



NXAI TRAVEL

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1. Namibia & Botswana Roundabout Safari-Self Drive

It hardly seems possible to weave such an extraordinary variety of landscapes and experiences into just 19 days, yet this self-drive safari does exactly that. Designed to showcase the very best of Namibia, the wild heart of Botswana, and the mist-drenched spectacle of Victoria Falls, this journey delivers freedom, comfort and adventure in one flexible, beautifully balanced route.

From ancient deserts and sculpted dunes to teeming wetlands and predator-rich savannahs, each day reveals a new side of southern Africa's untamed soul. The wildlife of Damaraland and Etosha, the emerald waterways of the Caprivi, the elephant kingdoms of Chobe and the watery labyrinth of the Okavango Delta combine to form an itinerary where every destination competes to be your favourite.

Three countries in one journey. What more could you ask for? Perhaps more time. And if you have it, we can add nights, deepen experiences, and enrich the route; because this safari is as adaptable as it is unforgettable.

The tour begins and ends in Windhoek (hence the name), though it can also be arranged to start or finish in Chobe National Park, Victoria Falls or Maun.

TRIP SUMMARY

Day 1: Windhoek
Day 2 & 3: Sossusvlei
Day 4 & 5: Swakopmund
Day 6: Damaraland
Day 7: Etosha South
Day 8 & 9: Etosha East
Day 10 & 11: Caprivi
Day 12, 13 & 14: Chobe NP
Day 15: Makgadikgadi
Day 16 & 17: Okavango Delta
Day 18: Central Kalahari
Day 19: Windhoek (Departure)

** The meals and activities included depends on the lodges you choose. Contact us for more details*

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Combine the highlights of three countries in one: Namibia, Botswana and a day trip to Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)
- Giant sand dunes and eon old trees in the dry pan of Dead Vlei
- Explore the Skeleton Coast on activities from Swakopmund
- Wildlife in Etosha National Park
- Boat cruises on the Caprivi.
- Explore Namibia's wetlands.
- Birding galore
- Safari in the Chobe National Park, boat on the Chobe River and guided visit to Victoria Falls.
- Meerkats and giant Baobabs on the open pans of the Makgadikgadi



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- Go on a big game safari in the Okavango Delta

DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Windhoek

(1 night)

Welcome to Namibia's capital. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to the car hire offices to complete rental formalities. Meet your Nxai Travel representative, receive your travel pack, review your route on the map and ask any questions before setting off.

When you're there:

Settle into your guesthouse or take a short drive into town. Browse craft markets, enjoy a relaxed lunch at a local restaurant and stock up on supplies for the journey ahead. This is your moment to ease into the rhythm of safari life.

Standard Accommodation: The Elegant Guesthouse

Day 2 & 3: Sossusvlei

(2 nights)

Travel south into Namibia's desert heart; a land of endless dunes and boundless skies. The drive takes around six hours and is part of the adventure.

On the way:

Journey via Rehoboth and either Remhoogte or Spreetshoogte Pass. Stop for photographs where the escarpment tumbles into a sea of sand. Continue via Solitaire for fuel and refreshments before the final stretch to Sesriem.

When you're there:

Enter the park at sunrise with a takeaway breakfast. Visit Sossusvlei and Dead Vlei first, when the light paints the dunes in fiery reds and golds. Stop at Dune 45 on the return and climb up if the mood strikes. Find shade at midday and join lodge activities such as sundowner drives or guided nature walks.

Standard Accommodation: Desert Homestead Lodge

Camping: Sesriem Oshana Campsites

Day 4 & 5: Swakopmund

(2 nights)

Today you reach the Skeleton Coast and Namibia's adventure capital.

On the way:

Choose an early departure for an optional hot-air balloon safari or enjoy breakfast before driving west across desert plains. Pass Gaub and Kuiseb Canyons, cross the Tropic of Capricorn and detour to Moon Landscape and the ancient Welwitschia plants. Watch for Hartmann's mountain zebra, springbok and ostrich.



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When you're there:

Quad bike across dunes, kayak with seals, take a dolphin cruise from Walvis Bay or fly over Sandwich Harbour where dunes plunge into the sea. At night, stroll the waterfront and sample coastal cuisine.

Standard Accommodation: Swakopmund Luxury Suites

Day 6: Damaraland

(1 night)

Leave the coast behind and enter a rugged wilderness of granite domes and dry riverbeds.

On the way:

Drive via Cape Cross or through Uis beneath the shadow of Brandberg Mountain.

When you're there:

Search for desert-adapted elephants with a lodge guide, visit Twyfelfontein's rock engravings, Burnt Mountain and Organ Pipes, and learn about Damara culture at the Living Museum.

Standard Accommodation: Twyfelfontein Adventure Camp

Camping: Mowani Campsite

Day 7: Etosha National Park - South

(1 night)

Drive east and north into one of Africa's great wildlife sanctuaries.

On the way:

Stop at the Petrified Forest, Vingerklip and Outjo for fuel and bakery treats.

When you're there:

Explore southern Etosha's waterholes; Okaukuejo, Nebrownii and Homob, and gaze across the vast salt pan. Lions, rhino, giraffe and antelope gather in astonishing numbers.

Standard Accommodation: Etosha Village

Camping: Okaukuejo Campsite

Day 8 & 9: Etosha National Park - East

(2 nights)

Cross the park from the southern side to the eastern side at your own pace.

On your way:

Spend the day moving between waterholes, join guided sunrise and sunset drives, and enjoy floodlit waterholes where nocturnal wildlife emerges.

When you're there:

Game viewing is the order of the day at Etosha.



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Standard Accommodation: Mushara Bush Camp

Camping: Onguma Tamboti Campsite

Day 10 & 11: Caprivi
(2 nights)

A long but scenic drive into Namibia's wetland frontier.

On the way:

Visit Otjikoto and Guinas Lakes or the Hoba Meteorite.

When you're there:

Cruise rivers, walk the bush, explore Mahango and Buffalo Parks, meet Kavango communities and watch birdlife explode across the waterways.

Standard Accommodation: Shometu River Lodge

Camping: Shometu River Campsite

Day 12, 13 & 14: Chobe National Park
(3 nights)

Cross into Botswana at Ngoma Bridge and journey through Bwabwata National Park.

On the way:

Game viewing as you make your way into Botswana.

When you're there:

Elephant herds dominate the floodplains. Enjoy river cruises, guided game drives and a full-day excursion to Victoria Falls.

Our recommended schedule for this leg is:

Day 12: Afternoon boat cruise on the Chobe River - excellent game viewing, birdwatching and scenery

Day 13: Early morning and late afternoon game drives in Chobe National Park. We always recommend doing these drives with the lodge so you can enter the park earlier and exit later.

Day 14: Full day excursion to Victoria Falls - one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Transfer across to Zimbabwe. Enjoy the falls and spend the day at your leisure before returning by transfer back to Chobe again.

*Activities included - 1 x game drive, 1 x boat cruise, 1 x private boat cruise and 1 x Victoria Falls Day Trip (unguided with return transfers)

Note: the Victoria Falls Day Trip can be exchanged for 2 other Chobe activities instead
*Chobe Park fees for 2 days are included



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Standard Accommodation: Chobe Safari Lodge

Camping: Chobe Safari Lodge Campsite

Day 15: Makgadikgadi Pans
(1 night)

Drive south to the open salt pans of Botswana.

Explore baobab groves and habituated meerkats, or extend your stay to sleep beneath the stars on the pan; a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Standard Accommodation: Zoroga Expedition Camp-Bushman Inspired Huts (shared ablutions)

Camping: Zoroga Expedition Campsite

Day 16 & 17: Okavango Delta
(2 nights)

Fly by light aircraft from Maun into the Khwai region.

When you're there:

Glide through reed channels in mokoro canoes, track wildlife on foot and by vehicle, and watch elephants wade through mirror-like waters.

*Your stay in the Okavango Delta is all inclusive and includes your scheduled camp activities.

Standard Accommodation: Camp Khwai

Day 18: Central Kalahari Game Reserve
(1 night)

Return to Maun and drive west into the Kalahari Plains.

On the way:

You will take the short flight back to Maun airport where you will pick up your car before continuing west through the villages of the Kalahari Plains to your accommodation for the night.

When you're there:

Relax with sundowners and optional bushman experiences, rhino tracking or scenic sunset drive.

Standard Accommodation: Symponia Guesthouse

Camping Accommodation: Symponia Campsite

Day 19: Windhoek
(Departure / End of Tour)



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Drive back to Windhoek or the international airport for your onward journey. Drop off your hired car and connect with your flight home or onward plans after what has surely been the African self-drive safari holiday of a lifetime.

Our tip:

Add an overnight stay near Windhoek for a relaxed final evening before your long-haul flight.