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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

## **Pre-Tour Meet Up**

Join us for an optional pre-tour meet up from 17:00 to 19:00 the evening before departure, in the reception area of Shearwater Explorers Village (official departure point). It's a great chance to meet your fellow travellers and our crew, ask any questions about the tour, and complete any last-minute paperwork in a relaxed setting. Attending will help you feel more prepared and connected before the adventure ahead. If you can't make it due to prior commitments, don't worry—the meeting on departure day will still be available to finalize everything. As your tour spends the day in the town of Victoria Falls on day 1, you are free to participate in the various activities available or explore the town.

## Tour departure point

<u>17:00pm</u> Shearwater Explorers Village, Adam Stander Dr, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

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

## Tour ending point

Haus Garnison, 4 Tobias Hainyeko Street, Swakopmund, Namibia

Tel: 002 64 403340 http://hausgarnison.com/

## **Maximum Number of Passengers**

20

## 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

Meals as outlined in the itinerary, 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, soft drinks) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities) / souvenirs / tips.

## **Countries Visited**

Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia

## **Onward Travel**

If you are interested to enhance your tour further, please contact us to receive a list of all the available options to suite your time frame and budget.

# **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

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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 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 - Victoria Falls

Today is your arrival day in the town of Victoria Falls, home to the spectacular Victoria Falls. The bustling adventure town of Victoria Falls also offers a range of optional activities for those wanting a dose of adrenaline, today is your chance to participate in the various activities on offer. For the more relaxed traveller there are craft markets to explore and a delicious high tea is on offer at the Victoria Falls Hotel. You will meet your crew in the reception area of Shearwater at 17:00pm. This evening, you have the option to join the group for an optional dinner at a local restaurant, where you can enjoy a meal and reflect on the day's adventures. Your guide will arrange a booking for those who wish to participate. (As we will depart Victoria Falls tomorrow morning, if you wish to participate in the many optional activities, we would advise that you plan to arrive in Victoria Falls a day or two earlier).

Accommodation Shearwater Explorers Village <a href="http://explorersvillage.com/">http://explorersvillage.com/</a> OR Bayete Guest Lodge

Camping: Two per room with en-suite bathroom

https://www.thebayetecollection.com/bayete-guest-lodge/

**Facilities** Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom

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

Meals No meals

Pre-Bookable Optionals Historical Bridge Tour / Helicopter Flight over the Falls / Bungy Jumping / Bridge Swing / Simunye Theatre Show /

Sunset Boat Cruise / Guided Tour of the Falls / Chobe Day Trip (min numbers may apply to activities)

#### Day 2 - Victoria Falls - Kasane - Chobe National Park

This morning, we depart Victoria Falls and travel the short distance to the Botswana border. Crossing into Botswana, we enter the Kavango-Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area. Spanning five countries, including parts of our route through Botswana and Namibia, is one of the world's largest protected areas, supporting diverse wildlife and ecosystems. We will arrive at our accommodation in time to set up camp on the banks of the Chobe River, before heading out for our afternoon activity. In the afternoon we 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 <a href="http://www.theberiversafaris.com">http://www.theberiversafaris.com</a> OR Kwalape Safari Lodge <a href="https://kwalapesafarilodge.co.bw/">https://kwalapesafarilodge.co.bw/</a>

**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 Victoria Falls to Kasane
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Chobe National Park Boat Cruise

Border Post Zimbabwe: Kazungula Road, Open: 06h00-20h00

Botswana: Kazungula Road, Tel: +267 62 50330, Open: 06h00-20h00

## Day 3 – Kasane to Nata

We leave the banks of the Chobe River, and head south into the Kalahari Desert. You'll notice the 'bushveld' change as you get closer to Nata, our overnight stop close to Botswana's famous salt pans.

Accommodation Nata Lodge <a href="https://underonebotswanasky.com/nata-lodge/">https://underonebotswanasky.com/nata-lodge/</a> OR Elephant Sands Lodge

https://elephantsandsbotswana.business.site/?utm\_source=gmb&utm\_medium=referral OR Eco Lodge

 $\underline{\text{https://www.africanreservations.com/Eco-Lodge}}$ 

**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.

**Pre-Bookable Optional** Chobe National Park Game Drive

Route Chobe to Nata

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 4 - 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 camp today. Please pack lightly and only take what you need for the following two nights. Accommodation in Khwai can best be described as a rustic style mobile fly camp. Your meru style tent is equipped with 2 single beds and adjoining en-suite amenities consisting of a bucket shower system and chemical toilet. Today we make our way towards the Okavango Delta, stopping at the viewing point of the Salt Pans en-route (seasonal access dependant). You will be collected in Maun in open 4x4 safari vehicles and will be transferred to the Khwai Conservation area. Our guide will prepare us on what to expect for our afternoon mokoro excursion into the Okavango Delta. (Please note: It is possible that the mokoro activity could take place the following morning, depending on the season).

Accommodation Khwai Tented Camp (no website available)

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Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

Route Nata to Khwai Conservation Area
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Salt Pans viewpoint / Sunset Mokoro Excursion (could take place the following morning)

## Day 5 - Moremi Game Reserve

Today is a full day game drive as we spend most of our day on safari in the Moremi 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 evening we arrive back at Khwai to share and compare all the amazing sightings while on safari.

Accommodation Khwai Tented Camp (no website available)

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

**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions

Route Moremi Game Reserve

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Full Day Game Drive Moremi Game Reserve

## Day 6 – Khwai to Maun

We will depart early this morning in our 4x4 vehicles and make our way back to Maun, where we will overnight, before heading for our next adventure in Namibia.

Accommodation Cresta Maun https://www.crestahotels.com/hotels/botswana/cresta-maun OR Maun Lodge

https://maunlodge.com/

**Facilities** Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Camping: Two per room with en-suite bathroom

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

**Route** Khwai to Maun **Meals** Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 7 - Maun to Divundu

We start early this morning as we continue north-west and cross the border into Namibia, venturing towards the Kavango River for our overnight stop in Divundu. We will stay at our lodge and enjoy a leisurely boat cruise on the beautiful Kavango River.

Accommodation Mahangu http://www.mahangu.com.na/ OR Rainbow River Lodge https://www.rainbowriverlodgenamibia.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.

**Route** Maun to Divundu **Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Evening Boat Cruise\* (This activity could take place the following morning)

Pre-Bookable Optional Okavango Delta scenic flight (early morning before departure from Maun)

**Border Post** Namibia: Mohembo Tel:, Open: 07h00-24h00

Botswana: Mohembo, Tel:, Open: 07h00-24h00

# Day 8 – Divundu to Etosha National Park Area

This morning we depart for the gates of Etosha National Park. With vast salt pans, savanna and woodland, Etosha is one of Africa's finest game parks. At 18 000 sq km, it is one of the biggest Parks in Southern Africa. Etosha means "great white area", which refers to the large dried pan in the middle of the Park.

Accommodation Kupferquelle resort <a href="https://www.kupferquelle.com/">https://www.kupferquelle.com/</a>
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 Divundu to Etosha National Park
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 9 – Etosha National Park

We will head out of camp this morning to explore the surrounding plains in search of the many animal species that call Etosha home. After enjoying our lunch back at camp, you will have the afternoon at leisure.

Accommodation Okaukuejo <a href="https://nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort">https://nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort</a> OR Etosha Village <a href="https://etosha-village.com/">https://nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort</a> OR Etosha Village <a href="https://etosha-village.com/">https://etosha-village.com/</a> OR Etosha

Safari Camp <a href="https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/etosha-safari-camp">https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/etosha-safari-camp</a> OR Omusati Lodge <a href="https://daosa.com.na/omusati-lodge/">https://daosa.com.na/omusati-lodge/</a> OR Mondjila Safari Camp <a href="https://www.mondjilasafaricamp.com/">https://www.mondjilasafaricamp.com/</a> OR Eldorado

https://www.etoshaaccommodation.com/

**Facilities** Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom

**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions

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Route Etosha National Park
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Morning Game Drive (in the Nomad truck)

## Day 10 - Etosha National Park

Today we have a full day of exploration of the park. No day on safari is ever the same and the suspense before that special sighting is the motivation that keeps our eyes wide open. We explore the edges of the Etosha Pan in search of the abundant wildlife that occur in the park.

Accommodation Okaukuejo <a href="https://nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort">https://nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort</a> OR Etosha Village <a href="https://etosha-village.com/">https://etosha-village.com/</a> OR Etosha

Safari Camp <a href="https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/etosha-safari-camp">https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/etosha-safari-camp</a> OR Omusati Lodge <a href="https://daosa.com.na/omusati-lodge/">https://daosa.com.na/omusati-lodge/</a> OR Mondjila Safari Camp <a href="https://www.mondjilasafaricamp.com/">https://www.mondjilasafaricamp.com/</a> OR Eldorado

https://www.etoshaaccommodation.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.

Route Etosha National Park
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Pre-Bookable Optional Full day 4x4 safari in Etosha National Park (Nomad truck drive will be forfeited) (min numbers may apply to

activities

Included Highlight Full Day Game Drive (in the Nomad truck)

## Day 11 – Etosha National Park Area to Brandberg

The Brandberg (Burning Mountains) are regarded as the highest in Namibia and home to the famous White Lady, one of more than 45,000 rock paintings in the area. After reaching our destination for the day, we will make the ±2-hour return hike to visit the painting that is said to be around 2,000 years old. (Please be advised that it is possible that this hike will take place the following morning. The hike does traverse rough terrain along the gorge of the normally dry Tsisab River).

Accommodation Khorixas <a href="https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/khorixas-camp">https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/khorixas-camp</a> OR iGowati Country Hotel

https://igowaticountryhotel.com/ OR Brandberg White Lady Lodge https://www.brandbergwllodge.com/ OR Twyfelfontein Tented Camp & Campsite https://www.twyfelfonteintentedcamp.com/ OR Brandberg Rest Camp

https://www.brandbergrestcamp.com/

Facilities Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom

**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions Etosha National Park Area to Brandberg

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Brandberg White Lady Hike

## Day 12 – Brandberg to Swakopmund

Route

On our journey we stop to visit the Lichen Fields. Your guide will give a captivating talk about the intricate Lichen Colonies that blanket the area. It's an exceptional opportunity for some unforgettable photographs. Our final stop before reaching Swakopmund is the seaside holiday town of Wlotskasbaken. This charming town offers a fantastic photo opportunity with its quaint houses and scenic views of the Atlantic Ocean. After capturing these memories, we'll complete the final leg of our trip and arrive in the beautiful coastal city of Swakopmund, ending an exciting day of exploration. Your tour comes to an end upon arrival in Swakopmund.

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

**Route** Brandberg to Swakopmund

Meals Breakfast, Lunch

Pre-Bookable Optionals Swakopmund Quadbiking / Dolphin Catamaran Cruise / Living Dunes Tour / Sandwich Harbour Dune Drive /

Skeleton Coast Cape Cross / Spitzkoppe Adventure Drive (min numbers may apply to activities)

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