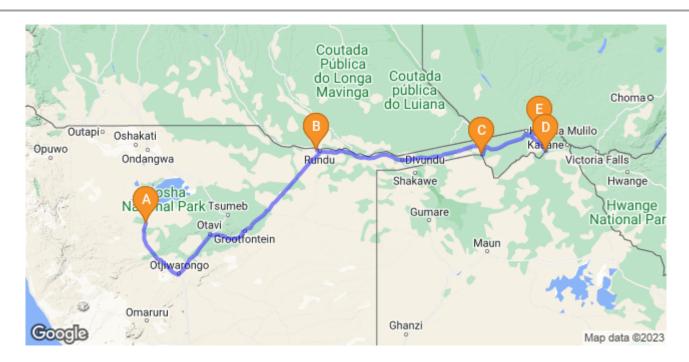


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Introduction

This 12 day tour is a 4x4 self-drive which allows you to experience various highlights in Namibia at your own pace! This is a comfort tour that brings you spectacular wildlife viewing and spectacular landscaps. You will also do a river cruise, and enjoy close encounters with hippo, giraffe, and many other animals that you might not have seen before.

Overview

• • DEPARTURE: This tour departs from Windhoek

COUNTRY ('S): Namibia and Rundu

TOUR CODE: 12AC-NAM-RUNDU

• • RETURN: NAMIBIA WINDHOEK

• • PASSENGERS: Minimum 1 Traveler and a Maximum of 24 Travelers per group

• • STYLE: LODGING

• • MEALS: BB: Breakfast and D: Dinner

VEHICLE: 2-3: Double Cab 4x4/ SUV

4 - 7 guests: Toyota Quantum/Landcruiser with a purpose-built trailer

8-14 guests: Toyota Dyna truck (a modified safari vehicle) / Iveco Daily 24-Seater

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Etosha Safari Camp Gondwana Collection Namibia or similar	Etosha South	D,B&B	2 Nights
Hakusembe River Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia or similar	Rundu	D,B&B	2 Nights

Namushasha River Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia or similar	Kwando River	D,B&B	2 Nights
Chobe River Camp Gondwana Collection Namibia or similar	Chobe River Front	D,B&B	2 Nights
Zambezi Mubala Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia or similar	Katima Mulilo	D,B&B	1 Night
Namushasha River Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia or similar	Kwando River	D,B&B	1 Night
Hakusembe River Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia or similar	Rundu	D,B&B	1 Night

Key

D, B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

SELF-DRIVE INFORMATION:

Emergency Services: Emergency evacuation services are included.

Drivers: A valid and unendorsed license must be produced by all drivers. The minimum age for authorized drivers is 23 years.

Fuel: The renter will receive the vehicle with a full tank of fuel. Upon the return of the vehicle/termination of the hire, the vehicle will be refilled at the renter's expense.

Insurances: The rental vehicle includes Zero Excess

Rental Agreement: Upon renting the vehicle the renter and additional drivers will be required to complete a standard rental agreement with the car rental company. A valid credit card is required for the rental deposit.

Health: It is the client's responsibility to ensure that he/she is medically fit and able to embark on the tour.

Force Majeure: We do our utmost to conduct the tour as described in the program; however, we cannot guarantee it. Unfavorable weather conditions, rivers in flood, organizational problems, unforeseen events, or other factors may force us to change the course of the tour. We apologize for the inconvenience.

INCLUDED

- 1. Toyota Hilux 4x4 DC/ Nissan NP300 4x4 D/C/ Ford Ranger 4x4
- 2. Zero Excess Fee
- 3. GPS & latest Track4Africa software
- 4. 12-220v inverter with USB
- 5. Fridge
- 6. Airport transfers
- 7. 24/7 Support
- 8. If Driver needed it can be arranged

EXCLUDED

- 1. Excludes International Flights
- 2. Excludes Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- 3. Excludes Park Fees
- 4. Excludes Drinks
- 5. Excludes Upgrades on accommodations
- 6. Excludes Fuel
- 7. Excludes Park Fees

<u>Day 1: Etosha Safari Camp Gondwana Collection Namibia, Etosha South</u> (405.4km)

Travel northwards from Windhoek via Okahandja, where you can visit the woodcarving market and fill up with fuel, biltong and snacks for the road. Back on the road, the Omatakos, two conical mountains that jut out of the surrounding landscape, are prominent landmarks along the way. Take a break for lunch in Otjiwarongo or Outjo before reaching your friendly and relaxed home for the next two days – Etosha Safari Camp. A highlight of the stay is the Shebeen restaurant, modelled on 'shebeens' (informal township bars) of old, where people gathered to meet, have a drink and listen to music. The colourful and quirky restaurant has become a highlight of travellers' itineraries. Enjoy the delicious dinner feast outdoors as you listen to the Etosha Boys strum their guitars and sing local melodies.

Optional activities

Afternoon Game Drive

Overnight & Etosha Safari Camp

Etosha South

Located just south of the boundary of Etosha National Park in northwestern Namibia, Etosha South makes up the southern region of this wild paradise. The area is comprised of a collection of world class private game reserves. The national park can be accessed via the southern entrance at Andersson's Gate. Visitors can catch a glimpse of a variety of wildlife including: lion, giraffe, elephant, white and black rhino, and a multitude of plains game. Popular activities include: enjoying an open 4x4 safari with an expert guide, half day or full day drives with the option of a picnic lunch with wine on the full day game drive.

Overnight: Etosha Safari Camp Gondwana Collection Namibia View iBrochure

Tap toes to an African beat in the novel Oshebeena Bar and relax at this friendly Camp, 10 kilometres from Etosha National Park. 50 chalets, shaded by mopane trees, and a grassy campsite provide a comfortable home from which to explore the abundant animal kingdom. Legendary.

Location: 10 km south of Andersson Gate on the C 38 (Etosha National Park).



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 2: Etosha Safari Camp Gondwana Collection Namibia, Etosha South

Clients will take early breakfast and then go on the Full day game drive and around 12h00 -13h00 clients will have lunch inside the park and continue with the game drive up till the afternoon and after the game drive guest will have leisure time to enjoy the atmosphere before dinner.

Optional activities

 Full day Game Drive, visit the waterholes and see how various animals quench their thirst.

Overnight & Etosha Safari Camp

Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

<u>Day 3: Hakusembe River Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Rundu</u> (631.5km)

Have breakfast and drive towards the greener part of Namibia. The lodge offers boat trips which are excellent for birding.

Optional activities

 Game viewing, excellent bird watching as well as kayaking on the Kavango River.

Overnight & Hakusembe River Lodge

Rundu

Bordering Angola, on the banks of the Okavango River in northern Namibia, the town of Rundu serves as the capital of the eastern Kavango region. Rundu is renowned for its local woodcarvers market and is filled with impressive woodcarvers' workshops. The town provides a great stopover to refuel for visitors heading to Katima Mulilo, enthralling Popa Falls, or Mahangu Game Reserve, home to the endangered wild dog and lion, leopard, elephant, cheetah, and hippo. Visitors to Rundu can also look forward to great game viewing, excellent bird watching as well as kayaking on the spectacular Kavango River.

Overnight: Hakusembe River Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia View iBrochure

A lush green oasis on the banks of the Okavango River. Absorb river peace from one of the 20 chalets, hop aboard the Hakusembe River Queen, stroll to the cultural village or just relax on the deck listening to the soft symphony of feathered friends.

Location: approximately 6 km west of Rundu on the B 10 (Okavango).



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 4: Hakusembe River Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Rundu Have breakfast and continue with the activities of your choice.

Overnight & Hakusembe River Lodge

Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

<u>Day 5: Namushasha River Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Kwando River (436.6km)</u>

The drive today is eastward, towards the lush north-eastern corner of Namibia. Once known as the Caprivi, now renamed the Zambezi Region, it is a tree-filled expanse bisected by waterways. It is also home to a fascinating group of people and an abundance of wildlife and birds. Bwabwata National Park runs from the Okavango River to the Kwando River and, unusually, is home to both people and wildlife living side by side. Slow down as you pass through the settlements and keep eyes open for elephant and wild dog! At Kongola, turn right onto the C49 towards Namushasha River Lodge, a lodge that resonates with true Zambezi character. Set on the riverbank amidst the trees, the lodge is alive with the sound of hippos and

birds and is a veritable wonderland in the region. It is the perfect place to immerse yourself in the beauty of the area.

Optional activities

 Game viewing, bird watching, visit Mashi Crafts a treasure-house of crafts fishing, Namushasha Heritage Centre and visit Bwabwata National Park

Overnight & Namushasha River Lodge

Kwando River

Meandering through the spectacular Caprivi Strip in northwest Namibia, the Kwando River rises from the central Angolan highlands forming the boundary between Namibia, Zambia and Angola. The area surrounding the Kwando River is known for its protected game reserves, national parks and wildlife sanctuaries. It offers excellent game viewing with the perennial waters of the river attracting plentiful wildlife including large herds of elephant, hippos, crocodiles, red lechwe, turtles, zebra, impala, spotted-necked otters and over 400 species of bird. Visitors can enjoy a relaxing stay at one of the many lodges set on the banks of the river and soak up the spectacular views of wild Africa. Popular activities include: game viewing, bird watching, fishing, and camping.

Overnight: Namushasha River Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia View iBrochure

Experience this Zambezi kingdom from 25 chalets dotted along the leafy riverbank of the Kwando. Watch the vervet monkeys leap along tree branches, salute wizened elephant giants in the Bwabwata National Park and glide through wild waterways. Revel in Namushasha gold.

Location: 24 km south of Kongola on C49 (Zambezi/Kwando)



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

<u>Day 6: Namushasha River Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Kwando</u> River

The second day you have the opportunity to experience the many riches the river has to offer. Take a leisurely boat trip on the Kwando River and relish the magic of this water-Eden. Spot the abundant bird species, crocodiles sunning themselves on the banks and the pods of hippos among the waterlilies.

Optional activities

 Boat cruise on the Kwando River, drive to the popular elephant-viewing, and visit Mudumu National Park

Overnight & Namushasha River Lodge

Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

<u>Day 7: Chobe River Camp Gondwana Collection Namibia, Chobe River Front</u> (194.2km)

Day seven takes you to the Chobe River and Chobe River Camp positioned on its banks overlooking the floodplains. From Namushasha River Lodge drive in an easterly direction along the C49 to Katima Mulilo. The road passes through the Mdumu and Nkasa Rupara national parks and wildlife can often be seen along the roadside. Look out for herds of elephant crossing the road and, further on, for the domestic animals of the settlements. From Katima, the B8 leads southwards to the Ngoma border post, the gateway between Namibia and Botswana. The turnoff to Chobe River Camp is 4 kilometres before Ngoma. The camp lies across from Chobe National Park. When the river is high mid-year, the camp's boat trip is one of the finest excursions in the country to spot buffalo, elephant, water-adapted antelope and a variety of birdlife from the comfort of the boat. In drier times of the year, a guided nature drive along the river course provides opportunity for game viewing. Join an excursion or spend a relaxed afternoon at the camp. Dine outdoors in the lapa under the stars, listen to birdsong and revel in the calm beauty of this refreshingly simple African camp.

Optional activities

· Boat cruises, game viewing

Overnight & Chobe River Camp

Chobe River Front

The Chobe River forms the northern boundary of the Chobe National Park which is renowned for its diverse and abundant game viewing opportunities. This section of the park is best known for its dense concentration of wildlife, including elephant and hippo populations, but the waters attract all manner of game including large herds of buffalo and the lions that prey on them - a visit to the Chobe River Front guarantees close encounters with an array of African wildlife. Visitors can look forward to a range of exciting activities such as 4WD along the banks; motorboat cruises; and rare birdlife spotting. For a unique, luxury safari experience, hire a houseboat.

Overnight: Chobe River Camp Gondwana Collection Namibia View iBrochure

Gaze over the flood plains and enjoy luxurious solitude on the banks of the Chobe River. Assuring extraordinary experiences, we offer 20 tented chalets. The lodge was inspired by the natural beauty of the landscape and all chalets have been

constructed using indigenous Mopane timber and canvas. This offers not only a stunning sight, but an environmentally conscious design.

Expect a unique and wondrous experience when visiting the Camp. This region is Namibia's very own version of the Serengeti and offers a rare experience...one of the largest annual Zebra migrations in Africa. And guests can always be assured of the presence of large herds of elephants, gnu and antelope. Activities may be seasonal, but will always amaze and intrigue our guests.

Chobe River Camp is a wildlife and birder's dream and is the ideal place to break away.

Location: Approximately 4km from the Ngoma border post between Botswana and Namibia.



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

<u>Day 8: Zambezi Mubala Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Katima Mulilo (75.7km)</u>

A short drive north from Chobe River Camp takes you to the turnoff onto the D3508 and to Zambezi Mubala Lodge on the banks of the mighty Zambezi River. The lodge is approximately 40km east of Katima Mulilo. A boat trip from Zambezi Mubala Camp is the only way to reach this attractive lodge on the riverbank. Mubala means 'colour' in the local Silozi language, a reference to the harmonious colours of nature reflected in the Zambezi waters. Enjoy a sundowner cruise after an afternoon spent relaxing at the pool. Dine outdoors and luxuriate in Mubala tranquillity.

Optional activities

A boat trip from Zambezi and Sundowner cruise

Overnight & Zambezi Mubala Lodge

Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 9: Zambezi Mubala Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Katima Mulilo

Have breakfast and continue exploring the wonderful The Zambezi River is popular for fishing, birding, boating and photography. You may be tempted to relax on your balcony overlooking the river. However, if more energetic, take a stroll to the carmine bee-eater colony (between mid-August and December), try your luck on the river for tiger fish (catch&release) and hop aboard the boat to explore the river. Home to a wide variety of birds, Zambezi Mubala Lodge is a treat for nature lovers. At the end of the day, savour the sunset colours and the soothing river setting.

Optional activities

Visit interesting attractions vibrant street market, where arts and crafts, such
as traditional grass-woven baskets, wood carvings, clothes and jewellery, can
be found

Overnight & Zambezi Mubala Lodge

Katima Mulilo

Situated on the southern banks of the Zambezi River, the small town of Katima Mulilo is the capital of the Zambezi region. This riverside town is surrounded by lush vegetation and is home to an array of tropical bird species and cheeky monkeys. Katima Mulilo is the service centre for the Caprivi and serves as the commercial hub for the East Caprivi region. Visitors can enjoy a variety of interesting attractions including the vibrant street market, where arts and crafts, such as traditional grasswoven baskets, wood carvings, clothes and jewellery, can be found.

Overnight: Zambezi Mubala Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia iBrochure

View

Along the edge of the mighty Zambezi River, lies the water sanctuary of Zambezi Mubala Lodge & Camp. A bird-lover's dream, this lodge is home to one of the largest colonies of Carmine Bee-eaters, that live along the banks of the majestic Zambezi. Birds are often joined by the occasional hippo or crocodile, baking in the shallow waters along the banks. Guests can relax and watch the colours of life sail along the steady current of the river.

Location: 40 km east of Katima Mulilo off the B8 (Zambezi / Caprivi)



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

<u>Day 10: Namushasha River Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Kwando</u> River (160.2km)

Katima Mulilo is a good place to fill up with fuel and pick up essentials before following the B8 to Kongola and the C49. Namushasha River Lodge is your home for the night as you begin to retrace your steps. It's a welcome return to the loveliness of the lodge and the wild and wonderful Kwando River.

Optional activities

• Visit livingstone Museum

Overnight & Namushasha River Lodge

Kwando River

As previously described

Overnight: Namushasha River Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia View iBrochure

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Location: 24 km south of Kongola on C49 (Zambezi/Kwando)



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 11: Hakusembe River Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Rundu

Say your farewells to the Zambezi Region as you travel westwards to the Kavango Region for your final night at Hakusembe River Lodge. Enjoy a relaxed evening and dinner on the deck overlooking the river before a sound night's sleep to the accompaniment of river lullabies.

Optional activities

Visit Popa Falls, or Mahangu Game Reserve

Overnight & Hakusembe River Lodge

Rundu

As previously described

Overnight: Hakusembe River Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia View iBrochure

A lush green oasis on the banks of the Okavango River. Absorb river peace from one of the 20 chalets, hop aboard the Hakusembe River Queen, stroll to the cultural village or just relax on the deck listening to the soft symphony of feathered friends.

Location: approximately 6 km west of Rundu on the B 10 (Okavango).



Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 12: End of Itinerary (722.1km) Back to Windhoek

Rise early for the eight-hour drive back to Windhoek. Breakfast packs are available on request. It is recommended to overnight in Windhoek to ensure that there is sufficient time to catch your onward flight the next day. With a whole day ahead, you can enjoy the drive back to the mother city, after your superlative and enriching wildlife experience.

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Etosha Safari Camp (Collection Namibia	Gondwana	+264 61 42 7200	C38 coming from Outjo,10km from the Anderson Gate Outjo Region Outjo 9000
Hakusembe River Log Gondwana Collection	· ·	+264 61 42 7200	B8 (old C45) on the banks of the Okavango River Rundu 9000
Namushasha River L Gondwana Collection	J	+264 61 42 7200	From Kongola on the C49 Banks of the Kwando Kongola 9000
Zambezi Mubala Lod Gondwana Collection	_	+264 61 42 7200	D3508, Kalimbeza Road Upper Zambezi River Kalimbeza District 9000

Travel Information



Located in southwestern Africa, Namibia boasts a well-developed infrastructure, some of the best tourist facilities in Africa, and an impressive list of breathtaking natural wonders. Visitors can explore the capital of Windhoek and discover the lovely coastal town of Swakopmund boasting remnants of the country's German influence, reflected in the architecture, culture, cuisine and the annual Oktoberfest celebrations. To properly appreciate this extraordinary country, you will have to venture out of the cities to explore the remarkable natural landscapes Namibia has to offer. These include: the impressive Fish River Canyon; the vast Etosha National Park teeming with abundant wildlife, such as lions, desert-adapted elephants and the Hartmann's Mountain Zebra; the hauntingly beautiful Kalahari Desert; and of course the Namib Desert stretching for over 2000 km along the magnificent Atlantic Coast. Namibia is an ideal destination for travellers seeking an unforgettable African experience in a uniquely beautiful untamed wilderness.

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