



# 12 DAY - GO WILD

## 12 DAY NAMIBIAN SELF-DRIVE ADVENTURE

THIS TOUR IS ALSO AVAILABLE AS A **PRIVATE GUIDED TOUR**

Experience the wild side of Namibia on this twelve-day trip through the northern regions of the country. Join the Gondwana Collection and Namibia2Go for a special Namibian journey. This carefully planned safari includes stopovers at all the popular wildlife sites.

Beginning in Windhoek, the route leads northwards to the famous Etosha National Park, where two nights are enjoyed at the unique and quirky Etosha Safari Camp. The third day is spent travelling into the heart of Etosha for superb wildlife viewing, exiting in the late afternoon at the northern gate. Overnight at the stylish Etosha King Nehale on the Andoni Plains before travelling further north to the peaceful oasis of Hakusembe Lodge on the glittering Okavango River. Arrive in time to raise your glass and watch the sun sink into the horizon from the deck of the lodge.

As you journey eastwards into the Zambezi Region and toward the Kwando River, a wilder Africa calls. A sanctuary for wildlife, Bwabwata National Park and its surrounds provide countless photographic opportunities. Tune in to the sounds of the river and fall asleep to the chortling of hippos at Namushasha River Lodge. A highlight of a stay is a trip into Bwabwata, by boat and game-viewing vehicle.

The safari continues further east on the floodplains of the Chobe River, adjacent to Chobe National Park, where it's possible to spot elephants, buffalo and water-adapted antelope, like sitatunga at different times of the year. After savouring the delights of Chobe, you enter into the enchanted world of the mighty Zambezi River, where the life-affirming calls of fish eagles resound through the day. This riverine landscape is home to over 450 species of birds, which fill the air with sound, activity and colour.

Your last two nights are spent on the Kwando and Okavango rivers for a second helping of river magic as you make your way back to the capital city. Are you ready for a delicious feast of Namibian wilderness? Are you ready to GO WILD?

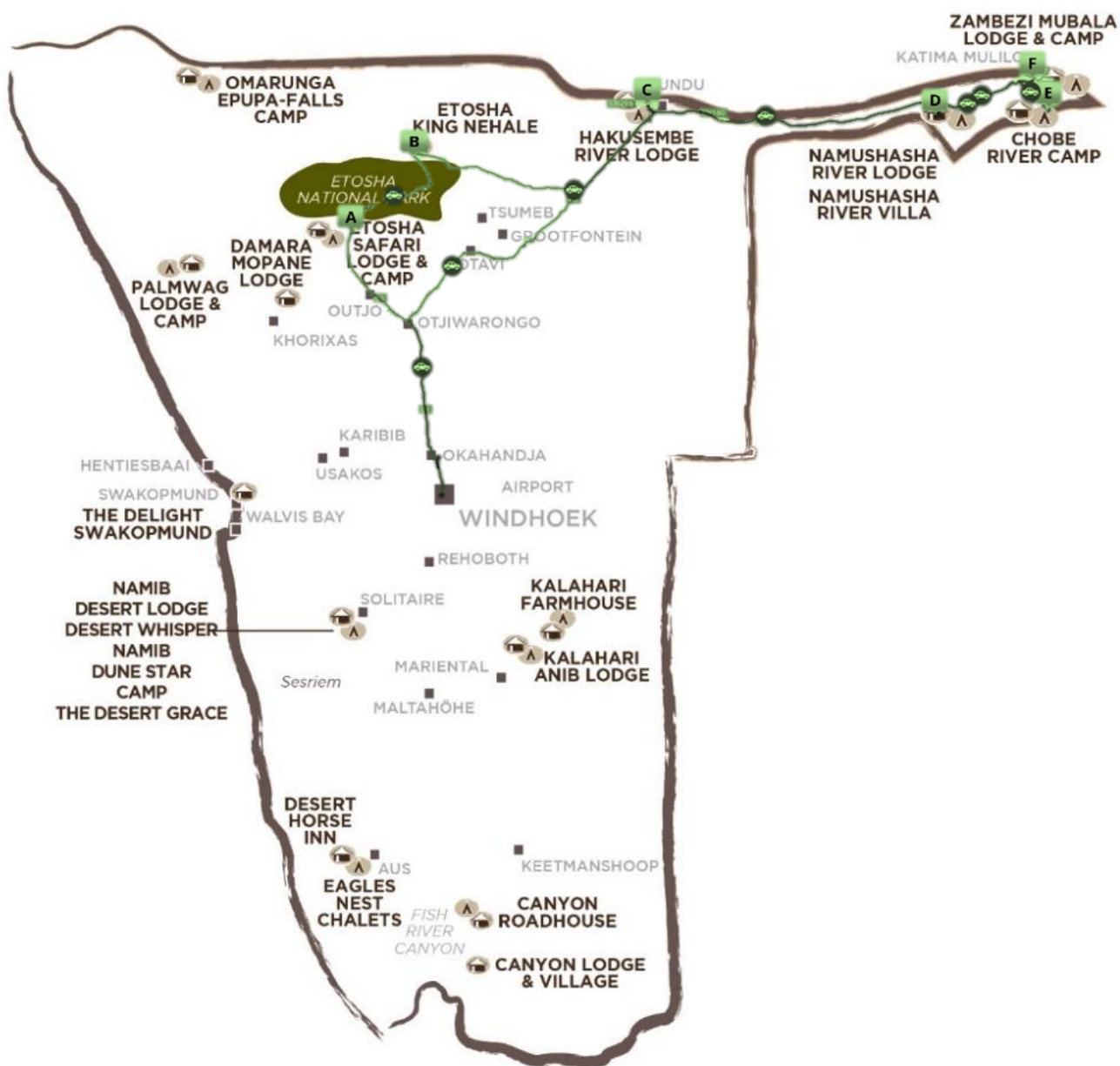


## 12 DAY - GO WILD ROUTE – DISTANCE & TIME

GO WILD (+/- 3600km)			
Day	Destination	Accommodation	Distance/Time +/-
1	Etosha National Park	Etosha Safari Camp	405km/5h
2	Etosha National Park	Etosha Safari Camp	
3	Etosha National Park	Etosha King Nehale	202km/3.5h
4	Okavango River, Rundu	Hakusembe River Lodge	495km/5h
5	Kwando River, Zambezi	Namushasha River Lodge	430km/5.5h
6	Bwabwata National Park	Namushasha River Lodge	
7	Chobe River	Chobe River Camp	195km/2.5h
8	Zambezi River	Zambezi Mubala Lodge	80km/1.5h
9	Zambezi River	Zambezi Mubala Lodge	
10	Kwando River	Namushasha River Lodge	456km/2.5h
11	Okavango River, Rundu	Hakusembe River Lodge	430km/5.5h
12	Windhoek	Depart	730km/8h



## 12 DAY – GO WILD ROUTE MAP





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## SELF-DRIVE TOUR

		SUZUKI 4X4 JIMNEY	4X4 SUV / 4X4 DCAB
Low Season	01.11.23 - 30.06.24	32,860.00 *	40,210.00 *
High Season	01.07.24 - 31.10.24	35,260.00 *	42,790.00 *
Single Supplement	01.11.23 - 31.10.24	7,350.00	7,350.00

\*Per Person Sharing

- All rates are quoted in Namibia Dollars.
- Rates are per person sharing based on 2 people travelling, together in one vehicle.
- The rates include airport transfers, accommodation on Bed & Breakfast basis, Premium Cover insured vehicle rental.
- All itineraries start and end in Windhoek, Namibia.
- Daily Departures.
- Pre & Post tour services can be added as extras.
- Tailor-made itineraries on request.

This Self-Drive Tour Package does not include:

- Meals other than breakfast
- National Park entrance fees
- Porterage and Gratuities
- Travel/Medical Insurances
- International/National Flights and Airport Taxes
- All items of a personal nature
- Fuel costs for duration of tour
- Vehicle Hire deposit



## 12 DAY – GO WILD SELF-DRIVE INFORMATION

<b>Emergency Services</b>	Emergency evacuation services are included.
<b>Drivers</b>	A valid and unendorsed license must be produced by all drivers. The minimum age for authorised drivers is 23 years.
<b>Fuel</b>	The client will receive the vehicle with a full tank of fuel. Upon the return of the vehicle/termination of the vehicle hire, the vehicle will be refilled at the client's expense.
<b>Insurances</b>	The rental vehicle includes Premium Cover.
<b>Rental Agreement</b>	Upon hiring the vehicle, the client and additional drivers will be required to complete a standard rental agreement with the car hire company. A valid credit card is required for the rental deposit.
<b>Health</b>	It is the client's own responsibility to ensure that he/she is medically fit and able to embark on the tour.
<b>Force Majeure</b>	Please note that we do our utmost to conduct the tour as described in the programme, however unforeseeable events such as unfavourable weather conditions, rivers in a flood or other factors may force us to adjust the course of the tour.



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## GUIDED TOUR

	PAX	LOW SEASON (01.11.2023 – 30.06.2024)	HIGH SEASON (01.07.2024 – 31.10.2024)
4 X 4 SUV / 4x4 Double Cab	1	134,630.00*	140,660.00*
4 X 4 SUV / 4x4 Double Cab	2	81,000.00**	90,010.00**
4 X 4 SUV / 4x4 Double Cab	3	65,280.00**	67,290.00**
VW Transporter	4	60,160.00**	61,930.00**
VW Transporter	5	54,900.00**	56,300.00**
VW Transporter	6	51,390.00**	52,560.00**
VW Transporter	7	48,870.00**	49,850.00**
Single Supplement		6,460.00	6,460.00

\*single supplement included

\*\*per person sharing

## 12 DAY GUIDED TOUR INCLUDES

- Accommodation
- Dinner & Breakfast (excl. dinners in Swakopmund)
- Vehicle & Local English-Speaking Tour Guide
- Fuel
- Activities:
  - Etosha National Park Game Drive
  - Bwabwata National Park Game Drive
- National Park entrance fees for the above activities



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## ITINERARY

*Experience the wild side of Namibia on this 12-day safari. Perfect for wildlife lovers, this route allows plenty of time to savour Namibia's animal kingdom, unhurriedly and up close. Explore Etosha National Park and the national parks in the Zambezi Region, including a magical cruise on the Kwando River spotting hippo and the countless bird species of this lush region. The vastly different characters of these two areas provide a well-rounded, wonderfully varied, and exciting journey.*

### DAY 1:

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.

### DAY 2:

Situated on the outskirts of Etosha National Park, Etosha Safari Camp is the perfect base from which to explore this renowned wildlife sanctuary, with the option of a lunchtime siesta in your chalet or at the poolside. Instead of rushing ahead to your next destination, relish the opportunity to explore the waterholes in the Okaukuejo vicinity in your own time where there are a variety of animal visitors large and small. After a full and satisfying day of wildlife viewing, return to the warm hospitality of Etosha Safari Camp.

### DAY 3:

The third day of your safari is a celebration of wildlife as you travel through Etosha, visiting the waterholes further to the east and exiting the park in the late afternoon at Etosha's northerly King Nehale Gate. Not far from the gate, on the Andoni Plains bordering the park, you'll reach Etosha King Nehale your home for the night. Spend the evening in the comfort of this stylish lodge, embellished with both royal and African flourishes, ending your Etosha sojourn on a high note.

### DAY 4:

After a good night's sleep and an introduction to the colourful character of the Owambo regions, take the turnoff onto the M121 before Ondangwa to travel northwards to Eenhana. Follow the B10 to the east on a tree-lined road that leads to the glittering Okavango River. Ten kilometres before the junction with the B8 on the outskirts of Rundu, you'll find the access road to Hakusembe River





Lodge, a green oasis on the banks of the river. Enjoy the peaceful surrounds of this relaxing lodge on an afternoon boat cruise or raise glasses from the wooden deck as the ruby sun sinks into the horizon.

## DAY 5:

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.

## DAY 6:

Today you can 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.

A highlight of your stay is the guided trip into the Bwabwata National Park, beginning with a boat cruise on the Kwando River. Downriver, guests disembark on to the riverbank where a game-viewing vehicle waits for exploration into the national park. This includes a drive to the popular elephant-viewing spot at Horseshoe, an oxbow lake surrounded by Zambezi teak woodland. The afternoon is celebrated with drinks and snacks before heading back to the riverbank to board the boat as the sun begins to set.

Those comfortable with 4x4 driving can consider visiting the nearby Mudumu National Park, a good destination for a morning or afternoon expedition, or a day trip with a picnic lunch. Or continue to Nkasa Rupara National Park, slightly further afield. Allocate a full day for this water-rich gem of a park, with a stop along the way at the small Livingstone Museum (phone ahead to arrange a suitable time). (Caution is needed in muddy conditions, as well as 4x4 expertise.)

Other places to visit include Mashi Crafts, a treasure-house of crafts, located across the road from the Kongola fuel station and well worth a visit. For a touch of local culture, pop into the Namushasha Heritage Centre, a short distance from the lodge, to learn about the intriguing culture of the Eastern Zambezi region. The Living Museum of the Mafwe, reached from Kongola, provides another opportunity to learn about the local traditions.

## DAY 7:

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 elephants 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 an 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.

#### DAY 8:

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.

#### DAY 9:

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 tigerfish (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.

#### DAY 10:

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.

#### DAY 11:

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.

#### DAY 12:

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.

**Please note that check-in times for departures is at least 2 hours before the flight departure time. Kindly deliver your car to the car rental company beforehand from where you will be transferred to the airport.**