

## Onjamba Self Drive 2015

**Number of Days:** 18  
**Kilometers:** +/- 6000  
**Places:** Namib Naukluft Park, Sossusvlei, Sesriem Canyon, Walvis Bay, Swakopmund, Cape Cross, Damaraland, Kaokoland, Etosha National Park, Kavango, Caprivi, Botswana, Victoria Falls

### Day 1

#### Route: Windhoek Airport – Windhoek

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. Afterwards you will have your free time to rest after the journey or visit the city of Windhoek.

### Day 2/3

#### Route: Windhoek – Fish River Canyon

Driving from Windhoek to Fish River Canyon will take you around 8 hours. You will pass through few towns like Rehoboth, Mariental and Keetmanshop. Those are mainly small, farmers towns.

Close to Keetmanshop you can visit Quiver Tree Forest and Giant Playground, where huge stones resemble the toy giant.

After lunch, you should be ready for the trip to Hobas Camp at the entrance gate to the Fish River Canyon. Hobas Camp is very modest and no major attractions. Rare animals such as leopards and Genet can visit this place at night.

The advantage is being close to the Fish River Canyon where we will have the confidence to take photos as well as Sunset and Sunrise.

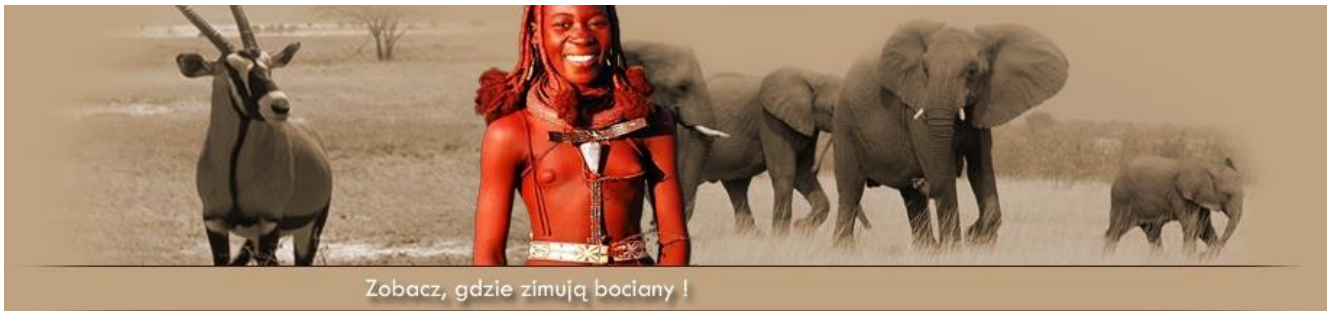
As we already mentioned before it is possible to descend to the Fish River Canyon from the vantage point.



The Fish River Canyon in Namibia is (allegedly) the 2nd largest canyon in the world after the Grand Canyon. The immensity of this magnificent landscape is truly breathtaking. The towering rock faces and deep ravines were formed by water erosion and the collapse of the valley due to movements in the earth's crust over 500 million years ago. Today the canyon measures 160km long up to 27km wide and almost 550m at its deepest. It is fair to say that when you arrive at the canyon though, its exact location is a bit of a mystery as the 500m vertical drop from the flat dry plateau is completely out of view.

Nowadays the canyon is part of the Ai-Ais Richtersveld Transfrontier Park. Self-drive tourists, hikers, photographers and nature lovers world-wide are attracted to this long, thin, meandering river. Depending on the time of year, you could be looking out to a dry river bed or a rainy-season raging torrent. The northern most entrance is the gate at Hobas Campsite and a further 10km drive takes you to the main viewpoint. Stunning views of the gorge combine with your first impressions of the Nama Karoo to the east of Fish River and the Succulent Karoo to the west of the river. The latter extends into the Sperrgebiet National Park and has over 1.600 different plant species, many of them occurring here and nowhere else. Other outstanding vantage points are at Hell's Corner and Sulpher Springs.

The environment of this spectacular scenery embraces a number of habitats bringing together several species of mammals, an abundance of reptiles, insects and fish that live in natural pools and the Fish River itself. For example the hot springs occurring on the canyon floor, the most well-known being at Ai-Ais, form pools of water which in turn attract many types of waterbirds. So birding around the canyon can be very rewarding.



#### Day 4

#### Route: Fish River Canyon - Luderitz

Drive alongside the Orange River is one of the most spectacular drives in Namibia, It will take you only three hours from Ai Aid to Roshpinah however it is worth it just because of the views. Roshpinah is a small mining town where you can refuel, top up your stocks of food and exchange the money.

You will be driving more than 150 km with the tar road from Roshpinah to Aus where you will find Wild Horses.

It is amazing story about those horses which has been here since first German soldiers arrived Namibia Luderitz is a quirky town lodged in one of the best harbours on the least hospitable coast in Africa. It was founded in 1883 when Heinrich Vogelsang purchased Angra Pequena and some of the surrounding land on behalf of Adolf Lüderitz, a hanseat from Bremen, from the local Nama chief. It began life as a trading post, fishing and guano-harvesting town, but when diamonds were discovered in 1909 in nearby Kolmanskop, Lüderitz enjoyed a sudden surge of prosperity. Now the diamonds are mostly found elsewhere and offshore, so Lüderitz has reverted to its former self. Its appeal as a town lies in the fact that little has changed since the early 20th century (and in fact it has hardly grown at all).

#### Day 5/6

#### Route: Luderitz - Sesriem (Namib Naukluft Park)

You will have to return to Aus 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 Namib Rand and emerge to find grassy desert savannah. Upon arrival, 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 km<sup>2</sup> 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 7

#### Route: Namib Naukluft Park – Solitaire – Tropic of Capricorn- Walvis Bay

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 8

#### Route: Walvis Bay - Swakopmund

Today it's a free day. Morning you can 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. (N.B. All extra activities and excursions in Swakopmund or Walvis Bay are subject to availability and are made at your own risk and expense)

### Day 9/10

#### Route: Swakopmund – Cape Cross - 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.

Next day you will continue our journey deeper into the beautiful Damaraland region.

**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 11

#### Route: Damaraland - Opuwo

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

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.





**Day 12**

**Route: Opuwo – Epupa Falls**

We will leave Opuwo early morning and visit one of the Himbas Village (if we haven't done so day before). The route to Epupa Falls includes spectacular landscapes, baobab trees and Himba Villages, which we can also visit , as they differ then the ones at Opuwo region.

Epupa Falls - a series of cascades that drop a total of 60 m over a distance of about 1.5 km, reaching a maximum width of 500 m. Nowhere else in the world you can find a waterfall contrasted with such wild, arid desert landscape and is likely to make up one the most beautiful and memorable experiences during your trip to Namibia. Other possible activity in it's a guided (at your own expenses) or unguided walk: offers superb photographic and birdwatching opportunities. Our camp is next to the Kunene River and falls will be heard through the night.



**Day 13**

**Route: Epupa Falls – Otjitotongwe**

Unfortunately you will have to drive back to Opuwo to refuel and get on track towards Cheetahs; you should arrive there before 15h00 in time for the cheetah feeding. A game drive (provided) allows us to have the unique chance to see many of these majestic animals up close.

The cheetah originally occupied most of Africa except for the equatorial forest and the true desert, (Sahara & Namib) as well as much of the Middle East and India, where it became extinct in the early 1950's. It is now extremely rare in the rest of Asia and Africa, north of the equator.

It is estimated that there are less than 7,500 cheetah left in the world, and about 6,000 of these are found in Southern Africa. According to a 1970 study, the numbers of cheetah in Namibia had improved, due apparently to the removal of lion and hyena, by farmers. In some cases, it was because of the re-introduction of various antelope species, favoured by these fleet-footed cats.



More recent surveys have shown that Namibia has 2000-2500 cheetah, of which 95% are on private (game of cattle) farms. Unfortunately, some farmers have continued to shoot cheetah because of their tendency to raid stock, particularly where their natural prey species are scarce, or absent. Whilst the current figures do not make the cheetah endangered in the absolute sense of the word, the extraordinary degree of genetic uniformity that these cats have been shown to exhibit, raises the possibility that a disease could devastate wild populations. Otjitotongwe is dedicated to the preservation of the cheetah species. The farm offers superb photographic opportunities at scheduled cheetah feedings, and also offers guided game drives to view wild cheetah. There are also a number of unguided nature walks.

**Day 14,15,16**

**Route: Otjitotongwe – Etosha National Park**

After breakfast we will proceed to Etosha National Park where we enjoy our first game drive. On our way we stop in town of Outjio 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



Zobacz, gdzie zimują bociany !

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 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.



### Day 17 & 18

#### Route: Etosha National Park: Waterberg

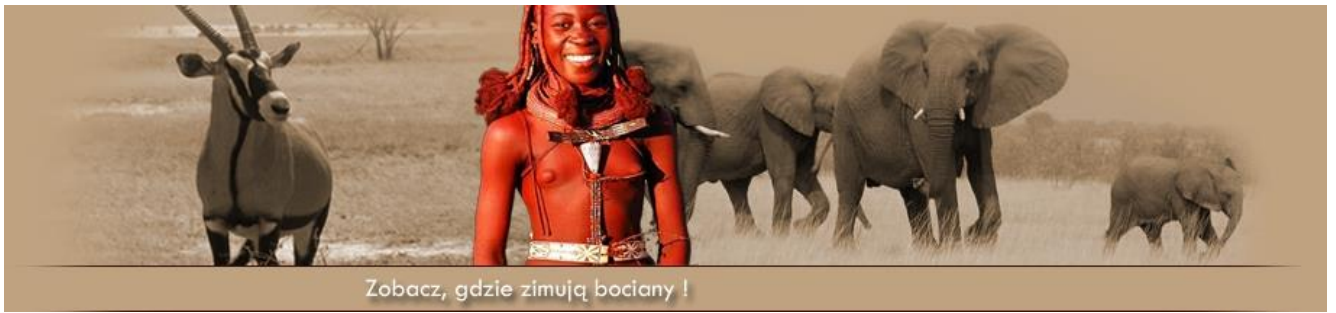


While visiting the Waterberg Plateau you will have the chance to see many different species of birds over 200 different species have been recorded here including spectacular black eagles and Namibia's only breeding colony of Cape vultures. The scenery is fantastic and there are several short, self guided bush walks and two longer hikes if you are feeling energetic.

The striking sight of Waterberg Plateau's brick-red sandstone crowned with lush vegetation has supported a wide diversity of flora and fauna for thousands of years. Rising to 420m in places and enveloped by Namibian savannah, the untouched fortifications of this unmistakable feature have provided nature with the perfect wildlife sanctuary.

The Waterberg Plateau and 41,000 hectares of surrounding land was declared a Nature Reserve in 1972. The table land is largely inaccessible, enabling several of Namibia's endangered species to be relocated here to protect them from predators and illegal hunting. The reintroduction programme was so successful that surplus species are released from Waterberg to supply other Namibian parks with rare animals. Poaching has since been eliminated. Africa's largest antelope, eland, were the first and herds of up to 100 often congregate. Presently there are some 25 species of mammal including black & white rhino, Cape buffalo, giraffe, kudu, impala, warthog, sable and roan antelope and blue wildebeest. Sightings of the elusive leopard prowling along the cliffs, cheetah, and caracal, black-backed and side-striped jackals have been seen on the plateau or in the savannah below. Rarer visits from lion and African wild dog have also been documented.

**The distance from Waterberg to the Airport is around 300 km therefore the last night will be depending on the time of your departure; Instead of Waterberg We may arrange one of the lodges near Windhoek**



## Self-Drive SAFARIS

### Price Includes:

- \* Rental Car 4x4
- \* Cost of accommodation (Lodges, Hotels, Campsites)
- \* Camping Equipment
  - o Roof Top Tents
  - o Gas Bottles
  - o Extinguisher
  - o Towing Rope, Spade, Axe
  - o Sleeping Bags, Pillows, Linen
  - o Stretches, Table, Chairs
  - o Catering Equipment
  - o Lamps
  - o Air Compressor
  - o GPS with Maps

### Price Excludes:

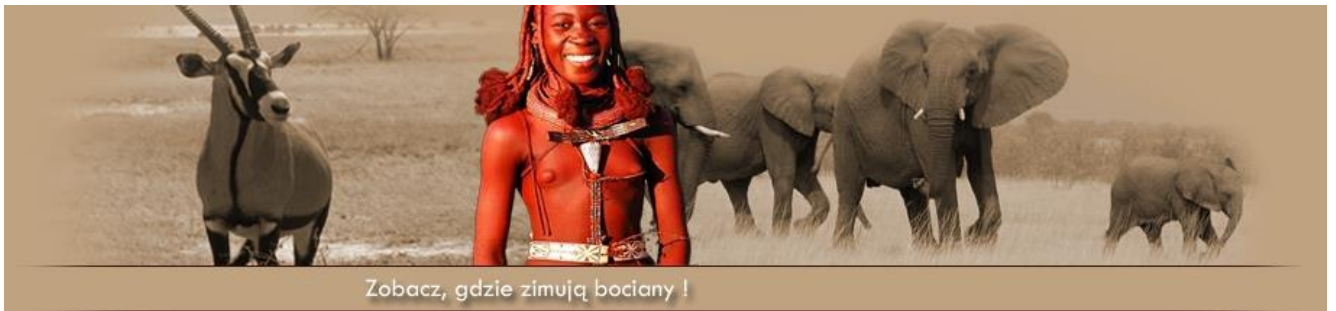
- \* Air Ticket
- \* Food (+/- 200 USD per person)
- \* Fuel (+/- 400 USD per car)
- \* Park Fees Namibia ( 8 USD per person per day – planned 7 days in National Parks)
- \* Activities listed below (see attached document)

### Price per person:

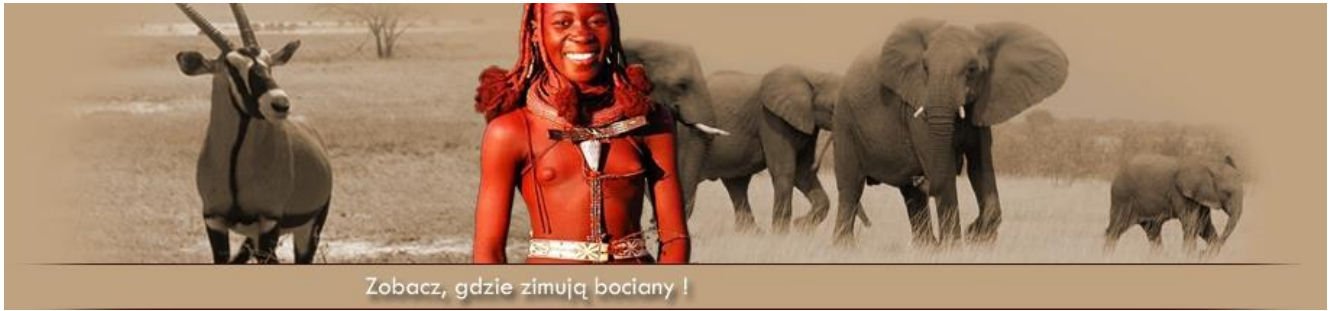
**1 450 EURO (1 Car 4 PAX)**

**2 050 EURO (1 Car 2 PAX)**





<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Accommodation</b>
23-Sep-2016	1	Windhoek	Arebbush Travel Lodge Standard
24-Sep-2016	2	Fish River	Hobas Fish River Campsite
25-Sep-2016	3	Fish River	Ai Ais Campsite
26-Sep-2016	4	Luderitz	Kairos Cottage
27-Sep-2016	5	Namib Rand	Koimasis Campsite
28-Sep-2016	6	Sesriem	Sesriem Campsite
29-Sep-2016	7	Walvis Bay	Oyster Box
30-Sep-2016	8	Swakopmund	Rapmund Hotel Pension
1-Oct-2016	9	Spitzkoppe	Spitzkoppe Campsite
2-Oct-2016	10	Damaraland	Palmwag Campsite
3-Oct-2016	11	Opuwo	Opuwo Country Campsite
4-Oct-2016	12	Epupa Falls	Epupa Falls Campsite
5-Oct-2016	13	Otjitotongwe	Cheetah Farm Campsite
6-Oct-2016	14	Etosha	Okaukuejo Campsite
7-Oct-2016	15	Etosha	Okaukuejo Campsite
8-Oct-2016	16	Etosha	Halali Campsite
9-Oct-2016	17	Waterberg	Waterberg Lodge
10-Oct-2016	18	Windhoek	Arebbusch Square Rooms
11-Oct-2016	19	Windhoek	Flight to Europe



## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### 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 ON TOUR

• 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 AND EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

• 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 land 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 tour.

*I have read and understood the above T&C*

Date and Place
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Name and Signature
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