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Partaking in an adventure tour in Africa involves covering hundreds if not thousands of kilometres and our tours are as much about this journey as they are about the destinations we visit. Use your time during these drives to talk to your fellow travellers, have a drink and take note of the world passing by your window. Some roads you travel on will be smooth and easy while others could take up to an hour to cover 1 kilometre. There is just no telling what could happen with road, weather, traffic and other conditions that may exist that will either increase or decrease the amount of time you spend on the road so take your watch off, put your iPad away, turn off your phone and just relax. An average day could take anything from 5 to 14 hours, it all depends on the day... and that's only an "average"!

Please ensure that you have downloaded and read a copy of the <u>PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION</u> booklet as this document contains important information (e.g travel insurance, visas, your money, health etc) you need to know before you depart on tour

PCR Testing / Requirements

All guests participating in this tour should adhere to and be familiar with any mandatory covid-19 vaccine requirements or PCR testing requirements of the country/countries being visited. All costs associated with PCR testing will be for the guests' own account.

Tour departure point

Please ensure you arrive at the departure point at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time.

07:00am Klein Windhoek Guest House

2 Hofmeyer Street, Klein Windhoek, Namibia

Tel: +264 61 239 401 or +264 81 366 8216 https://www.kleinwindhoekguesthouse.com/

Tour ending point

Shearwater Explorers Village, Adam Stander Dr,

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Tel: +263 13 47362 http://explorersvillage.com/

Maximum Number of Passengers

20 (All protocols and government regulations in terms of carrying capacity will be adhered to at the time of travel)

After hours emergency contact

Our reservations staff are available to receive emergency calls. We would like to request that you respect this emergency number and use it only in the event of emergencies. Please only contact this number if, for example, you have missed your incoming flight, you cannot find your airport transfer or you are running late for your tour departure.

If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199
If calling within South Africa: 082 578 2199

Arrival / Departure

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends to allow for delays and changes.

Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

If you require accommodation before or after your tour we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers – contact your travel agent or Nomad to make these bookings.

What's included

All meals which are prepared and served at the Nomad truck / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / transport in the Nomad truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

What's excluded

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, bottled water, soft drinks, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities) / souvenirs

Countries Visited

Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe

Green Seats - Travel Responsibly in Africa

Nomad has a non-profit Trust that looks after the people, animals and places that we visit. We realise that a footprint is left where we travel and for this reason, the Nomad Africa Trust was established. Your donation to the Trust is called a "Green Seat". If you would like to help Nomad making Africa Greener, simply choose the tick box during your booking process (or contact us afterwards to add it) and we will take care of the

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rest. The Nomad African Trust is responsible for the administration of the funds collected from the sale of the green seats and these funds are distributed to various projects as identified by the Trust.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - Botswana - Ghanzi

Today we travel east to neighbouring Botswana and the Kalahari Desert. Starkly different to the Namib Desert after which Namibia is named, the Kalahari is no less dramatic and covers over 900 000 square kilometres. The San people have long been associated with this harsh environment and this tonight we enjoy a dance evening that provides an insight into their culture of song, dance and story-telling.

Accommodation Ghanzi Trail Blazers http://ghanzitrailblazers.co.bw
Facilities Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Windhoek to Ghanzi
Meals Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight San Tribal dance in evening

Optional Activity
San Guided Walk (could take place the next morning)
Border Post
Namibia: Buitepos, Tel: +264 62 560401, Open: 07h00-24h00

Botswana: Mamanu, Tel: +267 (0) 659 2013/2064, Open: 07h00-24h00

Day 2 - Khwai Conservation Area

You will be separated from your Nomad truck for the next 2 nights and it is therefore important that you pack/gather your personal belongings which you may need, before we depart for Maun today as there is limited time in Maun for re-packing and storing. Please pack lightly and only take what you need for the following two nights. This morning we rise early and make our way towards Maun, where upon arrival in Maun you will have the opportunity to go on an optional scenic flight over the Delta (time and weather permitting). After your optional flight, you will be collected from Maun and will be transferred to the Khwai Conservation area in smaller safari type vehicles. This evening our guide will prepare us on what to expect for our mokoro excursion into the Okavango Delta and our game drive in Khwai.

Accommodation Khwai Tented Camp (no website available)

Facilities Accommodated: Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom

Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions Ghanzi via Maun to Khwai Conservation area

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Optional Activity
Okavango Delta scenic flight

Day 3 - Khwai Conservation Area

Route

Heading out early, we transfer by safari vehicle, to the poling station, where we will meet the polers who will be escorting us into the Delta. The polers will steer us through the serene area of narrow, reed lined channels which open out onto beautiful lagoons. While the mokoro trail is not primarily a game viewing activity, a variety of game may be spotted in this pristine wilderness area, including elephant, giraffe, kudu, impala and zebra. After lunch, we will return to Khwai Conservation area for our afternoon game drive which will be conducted in open 4x4 safari vehicles. The game viewing routes chosen during the afternoon by the professional guide may vary especially when high floods are experienced as certain roads may be closed or impassable.

Accommodation Khwai Tented Camp (no website available)

Facilities Accommodated: Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom

Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

Route Overnight accommodation - poling station – Okavango Delta – Khwai Conservation Area

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Okavango Delta Morning Mokoro Excursion / Khwai Conservation Afternoon Game Drive

Day 4 - Khwai - Savuti - Chobe - Kasane

Today's journey from Khwai to Kasane (via the Savuti National Park) is expected to take approximately 10 hours. You will pack up camp and depart at first light on the open 4x4 safari vehicles. The road conditions can best be described as dense sand and depending on the season you are travelling in, could be through thick vegetation. During the winter months (May-September) we strongly suggest layering up on clothing, pack a beanie and or scarf and thick jacket. Animal sightings can never be guaranteed while we transit/traverse these wilderness areas and any stops for viewing of the wildlife will add to the time spent in the 4x4 safari vehicle. We suggest stocking up on snacks and at least 1 x 5l bottle of water in Maun for the journey as there are no re-supply points until you reach Kasane.

The Savuti Game Reserve is a unique area bordered by the Okavango Delta to west and Chobe National Park to the east. Today is a long day as we spend most of our day travelling via the various sectors including the Savuti Game Reserve in search of the species that roam the plains. Expect some bumpy roads as we traverse this wilderness area in our 4x4 vehicles. Offering habitats from wetland, open water to the grasslands and Savannah woodland, we hope to see as many species of fauna and flora possible. This afternoon we arrive on the banks of the Chobe River and will be re-united with our Nomad truck in the town of Kasane.

Accommodation Thebe River Safaris http://www.theberiversafaris.com
Facilities Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

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Route Khwai Conservation Area – via Savuti Game Reserve – Kasane (long day ±6-8 hours)

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Game Drive through Savuti Game Reserve in 4x4 safari vehicles

Day 5 - Chobe National Park

For those that opt to participate in the optional game drive in Chobe National Park, you will be collected early from camp and will venture out in open 4x4 safari type vehicles. You will return to camp in time for lunch and a quick siesta before we head out in the afternoon to explore the Chobe National Park from the river, enjoying a leisurely boat cruise which allows us an up close and personal experience with the many elephants that frequent the river in the afternoons.

Accommodation Thebe River Safaris http://www.theberiversafaris.com
Facilities Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

MealsBreakfast, Lunch, DinnerIncluded HighlightChobe National Park Boat CruiseOptional ActivityChobe National Park Game Drive

Day 6 - Zimbabwe -Victoria Falls

With the memories of our wildlife encounters firmly etched in our minds, we cross the border into Zimbabwe this morning and travel the short distance to Victoria Falls. Today you will have the opportunity to visit the spectacular Victoria Falls at your leisure, also known by the local name of "Mosi-oa Tunya" (the smoke that thunders). While much of today is dedicated to viewing the mighty Zambezi River as it drops into the Batoka Gorge below, the bustling adventure town of Victoria Falls also offers a range of optional activities for those wanting a dose of adrenaline in the afternoon. For the more relaxed traveller there are craft markets and coffee shops on offer as well.

Accommodation Shearwater Explorers Village http://explorersvillage.com/

Facilities Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom (Adventure Rooms)

Camping: Campsite (pre-erected dome tent with camper beds) with Shared Ablutions Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Kasane to Victoria Falls

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Optional Activity Victoria Falls National Park Entry

Border Post Botswana: Kazangula Road, Tel: +267 62 50320 / Open: 06h00-20h00

Zimbabwe: Kzangula Road, Open: 06h00-20h00

Day 7 - Victoria Falls

Your tour comes to an end after breakfast and with the many activities on offer in Victoria Falls, today is the perfect day for the adventure that most suites your style. Whether rafting the mighty Zambezi River or enjoying a flight over the Falls, this is your day to enjoy the many attractions on offer in Victoria Falls.

Accommodation Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad.

Meals Breakfast

Optional Activity Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Bungee Jump, Helicopter Flights, White Water Rafting

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