



Wildlife Extravaganza

10 Days - Wildlife exclusive

10 day safari – our central point is the wild beauty of Namibia’s northern region - with private 4x4 vehicle & guide. The main focus of this Safari is the Caprivi, the narrow strip of land on the north-eastern side of Namibia, which lies directly between Angola, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Botswana. We start with a game drive through the African bush and later you will be able to observe elephants and hippo from a boat on the river. The culmination of your African safari will be your visit to the Victoria Falls. The lodges conjure up feelings of yesteryear: an era of explorers and pioneers.

1. Day Ochange – Otavi

Welcome to Namibia! Your guide will be waiting for you at the airport for the start of your safari to the north. We arrive at Ochange Lodge at lunchtime where you can cool off in the swimming pool before joining an open vehicle game drive in the afternoon. The Lodge lies in the heart of the Otavi Mountains and nestles in amongst Marula and Tamboti trees. Ochange means “peace” in Herero. Huge herds of antelope, including the majestic eland, giraffe, impala and a host of other species can be found here. In the evening you can enjoy a candlelit dinner under the stars. (370km)

2. Day Nkwazi Lodge – Rundu

After breakfast we continue to the Kavango River. We leave the dry heat of the inland and travel into a tropical realm. En route we visit the Hoba Meteorite and the old mining museum in Tsumeb. The museum, situate in an ex-missionary school, chronicles German colonial history and mirrors the life of Tsumeb during a time when copper was the focal point of the town. 25 km north-west of Tsumeb we find one of Namibia’s natural wonders: Lake Otjikoto. Translated *otjikoto* means “a place that is too deep for cattle to drink”. We arrive at Nkwazi Lodge in the late afternoon. With its reed-decked chalets and private verandahs, this is truly a place to relax in the wilderness of Namibia’s far north. (370 km)

3. & 4. Day Mahangu Lodge – Caprivi – Okavango

The distance from Rundu to Andara is only 175km and the start of the Caprivi Strip, a narrow strip of land where the borders of Namibia, Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe meet. In the past it has somehow always

been a political bone of contention with different claims of ownership. Today the Caprivi Strip remains peaceful and is the home of those to whom it has always belonged – the animals. The thatched-roofed Mahangu Lodge lies close to the Mahangu Game Park and the West Caprivi Game Park. The Lodge offers a lapa, dinner and lounge area, a bar and a swimming pool. You can enjoy an excellent view of the opposite bank of the river (West Caprivi National Park) from two large sundecks erected directly above the water's edge. Elephant, buffalows, hippo, sea eagle, kudu etc are frequently seen from this vantage point. The magnificent view of the Okavango is unforgettable. For the adventurous, Mahangu Safari Lodge offers boat trips, during which the wildlife in and around the river, including a diversity of birdlife, can be observed and photographed. An option, too, is to visit the Popa Falls and both national parks in the area. Game fish enthusiasts have the opportunity to pit their skills against the renowned Tiger Fish during a boat excursion. (250 km)

5. & 6. Day Susuwe Island Lodge – Kwandu River

We cross the Caprivi Game Park to reach Susuwe Island Lodge, our home for the next couple of days. The Lodge is on a small island in this game rich area, in the remote north-east of Namibia, on the banks of the Kwando River and in the heart of Africa's wilderness. The wooden deck enables you to experience animals at close range. Don a sunhat, relax in a deckchair, arm yourself with a gin and tonic and, with a pair of binoculars, you will feel like one of Africa's explorers of yesteryear! Here you have a ringside seat in paradise! From the deck and main lodge buildings you have a view over vast savannahs, the swamp area and ancient Kalahari trees. The Lodge itself has a cosy fire place, a large lounge with restaurant area and a library. Furthermore, the Lodge offers a host of activities. (260km)

7. & 8. Day Impalila Lodge – Caprivi – Fly In

Your guide will take you to an airstrip where a pilot is waiting to fly you to your next destination. From the small Cessna aeroplane you will have a breathtaking "Out of Africa" experience, flying over the pristine African animal kingdom. The Impalila Lodge is one of my favourite lodges in the Caprivi and an absolute highlight of your safari. The small island on which the Lodge has been built lies in the middle of the confluence of two of Africa's mighty rivers – the Chobe and the Zambezi. This is the only place in the world where four countries – Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Botswana – converge. The Impalila Island lies on the north-eastern tip of Namibia, only 70 km from the Victoria Falls. While flying over this area you will be impressed by the myriad of channels forming a natural mosaic of waterways, bush and reed. The birdlife, hippos, elephants, zebras and all the antelope species – all at home in this lush vegetation, a veritable paradise. Impalila Island Lodge is a romantic luxury experience and nowhere else will a glass of red wine under the stars taste quite as good as it does here! (Fly in 30min. 1Hr.)

9. & 10. Day The Waterfront Lodge – Livingstone – Fly in/Fly out

How time flies! Your last two days in Africa! You fly to The Waterfront Lodge in Livingstone, Zambia. Here you will experience the highlight of your safari: the Victoria Falls. The Arabs referred to these waterfalls as the “end of the world”. Although known to the indigenous people, David Livingstone was the first European to set eyes on them on 17 November 1855. He was so impressed by them, that he named them after the then reigning monarch, Queen Victoria and described them as follows:

“No one can imagine the beauty of the view from anything witnessed in England. It had never been seen before by European eyes; but scenes so lovely must have been gazed upon by angels in their flight.”

The next morning you travel to Windhoek by air to catch your return flight home in the evening.