subsistence and cattle farming and the well-known traditional wood carvings. From the banks of the Okavango River directly at the footsteps of our lodge we have a magnificent view onto the Popa Falls, a series of small rapids in paradisiacal environment before arriving at our lodge on the banks of the Okavango river and close to the Mahango National Park where the following two nights are spent along the lush vegetation. The rooms award uninhibited views onto the Buffalo Park across the river. Optionally you may enjoy a late afternoon boat cruise on the Okavango River or short walk to a local Habukushu village. The lodge also offers Wellness treatments.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 05

Day 5, Sunday - Mahango National Park

After an early breakfast, we travel into the Mahango National Park. Being Namibia’s smallest but most densely populated National Park, the visit will be rewarding in terms of wildlife and bird watching. The Mahango Game Park has a high number of elephants, as well as fair numbers of antelopes which are scarce or not seen in other parts of Namibia. These include the roan and sable antelope, tsessebe and the red lechwe. The park is also home to several sitatunga. The Mahango National Park is an excellent destination for bird watching with over 400 species to be spotted.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 06

Day 6, Monday - Mahango - Bwabwata National Park

Depart the Mahango National Park and travel across the Zambezi Region, (previously called Caprivi) to the lush woodlands of the Kwando River. Hundreds of elephants, large Buffalo herds and numerous antelopes roam these majestic riverine woods. With over 400 species of birds, this area counts as one of the best birding hotspots in the whole of southern Africa. After settling in, you can optionally participate in an afternoon nature drive that takes you into the Bwabwata National Park. Should the road conditions here permit, enjoy a scenic stop at the famous Horseshoe bend, where at times hundreds of game species gather to quench their thirst.



Meal: Breakfast

Day 07

Day 7, Tuesday - Chobe

After breakfast, travel across the border to Kasane, a small and bustling town right on the edge of the Chobe National Park. The accommodation for the following two nights are in a special corner of the African wilderness, where two mighty rivers meet, a wetland paradise that is a haven for nature and wildlife. Discover the wonders of this magical destination. Here wildlife roams freely in profusion and diversity. It is home to the largest concentration of elephant in Africa, while other game consists of large herds of buffalo, puku, lechwe, bushbuck and kudu. Other significant species such as lion, leopard, wild dog, sable and roan antelope are encountered in many areas of the adjacent game reserve. In the afternoon we recommend an optional Chobe sunset river cruise along the National Park to experience the multitude of game species found along the banks of the Chobe River.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 08

Day 8, Wednesday - Victoria Falls

Early this morning we take part in an optional game drive through the Chobe National Park, offered by the lodges own activity centre. With a cup of coffee or tea enjoy the sunrise and natures awakening before departing on an open game drive with lodge rangers, exploring the national park and see the forage of wildlife along the Chobe River such as elephants, Lechwe, Roan or Waterbuck. Returning to the lodge breakfast is served on the terrace overlooking the river. After breakfast on the Chobe River Front our guide takes us across the border to Zimbabwe, where we reach our final destination on this Safari. The afternoon is available for an amplitude of activities offered in and around Victoria Falls.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 09

Day 9, Thursday - Victoria Falls

Together with our guide, join a local guided excursion to Victoria Falls to discover why the Victoria Falls is one of the seven natural wonders on Earth as we explore it on foot. This dramatically beautiful event is accompanied by a deafening roar and fine spray that arcs up into the sky, giving the falls its local name: Mosi-oa-Tunya - the "Smoke that Thunders". Afterwards, visit a craft market where handmade crafts of the local inhabitants (optional can be purchased before returning to the hotel,



located centrally in town. Here the remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or participate in the adventure-filled optional activities.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 10

Day 10, Friday - Victoria Falls International Airport

Depending on your departure flight, your guide will transfer you to the Victoria Falls International Airport.

Meal: Breakfast

Inclusions

9 breakfasts, accommodation, transport in air-conditioned vehicles, entrance fees and sightseeing as specified.

Exclusions

- International / Domestic airfares.
- Optional activities.
- Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program.
- Personal equipment.
- Travel insurance, Gratuities.
- Voluntary tips for guides or drivers.
- Travel and medical insurance.
- Any items not mentioned as included.

Note

Hotels Used OR Similar

Etosha National Park - El Dorado Lodge or similar

Etosha National Park - La Rochelle Lodge or similar (second night)

Kavango Region - Taranga River Lodge or similar

Mahango National Park - Shometu River Lodge or similar



Bwabwata National Park - Chobe River Camp or similar

Chobe National Park - Chobe Safari Lodge or similar

Victoria Falls - Shearwater Explorer Village or similar

VISA REQUIREMENTS

certain nationalities may require visas in order to travel through Namibia

Please check visa requirements, as

LANGUAGE

German commentary

All departures are in English or

NOTE

same day as departure of tour.

Arrival flights not to be booked on

Prices are subject to alteration without prior notice. Prices are also subject to adjustment in the event of changes in government imposed taxes, fuel price, airfares, hotel charges, tourism levies and the introduction of national, regional or local taxes or levies of whatever nature.

Departure from Windhoek on Wednesday.

Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

Fixed Departure

16 Oct, 2024

Package Cost

AUD 5,314 P P twin share

AUD 5,999 P P single

AVAILABLE

