



EXPERIENCE

## BOTSWANA & NAMIBIA



## **DAY 1 WELCOME TO BOTSWANA (MAUN)**

We land at **Maun International Airport** where you will be met by our local Land Rover Experience Guide. We drive together to the lodge to welcome you. In the afternoon you have some time to relax after your long flight. Maun is known as the gateway to **the Okavango Delta** and the last stop before entering the wilderness. After a full expedition briefing, we will enjoy our dinner on the banks of the Thamalakane River and get to know each other better.

## **DAY 2 MOREMI NATURE RESERVE**

An early start to the day - we head to **the Moremi Nature Reserve**. This approximately 5,000 km<sup>2</sup> large part of the Okavango Delta is a protected area and makes up more than a third of the total area of the delta. Here we make our way to **the Black Pools** and in search of the lions of the Okavango. In the reserve we will encounter a variety of wildlife including giraffes, elephants, hippos as well as many different species of antelope. We drive to an area around **the Xini Lagoon** before returning to our campsite in the Botswana wilderness. There is nothing better than camping in the real wilderness: no fences, just your tent in pristine Africa.

## **DAY 3 OKAVANGO DELTA**

Today we head deeper into the Okavango, our drive takes us north and deeper into the wilderness to discover more of **Africa's wildlife**. Depending on the water level, some sand and water crossings will keep all riders on their toes. We stay overnight in one of the beautiful lodges of **the Okavango Delta** where you get to enjoy the sunset with your favourite drink.

## **DAY 4 MOREMI NATURE RESERVE**

Today we leave the Moremi Game Reserve. **An early morning safari** in an open vehicle gives us another opportunity to explore the local wildlife before returning to camp. After brunch we will check out of our rooms and head **onto the main dirt road** heading south and back to Maun.

## **DAY 5 GUMA LAGOON**

After a big breakfast, your journey continues as you head to the western side of the Okavango Delta. Your journey takes you through the small town of Sehitwa and then north up to **the Guma Lagoon**. The last part of the drive leads through the dense sand to the large lagoons of the western Okavango Delta. Upon arrival we will set up camp and then enjoy **the evening around the campfire**.

## **DAY 6 BWABWATA NATIONAL PARK – POPA FALLS**

After a good bush breakfast, our journey takes us back through the dense sand to the main road and up north to the Namibian border. In a guided tour we visit the Tsodilo

Hills in Botswana, the mysterious home of the Bushmen and their **ancient rock paintings**. After the tour you will enjoy lunch and then we will drive to Namibia through the Moembo border post. Once over the border, your journey takes you through **Bwabwata National Park** and to **Popa Falls** on the banks of the Kavango River. After that, a chance to enjoy some free time at your lodge before dinner.

#### **DAY 7 BWABWATA NATIONAL PARK – POPA FALLS**

A full day along the banks of the Kavango River to explore **Bwabwata National Park**. The number of game in this area of the park is staggering. Lunch will be taken on the banks of the Kavango River with many beautiful sights nearby.

#### **DAY 8 KHAUDUM NATIONAL PARK**

Today we leave our lodge and venture into fascinating off-road passages towards **the Khaudum National Park**. With its incredibly dense sand, it is truly a beautiful, wild, and remote place. We stop at numerous waterholes, hoping to encounter a variety of wildlife along the way. This area is home to some of **Africa's largest elephants**, weighing up to 7 tons. We will be camping at the newly renovated Khaudum campsite. Sitting by the campfire, we will listen to the sounds of the African night.

#### **DAY 9 TSUMKWE**

Today, we continue our journey south through the Khaudum National Park. Be prepared for dense sand and a challenging day of driving. We will visit numerous waterholes and observe a variety of animals. The Khaudum National Park is also famous for its rare Hartmann's zebra and sable antelope. Once we have left the national park, it will be a short drive to **the town of Tsumkwe**. Tsumkwe serves as **the capital of the Bushmanland**. This town is home to the nearly forgotten African tribe of the Bushmen or San people.

#### **DAY 10 OTJITUUO COMMUNAL CONSERVANCY**

Our drive takes us through the Otjituuu Communal Conservancy and southward to the main gravel road that leads to **the Waterberg National Park**. Upon arrival at the lodge near the Waterberg, you will enjoy a drink after driving the dusty Namibian roads.

#### **DAY 11 WATERBERG**

After breakfast, we drive to the Waterberg National Park. **The Waterberg National Park** is one of the few places in Namibia, outside of the Caprivi, where we can see **Cape buffaloes**. It is also famous for the Rhino Drive, where guests are likely to see a rhino up close. The Waterberg offers magnificent views of the surrounding plains as well. After our safari, we continue southward **to the capital city of Namibia, Windhoek**. Upon arrival at your hotel, you will have some free time before we prepare for our farewell dinner at Joe's Beer House, a tradition in Windhoek.

## **DAY 12 WINDHOEK**

In the morning, we can experience the colonial-era charm by taking a stroll through the capital city of Namibia. In the heart of Windhoek, there is a bazaar of curiosities that invites you to indulge in some shopping. Then it's time to say goodbye! Slopes and clouds of dust are behind us. In addition to a few tired bones, there are many unforgettable memories that we can take home with us as souvenirs.

Hope to see you again on one of our next Experience trips!

### **Includes**

- Accommodation in shared standard double rooms, unless booked as a single traveller
- Breakfast / lunch / snacks (typical off-road)
- Dinner including limited alcoholic drinks
- Soft drinks
- Local guide and a Land Rover Experience Lead Instructor
- Vehicles / fuel (1 Land Rover Defender for 2 people)
- Fees
- Maps
- CB radio
- Ground tents for the campsites (allocation for use)
- Travel price guarantee policy
- All airport transfers

### **Excludes**

- All flights and other travel costs
- Premium drinks and minibar
- Laundry
- Other extra activities and items of a personal nature
- Travel Insurance