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26 Night Epic Southern Africa

Namibia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, South Africa and Mozambique



Spanning right across southern Africa – this varied itinerary offers the freedom of self-drive in Namibia, Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, takes in the key highlights of Botswana in a flying safari and ends up on the stunning Bazaruto archipelago in Mozambique!

Day 01: The Weinberg Windhoek, Windhoek

On arrival into Hosea Kutako International Airport you will be met by our representative and transferred to The Weinberg by private vehicle for one night at The Weinberg with the following inclusions: Breakfast, complimentary WIFI, complimentary parking, Bed Levy and VAT.

Windhoek

Situated in Central Namibia, the cosmopolitan city of Windhoek serves as the capital of the country. It is home to an international airport and a plethora of restaurants, shops, entertainment venues and accommodation options. The city is clean, safe and well-organised, with a colonial legacy that is reflected in its many German eateries and shops, and the widespread use of the German language. Windhoek has an interesting mix of historical architecture and modern buildings, many of which are worth a look, including the Alte Feste an old fort, the 1896 Christuskirche Christ Church, and the more contemporary Supreme Court.

Situated in Klein Windhoek on the Am Weinberg Estate, the **Weinberg Boutique Hotel** is a 30-minute drive from Hosea Kutako International Airport. The elegant 43-bedroom hotel wraps around a heritage building, creating an inviting courtyard. This design complements its historic character, while modern amenities ensure the utmost comfort. Aside from the location and spectacular views, hotel guests also have access to facilities including the Soulstice Day Spa and two upmarket restaurants.

INSIDER'S TIP: Am Weinberg Boutique Hotel has various dining options. The Sky Bar Lounge is situated on the roof while the Library Wine Bar and Lounge is ideal for light meals. An all-day dining restaurant completes the food and drink offering.

Day 02: **Wilderness Kulala Desert Lodge, Sossusvlei**

Your rental car will be delivered at The Weinberg at 08:00am to self-drive to Sossusvlei for a 2-night stay at the Wilderness Kulala Desert Lodge with the following inclusions: all meals, twice daily scheduled camp activities, park fees, laundry, Namibian VAT & Tourism Levy, and local drinks - excludes premium imported brands and champagne.

- Afternoon Nature Drive on Kulala Reserve included
- Sossusvlei excursion included



Sossusvlei

Located in the scenic Namib-Naukluft National Park, Sossusvlei is where you will find the iconic red sand dunes of the Namib. The clear blue skies contrast with the giant red dunes to make this one of the most scenic natural wonders of Africa and a photographer's heaven. This awe-inspiring destination is possibly Namibia's premier attraction, with its unique dunes rising to almost 400 metres - making them some of the highest in the world. These iconic dunes come alive in morning and evening light and draw photography enthusiasts from around the globe. Sossusvlei is home to a variety of desert wildlife including oryx, springbok, ostrich and a variety of reptiles. Visitors can climb 'Big Daddy', one of Sossusvlei's tallest dunes; explore Deadvlei, a white, salt, claypan dotted with ancient trees; or for the more extravagant, scenic flights and hot air ballooning are on offer, followed by a once-in-a-lifetime champagne breakfast amidst these majestic dunes.

Wilderness Kulala Desert Lodge's location at the foot of the majestic Sossusvlei dunes allows for stunning views in every direction, while its private entrance to the Namib Naukluft National Park makes it the closest location to Sossusvlei. The camp has twenty-one thatched and canvas tents (including two family units), each built on raised wooden platforms, offering airy, comfortable accommodation, with a rooftop area for sleep-outs under the stars. Afternoons around the pool provide relief from the heat, while the wraparound veranda at the main area overlooks a waterhole, and private tours of the dunes provide the ultimate Sossusvlei experience.

INSIDER'S TIP: Try your hand at desert photography – whether capturing the red colour of the dunes in the early morning light or the otherworldly tree skeletons standing starkly across the floor of Dead Vlei.



Day 04: Cornerstone Guesthouse, Swakopmund

Self-drive from Sossusvlei to Swakopmund for a 2-night stay at the Cornerstone Guesthouse – accommodation is based on a bed & breakfast basis.

Dolphin & Seal Cruise is included— self-drive to and from Walvis Bay.

Swakopmund

Set along Namibia's spectacularly scenic coast, the seaside town of Swakopmund is known for its wide-open avenues, colonial architecture, and its surrounding desert terrain. Founded in 1892 as the main harbour for German South-West Africa, Swakopmund is often described as being more German than Germany. Now a seaside resort town, Swakopmund is the capital of the Skeleton Coast tourism area and has plenty to keep visitors happy. The quirky mix of German and Namibian influences, adventure options, laid-back atmosphere and cool sea breeze make it a very popular Namibian destination. Visitors can look forward to a number of exciting activities including: quad biking, horse riding, paragliding, fishing, sightseeing and fascinating desert tours.

Cornerstone Guesthouse is a small, private and peaceful bed and breakfast an easy walk to the sea and the town centre of Swakopmund on Namibia's fascinating Skeleton Coast. Occupying a quiet corner of Swakopmund's old town near the marine museum and the old brewery, Cornerstone Guesthouse offers the charm and intimacy of a family-run B&B combined with the modern amenities of a luxury hotel. Within a few minutes from the guest house you can walk to beaches, cafés, restaurants, lively pubs, Swakopmund tourist attractions and a variety of interesting shops and markets in the town.

Day 06: Okaukuejo Resort, Etosha South

Self-drive from Swakopmund to Okaukuejo Resort for a 2-nigt stay with the following inclusions: Breakfast, Bed Levy and VAT. All National Park entrance fees are excluded.



Etosha South

Located just south of the boundary of Etosha National Park in north-western 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.

Okaukuejo Resort is located within the Etosha National Park in Namibia. Accommodation consist of comfortably furnished rooms and chalets with air conditioning, refrigerators, and tea/coffee-making facilities. Chalets have fully equipped kitchens/kitchenettes. Guests can start the day with an inclusive breakfast on-site. Facilities and services include a restaurant, a floodlit waterhole, a bar, a swimming pool, a souvenir shop, and an onsite convenience store. Area activities include game drives, birdwatching, and wildlife spotting.



Day 08: Onguma Forest Camp

Self-drive to Onguma Forest Camp for a 2-night stay with the following inclusions: accommodation, Breakfast and Dinner. Transfer from and to the Onguma Airstrip, VAT, Social Development levy and NTB tourism levy.

Onguma Nature Reserve

Situated east of Etosha, bordering Fisher's Pan, Onguma Game Reserve features over 34000 hectares of protected land scattered with a variety of wildlife including plains game, black rhino, kudu, giraffe, zebra, lion, cheetah, leopard and more than 300 bird species. The seasonal rains attract thousands of migrating birds to the Fisher's Pan wetland area. The neighbouring Etosha National Park is home to a rich array of wildlife, including four of the Big 5. Visitors can enjoy game drives, guided walks and rhino research drives within the private reserve as well as wildlife safaris into Etosha National Park to view abundant game in the largest national park in Namibia.

Onguma - Etosha Forest Camp is situated in the forested area of a riverine environment and offers high thatched ceilings, an impressive wine cellar to complement delicious meals served under the stars, a refreshing swimming pool and an elevated viewing deck both overlooking a large and active waterhole.



Day 10: The Weinberg Windhoek, Windhoek

Self-drive back to Windhoek for one night at The Weinberg with the following inclusions: Breakfast, complimentary WIFI, complimentary parking, Bed Levy and VAT.

DAY 11: Pioneers Victoria Falls, Victoria Falls

This morning you will self-drive back to Hosea Kutako International Airport to drop off your rental vehicle and then check in for your flight to Victoria Falls.

You will be met on arrival by our representative and transferred from Victoria Falls Airport to Pioneers Victoria Falls for a 2-night stay with the following inclusions: Full English Breakfast, Zimbabwe 2% Tourism Authority Levy, and Zimbabwe 15% VAT

Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

Victoria Falls is one of the world's most impressive waterfalls. It is set on the magnificent Zambezi River which creates the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. These spectacular falls can be easily visited and viewed from the Zimbabwean side. Considered to be the world's widest waterfalls, Victoria Falls measures 1708 metres in width. The small town of Victoria Falls, which lies adjacent to the waterfalls, serves as a great base from which to explore the many attractions this area of Zimbabwe has to offer. The surrounding area provides a wide range of adrenalin-filled activities for adventure lovers. Visitors can look forward to an array of wonderful activities including: scenic flights, micro lighting, white water rafting, bungee jumping, kayaking, and once-in-a-lifetime expeditions into the incredible Chobe National Park.

Set in lush gardens with beautifully manicured lawns, this fifty room lodge is a great option for those who value comfort and elegance. The rooms are spacious and tastefully decorated in a classic style, and each has a clear and open view of the garden.

The heart of **Pioneers Lodge** is the centrally located main area, with a stylish and comfortable lounge and an inside dining room. Guests also have the option of relaxing and dining on the spacious terrace overlooking lush gardens. There is a large bar area which serves a variety of cold and hot beverages, including local craft beer made from Zambezi water. For the modern traveller, Wi-Fi is available throughout the lodge. Well placed in the lush gardens are two swimming pools, a day spa, and TV Room. Pioneers is a family friendly property.



Day 13: African Bush Camps Linyanti Bush Camp

Private road transfer across the border from Pioneers in Zimbabwe to Kasane Airport in Botswana to catch your light aircraft flight to the Linyanti Busch Camp for a 3-night stay with the following inclusions: Accommodation, all meals, beverages, laundry, return airstrip transfers, and two safari activities per full day.

Included activities: Morning, afternoon and night game drives. Walking safaris (guides armed for safety). Mokoro safaris (based on water levels). Seasonal Birding. Cultural tour (a surcharge may apply).

Linyanti Concession

Situated in Northern Botswana bordering the Chobe National Park, the Linyanti Concessions stretch across the Kwando-Linyanti river system. An abundance of wildlife roams freely between the woodland habitats, ancient floodplains and forests that make up these lush, unfenced reserves. The big game in this area increases dramatically during the dry season when the area hosts large herds of impala, blue wildebeest, giraffe and buffalo as well as a high density of elephant. Several packs of wild dog are found in the area and lion, leopard and cheetah are frequently sighted. Night drives allow for the discovery of nocturnal creatures such as civets, genets, honey badgers and spring hares.

At Linyanti Bush Camp you can enjoy game drives and walking safaris as well as traditional mokoro safaris through the shallow waterways of the Linyanti Wetlands, providing an unforgettable wildlife experience.

Bird enthusiasts will enjoy the rich diversity of birdlife in the area - expect to spot species such as the African fish eagle and the saddle-billed stork.



The Camp's design embraces the raw beauty of nature, evident in the organic tones and textures found throughout. Rich wood, stone accents, and natural fabrics offer a space that feels both authentic and tranquil. Spend the afternoon basking in the sun and enjoying refreshing dips in the swimming pool. The elevated living area features the inviting lounge, library bar, and dining area - perfect for relaxing after a day of safari adventures. Under the light of the stars, unwind with a nightcap by the fire pit.

Day 16: African Bush Camps Atzaro Okavango Camp

Depart camp on a road transfer to the local airstrip to catch your helicopter transfer to Atzaro Okavango Camp for a 3-night stay with the following inclusions: Accommodation, all meals, beverages, laundry, return airstrip transfers and two safari activities per day.

Included activities: Morning, afternoon and night game drives. Walking safaris (guides armed for safety). Mokoro safaris (based on water levels). Seasonal Birding.

Okavango Delta

Situated in the northwestern corner of Botswana, the Okavango Delta is a World Heritage Site as it is the largest inland delta in the world. The magnificent Okavango River sprawls out over the dry sands of the Kalahari Desert forming this flourishing waterlogged oasis featuring countless meandering waterways and crystal clear lagoons studded with water lilies, as well as fertile floodplains and reeded islands inhabited with abundant wildlife. The Okavango Delta stretches over an impressive 15,000 square kilometres. Visitors can enjoy a number of wonderful activities such as game viewing, fishing, bird watching or taking an authentic guided Mokoro excursion through this wetland paradise in a traditional dugout canoe.

Commonly spotted animals include: lion, rhino, leopard, giraffe, hippos, elephants, crocodiles and countless species of bird.



Atzaró Okavango Camp is located in one of the most ecologically diverse regions on the globe: Botswana's Okavango Delta. An oasis accessible only via helicopter and powered entirely by solar energy, Atzaró Okavango Camp effortlessly integrates with its exquisite environment of towering reeds, winding waterways, and savanna grasslands.

Discover the world's largest inland delta as you enjoy game drives, walking safaris, night safaris, mokoro safaris, and birdwatching excursions. Along with a sprawling network of water channels, the remarkable diversity and abundance of animals and birds have earned the Okavango Delta a reputation as one of Africa's premier safari destinations.

The lodge's architectural ethos embraces space with an open-plan layout, emphasizes the raw beauty of nature by featuring varieties of wood, woven decor, leather, and canvas elements. Echoing the Delta's natural tones, the lodge showcases splashes of green, blue, and gold throughout, blending with its surrounding landscape.

Day 19: San Camp, Makgadikgadi Salt Pans

Depart camp on your helicopter transfer to Maun Airport to catch your light aircraft flight to San Camp for a 3-night stay with the following inclusions: Morning, afternoon and night game drives. Meet the meerkats. Bushmen experience. Fat biking. Quad biking (April – October). Excluded and at an additional charge is horse riding & Kubu Island Expedition.

Makgadikgadi Salt Pans

Set in the heart of the dry savanna of north-eastern Botswana, the Makgadikgadi Pan is the world's largest network of salt pans stretching over 3900 square kilometres and formed on the bed of the ancient

Makgadikgadi Lake that began evaporating aeons ago. Visiting Makgadikgadi is a unique salt desert experience: in the dry season, this vast expanse of sun-baked salt glistens in the light, and when the rains come, the pan is home to flamingos and other water-birds, as well as one of Africa's largest zebra populations, whose annual migration occurs annually. Activities include horse riding safaris, game drives, and excellent birdwatching. Other highlights include: quad biking across the vast expanse of dry salt pans or jumping in a helicopter and viewing countless flamingo flocks creating a magnificent pink spectacle dotting the landscape.

Operating only in the dry season (mid-April to end October), **San Camp** is located deep in the Kalahari and is one of the most romantic and intimate camps in Africa. The camp's classic six white tents stand majestically on the edge of the endless Makgadikgadi Salt Pans – each sheltered by a cluster of desert palms. The central dining tent houses a small library and natural history museum filled with fascinating artefacts from the area. There is also a yoga and meditation tent if you wish to further your relaxation and enjoy the serenity of the area. San Camp is the ideal choice for travellers who want to explore the unique, almost lunar landscapes left behind by what was once a vast inland sea.

INSIDER'S TIP: An ongoing habituation programmes gives you the opportunity to interact with clans of meerkats.



Day 22: Johannesburg, O.R. Tambo Airport

This morning you will be transferred to the local Airstrip in time for your light aircraft flight back to Maun Airport to link with the Airlink flight to Johannesburg. On arrival into Johannesburg please make your own way to the Intercontinental Hotel – just steps away from the arrivals hall - for check in and overnight with the following inclusions: English Breakfast, 15% Value Added Tax and a 1% Government Tourism Levy.

Day 23: Azura Marlin Beach, Benguerra Island

This morning make your own way to the check-in counters at the airport in time for your Airlink flight to Vilanculos (Mozambique). On arrival you will be met and assisted to check in for your helicopter transfer to Benguerra Island for a 4-night stay at the Azura Marlin Beach, with the following inclusions: breakfast, dinners, soft drinks, tea & coffee, waters, sunset cocktail of the day poolside, Mozambican host service, WIFI access in the public areas and in rooms, cultural island drive, use of kayaks and paddleboards, various children's activities & EVAC medical insurance.

Activities which are included in the rate: Scenic Island drive by Land Rover, A sunset dhow cruise, use of kayaks and paddleboards, and star gazing.



Benguerra Island

The second-biggest island in the idyllic Bazaruto archipelago, Benguerra is a tropical paradise of long, palm-lined white beaches, verdant rainforest and temperate turquoise seas permeated with coral reefs. Benguerra was designated a national park in 1971 and wildlife thrives in this unspoilt environment, including freshwater crocodiles, turtles, monkeys, buck and over 150 avian species. The surrounding ocean is permeated with exquisite coral reefs, home to a kaleidoscopic variety of vividly coloured tropical fish and offering some of the most spectacular snorkelling and diving on the planet. These pristine waters are even frequented by the rare dugong, an ancient sea creature that currently exists in only a few locations in the world.

Azura Marlin Beach is located on the picturesque Southwest shore of Benguerra Island within the unspoilt Bazaruto Archipelago. The accommodation comprises ten modern, well-appointed and spacious villas, each equipped with air conditioning, tea/coffee facilities, a beachside sala with sun loungers and a private bathroom. The larger villas benefit from more space, a living area and a TV. Guests can enjoy dining at the onsite restaurant, which serves delicious breakfasts and dinners with lunches commonly enjoyed alongside the swimming pool. Additional amenities and services include Wi-Fi, a lounge bar, weekly BBQs, a

swimming pool, a trading store and a dive centre. Guests can enjoy island hopping by speedboat, deep sea fishing, scuba diving, a sunset dhow cruise and a guided snorkelling safari (at extra cost).



Day 27: End of Itinerary

Today you will depart Benguerra Island on the helicopter transfer back to Vilanculos in time to catch the Airlink flight to Johannesburg. On arrival into Johannesburg international Airport make your way to international departures and check in for your international flight home.

THIS IS AN EXAMPLE ITINERARY WHICH CAN BE TWEAKED TO SUIT YOUR INTERESTS AND BUDGET. WE CAN SHORTEN THE ITINERARY OR ADD DESTINATIONS – IT IS EASY TO ADD SOME NIGHTS IN CAPE TOWN TO EXPLORE THIS VIBRANT CITY AT THE BEGINNING OR END OF YOUR SAFARI. HWANGE NATIONAL PARK IN ZIMBABWE CAN BY ADDED – AS CAN A STAY IN THE KRUGER ON THE WAY FROM JOHANNESBURG TO VILANCULOS – PLEASE ASK!



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