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8 Days Okavango Delta and Victoria Falls Serviced Camping



This Serviced Camping Adventure Tour offers the budget traveller 8 days to discover Botswana and the Victoria Falls.

Begin your eight-day journey of discovery in Namibia and finish at the Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. Equally magnificent, each region offers a unique experience of overwhelming beauty. On one hand, you have a Natural Wonder of the World: Victoria Falls, which is a magical realm of mist-soaked rainforest shrouded by the deafening roar of cascading water. On the other hand, you have Botswana, which is home to 70 percent of the Kalahari Desert and the Okavango Delta, one of the largest inland deltas in the world.

This tour delivers an unforgettable experience as you dance with the San (Bushmen), do a mokoro excursion in the Okavango Delta, discover wildlife in Chobe National Park, and soak up the incredible views of Victoria Falls.

Tour Highlights

Ghanzi: Dance and explore the Kalahari with the San (Bushmen) tribe.

The Okavango Delta: Once you are comfortable and laid back in your mokoro, the slow and tranquil journey into The Delta begins.

Elephant Sands: Elephant Sands is famous for its wildlife watering hole, voted as one of the top ten watering holes in Africa.

Chobe National Park: Explore the park on the Chobe river during your included afternoon sunset boat cruise and on an optional morning game drive.

Victoria Falls: Cross into Zimbabwe and enjoy a short drive to the magnificent Victoria Falls and its charming little town.

Accommodation Grade:

Serviced Camping with 3 star graded hotels and lodges

Predominantly camping, with standard hotel accommodation at your start and end locations of each tour and depending on the itinerary, some nights in between. Tents are 2.5m x 2.5m dome tents with mesh windows and doors which acts as a mosquito net. 2 Travellers per tent – All accommodation is shared between (same gender) members of the tour group unless you booked a single supplement

Physical Rating / Trip Pace:

Medium / Adventurous

Our tours are of an adventurous nature and some activities could require a person to be actively involved, so we require all participants to be "young at heart", in good health and have a flexible outlook on problem-solving and participation in a group setting.

You need to be fit enough to take your own luggage in and out of the vehicle and carry it to and from your tent/room. You need to be able to travel long distances on some days and you must be able to get in and out of an overland safari vehicle with ease and un-assisted.

General:

Tour code:	WVAC
Style:	Serviced Camping
Comfort level:	Adventurous
Group size:	Max 20
Days:	8
Start:	Windhoek
End:	Victoria Falls
Distance:	1600km

Included:

Transport:	Adventure Overland Safari Vehicle
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Meals:	7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 5 Dinners
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Accommodation:	Hotel (1 nt), Serviced Camping (5 nts), Lodge/Tented Rooms (1 nt)
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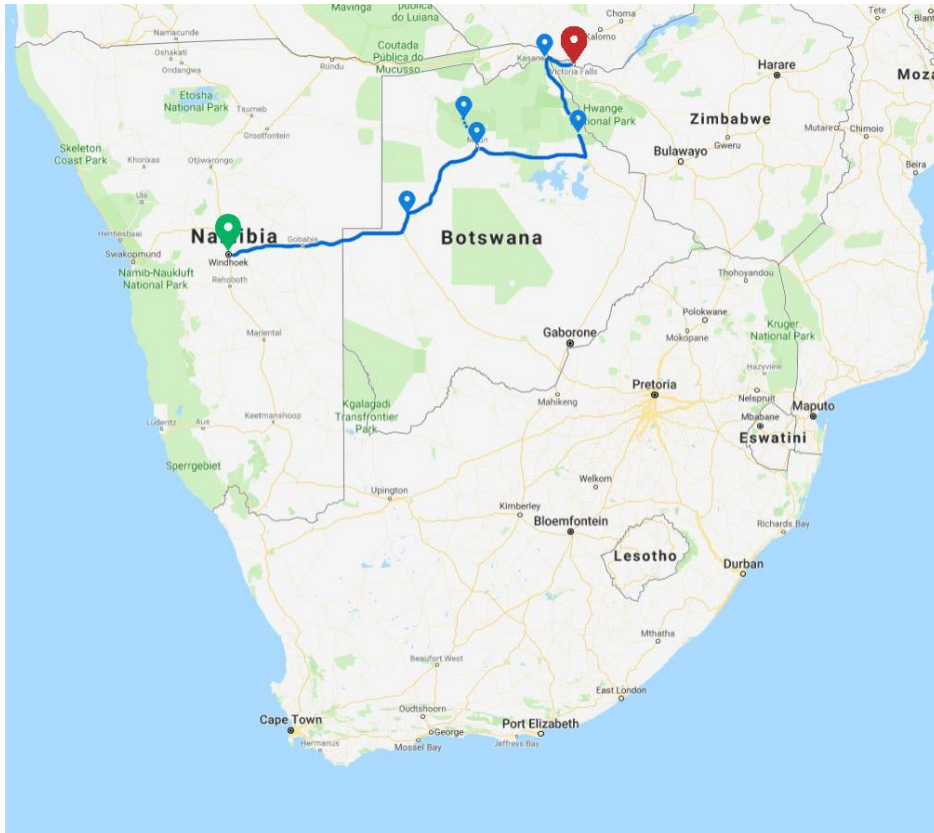
Entrance fees:	Okavango Delta, Chobe National Park
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Activities:	Okavango Delta Experience, Chobe River Boat Cruise
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Airport transfer:	Inclusive of your arrival transfer. Please see "Joining Instructions" for more details
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Serviced Camping:	No Duties! Sit back, relax, and enjoy the adventure: Services of a Tour Leader, Driver and Camp Assistant for the duration of the tour, local guides as per activities included. All chores covered by the crew – cooking, cleaning, pitching & packing of tents
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Route Map:



Joining Instructions

On arrival in Windhoek, you will make your way to the joining hotel. As an added service to our travellers, your arrival airport transfer is included. Walk out of the international arrivals area and look for a transfer person holding Africa4us signage and your name. Ask him/her what hotel he/she will be taking you to (do not volunteer this information). Then present your passport for proof of identity.

The tour departs in the morning of day 2. A brief departure meeting will be held in the hotel reception area in evening on day 1 of your tour at 6 PM. Upon arrival, the reception will provide information from your Tour Leader regarding the meeting place and time.

NB: As a precondition we require your arrival flight details no later than four weeks prior to the start date of your tour. Kindly e-mail this information to: flights@afrika4us.com. Please make sure that you receive your travel voucher confirming the transfer. The transfer is non-refundable if not used.

If you have not met our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, please call the **24-hour emergency number** at +27 (0) 82 556 4562.



Itinerary:

Day 1: Windhoek

Explore Windhoek during the day and meet your group and your Tour Leader in the evening at 18:00 to get acquainted and review your trip details. Windhoek is a tiny capital town but with loads of interesting things to offer. One of the most famous is the display of 33 meteorites, the Gibeon Meteorites in the Post Street Mall. Here you can take pictures of and touch these extra-terrestrial bodies that are corrosive resistant due to the high amount of nickel in them. Shopping opportunities abound and for the historically inclined there are many museums and historical buildings within walking distance in the town centre. One of the most widely photographed and a historical landmark is the Christ Church, a Lutheran church, built in the Gothic revival style.



Meals Included: None



Travel time: N/A



Activities Included: Airport Transfer, Welcome Meeting at 18:00
 Activities Optional: Explore City, Museums & Craft Market



Entrance Fees Included: N/A



Hotel: Hotel Safari or similar



Day 2: Windhoek to Ghanzi

Depart Windhoek early for a long drive through the eastern part of Namibia, crossing the border into Botswana and travelling into the heart of the Kalahari Desert. Ghanzi is the area where San (Bushmen) live who still have the knowledge of an ancient lifestyle and who are eager to welcome visitors into their almost forgotten world. In the evening, you can enjoy an optional ancient dance ritual performed around a campfire by the San and if the night is clear, enjoy the sparkling, starry skies for which Ghanzi is famous.



Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Travel time: 9 hrs



Activities Included: N/A

Activities Optional: San (Bushmen) Dance PM



Entrance Fees Included: N/A



Camping: Ghanzi Trail Blazers or similar



Day 3: Ghanzi to Maun

Enjoy an optional morning walk with the San (Bushmen) as they display their survival skills that have been passed on from generation to generation before departing Ghanzi. Arrive in Maun, Botswana's fifth largest town, after lunchtime. Once you arrive in Maun you will have the option to get a spectacular birds-eye view of the Okavango Delta from above in a small fixed wing aircraft (weather permitting). Looking down on the Delta from the aircraft, you will get a fair idea of the magnitude of this massive mix of land and water with its intricate system of channels and islands. You might also see families of elephant, giraffe, and herds of buffalo or even hippos from the air. If you skip the flight, you will have the chance to kick back and relax at the campsite.



Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Travel time: 5 hrs



Activities Included: N/A

Activities Optional: San (Bushmen) Walk AM, Delta Flight PM



Entrance Fees Included: N/A



Camping: Island Safari Camp or similar



Day 4: Maun (Okavango Delta)

To ensure the best Delta experience for our clients we have implemented two different styles or means of exploring this unique eco system. Due to the changing water levels in the Delta and dry seasons we will either explore the Delta on a Mokoro(boat) or on a 4x4 open vehicle game drive.

Mokoro: Today you will experience a unique way of travelling into the Okavango Delta with a mokoro. The mokoro is used by local people as means of transport. You will be transferred to the “polling” station either with a motorized boat or a 4x4 vehicle depending on the water levels of the Delta. A mokoro is a traditional dug-out canoe that seats two people. The mokoro is steered by a “poler” standing at the back, manoeuvring the mokoro downstream with a pole, very much like the gondoliers in Venice.

Once you are comfortable and laid back in your mokoro, the slow and tranquil journey into The Delta begins. Gliding along on the quiet water you will have an unlimited source of opportunities to take exquisite photos of your surroundings. The duration of the mokoro trail depends on the time of year and water levels of the Delta. You will stop for lunch at an island and enjoy a nature walk of a few hours. Then you head back to Maun, again in your mokoro enjoying the last hour or two on the water while the late afternoon sun starts heading for the horizon.

The Delta is usually at its lowest point from December to May

4X4 Open Vehicle Game Drive in Moremi Game Reserve: Departing from Maun early morning, we are destined for the Blackpools and Xini Lagoon areas in Moremi Game Reserve.

Once past the Buffalo Fence and inside the Delta area, 50km from Maun, we start our Delta experience. You can expect a full day of exploration in the search of wild animals, interesting and varied landscapes in this untamed African bush. Lunch will be done en-route and you will have the opportunity to take exquisite photos as Moremi is well known for teeming bird life, elephants, buffalo, hippo, lion and if you are lucky leopard (including various antelope species).

What makes Moremi unique is that it was the first tribal land to be proclaimed by a local African tribe in 1963 as a wildlife sanctuary.

During the dry season, a congregation of all bird and wildlife species, along permanent rivers and water holes makes Moremi Game Reserve one of the most unforgettable wildlife experiences!

This experience will only be conducted if the water levels are too low for our travellers to have a proper Mokoro Delta experience. The Delta is usually at its lowest point from December to May.

Africa4us is deeply committed to protecting the environment and we make sure that our tours reflect this commitment. During the years of conducting tours in the Delta, we have experienced that the human footprint being left behind have a negative effect on this extremely sensitive eco system

therefore, we do not include an overnight experience in the Delta. We believe that our included Delta experience give one the same adventure with less impact on the environment.



Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Travel time: N/A



Activities Included: Okavango Delta Experience
Activities Optional: N/A



Entrance Fees Included: Okavango Delta



Camping: Island Safari Camp or similar



Day 5: Maun to Elephant Sands

Set out for Elephant Sands, which is close to the Botswanan village of Nata. Elephant Sands is famous for its watering hole, voted as one of the top ten watering holes in Africa. At this watering hole, you can expect to see animals such as wild dogs, different antelope species and of course elephants that walk through the campsite searching for fresh water. This will most certainly be the closest you will get to these wild animals on foot.



Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Travel time: 6 hrs



Activities Included: N/A
Activities Optional: N/A



Entrance Fees Included: Okavango Delta



Camping: Elephant Sands or similar



Day 6: Elephant Sands to Chobe River (Kasane)

Continue to the small town of Kasane, which is adjacent to the Chobe National Park & Chobe River. Relish the views during your included afternoon sunset boat cruise. Take your own sundowner with you as you look for wildlife on the banks of the Chobe River. Game such as elephant, buffalo, kudu, bushbuck, hippo, giraffe, and sable are commonly seen along the river edge, and it is a birdwatcher's paradise during the summer months. (You have an opportunity to go on an optional Photo Safari at your own expense, however, you would forfeit the included afternoon sunset boat cruise).



Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Travel time: 4 hrs



Activities Included: Chobe Boat Cruise
Activities Optional: Pangolin Photo Safari



Entrance Fees Included: Chobe National Park



Camping: Thebe River Safari Camp or similar



Day 7: Chobe River (Kasane) to Victoria Falls

Cross into Zimbabwe and enjoy a short drive to the magnificent Victoria Falls and its charming little town. The Victoria Falls is not the widest or highest falls but is regarded as the world's biggest. It produces a breath-taking curtain of falling water as it drops into the gorge below. See why it is considered among one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Today you will have time to do some of the action-filled activities that the area offers. Bungee jump or gorge swing off the Victoria Falls Bridge that links Zambia and Zimbabwe and have a different view of the Victoria Falls at the same time. This bridge is constructed to carry railway, road, and foot traffic. For an adrenaline-filled activity closer to the Zambezi River, choose a half day or full day white water rafting adventure.

Many of our groups opt to book their final evening together aboard a sunset cruise along the Zambezi River with game-viewing, beautiful scenery, and an open bar. Book a day or two extra in Victoria Falls to make the most of your stay.



Meals Included: Breakfast



Travel time: 2 hrs



Activities Included: N/A

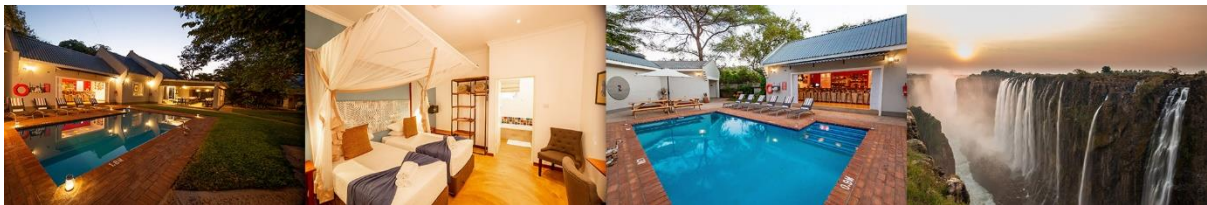
Activities Optional: Chobe Game Drive, White Water Rafting, Bungee Jumping, Helicopter Flights, Boat Cruise



Entrance Fees Included: N/A



Lodge/Bungalow: Phezulu Lodge or similar



Day 8: Victoria Falls

Our last goodbye, a healthy breakfast, and the end of another incredible tour. Book an additional day or two in Victoria Falls to make the most of your stay.



Meals Included: Breakfast

Departure Airport Transfer:

Your departure airport transfer is bookable through Africa4us.

Post-night Accommodation:

We recommend booking a post-night to make the most of your stay. Post-night accommodation is bookable through Africa4us.

We would love to hear about your experience! Please review us on one of our various social media accounts, website or TripAdvisor.

We have designed this itinerary to ensure that you get the best possible experience from this tour and region. Please note that if the itinerary on your trip differs slightly from the online itinerary or brochure, be assured that any change has been made after careful consideration and with the goal to provide you with the most rewarding experience. Changes considered necessary will usually be due to change in service levels, road conditions, recommendations from past clients etc. The goal of any change will be to give an improved experience. You will be informed in writing of any major changes before your trip starts to keep you informed at all times and discuss any concerns you might have.

Some changes might also be totally out of our control, like changes in visa fees and procedures, available activities etc. and might differ to what we have advised on our website. If changes take place while you are on the road, our adventure crew will be informed immediately, and this information will be conveyed to you. The adventure crew will give you all possible assistance to manage these changes.

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