

Beauty of Namibia – Wilderness of Botswana

Days: 16
Distance: +/- 6500
Places:

Namib Naukluft Park, Sossusvlei, Sesriem Canyon, Walvis Bay, Swakopmund, Cape Cross, Damaraland, Kaokoland, Cheetah Farm, Etosha Park, Caprivi, Chobe, Victoria Falls

Price per Person: 1 550 EURO 4 PAX in the Car
Price for the family: 2 150 EURO 2 PAX in the Car

Price Includes:

4x4 Car hire with zero excess fees, accommodation costs with breakfast in hotels, lodges & campsites, airport transfers, Camping equipment's, roof tents or tent on the ground (as desired)GPS with maps, refrigerator & detailed itinerary/programme.

Price does not include:

Airline tickets, meals not specified, park fees, fuel costs, insurance, border fees & all items not specified.

*Price is subject to the amount of participants, accommodation standard and the duration of the trip.





Day 1/2

24/25-10-2015

Time: 1h Distance: 45 km +160 Windhoek Airport Windhoek – Namib Naukluft

You will be collected from the airport and transfer onto an accommodation in Windhoek. We will show you the car, camping equipment and discuss the route, if any questions. We will take you for your grocery shopping in town. We leave Windhoek and straight away join the small desert roads that connect the whole of rural Namibia. As we come through the mountains we drop down from the central plateau by way of the impressive Remhoogte Pass and emerge to find grassy desert savannah. Upon arrival at the lodge, we shall visit Sesriem Canyon. A pre-dawn start is essential next morning, as we want to catch the soft light of the sunrise on the desert and to witness the changing colors of the world's highest sand dunes.

Namib Naukluft Park : One of Africa's largest and oldest protected areas, the Namib-Naukluft National Park covers an area of almost 50,000 km² and protects some of the most varied and extraordinary ecosystems in Namibia; the only country in the world named after its desert! On this grand scale, the Namib-Naukluft provides a sanctuary to large mammals including black rhino (re-introduced to their former range in 2007 to mark the park's centenary), Hartmann's mountain zebra, leopard and cheetah. A stunning study in contrast and extremes, the park provides something for every adventurous appetite to explore. Hike the rugged gorges and paths in the formidable Naukluft mountain massif or test yourself and your vehicle on the two-day, 73 km 4x4 trail. Photograph some of the planet's oldest and most peculiar plants on the Welwitschia Trail. Explore the Sesriem Canyon. Go birding at Sandwich Harbour, home to up to 50,000 wetland birds including spectacular flocks of Greater and Lesser flamingos. Feel transported to another realm by the vast and inimical gravel plains of the aptly named Moonscape. Explore the isolated mountains that are sprinkled liberally throughout the park, search for unexpected botanical treasures, and be rewarded by awe-inspiring views of the Namib-Naukluft National Park.

Day 3

26-10-2015

Time: 6h Distance: 374 km Sossusvlei – Walvis Bay - Swakopmund

Continue our journey to the coast. At Solitaire we stop for the famous Apple Strudel dessert. On our way to Walvis Bay we might catch up with wild animals such as ostriches, zebras, oryx, and giraffes. We cross the Tropic of Capricorn and traverse both the Gaub and the Kuiseb pass, driving down to the dry riverbed at the bottom of the canyon before climbing up the other side, watching the spectacular desert landscape unfold before us.

Day 4

27-11-2015

Time:1h Distance: 30 km Swakopmund - Walvis Bay - Swakopmund

Today it's a free day. But we will start with an amazing dolphin cruise on the Bay. There are also host of adventure activities to participate in Swakopmund. These range from sandboarding through quad biking to skydiving and many others. Swakopmund itself is a very pleasant seaside town with lots of shops and cafes, a good stretch of beach (although the Atlantic here is quite cold) and an open-air curio market. There is also a very good museum and the Namibian National Marine Aquarium is located in Swakopmund.

Day 5/6

28/29-11-2015

Time:4h Distance: 240 km Swakopmund –Skeleton Coast - Damaraland

We drive inland through the Damaraland region with its vast and rugged terrain. On our way we will stop at the seal colony at Cape Cross, where we will see thousands of Cape Fur Seals.

We will stop in the small town of Uis, an old mining town, located more or less in the middle of no-where. We visit the Twyfelfontein area for walks to the Bushmen paintings/ rock engravings as well as the Organ Pipes. The paintings are being listed on the UNESCO World Heritage list. You can also visit located nearby Damara Village.

Damaraland is one of the most scenic areas in Namibia, a huge, untamed, ruggedly beautiful region that offers the more travellers a more adventurous challenge. Here there are prehistoric water courses with open plains and grassland, massive granite koppies and deep gorges. Towards the west, the geography changes dramatically with endless sandy wastes, that incredibly are able to sustain small, but wide-ranging, populations of desert-adapted



elephant, black rhino, giraffe, ostrich and springbok. These animals have adapted their lifestyles to survive the harshness of the sun-blistered, almost waterless desert spaces. Elephant move through euphorbia bush country, and can travel up to 70km in a day in search of food and water and unusually, do not destroy trees in their quest for food.

Day 7

30-11-2015

Time: 6h Distance: 244km Damaraland – Kaokoland (Opuwo)

Kaokoland is one of the last remaining wilderness areas in Southern Africa. It is a world of incredible mountain scenery, a refuge for the rare desert dwelling elephant, black rhino and giraffe and the home of the Himba people. Although it is harsh and offers little respite at midday, the rugged landscape is especially attractive during the early morning and late afternoon when it is transformed into softly glowing pastel shades. The topography in the south of the area is characterised by rugged mountains which are dissected by numerous watercourses, but north of the Hoarusib River the scenery is dominated by table-top koppies. Still further north, the Otjihipa Mountains rise abruptly above the Namib floor to form the eastern boundary of the Marienfluss, while the west of the valley is defined by the Hartmann Mountains. The Marienfluss valley is very scenic and relatively greener than the Hartmann's valley. Hartmann's valley is closer to the Atlantic and yet much more arid. However, it does have a strange atmosphere when the sea mists drift inland.

In the morning we drive to Opuwo, the capital of the Kunene Region and Kaokoland. We will visit the Himba, a semi-nomadic tribe, living in scattered settlements throughout the region. They are characterized by their proud yet friendly stature and the women are noted for their unusual beauty, enhanced by intricate hairstyles and traditional dress. We will learn about marriage customs, traditional food and the mysteries of the 'Holy Fire' religion.

Follow black rhino cow and her calf in typical Damaraland 'melkbos' terrain. Together, Damaraland and Kaokoland are known as the Kaokoveld. Highlights of the area include: The Brandberg, Twyfelfontein, Spitzkoppe, The Petrified Forest and The Vingerklip. In addition to the incredible views, Damaraland is home to many animals, which still reside in the wild without any human control

Day 8,9,10

31/1/2 -11 -2015

Time: 6h Distance: 370km Opuwo - Etosha

After breakfast we will proceed to Etosha National Park where we enjoy our first game drive. On our way we stop in town of Otju for a small shopping. We will spend our days in Etosha on an exceptional game drives through the park as well as resting by the pool in one of the camps. The game viewing in Etosha National Park is excellent - we can expect to see elephant, giraffe, rhino, lion and many buck species. If we are lucky, we will see leopard and cheetah. It is also the home of several rare and endangered species of game, including one of the largest populations of black rhino in the world, as well as thousands of antelope also provide an interesting contrast against the dry and hostile desert landscape. Most lodges and camps here have carefully designed seating areas that overlook the numerous waterholes. In such a dry area, these waterholes attract a vast array of thirsty animals including impala, zebra, gemsbok, wildebeest and herd of elephants and lion provides. Without doubt, African wildlife makes for some of the most beautiful photographs. The Etosha National Park is situated in the Kunene Region of northwest Namibia and was established back in 1907 when Namibia was a German colony called South West Africa. Back then the park covered a huge 35, 500 square miles but today it is just a quart of its original size. If you are a budding photographer, Etosha National Park, with its remarkable landscape, is one of the most perfect places for you to practice those photography skills. The park is dominated by an enormous shimmering salt pan measuring 80 miles long and 31 miles wide. In the early morning and late afternoon the vast expanse of pans go through an amazing range of colour changes; from pink to orange and purple to deep blue. These stunning color changes are a fantastic and unique sight and provide the perfect backdrop for you images of wildlife or make beautiful pictures by themselves. The sensational rain clouds



Day 11

03-11-2015

Time: 8h Distance: 670km Etosha - Tsumeb -Rundu - Kavango

Leaving Etosha, we head northeast to Kavango, where we will camp on the banks of the famous Okavango River. We will stop in old mining town of Tsumeb for small shopping.

The sightseeing will change dramatically; it will be greener, wetter scenery –it is also very noisy due to hippo's activities.

Next day you can drive to Mahango Game Reserve. This little jewel of a game reserve is home to many unusual species such as Roan and Sable antelope, Buffalo, large herds of Elephant, Hippo and many aquatic birds. This afternoon you have got time to relax on the deck of the river swimming pool, or go for optional activities offered by lodge like mokoros, boat cruise, canoeing etc.

Caprivi: The Caprivi regional capital is the town of Katima Mulilo, which is located on the Zambezi River. There are no other major towns in the area, although it is fairly densely populated and travellers will encounter numerous villages. The Caprivi is also the only region that shares its borders with 4 other countries – Angola, Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe, all members of the Southern African Development Community (SADC). Another huge draw card is that the Caprivi is surrounded by 4 perennial rivers – Chobe, Kwando, Linyanti and the mighty Zambezi. For years this area was the domain of the South African Army – wildlife suffered as a result- but with soldiers long gone, wildlife populations have recovered. These waterfront areas combine riverine forests with vast wetlands, attracting over 600 species of bird, 4 of the big 5 (less rhino) as well as boasting 4 National Parks – Bwabwata, Mamili, Mudumu and Mahango. Nearly 200 kinds of flora, shrubs, trees and fruits, complement the wildlife and amazing geography

Day 12

04-11-2015

Time 3h Distance: 247km Kavango – Kongola (Caprivi)

Driving through the BwaBwata National Park (formally Caprivi Game Reserve), before arriving at Kwando Camp on the banks of the Kwando River. From the deck overlooking the river you can experience the thrill of the tiger fish and the hauntingly beautiful call of the African fish eagle. Activities at Camp Kwando: boat trips, game drives, traditional village, schools, fishing, mokoro

Day 13

05-11-2015

Time 4h Distance: 260km Kongola (Caprivi) - Kasane (Botswana)

After breakfast we continue our journey with short stopover in Katima Mulilo. We will cross then the border with Botswana and go to our next destination: Kasane. The town of Kasane is the gateway to Chobe National Park, one of Botswana's premier wildlife destinations. As there is no boundary fences between the park and the village, game such as elephant and hippo can frequently be seen wandering down the road and through the Kasane campsites and lodges. We will stay in one of the lodges close to the park. Another activity not to be missed is sundowner river cruise. It's a must do for game viewing and photographic opportunities – especially of elephants and buffalo

Day 14/15

06/07-11-2015

Time 1h Distance: 85km Kasane – Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)-Kasane

Today we have a very short drive, however we have to bear in mind a time which we might spend at the cross border with Zimbabwe. Victoria Falls is the adventure capital of Africa if not the world with good weather, animals a plenty of activities to suit all tastes. Adrenaline junkies can go for bungee jumping, white water rafting, abseil, tiger fishing, lion encounter and for those who prepare just to simply enjoy the amazing view of one of the wonders of the nature, walk to Victoria. We suggest to be a day Visit and very same day you should be back in Kasane

Last Day in Kasane you can spend doing Game Drives in Chobe National Park and Chobe Cruise Boats



Day 16

08-11-2015

Time 8h Distance: 485km Kasane – Katima Mulilo(campsite)

Early Morning and Drive to Katima Mulilo , First you will have to cross the border with Namibia and after that easy drive all the way to the airport

Flight from Katima Mulilo to Windhoek Eros Airport which is in the Windhoek City Centre, therefore we have to organize transfer to International Air Port to catch your night flight to Windhoek

I hope this trip was amazing experience and you will be back next year

Date	Day	Place	Accommodation	Meals
24-Oct-2015	1	Namib Desert	Moon Mountain	Dinner, Breakfast
25-Oct-2015	2	Namib Desert	Sesriem Campsite	Self-Catering
26-Oct-2015	3	Swakopmund	Desert Breeze Lodge	Breakfast
27-Oct-2015	4	Swakopmund	Desert Breeze Lodge	Breakfast
28-Oct-2015	5	Damaraland	Spitzkoppe Campsite	Self-Catering
29-Oct-2015	6	Damaraland	Palmwag Campsite	Self-Catering
30-Oct-2015	7	Kaokoland	Opuwo Country Hotel	Dinner, Breakfast
31-Oct-2015	8	Etosha	Dolomite Camp	Self-Catering
01-Oct-2015	9	Etosha	Okaukuejo Campsite	Self-Catering
02-Oct-2015	10	Etosha	Mushara Bush Camp	Dinner, Breakfast
03-Nov-2015	11	Kavango	Ngepi Campsite	Self-Catering
04-Nov-2015	12	Caprivi	Namushasha Campsite	Self-Catering
05-Nov-2015	13	Kasane	Chobe Bush Lodge	Dinner, Breakfast
06-Nov-2015	14	Vic Falls	Chobe Bush Lodge	Dinner, Breakfast
07-Nov-2015	15	Kasane	Chobe Bush Lodge	Dinner, Breakfast
08-Nov-2015	16	Katima/Windhoek	Flight to Europe	Optional

General information:

APPLICATION

• The terms and conditions contained in this document shall apply to the tour booking concluded between the Company and the undersigned client in respect of the tour, as more fully described in the tour dossier provided to the client on confirmation of the booking. All references in these terms and conditions to "client" shall include references to an agent of the client, with such changes as the context may require.

BOOKINGS

• The Company reserves the right not to confirm the booking until the full amount set out in the invoice received by client is paid and has been received by the Company and all the relevant documentation has been signed and completed in full by the client.

• Any amendments to, or cancellation of the booking shall be subject to these terms and conditions.

TOUR PRICE, DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT

• While Bocian Safaris has utilized its best endeavours to ensure the accuracy of the tour price, such price is subject to change as a result of factors beyond Bocian Safaris reasonable control, in which event Bocian Safaris shall utilize its best efforts to notify clients of such change as soon as possible.

• The tour price includes only those services/items that are included as per the itinerary and the tour dossier, and the client shall be responsible and pay for any additional items where, as required by the Company from time to time, such payment is made either directly to a third party service provider or to the Company for settlement with a third party

service provider.

- The Company accordingly reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to increase any relevant prices/charges/tariffs to account for any increases and/or fluctuations taking place in the country.
- A non-refundable 25% deposit is required to secure a booking in respect of the tour. This non-refundable deposit shall be set off against the tour price.
- The tour price must be paid by not later than 35 days prior to the departure date for the tour, failing which the Company reserves the right to deem the booking as having been cancelled, and to levy the cancellation penalties set out in these terms and conditions.
- In the event that the client makes a booking within 35 days of the date of departure of the tour, he or she shall, in order to secure the booking, be required to pay the full tour price upfront.

CANCELLATIONS

- Where the booking is cancelled at any time up to 35 days prior to the date of departure of the tour for any reason, the client shall forfeit the non-refundable deposit.
- Where the booking is cancelled less than 35 days prior to the date of departure of the tour for any reason, the client shall be liable to pay the following penalties to the Company:
 - cancellation between 35-15 days prior to the date of departure, a cancellation penalty equal to 50% of the tour price;
 - cancellation between 14-7 days prior to the date of departure, a cancellation penalty equal to 75% of the tour price;
 - cancellation less than 7 days prior to the date of departure or "no shows", a cancellation penalty of 100% of the tour price.
- The Company shall be entitled to apply any portion of the non-refundable deposit paid by the client toward any cancellation penalty payable in terms hereof.
- The Company reserves the right, at any time and for any reason, to cancel the tour on notice to the client. In such event, the Company shall refund the tour price (which includes for the avoidance of doubt, the non-refundable deposit) to the client. It is recorded that refund of the tour price as aforesaid shall be the Company's sole responsibility to the client, and no claim for any damages, howsoever arising, shall accrue against the Company by reason of a cancellation of the tour.

PASSPORTS, VISAS AND OTHER TRAVEL PAPERS

- It is the client's and travel agencies sole responsibility to ensure that passports, visas, health certificates, proof of vaccinations and any other required documentation are all in order for the countries to be visited during the tour. Bocian Safaris cannot be held liable or responsible should a passenger be refused entry into any country for any reason.

INSURANCE

- Comprehensive travel and cancellation insurance is mandatory on the tour. Bocian Safaris shall not be liable for any consequences, damages or loss as a result of the client failing to have the necessary cover.

BAGGAGE

- The client shall be responsible for all baggage and personal effects brought by him or her on the tour, and the Company shall not be liable for any loss or damage to such baggage or personal effects, howsoever arising.
- The client shall be entitled to one bag (being a backpack or soft bag, and not a suitcase) that weighs not more than 20 kilograms, and a daypack. Should the client require a larger baggage allowance, this may be arranged with the Company against payment of a fee that the Company may levy in its sole discretion. Bocian Safaris reserves the right to refuse excess baggage.

HEALTH

- The client accepts that to participate in the tour requires a measure of physical fitness and health and it is the client's obligation to ensure that he or she is medically fit to embark on the tour.

AUTHORITY

- At all times the decision of the Bocian Safaris tour guide will be final on all matters likely to endanger the safety and wellbeing of the group. The client must at all times strictly comply with the laws, customs and foreign exchange regulations of all countries visited. Should the client be detected in any contravention of the law, custom or exchange regulations, or should the client be a nuisance to the group, the guide may order the client to leave the tour without the right of refund.

MARKETING

- Bocian Safaris reserves the right to use any photographs and video taken during the tour for use in marketing or any other advertising material, and the client hereby consents to such use.
- The client further agrees that the Company shall retain copyright over any such photographs and videos taken during the tour and/or used in its brochures and, to the extent necessary, the client hereby assigns copyright in such photographs and/ or videos to the Company

INDEMNIFICATION

- The client accepts that the tour is of an adventurous nature and involves an element of personal risk.
- The Company and its respective employees shall not be liable for any loss or damage of whatsoever nature and howsoever arising which the client or any such other person may incur or suffer as a result of or arising from the clients participation in the tour and any other activities undertaken on or during the tour, and the client irrevocably and forever releases and discharges the Company from any and all such liability.
- The client furthermore indemnifies and holds the Company and its respective employees, representatives and agents harmless from and against any and all loss, damage, actions, proceedings, claims, demands and legal and other costs and expenses (including legal costs on an attorney and own client scale) of whatsoever nature and howsoever arising (including, but not limited to, the client's or any other person's injury or death, or any loss of or damage to the client's or any other person's property) which the client or any such other person may incur or suffer as a result of or arising from the clients participation in the tour and any other activities undertaken on or during the trip.