

# "BOTSWANA EXPLORER" WINDHOEK to VICTORIA FALLS 9 Days \* 6-12 Travellers \* Accommodated Safari

This extraordinary tour starts in Windhoek in Namibia and explores the pristine wildlife sanctuaries of Namibia and Botswana, including the flood plains of the Okavango River and Chobe National Park. We also experience the remote Caprivi Strip and the mighty Zambezi River at the famous Victoria Falls.



#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

#### Namibia:

- Windhoek, the capital of Namibia
- > The Okavango river at rural Rundu
- Mahango and Bwabwata Game reserves with its lush vegetation and an abundance of game and bird life
- > Drive through the Caprivi Strip with its big herds of elephant
- > Explore the awe-inspiring wilderness area of the Okavango River in mokoros (local canoes) and on a game drive

#### **Botswana:**

> Explore the floodplains of the Chobe National Park with its unparalleled wildlife

#### Zimbabwe:

> The unforgettable Victoria Falls at the border of Zambia and Zimbabwe

### **Itinerary\*:**

# Day 1: Windhoek, Okavango River

Arrival in Windhoek, the capital of Namibia. You can spend the day at leisure in this interesting city. At 5:15 pm departure from the Intercape bus depot. You arrive in Rundu at 3:25 am the following morning. Here you will be picked up and transferred to your lodge on the Okavango River.

Departure: 05h15



## Day 2: Okavango River, Rundu

We have time to explore the area at the Okavango River. We have the opportunity to go for a sun downer boat cruise and might even step onto Angolan ground for a drink (optional, 15 Euro) BPD.

**Dinner:** restaurant at the Lodge at own cost



# Day 3 & 4: The Okavango River / Bwabwata Nationalpark in a mokoro

Two nights are spent in the Okavango River area, which is one of the world's last natural wonders. We explore this waterway paradise with its unparalleled wildlife. A highlight is an excursion starting at Popa Falls. We use mokoros (local canoes) to get into the pan handle swamps where we also visit a local village. In the afternoon we visit Mahango or Bwabwata Game reserve with its lush vegetation, a rich bird life and a variety of interesting game, including the rare Sable and Roan antelopes, elephants, buffaloes, hippos and crocodiles. (This excursion is at own expense, 90 Euro pp). BLD

**Distance:** Day 15: 220 km , Day 16: 40 km Game Drive

**Dinners:** prepared by the guide at the campfire





## Day 5: Caprivi Strip / Chobe National Park, Botswana

Leaving the driest areas of Africa behind us, we reach the refreshing green of the Caprivi Strip. After crossing the Chobe River we enter the northernmost part of Botswana. Botswana has with about 200.000 elephants the biggest elephant population in Africa. We might see some of these majestic animals on our first game drive through the Chobe National Park. In the afternoon we reach Kasane and check into our lodge close to the Chobe River. BP

**Distance**: 410 km

**Lunch-stop:** picnic in Chobe National Park

**Dinner:** at own expense



# **Day 6: Chobe National Park**

Today you can explore the Chobe National Park further. You have the option to go on a game drive in an open 4  $\times$  4 vehicle and/ or a game- viewing cruise on the Chobe River (40 Euro each or 60 Euro for both). Chobe National Park is famous for its spectacular animal sightings. Here you can observe the BIG 5, huge nile crocodiles, many hippos and different antelope species. B

**Distance:** 50 km Game Drive **Departure:** 05h45

**Brunch:** picnic at the lodge

**Dinner:** at own expense in a restaurant





# Day 7: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

After crossing the Zimbabwe border we reach Victoria Falls and check into our guesthouse. In the afternoon we visit the famous Victoria Falls, the biggest and most breathtaking waterfalls in Africa (entry at own expense). Hiking through the National Park we explore the raw nature of the over 100 m deep cascading Zambezi River. B

**Distance:** 90 km

**Dinner:** at own expense in a restaurant



## **Day 8: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**

Today you have time to explore the area around Victoria Falls on your own. You can buy some African art, visit a typical African market or take another walk at the Victoria Falls. You can also try one of the many optional activities offered, like White Water Rafting on the Zambezi River, a helicopter flight over the Falls, or a ride on an African elephant. B

**Distance:** 0 km

**Dinner:** at own expense in a restaurant





## Day 9: Tour ends after breakfast

After 9 days of incredible nature, adventure, and amazing animal sightings it is time to say good bye. B

See you soon in Africa!

**Meals:** B= breakfast P= picknick lunch D= dinner

Dates 2016: 29.1. / 26.2. / 25.3. / 22.4. / 20.5. / 17.6. /15.7. / 12.8. / 9.9. / 7.10. / 4.11. / 2.12. / 30.12.

Dates 2017: 27.1. / 24.2. / 24.3. / 21.4. / 19.5. / 16.6. / 14.7. / 11.8. / 8.9. / 6.10. / 3.11. / 1.12. / 29.12.

Price: 2200 Euro Single supplement: 360 Euro

Camping Tour: 2000 Euro Single supplement: 250 Euro

#### **Price includes:**

- Accommodation in Hotels/ Lodges/ Guesthouses/ Bungalows and Camps
- Meals see program: 7 x breakfast, 6 x picknick lunch
- > Transport in customised vehicles
- National Park Entrance fees (except Victoria Falls)
- Professional nature guide

#### Not included:

- > Flights
- Visa
- Travel Insurance (compulsory: luggage, accident and medical cover)
- > On arrival: Local payment of 60 Euro for 3 dinners
- > Soft drinks, alcohol, tips and other personal expenses

**Group size:** 6-12 participants

Visa: Required in Zimbabwe, 30 U\$ pp cash

**Entry:** Passport (at least 6 month valid from date of departure)

Vaccinations: We suggest malaria prophylactics. For more information please

contact your doctor.

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<sup>\*</sup>subject to change without notice