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## TRIP DOSSIER

### NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA, VICTORIA FALLS

#### REF.NBV CAMPING

24 DAYS LAND ONLY.

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Namibia - the land in the South-West of Africa between the Orange River in the South and the Kunene River in the North - is a barren land, like from another star, but still inviting and strangely familiar. Namibia is a paradise for photographers, a land of contrasts and clear colours. Those who are looking for peace and stillness and enjoy mesmerising landscapes and wide desert expanse, are going to fall in love with Namibia, one of the least populated countries in the world. Namibia is Africa at its best, with friendly, natural people, with endless savannah and bushland and an amazingly diverse animal world, protected in the vast Etosha National Park and in many other game reserves. Namibia is an adventure, but one doesn't need to be an adventurer to experience this country. A well maintained road network, comfortable hotels, lodges and guest farms make travelling a pleasure.

Home to proud tribes steeped in tradition, herds of rare desert-dwelling elephants, wild horses and massive colonies of seals, Namibia showcases the very best of Africa's raw landscapes. From quaint German-inspired towns to uninhabitable deserts, bushland filled with wildlife and a rocky coastline littered with shipwrecks, Namibia's untamed charm is compelling, captivating and camera-worthy.

Botswana is the home to one of Africa's star attractions and a UNSECO World Heritage Site. The river (Okavango) that never finds the sea is one of the world's great natural phenomena. When the Okavango River floods from March to August, the area swells to 3 times its normal size. As this happens during Botswana's dry winter months it attracts huge concentrations of animals

The Victoria Falls constitutes one of the most spectacular natural wonders of the world. The Local people call it "Mosi-oa-Tunya" -- the smoke that thunders. There is a magic about them manifested in the towering column of spray when the river is high, the thunder of the falling water, the terrifying abyss and tranquil lagoons upstream in which hippo and deadly crocodiles lurk. The Victoria Falls is 1 708 meters wide, making it the largest curtain of water in the world. It drops between 90m and 107m into the Zambezi Gorge and an average of 550,000 cubic metres of water plummet over the edge every minute. Remarkably preserved in its natural state, Victoria Falls inspires visitors as much today as it did David Livingstone in the 1860's. The falls and the surrounding area have been declared National Parks and a World Heritage Site, thus preserving the area from excessive commercialisation. We spent our time visiting this natural wonder in Zimbabwe.

From here we explore the Caprivi Strip, wide tropical rivers bear names to conjure with – the Zambezi, the Okavango, the Chobe and the Linyanti. The vegetation is lush and supports a dense population, making this a unique corner of Namibia which, in many ways, feels much more like a part of Botswana or Zambia than it does a part of the rest of Namibia. We end the safari in Windhoek.

**NB.1.** This safari can **end** in Vic Falls.

2. This is a, **no frills**, camping safari. Most places we visit have the options to upgrade to lodge accommodation.

**Grading:** Anyone in good health with a sense of adventure should be able to take part. There is no real physical difficulty involved, but as in much of Africa, rough roads, limited facilities and basic accommodation may require you to adjust your levels of expectations. **NB:** Although it is our intention to operate this itinerary as printed in the brochure and detailed below, it may be necessary to make some changes as a result of alterations to flight/boat/train schedules, climatic conditions, or other operational factors. As a consequence, the order or location of overnight stops may vary from those outlined. Included meals are indicated in the daily itinerary (i.e. BLD - Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner).

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**DAY 1: WINDHOEK;**

Arrive at Hosea Kutako International Airport. We collect you and drive to our game lodge outside Windhoek. Here you have the optional excursions to explore the farm on a game drives, bird watching expeditions or by joining in on guided hiking trails.

We do the safari briefing before we go for dinner.

*1 x night en-suite safari lodge room.*

**DAY 2: KALAHARI;**

We start our adventure ulendo after breakfast, travelling through the thin strip of Kalahari Desert that protrudes onto the eastern side of Namibia.



*Windhoek*

The Kalahari Desert is very different from the Namib. It is not a desert as it receives more rain than a true desert. The Kalahari is a fossil desert. The Kalahari's dunes are very different than those at Sossusvlei, usually greener and less stark with this vegetation comes its ability to support more flora and fauna than a true desert. The Kalahari Desert is part of the huge sand basin, reaching from the Orange River up to Angola, over the east of Namibia, into Botswana and South Africa. The erosion of soft stone formations created the sand masses. The red parallel dunes with wind-shaped sand ridges were stabilized through vegetation and are so typical of the landscape in the Kalahari. Unlike the dunes of the Namib Desert, those of the Kalahari are stable and not wandering. Dominant vegetation: grasses, thorny shrubs and Acacia trees. We set up our camp at a game lodge. The campsite is located in the picturesque Auob river bed and shaded by age old Camel Thorn trees. (You have the option to upgrade to a chalet. Own cost)

There are the following optional excursions: Scenic Game Drive or Lion Tracking Experience or a Night Drive which opens up a whole new look on the amazing nightlife of the Kalahari.

We return to our camp to freshen up before going to the lodge for dinner.

*1 x night camping, (1 x B).*

**DAY 3: FISH RIVER CANYON;**

We have an early morning departure to the Fish Rive Canyon. We visit the Mesosaurus Fossil Site en-route before arriving at our campsite in the Fish River Canyon. Here we have the opportunity to see the Quiver-tree. Quiver trees are not in fact trees; they are a type of aloe, (Aloe Dichotoma), so called because the branches fork "dictomously". These weird looking plants dot the landscape in this part of the world and are locally common; however they are one of the world's rarest flora species.

Fish River Canyon is one of the largest canyons in the world; it is around 160 km in length and reaching a depth in excess of 500 meters. After we have set up our camp we go for a nature walk, exploring the area to learn more about the fauna and flora as then drive to the viewpoints.

We return to start our cooking around the fire.



**Quiver tree.**

*1 x night camping, (1 x B, 1 x D).*

#### **DAY 4: AUS;**

We visit the canyon again after an early breakfast. The Fish River Canyon in Namibia is the 2nd largest canyon in the world after the Grand Canyon. The immensity of this magnificent landscape is truly breath taking. 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.

From here we drive to our next destination, the tiny town of Aus. We sleep tonight at a private reserve, beautifully located in the Aus Mountain Range.



**Wild horses.**

Upon arrival we set up camp and have the rest of the day free for own exploration.

*1 x night camping, (1 x B, 1 x D).*

#### **DAYS: LUDERITZ;**

We have a short drive to Lüderitz and keep a sharp look out for the unique Namib wild horses. They roam the sparsely vegetated plains of the Namib Desert in small groups: the Wild Horses. Over the decades they have conquered the desert as their habitat. They come to drink from the trough at Garub, some 20 km west of Aus. From a hide you can watch the horses and take pictures. They roam the sparsely vegetated plains of the Namib Desert in small groups. These horses are the only feral horses in Namibia and have, very unusually, become adapted to an existence with very limited water. They are the descendants of the horses used by the German cavalry during the First World War.

We arrive in Lüderitz in time to join an optional extra excursion, a trip on a catamaran. We take a cruise around Lüderitz bay and, weather permitting, to Halifax Island to see the Jackass Penguins.

Straight after the boat trip we drive out to Kolmanskop, a desert ghost town about 20 km out of Lüderitz. It was built in the 1920's during the diamond rush and was abandoned when bigger and better diamonds were found further along the coast. The area is still abandoned and the desert has encroached over the entire town, giving an eerie feeling and real meaning to the word "ghost".

Lunch today is not included in the program; this is to allow everybody as much flexibility with their time as possible and to give us the opportunity to sample some of the excellent local cafes.

During the middle of the day there is time to explore Lüderitz Town

with its traditional German architecture and later we will take a drive out to Diaz Point to see the bird life, hopefully a few seals and the stone cross replica, originally erected by the Portuguese mariner Bartholomew Diaz.

Returning to Klein Aus Vista in the late afternoon, the road takes us through the "forbidden Zone" so named because in years gone by, the alluvial diamonds found in Namibia were simply scattered across the desert and we again have time to enjoy sunset over the mountains.

N.B: The "Catamaran Cruise" is subject to availability and, if undertaken, will be for the clients own risk and expense.



**Scenery of Aus.**

*1 x nights camping, (1 x B).*

#### **DAY 6: SOLITAIR;**

Turning north, we once again head deep into the ancient southern Namib, travelling on small gravel roads and passing some tiny rural communities along the way. The scenery is harsh, and sometimes forbidding. The process of erosion in these areas is well advanced and we pass time rounded "koppies" arid terrain and outcrops of tortured rock.



*Namib Scenery*

Traversing this bleak yet beautiful landscape, the terrain begins to change and we cross some open grass savannah and farmlands before the terrain begins to give way to the immense red sand dune desert of the Namib. We aim to arrive at our camp during the late afternoon and watch the colors glow and change on distant mountains to the east.

*2 x night camping, (1 x B).*

#### **DAY 7: SOLITAIR;**

A pre-dawn start is essential this morning as we want to catch the soft light of the sunrise on the desert. After passing through Sesriem, the gateway to the dunes and driving into the heart of the dune field, we reach Sossusvlei itself by walking the last 5 km through the dunes.



*Sesriem Canyon*

The walk is like nothing else, in the cool of the morning, with soft sunlight just beginning to play over the dunes creating a sharp light and shadow contrast across the whole desert. Ancient mineral pans, stunted camel thorn trees and the chance of seeing a gemsbok or maybe an ostrich make the photo opportunities perfect.

We spend the morning in and around Sossusvlei, also visiting dune 45, and as the day wears on we return to Sesriem for lunch to escape the heat of the afternoon. As the day cools off in the late afternoon we will take a short excursion to the Sesriem Canyon.

#### **DAY 8: OKONJIMA;**

After breakfast we begin our journey, over the mountains and along scenic roads, back to Windhoek. We will travel over the Naukluft Mountains and also the Khomas Hochland Range, through beautiful mountain passes.

We will travel north, stopping at

Local towns along the way, including Okahandja, we have time to visit Namibia's largest wood carving market. The market is operated on a local co-operative basis and is one of the best places to shop for truly Namibian souvenirs. Continuing north, passing through farmland, we aim to arrive at Okonjima during the middle afternoon, giving us time to set up our camp and to relax in the shade for a while before heading out on to the property to take part in the afternoon's activity. Okonjima is the home of the AfriCat Foundation, a specialist conservation concern that centers its operations on the African Big Cats, particularly cheetah.



*Cheetah*

This afternoon you will be taken on a tour during which you will be able to meet, close-up-and-personal, some of the cheetah that are going through the AfriCat rehabilitation program. Most of the animals currently living at Okonjima have been rescued from various desperate situations, being orphaned or caught in a trap, and the aim of the rehabilitation process is to attempt to re-introduce them into the wild.

After our educational tour we will return to our camp and prepare for dinner under the African stars.

*1 x night camping, (1 x L, 1 x D).*

**DAY 9: NAMUTONI;**

An early start and continuing north we pass through some small towns, making short stops for fresh supplies and fuel. Continuing on to our East Etosha, Namutoni region camp we again aim to arrive in time for lunch, giving us time to relax before heading into the park during the cool of the late afternoon for our first game drive.

We return after sunset in time for dinner.

*1 x night camping, (1 x B).*

**DAY 10: OKAUKUEJO;**

A full day’s game driving. We again leave early to enjoy the cool morning air as we game drive our way through Etosha to Halali camp, situated in the middle of the park. Along the way we visit several waterholes and are afforded splendid views of the massive Etosha Pan. The game viewing is usually excellent and we have the chance to tick off a few new species that are not normally seen on the Namutoni side of the park.



*Black Rhino.*

We stop at Halali for a rest and a leisurely lunch. There is time to visit the Halali waterhole and to make use of the swimming pool and bar facilities before continuing on our way and game driving down to Okaukuejo, Etosha’s main rest camp and resort where we will

check in and set up camp. Originally the site of a German fort built in 1901, Okaukuejo now houses the Etosha Ecological Institute, founded in 1974; the round watchtower is a remnant of the fort.

After your evening meal there are still more chances to see Etosha’s big game at a floodlit waterhole, situated on the boundary of our camp and easily reachable within a minute or two on foot.

The waterhole has been described as one of the “best game viewing opportunities in Southern Africa” and the ideal venue to witness peculiar animal politics. Black rhino, Africa’s tallest elephants, lion and numerous species of antelope are regular visitors during the cool, dry season.

*1 x night camping.*

**DAY 11: HOADA;**

Leaving Etosha we begin our journey south with a relatively short drive to the small town of Kamanjab.

Within this area you have the opportunity of visiting a Himba Village – the only traditionally functioning Himba community outside the far north Kaokoland region of Namibia. These tribespeople have migrated here, lifestyle and customs intact, and are following their traditional way-of-life in their village on a farm, the exact location of the site varies as the Himba occasionally roam to a new location.



*Himba community*

We will learn about marriage customs, traditional food and the mysteries of the “Holy Fire” religion.

From here it is a short drive on to The Hoada Community Campsite which is located among beautiful granite hills and mopane trees. To add an eco-friendly touch, the hot water system works in combination with the barbecue area, therefore whilst your meal is being prepared, your water will be warmed up for your shower! We overnight here, camping under the stars.

*1xnight camping, (1 x B, 1 x L, 1 x D).*

**DAY 12: TWYFELFONTEIN;**

Today we head into one of the most beautiful desert regions in Namibia, Damaraland. We drive west via the Grootberg Pass and then take a detour to visit the ancient Bushman rock engravings at Twyfelfontein.



*Bushman rock engravings*

At this location we will have a local guide to conduct us on a short

guided tour before we set up camp for the night.

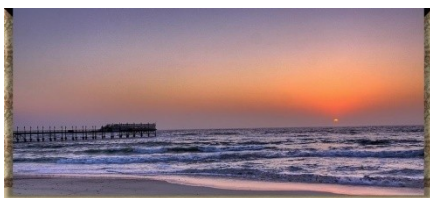
*1 x night camping, (1 x B, 1 x L, 1 x D).*

### **DAY 13: SWAKOPMUND;**

From here we head deeper into the desert and pass Namibia's highest mountain, The Brandberg, (2573 m) and more beautiful Damaraland scenery. We make a stop in the small town of Uis, an old mining town, and one of the best places to buy semi-precious stones, for which Namibia is famous. Here, rough Amethyst and Tourmaline can be found at bargain prices.

From here we turn directly west and cross the gravel plains on our way to the Atlantic Ocean and the Skeleton Coast. Meeting the ocean at Henties Bay, we first head north along the coast to visit the seal colony at Cape Cross. At certain times of the year as many as 100,000 Cape Fur seals congregate.

The next destination is Swakopmund, following the Skeleton Coast into Namibia's premier seaside town. We aim to arrive in the late afternoon giving us time to explore the town on foot before sunset. We settle into our guesthouse.



### *Swakopmund*

Tonight we take the chance to sample one of the excellent restaurants. The seafood in Swakopmund is superb.

Your guide will offer to organize a group meal in a local restaurant for this evening. Participation is recommended but by no means required.

Dinner is for the client's own account.

*1 x night en-suite room, (1 x B).*

### **DAY 14: GOBABIS;**

After breakfast, we head east on our way to Botswana. We pass Windhoek and settle in at our next destination. Here we have the opportunity to relax on a real Namibian cattle and game ranch close to Gobabis. 5 000ha of the farm have been fenced off to form the game park in which a variety of wildlife roams freely. The resident Nharo Bushmen families, who have lived in the area for hundreds of years, are proud to share their fascinating heritage and traditional knowledge with us. Options are: - Walking trails with Nharo Bushmen (Bush walks)

- Bushmen Dancing in the evening  
- Visit of the Nharo Bushmen Village. Or you can see the Cheetah and Leopard feeding. Your guide will assist you in making any bookings.

*1 x night camping, (1 x B).*

### **DAY 15: GHANZI;**

We have breakfast, and then we cross into Botswana, and drive to our campsite which is on a local farm in the Kalahari, near Ghanzi. On arrival we set up camp, enjoy a relaxing afternoon, wait for the sun to set and enjoy a fire cooked dinner and the tranquility of an evening in a remote wilderness environment. Evening activity: Bushman dancing.



### *Ghanzi*

*1 x night camping, (1 x L, 1 x D).*

### **DAY 16: MAUN;**

An early start and we continue north, traversing the linear dunes of the Kalahari and passing through small towns along the way to Maun. Maun is the gateway to the one of the best wildlife experiences you will ever have - a safari in the unforgettable Okavango Delta.

Maun has grown rapidly from its early days as a small, rural frontier town and has now spread along the wide, usually dry Thamalakane River. Since the town's establishment in 1915 as the tribal capital of the Batswana people, Maun has had a rough and ready reputation as a hard-living 'Wild West' town servicing the local cattle ranching and hunting operations. We have the afternoon free to explore unescorted. Discuss with your guide what optional excursion you want to do tomorrow to enable us to book same in good time. A great option would be to go on a scenic flight over the Delta this afternoon.

After another great African sundowner, we go to dinner before we turn in for the night.

*En-suite chalet; 2 x nights (2 x B)*

### **DAY 17: OKAVANGO DELTA;**

We are in the territory of the River People, so this morning we leave our vehicle behind and travel in a more appropriate fashion, by traditional Mokoro (dugout canoe), deep into the Delta.



### *Okavango Delta*

Mokoro's will be our main form of transport.

These amazing Traditional craft are perfectly designed for the narrow waterways of the Okavango and allow us to travel further into the Delta than if we were using more modern forms of transport.

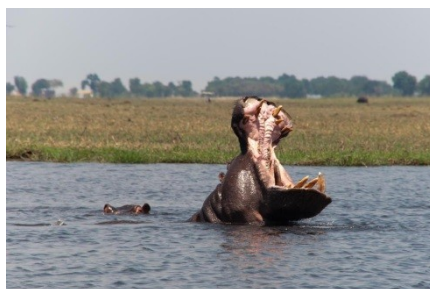
Mokoro's carry three people, two seated passengers and one driver. The driver stands in the rear of the canoe, (a real feat of balance), and uses a long wooden pole to propel and steer the Mokoro through the twisting channels. It really is the only way to travel in this area. We have lunch on an island and go on a game walk with a guide. We then return with our Mokoro to the mainland and drive back to our lodge. We have some time to enjoy next to the pool. Dinner will be at our lodge.

### **DAY 18: KASANE;**

We travel to our next destination; Kasane. In the afternoon we head off on a leisurely game drive (optional extra), exploring the wonders of the Chobe National Park by road. Game drives within the park offer the opportunity to

view abundant elephant and other big game species up close, and there is also the possibility of an encounter with one of the large predators.

If time allows we joining a river boat cruise, back into the park. From the boat we will have the chance to see a huge amount of wild game, both on the river banks and in the waters swirling around us. (Optional)



### *Boat safari, Chobe National Park*

Crocodiles and hippos abound in the forbidding Chobe River and on the land side there is often a kaleidoscope of different antelope and species such as elephant, buffalo and even the Big Cats come to the river banks for their sundowner drink. The Chobe River provides a very broad habitat for bird life and it is possible to see many beautiful species of our feathered friends.

*1 x night camping, (1 x B).*



### *Chobe National Park*

### **DAY 19: VICTORIA FALLS;**

Our journey today takes us to the Kazangula border; this is the near meeting point of four countries (Namibia, Botswana, Zambia & Zimbabwe). Upon completion of border formalities we make the short drive to the town of Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe.

Victoria Falls presents a spectacular sight of awe-inspiring beauty and grandeur on the Zambezi River, forming the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. It was described by the Kololo tribe living in the area in the 1800's as 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' – 'The Smoke that Thunders'. In more modern terms Victoria Falls is known as the greatest curtain of falling water in the world. Our campsite is situated right in the middle of Victoria Falls town making it a perfect place to be based with all amenities within walking distance. The Rest Camp is only 2km's from the falls making it the closest campsite to the Victoria Falls.

This afternoon your guide will help you organize the many optional activities available in Victoria Falls. These include white water rafting, bungee jumping, other excursions on the river and scenic flights to mention but a few.

Dinner will be in a local restaurant at your own expense.

NB: All extra activities are subject to availability and are done at the clients own risk and expense.

*2 x night camping.*

### **DAY 20: VICTORIA FALLS;**

This is a free day for you to explore the area or to take part in optional activities. It's a wonderful opportunity to relax a bit after your

trip. For some of you, this will be your final night and what a fantastic place to enjoy your last evening with your group.



Victoria Falls

Lunch and dinner today, are not included in the price of the trip.

#### **DAY 21 & 22: KWANDO;**

***(It is possible to end the safari here in Victoria Falls. You will need to make your own way to the airport).***

After breakfast we leave Zimbabwe, destination Namibia. Passport formalities completed you go directly into the Mahango Game Reserve, a small but excellent park right on the edge of the Okavango River. Game drive your way through Mahango and have the chance to spot rarely seen Namibian species such as roan antelope the majestic sable antelope.



African wild dog

We over-night along the banks of the Kwando River.

The second day is free for optional excursions. Could be a game drive, walking safari or even a boat cruise.

*2 x night camping, (1 x B).*

#### **DAY 23: GROOTFONTEIN;**

After a quick breakfast we travel west. Today we travel through the Caprivi. In 2014 the Caprivi Strip was renamed the Zambezi Region, swapping the name of a German governor for that of one southern Africa's great Rivers. There are 13 regions in Namibia, but of these only the Zambezi boasts 6 ethnic tribes – Subia, Yeyi, Mafwe, San, Tortela and Mbukushu. Amazingly, they have adapted a Zambian language – Lozi – as a common medium of communication. The Zambezi Region is also the only region that shares its borders with 4 other countries – Angola, Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe. We arrive at our campsite, near Grootfontein.

We stay on the farm Elandslaagte and it is one of the oldest farms in the district of Grootfontein, and has been here since 1930. It belonged to the Alberts family and originated from the Dorslandtrek. Dorsland Trek (Thirstland Trek) is the collective name of a series of explorations undertaken by Boer settlers from South Africa towards the end of the 19th century and in the first years of the 20th century, in search of political independence and better living conditions. Bird and Game viewing can be booked at the lodge.

*1 x night camping, (1 x B).*

#### **DAY 24: WINDHOEK;**

From Grootfontein, after breakfast, we drive south to Otjiwarongo and Okahandja before reaching our final destination, Windhoek. There will be stops at some of the local woodcarving stalls as well as the market at Okahandja before arriving in the city. We do some last minute curio shopping and drive to our lodge. The afternoon is free to partake in the lodges game activities (optional)

*1 x night lodge en-suite, (1 x B).*

#### **DAY 25: TO AIRPORT, WINDHOEK;**

After breakfast we drive to the airport where you will catch your flight back to home.

*(1 x B).*

End of service.

#### **Price Includes:**

- All transport on tour.
- All meals as per the itinerary
- All park entry fees.
- All game viewing activities as per the itinerary.
- All accommodation as per the itinerary.
- Safari equipment.

#### **Price Excludes:**

- International Airfares.
- Visa fees.
- Airport taxes.
- Meals as per the itinerary.
- Drinks.
- Expenses of a personal nature.
- Any changes to the itinerary.
- Travel and medical insurance.
- Optional excursions.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Climate: What's the best time to travel to Windhoek in Namibia?**

**Here are some facts:**



- Hot season / summer is in January, February, October, November and December.
- Most rainfall (rainy season) is seen in December.
- Windhoek has dry periods in May, June, July, August and September.
- On average, the warmest month is November.
- On average, the coolest month is July.
- December is the wettest month.
- August is the driest month.
- Long trousers and socks for evenings.
- Windproof/waterproof jacket.
- Walking shoes.
- Trainers or sandals for relaxing.
- Sunhat.
- Swimming gear.
- Warm mid layers i.e. fleece or jumper for cool nights and early morning game drives .
- Kagoul if you are travelling during the rains.

#### Equipment:

- Water bottle.
- Sunglasses, sunscreen and lip salve.
- Insect repellent.
- Personal first aid kit.
- Binoculars.
- Dust can be a problem for cameras; take a dustproof bag.

#### Baggage:

- One piece of main luggage only (**max 20 kg**), this should be a **soft bag** rather than a hard suitcase, so it can be easily stowed and not take up too much room in the vehicle, Space in the vehicle is restricted.
- A day sack (large enough to carry your camera, water bottle, &binoculars) is also essential.

#### Clothing and Footwear:

- For comfort in the heat, lightweight cotton is best. Brightly-coloured clothing is not appropriate for safari because it is easily seen by animals and has the added discomfort of attracting insects (wear muted tones in natural colours i.e. beige, khaki, olive, etc, but **not** army-style camouflage clothing).
- A long-sleeved shirt is essential to protect neck and arms while on game walks/drives.

#### Medicine:

- Basic personal first aid kit.
- Any perscription drugs required.
- Female sanitary products.
- Malaria prophylaxis.

#### Visas and Permits:

#### Passports:

To enter Namibia, a passport valid for six months from date of entry with one blank page is required by all nationals referred to in the chart above. If you require a visa, you must have at least three blank pages in your passport.

#### Visas:

Visas for Namibia are not required by nationals referred to in the chart above for stays of up to three months if visiting Namibia on holiday accepts:

**1.** Nationals of Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, who do require a visa. All visitors travelling to Namibia for business purposes must arrange a visa in advance.

#### Vaccinations& Health Advice:

Vaccination requirements & other health advice can change, so please check with a specialised travel clinic for up to-date information before you depart. For useful advice you can visit The Medical Advisory Service for Travellers Abroad. [www.masta.org](http://www.masta.org) Nevertheless we recommend that you protect yourselves against Malaria since the Caprivi is a malaria area.

**Food:** Although every effort will be mad. Any special dietary requirements should be explained to us as early as possible. Gluten free flour should be brought with you if required.

**Local Costs:** 17 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 6 dinners are included. You must pay for all other meals yourself (you can eat very well for **USD 15** a day). Approximate costs are given for guidance only and may vary widely according to location and type of establishment. \* Reasonable mid-range tourist class restaurant.

#### Optional excursions:

Some or all of the excursions detailed below may be available; others not listed may also be available. Approximate per person costs are given for guidance only, and may depend on the number of participants.

Guided Walks : USD 16  
 Game Drive (am) : USD 23  
 Game Drive (pm) : USD 23  
 Desert Tour H/Day : USD 32  
 Desert Tour F/Day : USD 48

#### Banking:

Changing money at any of the commercial banks is as easy and as quick as it is in Europe. Normal banking hours are 08.30–15.30 weekdays and sometimes 08.30–11.00 Saturdays, depending upon the town, though there are a

few places that are open seven days a week. Banks will cash travellers' cheques or give cash advances on credit cards, though the clearance required for a cash advance may take 30 minutes or so. Note that you may need to take a passport, even just to change currency.

BOB tills (auto-teller machines, or ATMs) work with Visa and MasterCard cards, though whether you are using a direct-debit card or a credit card, you should enter 'credit card account' and not 'bank account' when prompted about where you want your money to come from.

Away from the banks, Visa, MasterCard and American Express cards are usually accepted by lodges, hotels, restaurants, and shops, but travellers' cheques which are not in Namibian dollars or South African rand can be difficult to use.

### AVERAGE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OVER THE YEAR IN WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA

