

# ACACIA AFRICA

## PREMIUM OVERLANDING

Tour Code SDDV14

LIVINGSTONE - SWAKOPMUND

14 DAYS

Tour Departure – 08:00

Pre-departure Meeting – 18:00 day prior to departure

### HIGHLIGHTS

Victoria Falls – Livingstone  
Chobe National Park  
Okavango Delta  
Kalahari Bushman Walk  
Windhoek  
Etosha National Park  
Spitzkoppe  
Swakopmund



**Premium Overlanding allows you the flexibility to decide.... if your not sure camping is for you then try Premium Overlanding - if your not enjoying camping then simply upgrade! If you don't feel like helping with the cooking - then don't! It is perfectly ok on premium overlanding, remember you are on a holiday! This safari is designed to give you that extra comfort and maximum flexibility - it is all about YOU on Premium Overlanding.**

### INTENDED ITINERARY

There is an option to request an upgrade on 10 out of 13 nights on this safari.

This safari journeys through diverse landscapes – from eerie and barren desert to pounding Atlantic coastline, from lush and prolific game parks to wild savannah and the Victoria Falls. Experience these with a range of exhilarating adventure options which will leave you wanting more!

Whilst it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the tour and on occasion it may be necessary, or in the best interests of the group, to make alterations to the published itinerary. Please therefore treat the following as a guide only. For this reason please do not attempt to pre book any of the suggested upgrade options prior to arrival & the start of your safari. Your itinerary will be confirmed at the Pre Departure meeting and requests for upgrades will be accepted then.

The vehicle used for this tour is a fully-equipped safari truck with superior equipment & additional Acacia Crew

**Duration:** 14 Days  
**Countries visited:** Zambia, Botswana, Namibia,

#### DAY 1 Livingstone (Victoria Falls)

Our first day of the tour we have a free day to endure the various optional activities available in the area (typically these include rafting, canoeing, bungee, abseiling, gorge swinging, elephant and horse riding, scenic flights, river cruises), allowing you to plan your time accordingly. But whatever you do, don't forget a visit to the Victoria Falls themselves. At various times of year the spray from the Falls can be seen from up to 20 or 30 kilometres away, hence the local name 'Mosi au Tunya' – the 'smoke that thunders'.

**NB** For the sake of practicality, meals in the Livingstone/Victoria Falls area are restricted to breakfasts. This allows you to take on half day or full day activities (some of which include lunch) without having to be back with

the group at mealtimes. The Waterfront camp restaurant overlooks the Zambezi River and offers a good selection of reasonably priced meals and snacks throughout the day (allow US\$15 - \$30 per meal). Relax and enjoy these few days at your own leisure. Alternatively, take a taxi into Livingstone to try local fare.

#### Upgrade Option: The Waterfront

Is situated on the north bank of the Zambezi 4km upstream from Victoria Falls is a convenient and inexpensive stopover.

The Zambezi Waterfront offers a full range of accommodation options in cool and shady surroundings on the riverbank and includes:

16 fully serviced en-suite twin chalets including 3 executive rooms and 4 family rooms.

A tented "Adventure Village" with accommodation for up to 60 guests in a large and spacious cluster of individual Bow Tents on raised platforms.

The Waterfront has a central dining complex with open views up and down river - the spray from Victoria Falls is in constant view.

A raised wooden deck stretches out over the river with a unique plunge pool.

An open bar and restaurant area, reception, travel centre, merchandising shop and internet café completes the complex.

**Cost : from USD\$25 per person (twin share)**

#### Included Meals B

### DAY 2 & 3 Kasane (Chobe National Park)

Moving on from Livingstone, we take the ferry across the Zambezi River to Botswana and drive the short distance to the small town of Kasane where we set up our camp for 2 nights on the edge of the Chobe River.

Chobe National Park, in northwest Botswana, has one of the largest concentrations of game in Africa. By size, it is the third largest park of the country and is the most diverse and home to elephant, lion, buffalo, hippo and abundant birdlife, including the famous African fish eagle. Rising early we take a game drive, we rest during in the heat of the day and then in the late afternoon, we take a cruise on the Chobe River – a great opportunity to see hippo and perhaps elephant or buffalo coming to the river to bathe and drink

The Chobe, which flows along the Northeast border of the park, is a major watering spot, especially in the dry season (May through October) for large breeding herds of elephants, as well as families of giraffe, sable and cape buffalo. The flood plains are the only place in Botswana where the puku antelope can be seen. Birding is also excellent here. Large numbers of carmine bee eaters are spotted in season. When in flood spoonbills, ibis, various species of stork, duck and other waterfowl flock to the area.

#### Upgrade Option : Thebe River Lodge

Thebe River Safaris lodge offers twin rooms. All rooms are en-suite and have a shower with ample near-instant piping hot water. All beds are mosquito netted ensuring a peaceful night sleep & rooms are air-conditioned - a real treat in the summer months! Facilities include a bar and swimming pool and the property is located on the banks of the Chobe River.

**Cost : USD\$40 per person (twin share)**

#### Included Meals B / L / D

### DAY 4 Kasane - Maun

Today we leave Kasane and make our way to Maun and Situtunga camp where we have the rest of the afternoon at leisure.

Maun is the fifth largest town in Botswana - It is an eclectic mix of modern buildings and native huts.

Although officially still a village, Maun has developed rapidly from a rural frontier town to a community that has distributed along the wide banks of the Thamalakane River where red lechwe can still be seen grazing next to local donkeys, goats and cattle.

Since Maun's founding in 1915 it has had a reputation as a hard-living 'Wild West' town helping the local cattle ranching and hunting operations.

Maun is today a thriving tourist town, infamous for its infestation of donkeys and to a lesser extent goats. These animals can be seen standing around town as the local farmers arrive in the innumerable taxis to sell their wares on the curbside. Maun is the entrance to the Okavango Delta.

#### **DAY 5 Okavango Delta**

The Okavango is a natural wetland spreading over some 1,600,000ha of northern Botswana. The Okavango River rises in Angola (farther to the north) and flows south dividing repeatedly after crossing into Botswana to form an intricate floodplain of channels and which spreads out into a broad flat inland delta – the only one of its kind. Here we explore amongst the giant lily pads, tall grasses and labyrinthine channels in search of hippo, crocodile and a variety of birds. We travel on foot and by mokoro (dugout canoe) and camp for a night on one of the river islands. The Okavango is a very unspoilt area and camping out amidst the bush and the rivers listening to sounds of the African night is an unforgettable experience!

**Upgrade Option: Camping only - no upgrade available.**

**Included Meals B / L / D**

#### **DAY 6 Okavango Delta – Maun**

We make our way out of the Okavango Delta and return to Maun and Sitatunga Camp for an afternoon of leisure. There is an opportunity this afternoon to participate in an optional scenic flight over the Okavango Delta - a Scenic flight is the most efficient option in terms of time, and enables you to experience an aerial view, which puts into perspective the vastness of the wilderness areas.

The best times for scenic flights are in the morning and late afternoon when weather conditions are calmer. Keep a look out for Hippos in the waterways and Elephant and Buffalo in the shade of the trees. Observe how the water channels meander their way through the Delta in ever changing paths as this Dynamic water system evolves. The vastness of this pristine wilderness is breathtaking.

**Upgrade Option: Sitatunga Cottage**

**Cost : USD\$35 per person (twin share)**

**Included Meals B / L / D**

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#### **DAY 7 Maun - Ghanzi**

Leaving Maun we travel South west to Ghanzi which skirts the Kalahari desert. Here, in this midst of (seemingly) barren terrain we meet the Bushman and have a guided bush walk for a glimpse of this ancient people's way of life. Due to enormous economic and social pressures, the San lifestyle and culture has been all but destroyed. Julian Butler, a local businessman, realizing this, set aside a former cattle ranch in Ghanzi in order to recreate an authentic hunter/gatherer community of the San/Bushman.

Ghanzi Trail Blazers caters for visitors wishing to have a genuine glimpse of this fast disappearing unique and ancient culture.

The San/Bushman have few educational skills to survive total domination by Western political and social culture. Ghanzi Trail Blazers offers them an opportunity to utilise their own specialised skills in a work environment at which they are totally at home. Your support of this ecotourism venture gives the San/Bushman a sustainable income and helps keep their culture alive.

Around the campfire at night, you can experience the ancient dance rituals of the San/Bushman. On special occasions this could be a healing or trance dance, which can continue all night, and is an intense spiritual experience for both participants and visitors alike.

**Upgrade Option: Trailblazers Guest Camp**

Accommodation is in recreated San/Bushman grass huts, which have been suitably modified for your comfort. The huts have stretchers with mattresses, lights and mosquito nets. There are communal ablutions with flush toilets and hot showers.

**Cost : USD\$20 per person (twin share)**

**Included Meals B / L / D**

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**DAY 8  
Ghanzi- Windhoek**

Today we leave Botswana behind and cross over to Windhoek, the capital of Namibia, which is located in a basin between the Khomas Highland, Auas and Eros Mountains. It is 1,680m above sea level, 650km north of the Orange River, the city is situated in almost the countries epicenter.

Windhoek is home to approximately two hundred thousand people, an extremely small capital by global standards. The city centre is characterised by a proliferation of German style buildings, a lasting reminder of Namibia's early colonial history and atmosphere. Take the opportunity to enjoy a night out at one of the local taverns or visit the very famous 'Joes Beer House'

**Upgrade Option : Arebbusch Guest Cottages**

Arebbusch Travel Lodge offers quality accommodation at affordable prices in a natural setting within a short distance of down town Windhoek.

Regular features in the rooms include fridges, tea and coffee making facilities, TVs with DSTV, telephones, air conditioning, linen and internet access. Facilities at Arrebusch include bar, restaurant, DSTV and swimming pool.

**Cost : R385 per person (twin share)**

**Included Meals B / L**

**DAY 9 & 10  
Etosha National Park**

We make our way north to Etosha National Park, a vast reserve of over 20,000 sq km surrounding a central salt depression or 'pan.' The pan is seasonally full of water but specially managed waterholes sustain some 114 mammal and 340 bird species. We spend two nights here, usually making camp near a floodlit waterhole. Observers frequently see a range of night visitors including elephant, giraffe, zebra, even lion and hyena, making it one of the most memorable wildlife encounters in Namibia - a truly African experience and a highlight of any trip to Namibia.

**Upgrade Option : Etosha Bungalows**

Namibian Wildlife Resorts offer various different accommodation options in Etosha -

5 x premier waterhole chalets / 30 x waterhole chalet double rooms / 2 x family chalets (2 rooms, 4 beds) / 25 x bush chalets (2 beds) / 40 x double rooms.

The accommodation is all centrally located, and provides easy access to the floodlight waterholes, other facilities include a swimming pool, shop and bar/restaurant.

**Cost : from R500 per person (twin share)**

**Included Meals B / L / D**

**DAY 11  
Etosha - Spitzkoppe**

Leaving Etosha we head south west to the beautiful Damaraland region and stop at Spitzkoppe to admire ancient bushman paintings still visible on the peculiar rock formations.

Spitzkoppe is situated 160 km east from Swakopmund, in the Damaraland region. The rock formations peak at 1728m above sea level, and form a spectacular view. Take your time to explore the area and its delightful calmness. Keep an eye on the ever changing colour of the rock, especially during sunrise and sunset, when they acquire intense red shades. The most impressive rock painting is "Bushman Paradise".

The Spitzkoppe Restcamp lies at the base of the mountain. It is owned and maintained by the local community, and therefore all proceeds from our visit contribute to a better future for the local community.

**Upgrade Option : Camping only - no upgrade available.**

## Included Meals B / L / D

### DAY 12 - 14 Swakopmund

Departing the granite infused Spitzkoppe , we make our way to the Atlantic coast and Swakopmund, which is a small town redolent of Namibia's colonial past but with modern adventure oriented attractions for the visitor. Swakopmund is Namibia's main seaside resort, sandwiched neatly between the desert and the ocean, and is a delightful coastal oasis. Try some adventure desert based activities if you wish –quad biking, sand boarding, skydiving (weather permitting) – or else simply walk along the promenade admiring the ocean and indulge in the town's café culture.

#### **Upgrade Option: Amanpuri Guest House**

Amanpuri Guest house is relatively new Guest House that offers a variety of accommodation options. The rooms are spotlessly clean & comfortable with well equipped common areas and WIFI. Amanpuri is very centrally located and an easy walk to the main shopping area of Swakopmund.

Your tour ends on day 14 after breakfast

**Cost : R320 per person (twin share)**

Included Meals B

## TOUR INFORMATION

**Africa is an adventure destination and travelling here is not always predictable so be prepared to "expect the unexpected" in difficulties or delays which might come our way! However, you'll soon find that the diversity of the African landscape, the wildlife and the communities we pass on our way, make the sometimes rough travel and long driving days worthwhile.**

**Come with a sense of adventure and a flexible attitude and you will be sure to enjoy your Acacia overland tour across this amazing continent.**

#### **TOUR STYLE**

Acacia Premium Overland Tour

#### **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

All tour highlights, walk in tented accommodation, fully equipped safari vehicle, superior camping and cooking equipment , stretcher beds/swags, service of four crew, all road and vehicle taxes, all ground transportation, meals as indicated.

#### **WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED**

Visa's, travel insurance, flight departure taxes, airport transfers, optional activities, tips, drinks, sleeping bag and items of personal nature.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

We use extra large 2-person dome tents with fly sheets, sewn-in ground sheets, zip-up insect screens and thick foam 'swags' with camp beds.. We mainly use campsites, which usually have reasonable wash and shower facilities, electricity points and sometimes even a small shop, bar or swimming pool. We bush camp for one night in the Okavango Delta, where there are little or no facilities, but just us amidst beautiful wild scenery – a real African highlight.

#### **TRANSPORT**

24-seater, self contained, custom-built safari truck with onboard tables, plug sockets, freezer, water tank, library, i-pod jack, safety features and 70-litre individual lockers.

#### **MEALS**

Meals included are - Breakfast (B), Lunch (L), Dinner (D) as per the itinerary

These meals are prepared in camp by the group and help preparing the meals is invited. Most dietary requirements can be catered for on the road. Please ensure you inform Acacia of any special requirements when you book or at your earliest convenience.

#### **GAME PARK VISITS**

In order to maximise the quality of game driving and to comply with local authority rulings, some of our National Park visits and game viewing is carried out using services provided by local African ground handlers. As well as

enhancing our experience it also allows us to contribute at a 'grassroots' level to local economies from which local people benefit. These local services are included in the Local Payment

## TOUR PREPARATION

### BOOKING INFORMATION

When you make a confirmed booking for your tour you will be sent your booking documents and a pre-departure booklet with detailed information to help you prepare for your trip. Once you have paid in full you will receive a Travel Voucher giving details of your joining hotel. Cape Town and Livingstone are well served by a number of airlines and your travel agent can advise on flights to the start of the tour.

### JOINING INFORMATION

This tour starts in Cape Town. **The pre-departure meeting is held at 18:00 on the evening prior to departure. The tour departs at 08:00 on day 1 and ends in Livingstone on day 19.**

#### Meeting point in **Livingstone**

Address:	<b>The Zambezi Waterfront Resort</b> Sichango Rd Livingstone
Contact details:	Tel. +260 3 320 606/7/8
E-mail:	<a href="mailto:waterfront@safpar.com">waterfront@safpar.com</a>
Pre-dep. meeting:	18:00 prior to departure day
Tour start time:	08:00 on day 1

#### Tour end point: **Swakopmund:** Address:

**Amanpuri Lodge**  
Corner : 25 Moses Garoeb Street/ Anton Lubowski Avenue  
Erong  
Swakopmund  
Tel: +264 64 402 841

Tour end time: After breakfast on day 14

### PRE TOUR ACCOMMODATION

This tour departs Cape Town early on day 1; we strongly recommend therefore that you plan to arrive the day before departure to overcome any jet-lag and to acclimatise to Africa. We would be happy to book pre-tour accommodation for you – please call or email us (or speak to your agent) with your arrival details and accommodation requirements.

However please book early to avoid disappointment and the risk of having to find more expensive (or less convenient) lodgings.

If time allows, we also suggest planning a night or two extra (after your tour) to make the most of this part of Africa. Accommodation is usually available locally on arrival and there is a variety of activities and excursions in the Livingstone/ Victoria Falls area you can arrange.

See below for a guide to extra accommodation costs. These prices are correct at time of print but are subject to change so please check with Acacia or your agent for current prices.

Description	Price (£)	Description	Price (£)
<b>Livingstone</b>		<b>Swakopmund</b>	
Pre tour accommodation – Tented pppn TW	£ 12	Post tour accommodation – Twin/ double pppn	£ 33
Pre tour accommodation – Tented pppn SL	£ 18	Post tour accommodation – Single pppn	£ 43

### WHAT TO BRING

Please try to keep your luggage to a minimum, bearing in mind that most airlines impose a 20kg limit. It should be brought in a soft holdall or rucksack along with a smaller day bag. You will need to bring a mixture of lightweight clothing and warm clothing for the evenings and early morning game drives. You also need a sleeping bag (and small pillow if preferred). We recommended you pack a small torch or headlamp, mosquito spray and a money pouch/ belt that can be easily hidden. Please try to avoid bringing unnecessary valuables

and use your hotel safe to store the bulk of your money, passport, and airline tickets. A full 'What to Bring' list is included in our **pre-departure booklet (online version)**, issued when you book.

## VACCINATIONS/HEALTH

The table below indicates the vaccinations suggested for travel on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. You should seek professional medical advice from your GP or clinic at least six weeks prior to departure.

Please be aware that some of the areas visited on this tour are **malarial**. We strongly recommend your seeking professional medical advice for the appropriate anti-malarial tablets.

Country	Tetanus	Diphtheria	Polio	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Typhoid	Meningitis	Rabies	Yellow Fever	Malaria
Zambia	R	R	R	R	R	R	-	R	C*	R
Botswan	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	R	*	R
Namibia	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	R	*	R

**C** = Compulsory, **C\*** = Anyone travelling from South Africa to Zambia (or vice versa) will require a Yellow Fever Certificate.

**R** = Recommended, **R\*** = If travelling from infected countries a certificate of proof may be required.

## VISA REQUIREMENTS

The table below indicates the visas required for travel to the countries on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. At least one month prior to travel seek confirmation from embassies or a visa specialist, that these requirements are still current. For UK citizens the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) offers free up-to-date travel info: [www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk) For other nationalities a number of travel advice websites are listed on the Acacia website.

Nationality	UK	AUS	NZ	USA	CAN	BEL	IRE	NED	DEN	ITA	GER	AUT	SWE	FIN	NOR	MEX	KOR
Zambia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes									
Botswana	No	Yes															
Namibia	No	Yes	Yes														

## MONEY MATTERS

### PERSONAL EXPENSES

Naturally you will require extra money for your own personal spending on the tour, for snacks, drinks, souvenirs, tips and items of a personal nature. Everybody has different spending habits but as a guideline we suggest you budget US\$15-20 per day. Also keep US\$ cash for relevant airport taxes and visas needed, optional activities and any additional accommodation before or after your tour.

- **Spending money** is best carried as cash in US dollars, Sterling or Euro which you then exchange into local currency on arrival and as you go. Your guide can advise how and when you can change the rest of your money throughout the tour.
- **Currencies** are as follows: Zambia – Zambia Kwacha, Botswana- Pula, Namibia Dollar, South Africa – Rand. Please note that Rand is legal tender in Namibia at the same rate of exchange as the Namibian Dollar.
- **ATM machines** are found in Livingstone, Windhoek and Cape Town. Please note they are sometimes unreliable (and therefore should not be relied upon).
- **Credit cards** can be used to pay for optional activities although charges may be may be high by western standards (+/- 5%).
- **Travellers cheques** can be difficult to cash but make suitable emergency funds.

We recommend you bring your spending money in several different ways (some cash, some t/cheques, some cards); your guide can best advise on what to use where.

### TIPPING

This is always a matter for your own individual discretion but as in many areas where tourism is an important contributor to the economy, it has become customary to give a small gratuity to local staff, including your tour leader and driver, at the end of a tour if services rendered have been to your satisfaction.

### OPTIONAL ACTIVITES

In order to give you maximum flexibility on tour we offer a number of optional activities on the tour. To help budget, approximate prices are listed below (in US\$ unless otherwise stated. All prices subject to change and availability).

Activity	Price	Activity	Price (USD)
<b>Livingstone</b>		<b>Namibia</b>	
Vic Falls bungi (single/tandem)	\$120	Quad Biking	N\$500
Game walk	\$75	Sand Boarding	N\$250- N\$350
Croc farm tour	\$30	Deep Sea Fishing	N\$850
Gorge Swing	\$60	Scenic flights	N\$2695
Zambezi Jet Boating & Cable Car	\$95	Tandem skydive	N\$1900
Half day/ Full day Canoe Safari	\$95/ \$130	Dolphin Cruise	N\$480
Zambezi Sunset Cruise	\$60	Kayaking	N\$600
Lion Encounter	\$130	<b>Botswana</b>	
White Water Rafting/ Riverboarding comb	\$145/ \$175	Okavango scenic flight per 5-seater plane	\$400
Flight over the Falls (from)	\$130	Kalahari desert swim excursion	50BP
Okavango scenic flight per 5-seater plane	\$400		
Kalahari desert swim excursion	50BP		

### INSURANCE

It is a booking condition of Acacia that you have full travel insurance valid for the duration of your tour to cover you for medical emergency and repatriation to your home country. Your guide will ask you for a copy of this when you join the tour. It is also important that you leave a copy of your insurance with the person nominated as your emergency contact. We can recommend a respected, specialist travel insurance provider for this tour. Please refer to: [http://www.acacia-africa.com/travel\\_info/travel\\_documents.php](http://www.acacia-africa.com/travel_info/travel_documents.php) for more details.

## ACACIA ON THE ROAD



### RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

We strongly believe that you get the most out of a journey by respecting the culture and people of the places you visit. On our tours we try to travel in a way that benefits the communities we pass through and minimises negative impact on the environment. This can be from ensuring the campsites we use are clean when we leave and dressing respectfully in conservative areas to getting involved with local charity projects. We ask that you are open to this when you travel with us. Being proactive in responsible travel helps develop cross-cultural understanding and friendships with the local people, and will greatly enhance your experience in Africa.

### GET CONNECTED

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