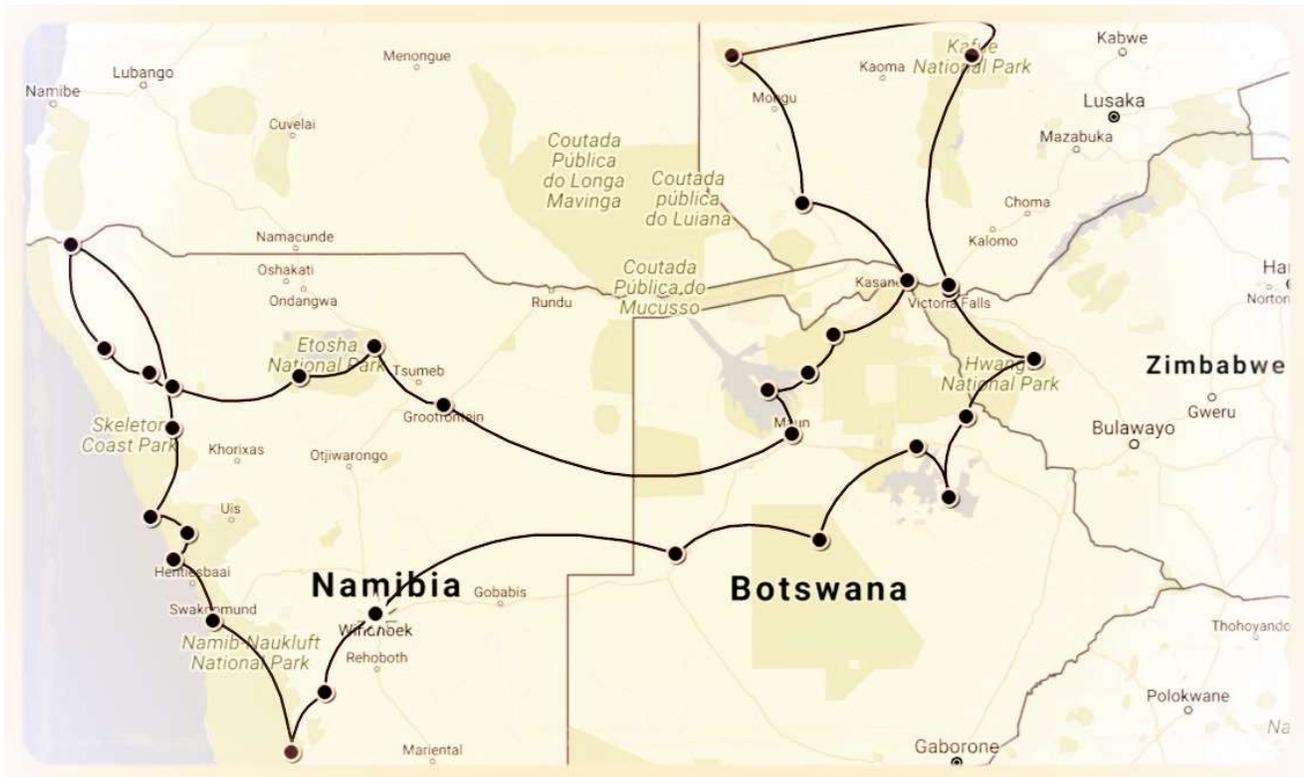


NAMIBIA-BOTSWANA-ZIMBABWE-ZAMBIA SELF DRIVE ADVENTURE | 55 Days



An Epic journey through Southern Africa...starting and finishing in Windhoek, Namibia's Capital....

BOTSWANA: Unforgettable wildlife experiences in Botswana's Okavango Delta (Moremi & Chobe National Parks & Khwai Conservancy) and Central Kalahari Game Reserve, with a highly-experienced wildlife guide; the Makgadikgadi Pans (the largest salt flats in the world); sleep under the stars on the pans and visit the resident Meerkat troop; visit the granite island called "Kubu"; and an optional sunset game viewing cruise on the Chobe River.

ZIMBABWE: Game viewing in Hwange National Park – Zimbabwe's largest; and marvel at the Victoria Falls.

ZAMBIA: Game viewing in Kafue (including a visit to an elephant orphanage) and Liuwa Plain National Parks. Zambia offers impressive wildlife diversity as well as some of the wildest and most remote game areas on the continent.

NAMIBIA: Visit the San Bushmen of the Kalahari; Etosha National Park with its massive salt pan lined with waterholes attracting the game; remote river beds through canyons and where game roams without fences; visits to a small village pre-school and school that we support; spending time with the dramatic Himba tribe of Koakoland (the least sparsely populated region of Namibia); through Hartman's Valley all the way to the Kunene River—the border with Angola; vast open plains; incredible geological landscapes; painted deserts; the Skeleton coast and the highest free standing dunes in the world.

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Week 1: Two days in Windhoek for a group briefing, pick up 4x4's, buy provisions and pack our vehicles. The rest of our first week is in Botswana. Our expert wildlife guide joins us for the next few days as we head into the Central Kalahari Game Reserve—the largest, most remotely situated reserve in Southern Africa and the second largest wildlife reserve in the world. Then we enter into the area known as the Makgadikgadi Pans—the largest salt flats in the world (actually a series of pans surrounded by Kalahari Desert).

Week 2: We spend a night out on the pans and visiting a troop of well-known Meerkats then a visit to the granite island called “Kubu”. We exit Botswana via the small border post of Pandamatenga back to the wilderness in Zimbabwe spending 3 days and nights in Hwange National Park—Zimbabwe’s largest. Here you may see wild dog, spotted hyena, elephant, lion, leopard—there are over 100 mammal species in the park.

Week 3: Victoria Falls “the smoke that thunders”. Enjoy lunch, high tea or a drink at the famous colonial style Victoria Falls Hotel, take a sunset cruise on the Zambezi or a flight over the falls—you’ll love your two night stay here. You may like to upgrade from camping to a hotel—there are options that include luxury at the Victoria Falls Hotel. If ever there was a place to “splurge” this is it! A dramatic exit from Zimbabwe to Zambia via the bridge over the Zambezi River and then onto Livingstone. We head north west to Kafue National Park, Zambia’s largest national park and the second largest park in Africa. It is home to over 55 different species of animals. Think cheetah and lion roaming in the golden grass, herds of red lechwe, puku and wildebeest and hunting packs of wild dog. The park is named for the Kafue River and it stretches over three provinces. We have six days to explore Kafue staying in different campsites.

Week 4: After our time in Kafue, next on our adventure is Liuwa Plain – this could be Africa’s ‘best kept secret’. Located in the far west of the country, it was once a royal hunting ground for the Barotse King and home of the Lozi people and is one of the most remote parks in Zambia. Game is spread out across the vast plains and to come upon a vast herd of blue wildebeest, a prowling wild dog, or a pride of dozing lions in this forgotten piece of Africa is a true reward for the ardent bush-lover. The birdlife is abundant. We have three days to lose ourselves in this remote part of Africa. Our last stop in Zambia is the spectacular Ngonye Falls (often referred to as the Sioma Falls) and the Sioma Ngwezi National Park then we cross back into Botswana to Kasane on the Chobe River and adjacent to Chobe National Park.

Week 5: Our game viewing intensifies as we spend 5 days and nights in the Chobe and Moremi National Parks and the Khwai Conservancy. Expect to see elephant, giraffe, zebra, baboon, hippos, kudu, birdlife & more. There are excellent chances to see lion, leopard, cheetah and wild dog in this area too. There is the opportunity to take an optional scenic flight over the delta that you have just driven through whilst in Maun before we head into Namibia and visit with the San Bushman in the Kalahari Desert.

Week 6: Now onto a very different game viewing environment—Etosha National Park where you’ll enjoy two nights inside the park at Okaukuejo with its famous waterhole. The remote 4x4 part of our adventure really starts now. For the next week we travel quiet river beds and visit a pre-school that we support and head into the Kaokoland Region of Namibia. It is here the desert adapted elephant roam as well as the very rare desert adapted lion. We will visit a Himba Village near Puros—these may be the most interesting tribe you’ll ever encounter with red ochre “sunscreen” covering their bodies, clothing and their dreadlock-like hair. We then head further north, all the way to the Angolan border at the Kunene River.

Week 7: The next week takes us through Damaraland with spectacular painted valleys, more remote river beds and gorges. These lead to the Skeleton Coast along the west coast of Namibia.

Week 8: A couple of rest days in the quaint German town of Swakopmund by the sea. Optional quad biking tour with nature historian in the dunes nearby. The grand finale of the adventure takes in the largest free standing dunes in the world—commonly known as Sossusvlei. We finish where we started in Windhoek with a farewell dinner.

Itinerary subject to change.

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DATES

We do not offer this adventure every year so please register your interest.

Tailor-made

Have your own group? We can tailor your trip.

PRICES

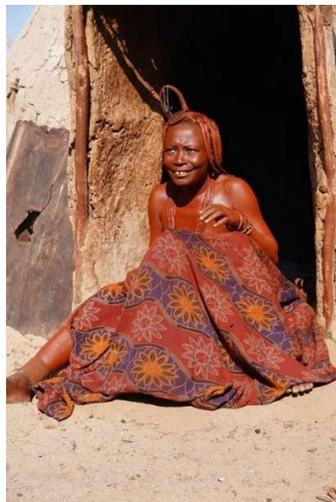
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2 people per 4x4: AUD16,855* per person

Solo Traveler in escort 4x4: AUD13,880* per person

3rd and 4th Passenger: AUD13,880* per person

**Prices assume a minimum of 5 vehicles, maximum of 7 vehicles (plus support vehicles), 2020 pricing will be confirmed in early 2019.*

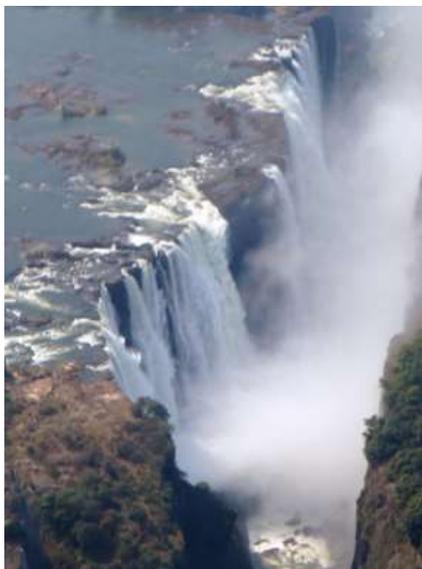


INCLUDED

Arrival and departure transfers, vehicle hire (Dual Cab Manual Toyota HiLux Standard), driver fees for 2 people, paper maps, wildlife guide for 9 days in Botswana, village visits as per itinerary, overnight trip on the Makgadikgadi pans with Meerkat visit, roof top tent, bedding, linen, towels, fridge, water tank, cooking and camping equipment, spare tools and tyres, standard vehicle insurance, cross border permits for vehicle, two way radio in vehicle, Botswana National Park entry fees, Zimbabwe National Park Fees (except at Vic Falls), National Park entry fees at Sossusvlei, firewood, 5 nights in guest houses and campsite fees for rest of trip, support vehicle and meals as per the itinerary.

EXCLUDED

Airfares return to Windhoek, Namibia, fuel (budget approx. AUD2,020 per vehicle), food other than listed in itinerary (approx. AUD1,100 per person) cross border fees/taxes approx. USD250 per person, Botswana Tourist levy USD30, Zimbabwe/Zambia Uni-visa approx. USD50, Victoria Falls park entry approx. USD35 per person, entry to Etosha Park approx. AUD40 per person, any accommodation upgrades chosen, any vehicle upgrades chosen, optional activities, vehicle excess, local tips, travel insurance (medical evacuation insurance highly recommended), visas (if required), vaccinations (if required), any other items of a personal nature and local tips.





OTHER INFORMATION

Accommodation and Campsites: Mostly camping. You must have camping experience to join the trip. Some in organized camp sites with facilities, some bush camping. We do stay in some guest houses on the way and you can upgrade to a lodge at some locations at an additional cost.

In campsites with organized facilities these may be quite basic e.g. “long drop” toilet and bush showers which have hot water after the fire gets the water warm. When we bush camp we have a couple of toilet tents that can be set up. Each vehicle gets a “magic toilet” a small pop up loo that can be used in the tent if needed.

Vehicles: The standard vehicles are fully camping equipped. The base model used in pricing is a manual Toyota HiLux with roof top tent or ground tent. Various upgrades are available.



Driving Ability: The skills required are a driver’s license and a good dollop of common sense. Some 4x4 experience would be recommended.

Terrain: The route is planned largely avoiding main roads with extensive travel off road and on rarely used tracks, trails and in river beds.

Game: The game is in pockets. In the National Parks it is plentiful and even outside the National Parks you will have wonderful game viewing experiences in the wild.

Food: Excellent variety! Plan your own meals and do your own shopping to stock your vehicle. You will have all your own cooking equipment, fridge etc in your vehicle so you can be self-sufficient.

Children: Are accepted. Please speak to us about their ages/camping experience.

Weather/Season: This is Winter in Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Zambia —it will range from cool to cold at night, 7-10 degrees C and from 20—35 degrees C during the day depending on the location.

“For the last 15 years we’d been dreaming of travelling Africa, but we could not imagine ourselves being in a bus chasing wildlife in private reserves – that would be only slightly better than going to a zoo. When we came across the Self Drive Adventures advertisement we knew straight away that it was the best way to experience African country, people, landscapes and wildlife. We were right! One month trip was our unforgettable adventure thanks to Mike’s vast knowledge of the country, customs and wildlife behaviour. Every day was special, either seeing the wildlife, the scenery or pristine bush camps. The number of elephants, giraffes, zebras, springbok, hippos and more exceeded our expectation. There had been quite a few unforgettable events like a Rhino mother feeding her baby at the waterhole, two elephant mothers taking their families across the Chobe River, an amorous lion and visiting the Himba people. Thank you Mike for your leadership and friendly atmosphere on the trip.”

Dusan Bakija, TLCCNSW club