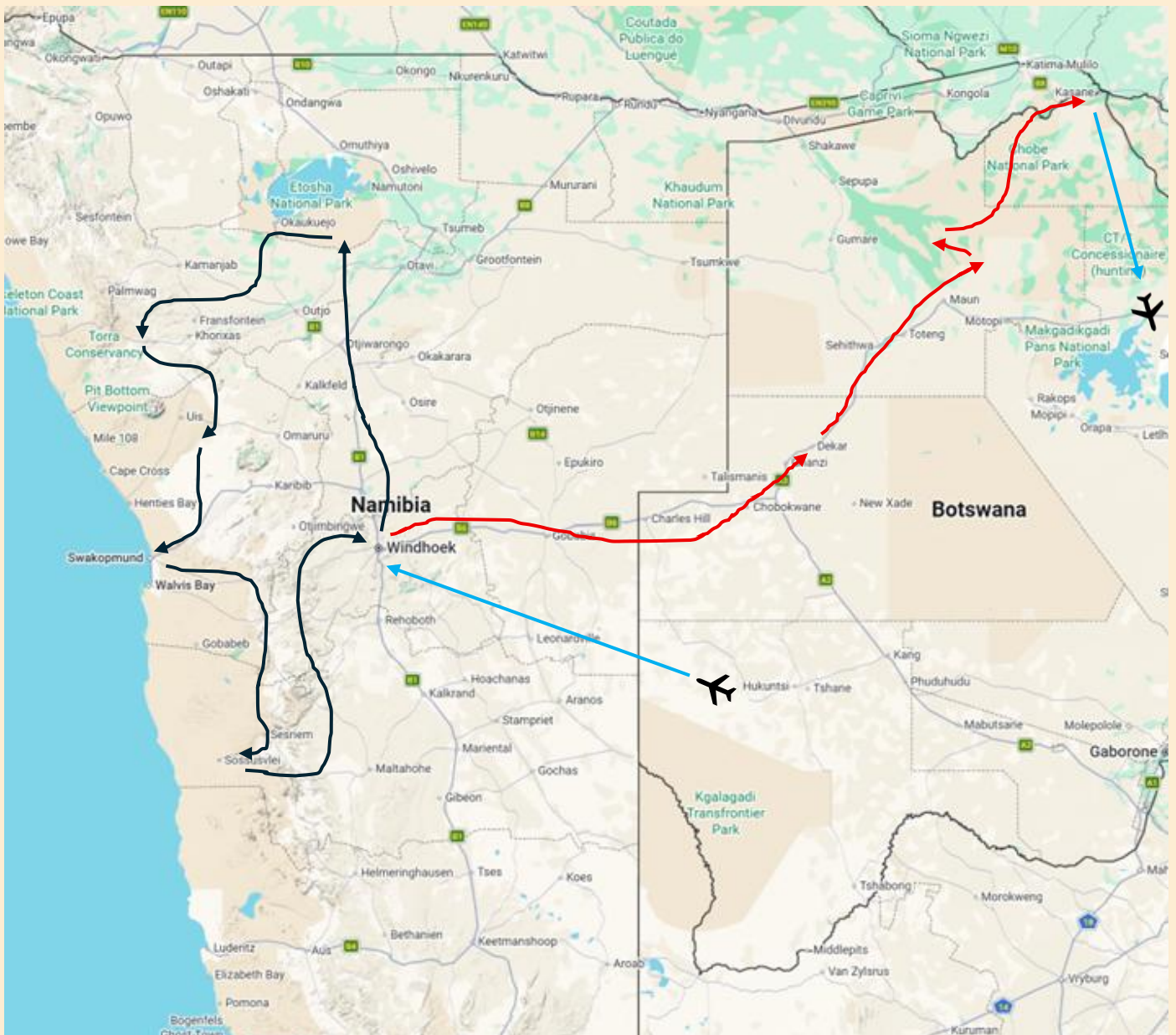


# 21-Day Namibia Botswana Combo Safari 2027










Safari starts in Windhoek, Namibia








Safari finishes in Kasane, Botswana








## Safari Features, transport, activities and accommodation.

-  4x4 Dual Cab with roof top tents - supplied for self drive under guidance of tour guide.
-  Stunning landscapes, cultures and wildlife
-  Hotel/Lodge accomodation for some nights
-  Safari starts and finishes in Kasane, Botswana
-  Activities such as game drives, nature walks, canoe/mokoro safaris(optional) & boat trip (optional).
-  Stunning campsite locations
-  Delicious breakfasts, lunches and dinners.





## Destinations and key attractions

- Etosha NP, Namibia  Vast National Park with huge variety of wildlife. Rhino viewing guaranteed.
- Damaraland, Namibia  Stunning landscapes including Spitzkoppe
- Swakopmund, Namibia  interesting ex-german town on the Atlantic ocean Great restaurants and shopping!
- Sossusvlei, Namibia  The stunning vistas and wildlife of the Namib Desert
- Dekar, Botswana  Experience the hunter gatherer San People
- Okavango Delta/Moremi  An oasis in the desert creating a wildlife paradise
- Chobe NP, Namibia  Elephants by the thousands on a the Chobe River floodplain.

### Inclusions

-  All land based transport including self-drive 4x4 dual cab fitted with rooftop tents and camping equipment
-  All fuel for the duration of the safari
-  All accommodation (hotels, lodges & campsites)
-  All meals but for 2 lunches and dinners at Swakopmund
-  All park entry fees and activities as per itinerary.

### Exclusions

-  Flights to Windhoek prior to safari start and from Kasane upon safari completion. Any scenic flights.
-  All drinks excluded except hot drinks around the camp
-  All activities/tours not included in itinerary
-  Two lunches and dinners at Swakopmund.

## ITINERARY

### **Day 1: 18 July 2027 – Windhoek, Namibia**

You arrive in Namibia at Hosea Kutako International Airport which is about 45km east of Windhoek being the capital city. Take a taxi from the airport to your accommodation for the night (this is where the safari starts) and join your fellow travellers in setting off to the legendary Joe's Beerhouse for a welcoming drink and dinner. After dinner, we return to our accommodation by taxi.

### **Day 2: 19 July 2027 – Etosha, Namibia**

After an early breakfast, we collect our vehicles and get a run down on using the equipment. There is an opportunity to buy some last-minute provisions before setting course north for Etosha.

Our journey starts in Windhoek, and we head north on sealed roads for about 420km to Etosha Village where we set up camp for the night. This will be our first camp and a good place to get used to your rooftop tent or camping accommodation for the next couple of weeks!

The journey to Etosha will also set the scene for the landscapes of the next couple of days. Simply stunning!



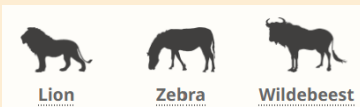
*"No road is long with good company."*

### **Day 3: 20 July 2027 – Halali, Etosha NP, Namibia**

Today we enter Etosha National Park and will slowly meander the ~100km to Halali Camp where we will arrive by mid-afternoon to set up for the next 2 nights.

Although the ~100km seems a short distance, there will be many animal sightings along the way to keep you entertained. Etosha is a marvellous park stocked with plenty of game (wildlife).

Etosha National Park is in northwestern Namibia and one of the largest national parks in Africa. It spans an area of 22,270 km<sup>2</sup> and was named after the large Etosha Pan which covers 23% of the total area of the park. The area is home to hundreds of species of mammals, birds and reptiles, including several threatened and endangered species such as the black rhinoceros.

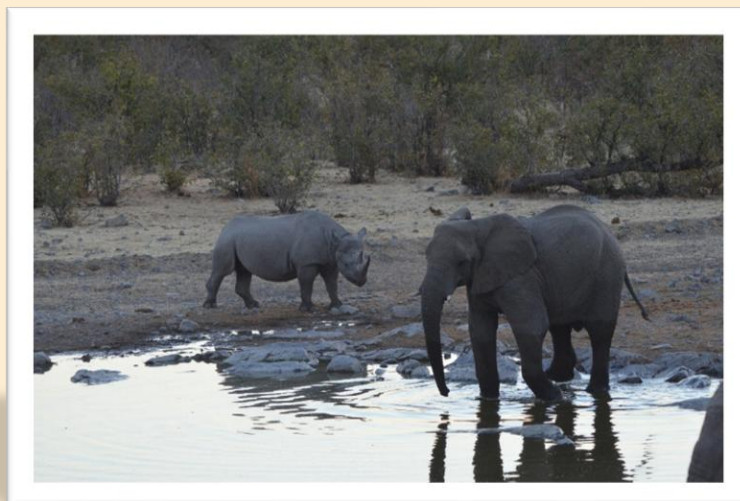
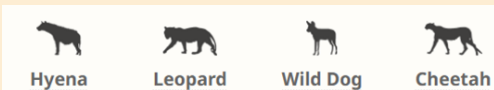


## Day 4: 21 July 2027 – Halali, Etosha NP, Namibia

Game viewing is all about rising early! There is no formal driving today however for those keen to go for a game drive, then simply fold up the rooftop tents, take off in any direction and enjoy the scenery/animals on display.

Halali Camp is fully fenced so it is very safe to walk around day at night however some animals such as baboons and badgers do get in and can cause a bit of mayhem!

Halali also has a magnificent under cover viewing deck overlooking a waterhole and this hole is frequented by rhino. If you do not fancy an early morning game drive, then take a stroll to the viewing deck and observe the animal activity at the water hole. It's a magnificent place to watch the sunset as animals come to drink for the evening.



## **Day 5: 22 July 2027 – Olifantsrus, Etosha NP**

Today we drive from Halali to Olifantsrus Camp (~200km) in the western part of Etosha. On the way we shall stop at Okakeujo camp for morning tea/lunch before continuing to Olifantsrus. where there is a fantastic undercover hide for sitting and observing the wildlife coming in for a drink.

Along the way we will encounter many animal species and birdlife. Be on the lookout for the Secretary Bird and the massive Ground Horn Bill.



## **Day 6: 23 July 2027 – Twyfelfontein, Namibia**

We pack up early and make our way towards Kamanjab where we refuel and pick up some supplies. We then head westwards and enter the beautiful Damaraland with its stunning landscapes and free roaming wildlife. Along the way you will see various tribes people including the Himba tribe and the Damara people going about their daily life. Home to the Damara people, Damaraland is a large stretch of African savannah with rounded granite domes, table-topped mountains and ephemeral rivers that thunder down their ancient courses after heavy summer rainfall to be quickly absorbed into underground aquifers for safe storage. These veins of life are wildlife havens and highways where wild rhino, lion and desert elephant roam. The landscape intensifies into red stone in dry summers and grassy stretches in more abundant seasons, but at the end of the day it always softens into dramatic pastel beauty.

You will need to keep your camera handy as there are photo opportunities around every corner.



*"I hope you have an experience that alters the course of your life because, after Africa, nothing has ever been the same." Suzanne Evans (English journalist and politician)*

## **Day 7: 24 July 2027 – Twyfelfontein, Namibia**

After 7 days on the road, you will need a rest day. Enjoy the surrounds of the camp, read a book or simply relax in our stunning campsite.

For those who still seek adventure, we do a short excursion to the San rock paintings at Twyfelfontein. A renowned UNESCO World Heritage site in northwestern Namibia known for harbouring one of Africa's largest concentrations of ancient rock engravings. The engravings, primarily on sandstone, feature rhinoceros, giraffes, elephants, and ostriches, with famous examples including the "Lion Man" and "Dancing Kudu". (optional extra)

## **Day 8: 25 July 2027 – Spitzkoppe, Namibia**

We head south towards Brandberg. The Brandberg Massif is Namibia's highest mountain, rising to 2,573 meters as a massive granite dome in the northwestern Namib Desert near Uis. Known as Dâures ("burning mountain"), it is famous for its rich prehistoric rock art, including the renowned "White Lady," and over 45,000 ancient paintings, making it a major spiritual and cultural site. Although we do not visit the mountain, its presence will be with us for the day as it dominates the background.

Our destination for the night is Spitzkoppe, known as the "Matterhorn of Namibia,". This is a group of dramatic 120-million-year-old granite peaks rising 1,728 meters above the Namib Desert plains. Located between Usakos and Swakopmund, it is a premier destination for hiking, rock climbing, photography, and camping, featuring iconic sites like the Natural Arch and ancient Bushmen paintings. We will simply enjoy its beauty and the marvellous colours it displays at sunset and sunrise.



## **Day 9: 26 July 2027 – Swakopmund, Namibia**

A relatively short drive takes us towards Swakopmund where we stop at Goanikontes for lunch (your own account). After lunch we drive through the moon landscape and book into our hotel in Swakopmund. Swakopmund is Namibia's premier coastal resort town, renowned for its distinct German colonial architecture, cool Atlantic climate, and unique position between the sea and the Namib Desert. As a top tourist destination, it offers adventure activities like quad biking and sandboarding, historical sites such as the Lighthouse and Mole, and easy access to Walvis Bay.

Tonight you are free to explore the many restaurants in Swakopmund. Try the jetty for some delicious seafood or if you want something different with a German flavour, try the Brewer & Butcher restaurant. Please note that dinner is for your own account.



*“Alcohol – a great story never starts with a salad!”*

## **Day 10: 27 July 2027 – Swakopmund, Namibia**

Swakopmund offers a variety of activities for all. Take a guided desert tour where your guide will show you the living desert. The desert, despite being arid and dry, and for the most part sand, it is actually very much alive. Explore the life that survives in this harsh environment by booking a half day excursion (optional extra).

If you are more interested in other fun activities, then explore the dunes in a buggy or on a quad bike! These trips are a great way to experience the desert without having to do all the hard work!

For those who just want to relax or shop, Swakopmund offers coffee shops and interesting local fares for you to explore at your leisure.

## **Day 11: 28 July 2027 – Sesriem, Namibia**

We depart civilisation and head south back into the Namib desert area. The road is mainly gravel and it will take us at least 6 hours to navigate the 350km with many photo opportunities along the way. It is a beautiful drive filled with surreal landscapes.

Our camp is in Sesriem which is the main camp & lodge area for visiting the world famous Sossusvlei.

## **Day 12: 29 July 2027 – Sesriem & Sossusvlei**

After breakfast we depart for the Namib National Park and visit the Sesriem canyon before driving the 60km westwards towards Sossusvlei. Today you will truly experience the desert with massive red sand dunes occupying the roadside. The beautiful contrast of the red sand with the blue sky is something truly special.

At Sossusvlei we take a guided vehicle for the last 5km towards Deadvlei before we take on Big Daddy. Big Daddy is the tallest sand dune in the Sossusvlei area of the Namib Desert, standing at roughly 325–380 meters (over 1,000 feet). Located between Sossusvlei and Deadvlei, it is renowned for its immense scale, challenging climb, 360-degree views, and the dramatic descent into the, "Deadvlei" white clay pan. Scaling Big Daddy is optional and for those who do not wish to exert themselves with the 1.5hr ascent can wander around Deadvlei or some of the other lower dunes. Deadvlei is a very surreal experience and very much worth visiting.



## **Day 13: 30 July 2027 – Windhoek, Namibia**

Today we depart the Namib desert and head back to Windhoek. A short coffee stop close to the Spreetshoogte Pass paves the way for our drive up the escarpment and onto Windhoek. We briefly stop at the top of Spreetshoogte pass to experience the view back over the Namib. Lunch will be on the roadside and then it is still a couple of hours driving before we reach Windhoek.

We book into our hotel and dine out in a local restaurant for the night.

## **Day 14: 31 July 2027 – Windhoek to Botswana**

After breakfast we depart Windhoek and head east towards Botswana. This will be a long day as it includes a border crossing. It is about 350km to the border with Botswana and all of it is on paved roads. Thus, this will take about 4.5hrs to complete including a morning tea stop along the way.

You will note that soon after leaving Windhoek, the countryside flattens out and mountains disappear. We are now heading for the vast central plain which hosts eastern Namibia and most of Botswana.

The border crossing may take an hour or two as we not only have to personally clear immigration, but the vehicles also must clear customs and this can take a while as the wheels of the bureaucracy turn slowly. We will allow a few hours for these formalities.

Once cleared we still have about 240km to our destination for the night at Dekar. We set up camp in a San people (Bushmen) reserve and settle in for the night.

*“I never knew of a morning in Africa when I woke up that I was not happy”. – Hemmingway*

## **Day 15: 1 August 2027 – Dekar to Maun, Botswana**

Before we depart for Maun (~240km to the northeast) we visit the local San people for a cultural experience.

The San people, or Bushmen, are indigenous hunter-gatherers of Southern Africa, recognized as one of the oldest populations on Earth with a history dating back 150,000 years. Primarily inhabiting Botswana and Namibia, they have traditionally practiced egalitarianism and possess vast knowledge of the Kalahari ecosystem. They are known for their unique ‘click’ languages and rich rock art, though they now face severe hardships, including land dispossession and marginalization.



After lunch we drive to Maun and set up camp in one of the many campsites of the tourist mecca of Botswana!

For those who would like to experience the Okavango Delta from the air, this is your only chance so get in early and book a scenic flight (optional extra) over the delta for early the following morning. Scenic flights over the Okavango Delta offer breathtaking aerial views of one of the world's largest inland water system, typically departing from Maun for a 45 to 60-minute, 4-6 person Cessna or helicopter tours. These flights reveal winding channels, palm islands, and wildlife like elephants and hippos from 170-300m above.

We dine out at a local eatery before settling in for the night.

## **Day 16: 2 August 2027 – Maun & Moremi, Botswana**

For those who have booked a scenic flight, we arrange to get you to the airport for that excursion. For those who opted out, we head into town to stock up on vitals as we are truly heading into the wilds for the next 3-4 days. Maun also offers a tourist shopping experience with some local carvings, fabrics and jewellery amongst others.

After lunch we take the gravel road to Moremi game reserve and enter the reserve well before sunset to reach our camp for the next couple of days. This is wildlife central and a truly amazing experience. Be prepared for some serious wildlife encounters wandering through our camp!

Moremi is the only officially protected area of the Okavango Delta. As such, it holds tremendous scientific, environmental and conservation importance. To this day, Moremi ranks as one of the most beautiful reserves in Africa, possibly in the world. Moremi Game Reserve is situated in the central and eastern areas of the Okavango. This makes for spectacular game viewing and bird watching, including all significant, naturally occurring herbivore and carnivore species in the region and over 400 species of birds, many migratory and some endangered.



## **Day 17: 3 August 2027 – Moremi, Botswana**

Today is a rest day and we remain around the camp. For those who wish to do a game drive, Moremi has a vast network of sandy tracks to explore. You may also have to perform a water crossing or two! For those who opt to remain in camp, be assured, wildlife is prolific and will be around the camp. You therefore can enjoy game viewing from the comfort of the camp.

*Silence must be heard; noise should be observed.*

## **Day 18: 4 August 2027 – Moremi, Botswana**

If you are up for a bit of adventure on the delta, then today is your chance to truly experience the Okavango Delta. The delta is a UNESCO World Heritage site in Botswana, hosting an immense concentration of African wildlife, including all "Big Five" species (lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo, rhino). It is famous for its unique wetland ecosystem, supporting large populations of sitatunga antelope, hippos, crocodiles, and over 400 bird species.

We take a boat or mokoro excursion (optional extra) into the vast waterway where elephants, hippos, crocodiles, antelope and giraffe co-exist in this water rich environment. Birdlife is also prolific with the African Fish Eagle a standout.



## **Day 19: 5 August 2027 – Chobe NP, Botswana**

We pack up camp and set out for the challenging road to Savuti. This sandy track is a tester, and we will no doubt encounter a situation or two on this road! This road leads to the Chobe National Park but free roaming wildlife is still everywhere so don't let your guard down.

We have our lunch at Savuti and head further north to Chobe River where we set up camp for the night. This is truly an amazing place to experience the African sunset. As this is our last night in the wilds, we enjoy a true safari style meal under the stars with Africa's nightlife sounds filling the background.



## **Day 20: 6 August 2027 – Kasane, Botswana**

We pack up camp and with heavy hearts say goodbye to the wilds as we make our way to Kasane. It is only a short drive and we should be in Kasane by lunchtime.

After lunch we book into our accommodation for the night, clean out our vehicles and hand them back.

We settle in around the pool for sunset and dinner at the lodge restaurant.

## **Day 21: 7 August 2027**

This is our last breakfast together. The safari officially concludes after breakfast, and you check out of your accommodation and set off for your next destination.

## Notes:

1. There is a saying the Swiss invented the watch but Africa invented time! Not everything in Africa runs exactly on time but it eventually does run. So, pack your watch away.
2. Remember this is not only a holiday, but also an adventure and one that will hopefully stay with you forever.
3. There will be days when you may need your own space or quiet time. Just let others know that you wish to recharge with a bit of 'me time'.
4. This safari works best if everyone participates. Remember, this is an experience and adventure.
5. The currencies are as follows: South Africa (Rand) and the Namibian Dollar (NAD) which is on parity with the Rand and the Botswanan Pula.
6. Credit Cards and Debit Cards work at most ATM's in Namibia and Botswana. Some cash (A\$) might be handy just in case. No need for US\$.
7. Make sure you have binoculars and a good quality handy camera with zoom. Do not be afraid to ask the driver to stop if you see something special and need to observe or take a photo. This is why we are here, to enjoy everything and every moment.
8. Road conditions vary and what is shown as 100km on a map may take many hours. We will make enquiries as we go to ascertain the road conditions and what time allowances are to be made.
9. Drinks (soft drinks, beer, wine and spirits) are excluded. If you wish to have a drink at any time, it is suggested that you purchase drinks and store them in your vehicle. There is a fridge in each vehicle which will be available for you to keep some drinks cold. Note that this fridge is to be shared amongst your fellow travellers sharing the vehicle as well as allowing room for some food which requires cold storage. You can also purchase drinks at all dining out venues and lodges that have a bar.
10. Meals will be prepared for you and will be cooked in a camp setting. There will be more than enough food but if you feel you need some extra, please ask and the cook will oblige. Similarly, if you have any special dietary requirements, then please advise the cook accordingly.
11. This is a self-drive safari requiring at least two drivers per vehicle for the duration of the safari. It is a great experience to try some off-road conditions so please alternate drivers accordingly. A valid Australian driver's license will suffice.
12. Travel insurance is a must. Please ensure you have adequate cover including comprehensive travel insurance including vehicle collisions and damage.

## Appendix A – What to bring on safari

### ESSENTIALS

1. Soft duffle style bag for the safari part as it is easier to fit into the canopy space. A hard-shell suitcase will be awkward if not impossible to fit.
2. Binoculars – if you are into birds then a 10 x 40 or 10 x 50. Minimum that we would recommend is an 8 x 40 but if you already have a pair, then don't buy something special.
3. Some warm clothes for evenings (and to keep the mosquitos at bay, some light long sleeve shirt and pants for when it is hot). It will get quite cold particularly if the wind picks up.
4. Photocopies of your passports tucked away in a separate bag (just in case your passport gets lost or taken).
5. Earphones (so you can listen to your own music/ podcasts). Do not bring any bluetooth speakers please.
6. Head Torch – a reasonably good one but you do not need to have a flood light type. It is mainly for around the camp at night. (you can buy replacement batteries in Africa if necessary)
7. Phone chargers to suit various types of connections (we are not sure what the vehicles will have). It is suggested that you bring a 12V cigarette charger with USB and USC ports.
8. Personal First Aid/ Medication (the vehicles come with a general but basic First Aid kit - bandages etc). You can buy most general medication at supermarkets and pharmacies in Africa but if you want something special, take it with you.
9. Water bottle (refillable). We generally buy 4ltr water containers and decant into individual water bottles as needed.
10. Sunglasses.
11. Camera – something with a bit of zoom is great as it gets you closer to the action.
12. Hydrolytes (it is very dry and may get very hot at times).
13. Mossie repellent (Bushmans or Rid seem to be the best – and most toxic!).
14. Swimmers. Some of the campsites do have a pool so be prepared!
15. Travel Towel (your vehicle travel pack does contain a bath towel, but you usually need an extra).
16. Hat.
17. Suncream.
18. Footwear – comfortable walking shoes (no need for hiking boots), sandals with thick soles (lots of big thorns so thongs not a great option).
19. Warm/ wind proof jacket.
20. Clothes of course – layers are best. It's going to get hot during the day and quite cool in the evenings. Long cotton sleeves and pants is important in the evenings (mossie proof). Laundry services will be limited so may have hand wash a few things! We will have washing lines available and some limited pegs!



## **OPTIONAL EXTRAS**

1. Small spotlight torch (animal viewing at night).
2. Portable charger (power bank).
3. Inflatable pillow and underlay mattress (the camper ones are thin so if you need extra padding).
4. Herbal Teas (you get black tea and Rooibos but generally not the others).
5. Earplugs (for the snorers next door). Also, lots of unusual African night noises that may keep you awake??
6. Small, lightweight blanket (Your travel pack provides sleeping sheet and sleeping bag but if you need another layer. Also, good to wrap yourself in around the fire or in the mornings).
7. Games, cards, entertainment options (a fair bit of down time during the hot part of the days and evenings after sundown).
8. Download the MAPSME App on your device and download the Namibia map for free. It works offline and is very accurate.

## **GENERAL ADVICE**

Take some A\$ cash just in case there is internet outage or ATM breakdown! It can be exchanged readily for other currencies.

Pula is used in Botswana and can be withdrawn at the local ATM in Kasane

Ensure you have enough funds in the form of credit/debit cards in case cash is not available or when you need those extra funds.

## Appendix B – about the vehicles

### Toyota Hilux or similar

- Air conditioning
- Power steering
- Electric windows
- Radio/CD player/USB
- Air bags
- ABS brakes
- Automatic gearbox
- 80 litre fuel tank (≈750km range)
- Additional 80 litre fuel tank
- 2,4 litre diesel engine
- 4-wheel drive
- Low range
- Diff lock
- Cruise control
- Traction control
- Tyre size 17"

### Included

- Unlimited kilometres
- Cooler box
- GPS vehicle tracker
- Additional driver
- 2 spare tyres
- First aid kit
- Breakdown triangles
- Fire extinguisher
- Tyre gauge
- Standard insurance excess



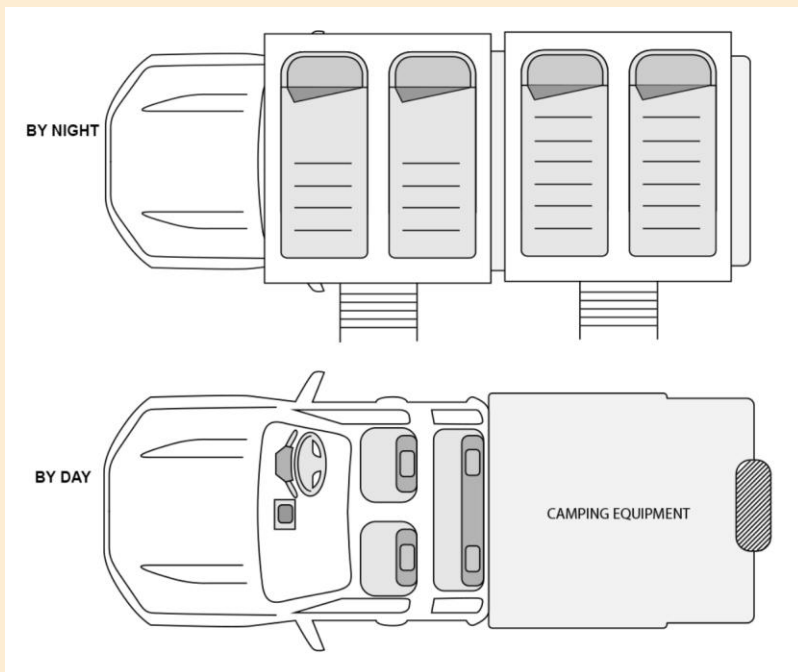
- Collision and Theft Cover
- Tyre and windscreen insurance
- Passenger liability
- Vehicle procedures and information
- GPS navigation system
- [Day room](#) facilities at their Windhoek depot
- 24/7 Assistance
- Camping equipment for 4 people (see list below)
- Jerry can (on request)
- Air compressor
- Passengers are insured with EVAC, providing 24/7 emergency medical response

### **Camping equipment**

Note: the guide vehicle tows a fully equipped kitchen trailer with so all the necessary cooking utensils, crockery, cups, glasses are on board. It will be seldom that you will need to use your kitchen goods.

- Custom Leisure Tech Tent (Standard Tentco 2.5m x 1.3m) or equivalent
- Mattresses, sleeping bags, pillows and linen
- Camp table & camp chairs
- 55 litre water tank
- 3kg gas cylinder & cooker top
- Fridge 45 l Luna 12v/220v with spare fuses (20 amp)
- Flashlight
- BBQ grid & BBQ utensils including collapsible tripod
- Small broom with dustpan
- Wash bowl
- Crockery and cutlery
- Knives & scissors
- Glasses & mugs
- Aluminium kettle
- Cooking utensils
- Plastic cutting board

- Large plastic salad bowl & spoons
- Jug
- Cooking pots & frying pan
- Dishcloth, sponge & dishwashing liquid
- Firelighters (Blitz) 1 box & gas lighter



RAW also carries a couple of ground tents with for those who prefer to sleep on their own. These tents are roomy and easy to erect. Both tents allow a person to stand upright. Mattresses are also available for these tents.