



## NXAI TRAVEL

*Tailored safaris. Timeless landscapes.*

### 1. Namibia, Chobe and Victoria Falls Safari- Self Drive

Experience the very best of Namibia over 13 unforgettable days, followed by two nights in Chobe National Park and a final night beside the thunder of Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe.

This epic journey weaves together Namibia's most iconic landscapes; from the towering dunes of Sossusvlei and the ancient sands of the Namib Desert, to the stark beauty of the Skeleton Coast and the vibrant coastal towns of Swakopmund and Walvis Bay.

Continue through the granite-strewn wilderness of Damaraland, encounter prolific wildlife in Namibia's premier safari destination, Etosha National Park, and discover the lush riverine forests and wetlands of the Caprivi Strip.

Your adventure culminates among Chobe's great elephant herds before ending beside the roaring curtain of Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.

Self-drive at your own pace and on your own schedule, pausing where the scenery calls you to linger. Drop the vehicle in Katima Mulilo or Kasane and complete the remainder of your journey with comfortable road transfers. This safari can also be arranged as a privately guided experience and tailored to suit your interests, perfect as designed or ready to be reshaped into your ideal African journey.

#### Tour details:

Tour days: 16 days

Accommodation: Luxury / Standard

Tour Type: Self-drive

[See route map](#)

#### 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 West  
Day 12: Caprivi East  
Day 13 & 14: Chobe NP  
Day 15: Victoria Falls (Zim)  
Day 16: Victoria Falls (Departure)

*\*The meals and activities included depend on the lodges you choose. Contact us for full details.*



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### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the world's only coastal desert
- Activities abound on the Skeleton Coast from Swakopmund or Walvis Bay
- Search for the desert-adapted elephants of Damaraland
- Safari in Etosha National Park.
- Wildlife galore
- Explore the wetlands of the Caprivi and boat cruises on the river
- Elephant herds in Chobe National Park
- The sheer magnificence of Victoria Falls

### DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Windhoek

*( 1 night)*

On arrival, you will be met by a Nxai Travel representative and transferred into town for vehicle handover and route briefing. Collect your travel pack, maps and vouchers, discuss the journey ahead, and ask as many questions as you like.

Spend the remainder of the day at leisure; relax at your lodge or venture into town to sample one of Windhoek's excellent local restaurants as you enjoy your first evening beneath Namibian skies.

*Luxury Accommodation:* The Weinberg Windhoek

*Standard Accommodation:* The Elegant Guesthouse

#### Day 2 & 3: Sossusvlei

*( 2 nights)*

After breakfast, collect last-minute supplies and begin the scenic six-hour drive south. Stock your cooler box with cold drinks and snacks; the road is part of the adventure.

#### **On the way:**

Travel via Remhoogte or Spreetshoogte Pass, where the escarpment plunges dramatically into the endless Namib sands. Stop for photographs and a picnic lunch, the desert stretches to the horizon in every direction.

#### **When you arrive:**

Explore Sossusvlei, Dead Vlei, Dune 45, Elim Dune and Sesriem Canyon. Rise before dawn and enter the park as the gates open to witness the dunes ignite with sunrise colour. Visit Dead Vlei first, when the ancient camelthorn trees still stand in shadow against glowing red dunes.

Climb Big Daddy or Dune 45 and gaze across a sea of sand sculpted by millennia of wind. Midday is best spent resting in the shade or beside the pool, saving your energy for cooler afternoons.



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Pack a hat, closed shoes, sunscreen and plenty of water. Early mornings and late afternoons can be chilly, so bring a jacket.

*Luxury Accommodation:* Namib Outpost

*Standard Accommodation:* Desert Homestead Lodge

### **Day 4 & 5: Swakopmund** ( 2 nights )

Enjoy a final desert activity before heading west to the Atlantic coast; a drive of approximately five hours.

#### **On the way:**

Watch the scenery shift from dunes and distant mountains to open plains and finally ocean waves. Stop at Solitaire for refreshments, then pass through the Gaub and Kuiseb canyons for panoramic viewpoints. You may spot Hartmann's mountain zebra, oryx, springbok or ostrich. Optional detours include the lunar landscape and ancient welwitschia plants.

#### **When you arrive:**

Swakopmund is Namibia's adventure capital. Choose from scenic flights over the dunes, dolphin cruises from Walvis Bay, visits to the RAMSAR-listed lagoon filled with flamingos and pelicans, quad biking, or a Sandwich Harbour excursion where dunes plunge directly into the sea, the only coastal desert on Earth.

*Luxury Accommodation:* Strand Hotel

*Standard Accommodation:* Swakopmund Luxury Suites

### **Day 6: Damaraland** ( 1 night )

Heading north, make your way to the harsh and rocky landscapes of Damaraland. Expect giant granite boulders, open skies and dry riverbeds. It's hot, arid and stunningly scenic. Welcome to the home of the desert-adapted elephant. It's a longer day's drive, roughly five to six hours.

Drive north into Damaraland's rugged beauty — a land of massive granite boulders, dry riverbeds and endless skies. The journey takes approximately five to six hours.

#### **On the way:**

Travel via Henties Bay and Cape Cross, home to the world's largest Cape fur seal colony, or head inland via Uis with views of Brandberg Mountain. Visit Twyfelfontein's rock engravings, the Petrified Forest and the Organ Pipes if time allows.

#### **When you arrive:**

Join a lodge-guided excursion into dry riverbeds in search of desert-adapted elephants and black rhino, or explore independently with guidance from your lodge. Visit the Living Damara Museum for insight into local culture.



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*Luxury Accommodation:* Mowani Mountain Camp  
*Standard Accommodation:* Twyfelfontein Adventure Camp

### **Day 7: Etosha National Park - South** ( 1 night)

Travel east toward Etosha through Damaraland's stark landscapes.

#### **On the way:**

Stop at the Petrified Forest, Ugab Terrace or Vingerklip rock formation for photographs. The scenery is hauntingly dramatic and stunningly ever-changing.

#### **When you arrive:**

Begin your safari in Etosha. The park supports extraordinary wildlife numbers; lions, rhinos, giraffe, elephants, zebra and antelope, along with more than 340 bird species. Enjoy self-drive game viewing or join a guided open-vehicle safari.

*Luxury Accommodation:* Ongava Lodge  
*Standard Accommodation:* Etosha Village

### **Day 8 & 9: Etosha National Park - East** ( 2 nights)

Cross the park from south to east, stopping at waterholes along the way or heading directly to your lodge for an afternoon game drive.

#### **When you're here:**

Choose between guided lodge safaris or self-driving at your own pace. Sit quietly at a waterhole and watch as the bush slowly reveals itself.

#### **Our tip:**

Book a lodge game drive on your full day in Etosha for expert interpretation and prime sightings.

*Luxury Accommodation:* Onguma The Fort  
*Standard Accommodation:* Mushara Bush Camp

### **Day 10 & 11: Caprivi - West** ( 2 nights)

An early start takes you northeast into the green heart of Namibia.

#### **On the way:**

Optional stops include Otjikoto and Guinas Lakes or the Hoba Meteorite, the largest in the world. Roads are tarred but rural, so watch for livestock and villages.

#### **When you arrive:**

Welcome to Namibia's wetlands. Enjoy boat cruises, birdwatching, and visits to Mahango or Buffalo Game Parks. Visit Popa Falls, more rapids than waterfalls, as a gentle prelude to what awaits in Zimbabwe.



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*Luxury Accommodation: Divava Okavango Lodge & Spa*

*Standard Accommodation: Shametu River Lodge*

### **Day 12: Caprivi - East** ( 1 night)

Continue east along the strip, crossing the Kwando River.

#### **On the way:**

Drive through Bwabwata National Park, a game drive in itself.

#### **When you arrive:**

Relax or enjoy an optional river cruise, drifting past hippos, elephants and waterbirds.

*Luxury Accommodation: Nambwa Tented Lodge*

*Standard Accommodation: Camp Kwando*

### **Day 13 & 14: Chobe National Park** ( 2 nights)

Travel to Katima Mulilo to drop your vehicle or continue to Kasane.

#### **On the way:**

Cross into Botswana at Ngoma Bridge and drive through Chobe National Park to your lodge. Elephant herds often appear before you even reach camp.

#### **When you arrive:**

Be sure to have a camera in hand to capture the scenery on your game drives, river and walking safaris, bird watching and sunset cruises. Chobe is famous for its elephants, but also hosts buffalo, lions and abundant birdlife.

*\*Your scheduled camp activities are included here with a lodge guide*

*Luxury Accommodation: Chobe Game Lodge*

*Standard Accommodation: Chobe Safari Lodge*

### **Day 15: Victoria Falls (Zim)** ( 1 night)

Transfer by road to Victoria Falls, also known as Mosi-Oa-Tunya.

#### **On the way:**

The Kazungula route often produces wildlife and bird sightings. Cross into Zimbabwe; your third country on this journey.



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### **When you arrive:**

The main attraction is a sight for sore eyes, but remember to bring a raincoat; even in low water season, mist drenches the rainforest paths. Early morning or late afternoon offers the best light and fewer crowds.

Optional activities include helicopter flights, white-water rafting (seasonal), bungee jumping, sunset cruises and dining at The Boma. You may even cross into Zambia to view the falls from another angle or swim in Devil's Pool when conditions allow.

*Luxury Accommodation: Victoria Falls Hotel*

*Standard Accommodation: Bantoka Guest Lodge*

### **Day 16: Victoria Falls (Zim)**

*( Departure / End of Tour)*

Your safari concludes today with departure from Victoria Falls Airport.

If your flight departs later in the day, enjoy one last sunrise visit to the falls or squeeze in a final adventure.

Well, it has indeed been an adventure.

Go home. Share your memories. Start planning your return.