

**Penduka mobile safaris** – see, hear and feel Africa – under canvas and close to wildlife A true safari – moving as you explore



# 20 Day Namibia & Botswana Botswana Safari

Sossusvlei, Swakopmund, Huab River, Twyfelfontein, Okaukuejo, Namutoni, Rundu Okavango Delta, Xakanaxa, Khwai, Savuti, Chobe, Victoria Falls (optional extension)

This safari delves deep into Botswana and Namibia's rich treasure trove of varied and contrasting scenic beauty, spectacular wildlife whilst experiencing a diverse range of activities and authentic opportunities to see Namibia's peoples, rich culture and traditional villages en route.

Program	Start Windhoek, 2 nts Sossusvlei, 2 nts Swakopmund, 1 nt Huab River, 1 nt Twyfelfontein, 1 nt Okaukuejo, 1 nt Namutoni, 1 nt Rundu, 2 nts Shakawe, 1 nt Maun on B&B, 2 nts Xakanaxa, 1 nt Khwai, 2 nts Savuti, 2 nts Chobe, optional 2 nights extension to Victoria Falls (additional cost)	
Duration	19 nights / 20 days	
Classification	fully serviced mobile camping	
Pax	Min 4 participants, max 12	
Accommodation	En-suite tented accommodation, 3 x 3 m Dome Tents	
Private Safari	Can be booked as a private safari in standard tented accommodation	
- on request	Cost on application.	
Activities	Game drives, nature walks, boat cruise at Drotsky's, Chobe River sunset cruise	
Included	Penduka customized 4 x 4 game viewing vehicle	
	<ul> <li>Penduka mobile tented camp – fully serviced (non-participation) with mess tent, supply truck</li> <li>Comfortable tented accommodation in Dome tents (3 m x 3 m) with beds, bed linen and towels, bedside table &amp; lamp, paraffin lamp, private en-suite canvas 'bush bathroom' consisting of bucket shower and toilet (usually a chemical toilet), some parts in Namibia we will make use of the ablution facilities at the respective properties</li> <li>Services of a professional guide, safari chef, waiter and safari crew</li> <li>Game drives and park fees</li> <li>Activities specified in the itinerary</li> <li>Road transfer to Livingstone or Victoria Falls from Kasane</li> <li>All meals and drinks while on Penduka mobile tented safari (water, soft drinks, tea &amp; coffee, local wine &amp; beer)</li> <li>12% VAT</li> </ul>	
Excluded	<ul> <li>Travel insurance</li> <li>Medical insurance</li> <li>Staff gratuities</li> <li>Optional safari extensions</li> <li>Meals and drinks at hotels unless specified otherwise</li> <li>Visa fees into Zambia and Zimbabwe</li> </ul>	

#### Day 1 Sossusvlei

A PENDUKA representative will meet you at Windhoek International Airport or at a guesthouse in Windhoek and we commence on safari to drive westwards descending the Spreetshoogte Pass to Solitaire. The area offers breathtaking views deep into the lower lying Namibian plains. We arrive at Sesriem camp situated on the edge of the Namib Naukluft Park.



Accommodation: Sesriem campsite

#### Day 2 Sossusvlei

Early morning visit to some of the highest sand dunes in the world at Sossusvlei, the highest of which has been measured from its base as being 325 m.

Visit the Sesriem canyon in the afternoon. Centuries of erosion have incised a narrow gorge about 1 km in length. The gorge plunges 30 m to 40 m down and at the foot, pools can be found that become replenished after good rains.



Accommodation: Sesriem campsite

Activities: Sossusvlei & Sesriem Canyon visit

Day 3 Swakopmund

Drive Sossusvlei - Swakopmund (345km, 4.5 hour drive)

Drive through the Namib Naukluft Park and observe the rich diversity of desert adapted fauna and flora, including the Welwitschia plant. Reach the quaint town of Swakopmund nestled between the desert and the sea on the West Coast. Camp is set up near Swakopmund. Time to relax before a campfire dinner.

Accommodation: Swakopmund B&B (Bed & Breakfast)

## Day 4 Swakopmund

An early start to make the most of the various options available in the coastal towns of Walvis Bay and Swakopmund. In the morning we drive to Walvis Bay to see the bird life, flamingos and pelicans in the Harbour. An optional boat cruise gives you the chance to see the Cape fur seals, Bottlenose and Heavy side dolphins. In the afternoon a visit to the Swakopmund Museum, rug making industry and other places of interest, or a drive up the spectacular Swakop River.



Accommodation: Swakopmund (Bed & Breakfast)

Activities: optional activities

#### **Day 5 Brandberg - Ugab River** Drive Swakopmund - Brandberg (225 km, 3 hour drive)

We drive north through some of the largest lichen fields worldwide. In the late afternoon we reach Aba-Huab River where desert elephants can occasionally be seen. A little further on the Huab River we look for a nice spot to set up our wilderness camp.

Accommodation: Ugab River camping

Activities: nature drive

#### Day 6 Twyfelfontein

#### Drive Brandberg - Twyfelfontein (150 km, 2 hour drive)

Spend the morning exploring one of the largest collections of rock engravings discovered at Twyfelfontein and visit Burt Mountain. In the afternoon we drive along the Aba-Huab River bed in search of desert elephant and rhino.



Accommodation: Huab River camping

Activities: nature drive, Bushman paintings

## Day 7 Etosha National Park

We travel via Khorixas and Outjo to enter the Etosha National Park at Anderson Gate. An afternoon game drive into the Etosha Park before returning to Okaukuejo. The Etosha National Park is one of the largest parks in Africa, and owes its unique landscape to the Etosha Pan, a vast shallow depression of approximately 5 000 km square. Of the 114 mammal species found in the park, several are rare and endangered, such as black rhino and black-faced impala.

The waterhole at Okaukuejo is floodlit at night and spectacular wildlife is almost guaranteed. Lions, elephants and black rhino come to quench their thirst at night.



Accommodation: Okaukuejo Resort campsite

Activities: game drive

## Day 8 Etosha National Park - Namutoni

Today we observe the spectacular wildlife activity around the waterholes where game concentrates during the dry season. Lunch en route. Our daylong game drive takes us around the edge of the Etosha Pan to Namutoni, and along famous game routes in the Etosha Park.



Accommodation: Namutoni Resort campsite

Activities: game drive

## Day 9 Rundu

Drive Etosha - Rundu (365 km, 4 hour drive)

Leaving the Etosha National Park we travel via Grootfontein to Rundu on the Kavango River.

We reach the Caprivi, cross the border into Botswana, and travel through the village of Shakawe, to arrive at Drotsky's campsite situated on the banks of the Okavango River.



Accommodation: Drotsky's campsite

Activities: game viewing

# Day 11 Shakawe

A morning motor boat excursion on the Okavango River which is at its widest in this area. An abundance of bird life nest in the high papyrus fringing the river's edge, and we look out for the shy Sitatunga antelope that live here and feed off the papyrus. A walk down to the river from the campsite offers opportunity for bird watching. Optional fishing at additional cost.



Accommodation: Drotsky's campsite

Activities: game viewing, boat cruise

## Day 12 Maun

Drive Shakawe – Maun (350 km, 4 hour drive)

Early departure to drive down the west side of the Okavango Delta to arrive in Maun, Gateway to the Okavango. We arrive at our Maun accommodation, unpack and relax. In the afternoon an optional game flight offers you an aerial view of the Okavango Delta.

Accommodation: Maun on BB basis

Activities: optional scenic flight

## Day 13 Moremi Game Reserve

Drive Maun - Xakanaxa (150 km, 3 hour drive)

We make an early start and drive through traditional villages before entering the South Gate into Moremi Wildlife Reserve. We should see game en route to this reserve. Our game drive takes us

on a scenic road through Moremi to Xakanaxa lagoons. You are shown to your tents in time to shower before dinner served in the dining tent.



Accommodation: Xaxanaxa in exclusive wilderness area

Activities: game drives

Day 14 Moremi Game Reserve - Xakanaxa

Early morning coffee or tea, and we set off on a full morning's game drive to return to camp at about 11h00 for a delicious brunch. Time now to shower, rest and relax in camp. After tea we set off on our afternoon game drive through Moremi with its wilderness of rivers and lagoons. Return to camp and relax around the campfire. Dinner served in dining tent.



Accommodation: Xaxanaxa in exclusive wilderness area

Activities: game drives

Day 15 Moremi Game Reserve - Khwai Drive Xakanaxa to Khwai (50 km, 4 hour drive)

Having had breakfast we leave Xakanaxa and continue on an interesting riverine route where excellent bird and wildlife can be found, we arrive at Moremi's North Gate.



Accommodation: Khwai in exclusive wilderness area

Activities: game drives

## Day 16 Savuti

#### Drive Khwai to Savuti (100 km, 5 hour drive)

Savuti is one of Africa's most densely populated predator areas, and well known for its bull elephants. The Savuti waterhole offers an ever-changing spectacle of birds and wildlife. Morning and afternoon game drives with leisure time to relax during the heat of the day.



Accommodation: Savuti in wild campsite

Activities: Game drives

## Day 17 Savuti

An early morning game drive to have one last look at the Khwai, before returning to our camp for breakfast. We leave Moremi and our route takes us on an interesting day's drive northwards to Savuti. We stop en route for lunch.

A game drive past the grassy plains of the Mababe Depression takes us to our campsite. – Savute offers you an almost desert-like landscape during the dry season therefore the nutritious grasses of the Savute Marsh and the Mababe Depression becomes a vital source of energy for thousands of Zebra and Wildebeest. A truly amazing site to see.



Accommodation: Savuti in wild campsite

Activities: Game drives

# Day 18 & 19 Chobe National Park

Drive Savuti to Chobe (180 km, 5 hour drive)

After breakfast we leave for the Chobe River and we should see the breeding herds of elephant and large herds of buffalo for which this park is famous. In the afternoon on the second day, a boating excursion on the Chobe River offers a new dimension to game viewing.



Accommodation: Chobe National Park in wild campsite Activities: Game viewing and Chobe River sunset cruise

Day 20 Depart	Drive Chobe to Kasane (50 km, 2 hour drive)
	90 min road transfer Kasane – Victoria Falls/Livingstone

After a leisurely breakfast, we take you to the Kazangula border from where you will be transferred to either the Victoria Falls or the Livingstone Airport.

Alternatively a highly recommended one or two nights stay can be arranged at an additional cost.



(Visa and departure taxes are for own account)

End of the safari

#### **Please note**

- Penduka Safaris reserves the right to amend itineraries last minute if it is to the benefit of the clients. Amendments can also be necessary subject to the availability of campsites.
- Bookings are confirmed upon receipt of 20% non-refundable deposit, the balance is due 6 weeks before departure.
- Prices are subject to alteration if the Botswana Government increases park fees,

For further information please consult our SAFARI FACT SHEET or www.pendukasafaris.com

Additionally to our set-departure mobile safaris in Botswana and Namibia we also offer special interest mobile safaris (photography, birding, cultural, desert expeditions), private or tailor-made mobile safaris, luxury mobile safaris and private guided fly-in safaris throughout Southern Africa – Zambia, Namibia, Botswana and South Africa. The pilot-guide on the private guided-fly in safaris is Willem Barnard of Penduka Safaris.

Set-departure safaris can also be booked for private groups on exclusive basis either in standard or luxury tented accommodation. Cost on application.

# Penduka Safaris Est. 1963

Safari pioneers by nature, Penduka Safaris was established back in the 1960s by Izak Barnard and is the oldest mobile safari operator in Southern Africa. After 50 years in business the company remain true spirited pioneers and worthy leaders in mobile safari expeditions and transfrontier safaris through Southern Africa. Penduka specialises in expedition-style mobile safaris to more remote and off-the-beaten-track destinations such as Zambia, Namibia, Central Kalahari, Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park and Botswana and is renowned for their desert and cultural safaris (Kuomboka, Bushmen and Himba safaris). Over 8 decades of accumulated hands-on know-how, history, intimate knowledge, passion and appeal for the bush, the people, fauna and flora have been passed on through each generation as the family has been involved in wildlife since the early19th century.



Today Willem Barnard and his British wife Sally are running Penduka Safaris and the company is based in Maun. Having guided safaris in Southern Africa for over 30 years, Willem is not only a safari guide of note but also a charismatic host, raconteur, hands-on-owner, experienced bush pilot, photographer and avid birder.

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