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Penduka Safrai Routes Map

Penkuka Safaris

PENDUKA is a unique company. It is run by a family involved in wildlife since the turn of the century. The passion and appeal for the bush, the people, fauna and flora has continued through each generation.



Map Key:

- 6 day Moremi Safari
- 8 day Central Kalahari safari
- 10 day Botswana safari this safari starts in Maun and ends in Livingstone
- 13 day Botswana safari this safari starts in Maun and ends in Victoria Falls
- 14 day Zambia safari
- 15 day circular Botswana safari
- 16 day Namibian safari
- 22 Day Namibia / Botswana Safari
- 10 Day Transfrontier Safari

6 Day Moremi Safari



Explore the Okavango Delta world renowned for its spectacular scenery and game sightings. This safari starts and ends in Maun.



Your Itinerary

Day 1

Your Penduka guide will meet you at Maun International Airport and transfer you to Maun Lodge, where you can unpack, shower and relax. In the afternoon an optional game flight offers you an aerial view of the Okavango Delta.

Day 2

We make an early start and drive through traditional villages before entering South Gate into Moremi Wildlife Reserve. Our drive takes us on a scenic route through Moremi to Xakanaxa Lagoons. Arrive in camp in time to shower before dinner is served in the dining tent.

Overnight Xakanaxa.

Overnight Maun Lodge, BB , Maun

Day 3

Early morning game drive through Moremi with its magnificent scenery in search of the abundant and varied wildlife resident in this area. Return to camp at about 11h00 for a delicious brunch. Time to relax in camp. After tea, we take a game drive and enjoy sundowners before returning to camp. Overnight Xakanaxa.

Day 4

Having had breakfast we take a morning motor boat cruise on the Okavango Delta after which we leave Xakanaxa and continue on an interesting riverine route through Moremi to arrive at our camp within sight of the Khwai River at Moremi's North Gate.

Overnight Khwai.

Day 5

Early morning and afternoon game drives exploring the Khwai River area should reveal a large variety of game. Leisure time to relax in camp during the day. We spend our last evening around the campfire.

Overnight Khwai.

Day 6

After a leisurely breakfast it is time to pack up and slowly make our way back towards Maun. This is our last chance to spot those animals that might have avoided us so far. Lunch stop en route. We should arrive in Maun early afternoon in time for your onward journey.

8 Day Central Kalahari Safari

- with an optional extension to Deception Valley Lodge

An adventurous safari, chosen for its less travelled routes through Deception Valley, Tau Pan, Piper Pan. This Safari starts and ends in Maun.



Your Itinerary

Day 1

Arrive at Maun International Airport where you will meet your Penduka guide. We depart towards the Central Kalahari Game Reserve where we set up our first night's camp close to the banks of the dry Boteti River. Enjoy the first evening under the African sky and around the campfire.

Overnight Boteti River.

Day 2

After breakfast we leave the Boteti and soon arrive at Matswera Gate, where we enter the Central Kalahari Game Reserve. We make our way through the Passarge Valley (all these valleys are old fossil river beds now, with clusters of trees and grass). We stop for lunch in the shade of the acacia trees. In Passarge Valley the chances of seeing giraffe and cheetah are very good. We arrive in camp late afternoon. Time to relax and have a shower. Time permitting we go on a late afternoon walk on the pan itself. The campsite at Tau is most spectacular with beautiful views and sunsets over the vegetated pan –normally there is a good variety of game grazing in the background. Tau (meaning Lion) is well known for its predators and to hear Lion at night and in the early morning is nothing unusual.

Overnight Tau Pan.

Day 3

Early morning wake up, after tea/coffee we leave on a full morning game drive in search of resident game. Return back to camp around 11h00 for a sumptuous brunch. Time at leisure in camp during the heat of the day. Late afternoon game drive arriving back in camp with time to take a shower before enjoying sundowners.

Overnight Tau Pan.

Day 4

Today we travel south via a couple of vegetated pans to reach the remote Piper pan in the early afternoon. Lunch served en route. We enjoy the peace and tranquility around the campfire.

Overnight Piper Pan.

Day 5

Morning and afternoon game drives. Time to relax during the heat of the day.

Overnight Piper Pan.

8 Day Central Kalahari Safari

- with an optional extension to Deception Valley Lodge



Day 6 & 7

After breakfast we make our way due northeast via Lethiau Valley to reach Deception Valley in the afternoon. We spend these two days exploring Deception Pan, and the adjoining pans. This area is home to a number of Kalahari animals such as springbok, gemsbok, red hartebeest, brown hyena and lion, which we should see on our morning and afternoon game drives.

Overnight Deception Valley.

Day 8

Option 1: A leisurely breakfast early morning, break down camp and then we drive north along the cut line to Kuke corner bidding the Central Kalahari Game Reserve good bye. We will arrive back in Maun in time for your outbound flight.

End of your safari

Optional 2 Day extension: A leisurely breakfast early morning, break down camp and then we will drive north along the cut line to Kuke corner, bidding the Central Kalahari Game Reserve good bye. We will arrive at Deception Valley Lodge in time for lunch. You will be shown to your luxurious chalets and have the pleasure of water on tap. In the afternoon we will have a walk with the Bushmen. They will demonstrate their survival techniques and way of life in the inhospitable land of the Kalahari. There will be plenty of time to take a bath or shower with views of the bush before dinner.

Overnight Deception Valley Lodge.

Day 9

After a magnificent breakfast you will be transferred to the airstrip for your charter flight back to Maun in time for your outbound flight.

End of the safari.



10 Day Botswana Safari



Enjoy a classic and unforgettable safari to the Okavango Delta, Savuti, Chobe and Victoria Falls. This safari starts in Maun and ends in Victoria Falls / Livingstone.



Your Itinerary

Day 1

Your Penduka guide will meet you at Maun International Airport and transfer you to Maun Lodge, where you can unpack, shower and relax. In the afternoon an optional game flight offers you an aerial view of the Okavango Delta. Overnight Maun Lodge BB. only.

Day 2

We make an early start and drive through traditional villages before entering South Gate into Moremi Wildlife Reserve. Our drive takes us on a scenic route through Moremi to Xakanaxa Lagoons. Arrive in camp with enough time to shower before dinner is served in the dining tent. Overnight Xakanaxa.

Day 3

Early morning game drive through Moremi with its magnificent scenery in search of the abundant and varied wildlife resident in this area. Return to camp at about 11h00 for a delicious brunch. Time to relax in camp. After tea we take a game drive and enjoy sundowners before returning to camp. Overnight Xakanaxa.

Day 4

Having had breakfast we take a morning motor boat cruise on the Okavango Delta, after which we leave Xakanaxa and continue on an interesting riverine route through Moremi, to arrive at our camp set up within sight of Khwai River at Moremi's North Gate. Overnight Khwai Rive.

Day 5

Early morning and afternoon game drives exploring the Khwai River area should reveal a variety of game. Leisure time to relax at camp during the day. Overnight Khwai River.

Day 6

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. Overnight Savuti.

10 Day Botswana Safari



Day 7

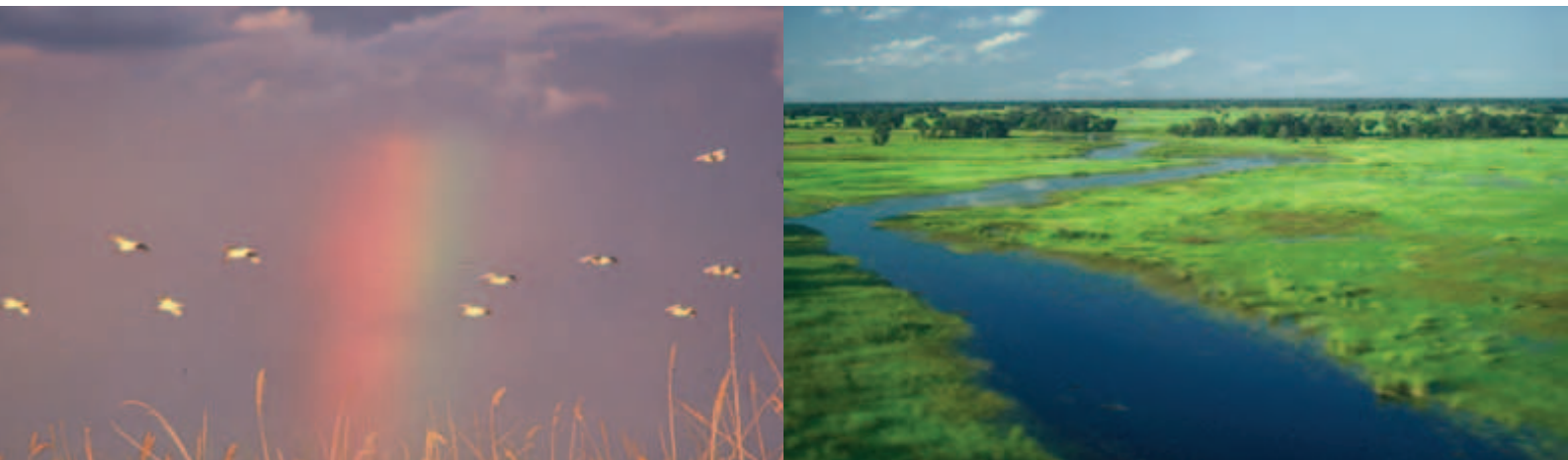
Savuti is well known for its bull elephants. The Savuti waterholes offers an ever-changing spectacle of birds and wild-life. Morning and afternoon game drives to the Savuti marsh in search of predators Return to camp for brunch and time to relax during the heat of the day. Our afternoon game drive will take us to the Bushman paintings hill Overnight Savuti.

Day 8 & 9

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.
Overnight Chobe floodplains.

Day 9

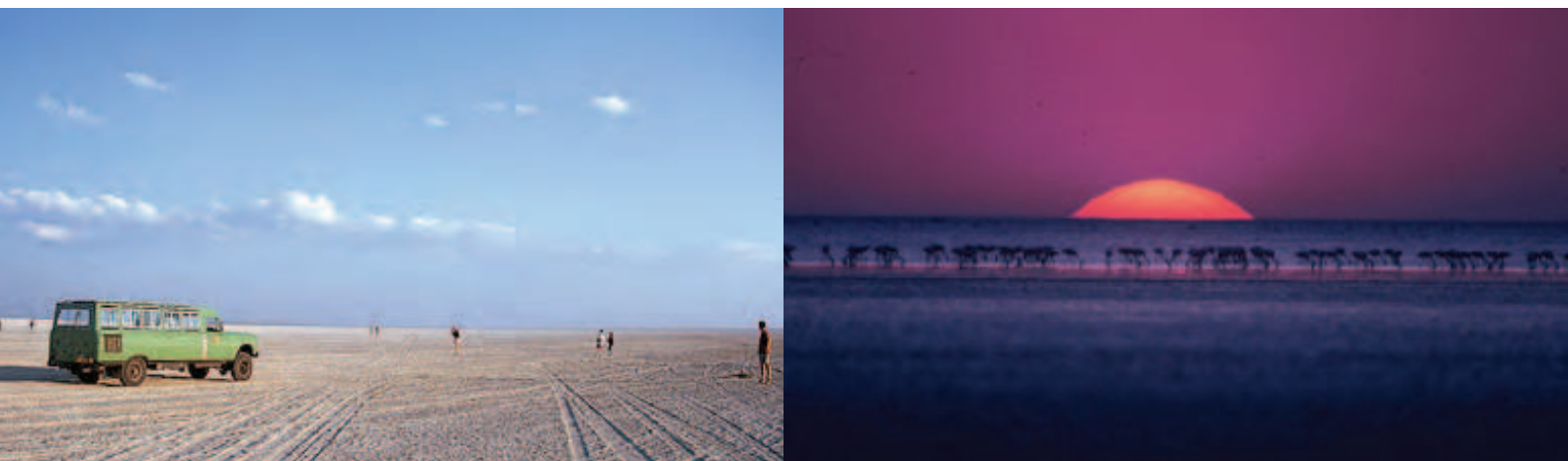
After a leisurely breakfast, we pack up and slowly make our way out of Chobe National Park towards the town of Kasane, from here it is time to bid farewell and be transferred to Livingstone or Victoria Falls, Your transfer company will drop you off at your hotel or at the Airport in time for your international flight.



13 Day Botswana Safari



Enjoy a classic and unforgettable safari to Nxai pan, Makgadikgadi, the Okavango Delta, Savuti, Chobe and Victoria Falls. This safari starts in Maun and ends in Victoria falls or Livingstone.



Your Itinerary

Day 1

We depart Maun early towards Gweta. Lunch en route. Close to Phuduhudu we turn north and enter Nxai Pan National Park. Late afternoon we arrive at our camp, where you have time to relax and have a shower before enjoying sundowners around the campfire.

Overnight Nxai Pan.

Day 2

Early morning game drive before returning to camp at about 11h00 for a delicious brunch. This reserve is home to springbok, gemsbok, zebra and all the predators including brown hyena. This is the only place in Botswana where impala and springbok can be spotted together. Leisure time during the day.

Overnight Nxai Pan.

Day 3

After a hearty breakfast we leave camp and our route takes us on an interesting day's drive. We stop en route at Kudiakam Pan, famous for its cluster of ancient Baobabs known as Baines Baobabs. Arrive late afternoon at our campsite in Makgadigadi Game Reserve. We game drive along the dry Boteti river where huge concentrations of zebras can be seen, and visit a permanent waterhole with hippo and crocodiles. Campfire dinner.

Overnight Makgadigadi.

Day 4

We spend the morning in search of game and slowly make our way back to Maun in time for lunch. We spend the night at Maun Lodge, a popular hotel on the Thamalakane river. Afternoon at leisure to relax around the swimming pool or take an optional game flight over the delta.

Overnight Maun Lodge BB only.

Day 5

We make an early start and drive through traditional villages before entering South Gate into Moremi Wildlife Reserve. Our drive takes us on a scenic route through Moremi to Xakanaxa Lagoons. Arrive at camp in time to shower before dinner is served in the dining tent.

Overnight Xakanaxa.

13 Day Botswana Safari



Day 6

Early morning game drive through Moremi with its magnificent scenery in search of the abundant and varied wildlife resident in this area. Return to camp at about 11h00 for a delicious brunch. Time to relax in camp. After tea, we take a game drive and enjoy sundowners before returning to camp. Overnight Xakanaxa.

Day 7

Having had breakfast we take a morning motor boat cruise on the Okavango Delta after which we leave Xakanaxa and continue on an interesting riverine route through Moremi to arrive and set up camp within sight of Khwai River at Moremi's North Gate.

Overnight Khwai River.

Day 8

Early morning and afternoon game drives exploring the Khwai River area should reveal a variety of game. Leisure time to relax at camp during the day.

Overnight Khwai River.

Day 9

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.

Overnight Savuti.

Day 10

Savuti is well known for its bull elephants. The Savuti waterholes offer an ever-changing spectacle of birds and wildlife. Morning and afternoon game drives to the Savuti marsh in search of predators. Return to camp for brunch and time to relax during the heat of the day. Our afternoon game drive will take us to the Bushman paintings hill.

Overnight Savuti.

Day 11 & 12

After breakfast we leave for the Chobe River and we should see 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.

Overnight Chobe floodplains.

Day 13

After a leisurely breakfast, we pack up and slowly make our way out of Chobe National Park towards the town of Kasane, from here it is time to bid farewell and be transferred to Livingstone or Victoria Falls. Your transfer company will drop you off at your hotel or at the Airport in time for your international flight.



14 Day Zambia True Wilderness Safari



Experience Zambia's spectacular scenery and friendly people.

Highlights on this safari include: Victoria Falls, Lochinvar National Park, Southern and Northern Kafue, Busanga plains, Lufupa. This safari starts in Livingstone and ends in Lusaka.



Your Itinerary

Day 1 & 2

Arrive Livingstone own arrangements. We will arrange an airport transfer to the Arrive Livingstone - own arrangements. You will be transferred from the airport to the Zambezi Sun. Day at leisure exploring the falls, with the option of joining a sunset cruise (additional cost for own account).

Overnight Zambezi Sun B/B only.

Day 3 & 4

Meet with Penduka representative at 08h00 at the hotel. We depart on the long road to the town of Monze (380km). Refuel and head North-West on a bad road to Lochinvar Game Reserve (70km). Picnic lunch en-route. Lochinvar is a small reserve on the Kafue floodplains known for its herds of Kafue and Lechwe, approximately 80 000 roam the plains. Big herds of Buffalo, Zebra and Wildebeest can also be seen. This is also a place where the shy Oribi is frequently spotted. An incredible number and variety of birds live in this area along the plains and lagoon. We set up camp in the later afternoon and enjoy our first evening under the Zambian sky.

The next day is spent game driving and walking out on the plains, exploring the fascinating wildlife of this area. In the afternoon we drive to the Gwisho hot springs – well known for its beautiful sunsets overlooking massive plains.

Overnight Lochinvar National Park.

Day 5

After breakfast we break down camp, leave Lochinvar and drive to Mumbwa along river tributaries of the Kafue river. Once in Mumba we buy some supplies from the local market and if time permits enjoy a drink at a local bar. Traveling Westwards towards Southern Kafue National Park we soon traverse beautiful forests with an abundance of unique bird life. In the afternoon we travel over massive flood planes with giant Borasses Palm islands. We set up camp overlooking the lake. Overnight Ithezi Thezi.

Day 6

We visit the Nanzila plains where a good variety of game does occur. This area is good for seeing Lion, Leopard, Elephant, Hippo, Roan, Sable, Eland, Liechtenstein, Hartebeest, Defassa Waterbuck and Sharp's Grysbok.

Overnight Ithezi Thezi

14 Day Zambia True Wilderness Safari



Day 7 & 8

Today we travel 120km North to arrive at Chunga Camp in the afternoon. We set up camp on the banks of the impressive Kafue River. The next morning we do a game walk along the river. Time at leisure during the heat of the day. In the afternoon we go on a game drive to arrive back in camp just after sunset.

Overnight Chunga Camp.

Day 9

Today we travel north almost hugging the Kafue River until we reach our campsite on the confluence of the mighty Lufupa and the Kafue river.

Overnight Lufupa.

Day 10 & 11 & 12

We spend three days at Lufupa. During the day we do game drives. Large herds of hippo are resident here. One day we do a full day trip to Busanga plains. The plains hold large concentrations of game and chances are good to encounter lion. A night drive and motorboat cruise will add a new dimension to game viewing.

Overnight Lufupa

Day 13

We break down camp and travel 410 km to arrive at our campsite on the outskirts of Lusaka in the afternoon.

Overnight Lusaka.

Day 14

Transfer arranged to the airport at Lusaka for your outbound flight (own arrangements) or drive back to Livingstone with the Penduka Crew arriving early afternoon in Livingstone.



15 Day Circular Safari



This circular safari offers some of the countries most spectacular highlights, and includes: Makwenna, Tsodilo Hills, Okavango River, Caprivi, Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park, Savuti, Moremi Game Reserve. This Safari starts and ends in Maun



Your Itinerary

Day 1

We will depart Maun mid morning and head north to Nguma Lagoon. We reach our campsite set under the towering Mangostein trees in time for a late lunch. Afternoon at leisure before relaxing around the campfire for sundowners and dinner.

Overnight Nguma Lagoon Campsite.

Day 2

A 45 minute motor boat ride transfers us through a maze of channels to the open floodplains of the Mokoro Island area. Here you meet the polers of the mokoros (dugout canoes), and spend the day in the tranquil waters of the Okavango, moving along papyrus-fringed channels with your poler. A game walk and picnic lunch is included during the day. Return to our campsite for dinner.

Overnight Nguma Lagoon Campsite.

Day 3

We will depart Makwena on a day excursion to the Tsodillo Hills where hundreds of bushman paintings can be seen. We will depart further towards Shakawe to arrive at our campsite at Drotsky's. The Okavango River is at its widest in this area. A walk down to the river from the campsite offers the opportunity of bird watching. An abundance of bird life nest in the high papyrus fringing the river's edge and we look out for the shy Sitatunga, the antelope who live here, and feed off the papyrus.

Overnight Drotsky's Campsite.

Day 4

Spend a leisurely, relaxed day along the Okavango River. Enjoy a morning's boating excursion on the Okavango River. Sundowners back at our camp around the campfire before dinner is served.

Overnight Drotsky's Campsite.

Day 5 & 6

Today we cross the border into Namibia at Mohembo and spend some time in Mahango National Park before continuing to Divundu. Refuel with enough time for a possible visit to Popa Falls (rapids). Lunch served en route to Kongola. We arrive at Susuwe National Park in the early afternoon, where we spend two nights exploring the area along the Kwando river.

Overnight Susuwe.

15 Day Circular Safari



Day 7

We make an early start and travel via Katima Mulilo to Kasane to clear customs at the border before spending the rest of the day enjoying the magnificent Victoria Falls and surroundings.
Overnight Hotel in Victoria falls BB.

Day 8

You will have the opportunity to enjoy a number of optional excursions after breakfast.

- A full day or half day's exhilarating white water rafting on the gorges below the falls.
- A full day or a half-day's canoeing and walking trails on the upper Zambezi.
- Afternoon cruise on the Zambezi River
- A visit to a traditional village
- Micro lighting or a helicopter flight over the Zambezi

Clients preferring to explore the Falls again can do so at leisure. (Please note that all activities and additional meals are for own account). Overnight Victoria Falls BB.

Day 9

After breakfast we leave Victoria Falls and clear customs at the Kasane Border. We will enter the Chobe National Park, and we should see the breeding herds of elephant and large herds of buffalo for which this park is famous. Set up camp and enjoy game drives along the length of the Chobe River. Overnight Chobe floodplains.

Day 10

Enjoy game drives in the Park where you can expect to see huge concentrations of elephants and possibly a big herd of buffalo. In the afternoon a boating excursion on the Chobe River offers a new dimension to game viewing. Overnight Chobe floodplains.

Day 11

We leave the Chobe River Front and our route takes us on an interesting day's drive Southwards to Savuti. We stop en route for lunch. Afternoon visit to Pump Pan famous for its Bull Elephants. Enjoy sundowners before returning to camp for dinner. Overnight Savuti.

Day 12

Early morning game drive to the Savuti Marsh in search of predators, and well known for its bull elephants. We visit the Rhino Vlei and Marabou Pan waterholes. The Savuti waterhole offers an ever-changing spectacle of birds and wildlife. Return to camp for brunch after which we take an afternoon visit to the Bushman Paintings Hill. Overnight Savuti.

Day 13

We leave Savuti and travel south past Mababe depression. We cross the famous sand ridge and drive along Khwai river where excellent bird and wild life can be found. The vegetation is mainly low, but has thick Mopane forest with a lot of elephant activity. With lunch en route we will arrive at North Gate in the late afternoon.
Overnight Khwai River area.

Day 14

Early morning and afternoon game drives exploring the Khwai River area should reveal a variety of game. Leisure time to relax at camp during the heat of the day. Overnight Khwai River area.

Day 15

After early breakfast we will slowly make our way out of the Moremi Game Reserve. We will arrive in Maun to connect with your outbound flight.

16 Day Namibian



Escape to a world of diverse landscapes, living deserts and endless horizons. Highlights include: Waterberg and Etosha National Parks, Epupa falls, Kunene River, Kaokoland, Swakopmund and the famous sand dunes of Sossusvlei. This safari starts and ends in Windhoek



Your Itinerary

Day 1

PENDUKA meet group at Windhoek International Airport or at a guesthouse in Windhoek and we commence our safari to drive north to Okahandja. We will continue further until we will reach the Waterberg Plateau Park just 60km east of Otjiwarongo. The Plateau rises some 200 m above its surrounding area of African bush and savannah. The vegetation changes dramatically from acacia savannah at the foot of the plateau to lush-green sub-tropical dry woodland with tall trees and grassy plains at the top. Ten fern species have been recorded here, one being endemic to Namibia and Angola. The Resort has a well-equipped camping site and there is also a restaurant, kiosk, museum and a swimming pool.

Camping at Waterberg Plateau Park.

Day 2

Our route continues north through Otjiwarongo, Otavi and Tsumeb to arrive at the eastern gate into Etosha National Park. We reach our campsite at Namutoni with its historic fort, and catch the first glimpse of the vast Etosha Pan stretching out to the horizon. The Etosha National Park 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 elephant in this park is reputed to be of the largest in Africa, the tallest ones measuring up to 4 m at the shoulder. Their tusks, on the other hand, are relatively small, due to genetic defects and mineral deficiencies in their diet. Enjoy sundowners before dinner.

Camping at Namutoni Campsite.

Day 3 & 4

Leaving Namutoni after an early breakfast, we take a day-long game drive to observe spectacular wildlife activity around waterholes, where game concentrates during the dry season. Lunch stop en-route. We travel along the edge of the Etosha Pan and along famous and varied game routes, before reaching Okaukuejo campsite. The waterhole at Okaukuejo is floodlit at night and spectacular sightings are almost guaranteed. Lions, elephants and black rhino come to quench their thirst almost every night.

Overnight Okaukuejo Rest Camp.

Day 5

We leave the Etosha National Park along densely populated game routes to reach the exit gate at Otjavasondu in the extreme west of the park. Camp in the wilderness at the confluence of the Otjavasondu and Ombonde Rivers in the wild. A game walk to look for springbok, gemsbok, kudu, giraffe and elephants, and we can climb a hill in this area to watch the sun set over Koakoland. Camping at Ombonde in the wild.

16 Day Namibian



Day 6 & 7

An early breakfast and we depart on a day's drive north through Koakoland. Our route takes us far north via Opuwo to the breathtaking Epupa Falls on the Kunene River. Set up camp for two nights at the falls. We visit Himba villages to observe the lifestyle of this friendly, once nomad people. The falls are a series of cascades where the Kunene River drops a total of 60 m over a distance of about 1.5 km. The area with its richly-coloured rock walls, wild fig, baobabs and multitude of birds promises to be an rewarding experience. Camping at Epupa Falls campsite for two nights.

Day 8

We leave the falls and we travel south through the heart of Koakoland. There may be a chance to swim at the Ongongo Falls. The Fort at Sesfontein has been a ruin for many years has only been reconstructed almost a 100 years after it was first built. It also at some stage posed as a police station for the Schutztruppe.
Camp near Sesfontein.

Day 9

An early start in search of desert elephants, which are occasionally seen in this region. Back to camp for brunch, before our journey takes us further south via Palmwag into the changing landscape of Damaraland to reach the Aba-Huab River. Find a good place to set up our wilderness camp.
Camp in the Aba-Huab River.

Day 10

Spend the morning exploring one of the largest collections of rock engravings discovered as yet, at Twyfelfontein and visit Burnt Mountain as well as other places of interest in the area. In the afternoon a drive along the Aba-Huab River bed in search of desert elephant and rhino. Return to camp to relax in our wilderness campsite.
Camp in the Aba-Huab River.

Day 11

Leave the Twyfelfontein area to continue our journey through the vast Pro Namib to reach the Ugab River near Brandberg West, an area where we hope to see the desert elephant, and where we can photograph the oldest of desert plant life, the Welwitschia Mirabili.
Overnight Ugab Camp.

Day 12

After an early breakfast we pack and leave Ugab camp to continue our journey towards the coast. We visit the historical site of Cape Cross, home to some 80,000 seals and drive south viewing some of the largest lichenfields worldwide. Reach the quaint and historic town of Swakopmund. Swakopmund is known as Namibia's seaside resort on the West Coast and is a place of singular charm and resembles a small Bavarian village nestled between the desert and the sea. It has a relaxing atmosphere with promenades, palm trees and beautiful tended public gardens.
Swakopmund Bungalows (Bed and Breakfast)

Day 13

An early start to this day, to make the most of the various options available in the coastal towns of Walvis Bay and Swakopmund. We drive to Walvis Bay to see the bird life, flamingos and pelicans in the harbour. An optional boat cruise into Walvis Bay Harbour gives you a chance to see the Cape fur seals and Bottle nose or Heavy side dolphins. In the afternoon you can visit the Museum, rug making industry and other places of interest in Swakopmund or we can drive up the spectacular Swakop River.
Swakopmund Bungalows (Bed and Breakfast)

16 Day Namibian



Day 14

Leave the coast to drive through the Namib Naukluft Park and observe the rich diversity of desert adapted fauna and flora, including the welwitchia plant. Stop for lunch en route. Passing through Solitaire we reach Sesriem campsite situated on the edge of the Namib Naukluft Park. Time to relax, rest and shower. Campfire dinner. Campsite at Sesriem.

Day 15

Early morning visit Sossusvlei. This is the top destination in the Southern Region, with its towering dunes, the highest of which has been measured from its base as being 325 m. The dunes have been formed through natural forces. Visit the Sesriem canyon in the afternoon. Farewell dinner. Camping at Sesriem Campsite.

Day 16

Depart as early as possible for Windhoek and ascend the Spreetshoogte Pass leaving the low-lying Namibian plains behind. We reach Windhoek International Airport in time for late afternoon outbound flights. (Alternatively overnight in Windhoek guesthouse to connect with outbound flight the following day).



22 Day Namibia / Botswana Safari



This spectacular safari combines highlights of Namibia and Botswana and includes: Sossusvlei, Swakopmund, Twyfelfontein, Etosha National park, Caprivi, Okavango delta, Chobe National park and Victoria falls. This safari starts in Windhoek and ends in Victoria Falls or Livingstone.



Your Itinerary

Day 1

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. Overnight at Sesriem Campsite.

Day 2

We make an early start and drive through traditional villages before entering the South 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. Overnight Sesriem Campsite.

Day 3

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. Overnight in chalets / rooms Swakopmund B&B.

Day 4

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. Overnight in chalets / rooms Swakopmund B&B.

Day 5

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. Overnight Huab River campsite.

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Day 6

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. Overnight Huab River campsite.

Day 7

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.

Camp at Okaukuejo.

Day 8

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. Overnight Namutoni campsite.

Day 9

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

Day 10

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

Overnight Shakawe campsite.

Day 11

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.

Overnight Shakawe campsite.

Day 12

Early departure to drive down the west side of the Okavango Delta to arrive in Maun, Gateway to the Okavango.

We arrive at Maun Lodge, unpack and relax. In the afternoon an optional game flight offers you an aerial view of the Okavango Delta.

Chalets / rooms Swakopmund B&B.

Day 13

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.

Chalets / rooms Swakopmund B&B.

Day 14

Early morning coffee or tea, and we set off on a full morning's game drive to return to camp for a delicious brunch.

Time 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.

Camp near Xakanaxa in exclusive wilderness area.

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Day 15

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

Overnight Kwai River area in exclusive wilderness area.

Day 16

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 to our campsite.

Overnight Savuti in exclusive wilderness area.

Day 17

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 to the Savuti marsh in search of predators. Leisure time to relax during the heat of the day. Afternoon game drive to Bushman paintings hill. Overnight Savuti.

Day 18

Leaving the plains of the Savuti Marsh we follow the Ngwezumba Valley driving through Mopane forests. Lunch en route. We arrive at the remote pan of Nogaatsha, on which a variety of wildlife depends. Camp within sight of this waterhole.

Overnight in the area of Nogaatsha.

Day 19

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 a boating excursion on the Chobe River offers a new dimension to game viewing.

Overnight Chobe floodplains in exclusive wilderness area.

Day 20 & 21

After a leisurely breakfast, we take you to the Kazangula border where you will be transferred to the hotel of your choice in either Victoria falls or Livingstone.

The second day will be at leisure to view the falls or join any one of the many activities available in Victoria Falls

Overnight Victoria Falls or Livingstone

Day 22

You will be transferred by your hotel to the airport for your international flight.





Tailor Made Safaris

For the ultimate experience we offer bespoke safaris.

Let your dream holiday be designed around your specific dates, needs and budget, plus any special interests you may have.

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Our flying safaris will give you a unique and unequalled holiday.

The pilot guide will fly you in and out of the lodges or camps and once on the ground will remain your guide and host throughout your safari

Safaris will be tailor made with a maximum of 4 passengers and will cover Botswana, South Africa, Namibia and Zambia or a combination of countries.

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Penduka Standard Safari - Accommodation & Facilities

Facilities

The Bow or Wilderness tent is used for scheduled and private Safaris, sizes (3mx3m). All bedding is supplied and includes: camp bed, mattress, duvet, blankets, pillows, towels, bedside table and paraffin lamp.

Clients share ablution facilities, which comprise of a bucket shower, chemical toilet and dressing area within an enclosed unit.

Cuisine

All meals are prepared by a competent bush chef and served in the dining tent. Soft drinks, mineral water, beer and wine are included.

Vehicles

Our specially designed vehicles are unequalled in the industry and provide maximum comfort and space. The roof top hatches allow the ultimate game viewing opportunities. Each vehicle is equipped with a radio and Satellite phone for communication.

Penduka Luxury Safari - Accommodation & Facilities

Accommodation

Meru Style Tents with en-suite facilities
Size (5m X 3.4m).

Furnished with:

Sprung camp beds with thick, high density foam mattresses.
Duvets, pillows, blankets and towels.
Bedside table and paraffin lamp.

Cuisine

All meals are prepared by an experienced safari chef and served in our dining tent. Meals, snacks and a variety of drinks are served each day plus a full bar service in the evening prior to relaxing over a 3 course dinner.

Vehicles

Our specially designed vehicles are unequalled in the industry and provide maximum comfort and space. The roof top hatches allow the ultimate in game viewing opportunities. Each vehicle is equipped with a radio and Satellite phone for communication.

Safari Fact Sheet

Thank you for choosing Penduka Safaris, please read the following general information which will help you prepare and plan your safari

What to Expect:

Accommodation

Penduka Safaris uses three styles of tent.

Luxury safaris use our Meru style tents with en suite facilities.

(size 5M X 3,4M)

Our scheduled and private safaris use either Wilderness tents. (size 3.5M X 3,5M) or Bow tents (size 3M X 3M). All tents are supplied with a high fold up stretcher bed (75cm H x 1.9 L x .9 W), mattress, bedding & towels, bedside table and paraffin lamp

With the exception of the Luxury safari clients share ablution facilities which comprise of bucket showers and chemical toilets in an enclosed unit.

Please note on certain itineraries and depending on the availability of water we may use pit latrines.

Activities

Daily game drives.

Boating excursions where included in the itinerary

Climate

Summer: November to March.

High temperatures average 30°C to 35°C with lows around 18°C and rain showers.

Winter: June to August.

Daytime temperatures around 23°C with night time lows averaging 5°C

Comfort

Our safaris are fully serviced and where possible the camp is set up prior to arrival.

Cuisine

All meals are prepared by a chef and served in a dining tent.

All drinks are included however please note that the selection of drinks is local and limited and excludes spirits.

Mineral water is supplied (2 L PP/day).

Safety

The Penduka guides are highly experienced and trained and take every reasonable precaution to ensure your safety.

We have contact with our base camp in Maun by 2 way radios or satellite telephones.

Vehicles

Our vehicles have been specially designed to provide comfort and maximum pleasure in game viewing. Roof top hatches allow for ultimate game viewing and photographic opportunities. In addition the design of our vehicles allows us to operate year round.

For your peace of mind and safety each vehicle is equipped with a radio and satellite telephone for communication. In addition we carry a full set of spare parts and should a breakdown occur we have the knowledge to fix almost all breakdowns in the bush, thus causing the least amount of inconvenience possible.

Planning

Currency

Pula and Thebe (one Pula = 100 Thebe)

Botswana Pula can be purchased in Maun at the Bureau de Change.

Visa cards are widely accepted in the main towns.

Duty-Free Allowance

The following goods, declared on arrival, are duty free:

Two litres wine, one litre spirits and other alcoholic beverages; 400 cigarettes; 50 cigars; 250gm cigarette and pipe tobacco; 50ml perfume; 250ml eau de toilette.

All goods acquired outside Botswana must be declared when you enter the country. Goods acquired in countries of the Southern African Customs Union – Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland – are free from customs duties, but may be subject to sales tax.

Electricity / Charging Facilities

Our vehicles are equipped with a 12V cigarette lighter socket, (car chargers for equipment are not provided) Equipment will only be charged while the vehicles are on game drives and moving. We can also carry a 220V converter. However please confirm before your safari should you intend to make use of this.

Entry Requirements

All visitors entering Botswana must hold a passport that is valid for at least 6 months; have outgoing travel documents and sufficient funds to finance their stay.

Visas are not required of passport holders from the following countries:

All Commonwealth members, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Namibia, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Republic of Ireland, Samoa, San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland, United States of America, Uruguay and Yugoslavia.

Nationals of all other countries are required to obtain a visa.

Health

Malaria is prevalent in Southern Africa so that prior to departure we urge you to consult your physician as to the appropriate anti-malaria tablets.

You must be in good health to undertake a safari.

We visit remote areas with little to no medical facilities.

Water in urban areas and large villages is generally safe to drink.

In the hot summer months, it is important to drink fluids to avoid dehydration.

In many countries it is recommended that travelers to Botswana consider vaccinations for the following:

Diphtheria; Tetanus; Hepatitis A & B; Polio; Tuberculosis; Typhoid and Yellow fever. – Please consult your physician

Insurance – Personal and Medical

Clients are strongly recommended to ensure that they are covered by insurance, relative to medical costs and personal accident prior to departure from their country of domicile.

Language

The official language is English and the national language is Setswana.

Luggage

Each person is allowed one medium sized suitcase, and one airline type handbag. Soft bags are recommended.

*NB If your itinerary includes travel in light aircraft your baggage allowance is strictly 18kg and luggage must consist of soft bags only

– no suitcases or hard cases.

Mobile Phone Reception

There is no mobile phone reception in any of the Reserves and Parks. However there is reception in and around the larger villages of Maun, Kasane, Livingstone and Victoria falls.

Photography

For best results in wildlife photography the use of a telephoto lens (minimum 200mm) is recommended. A zoom lens can be very useful. It is wise to bring with you extra camera film and batteries.

Travel documents

The onus is upon the client and/or Travel Agent to ensure that Passports, Visas, Re-entry visas and Health documents, as required are valid prior to the commencement of your safari.

What to bring

Light rugged items of the jeans / slacks variety,

Shorts

T shirts & cool tops

Long sleeve shirt

Comfortable flat shoes

Light fleece / jacket

Sun hat

Sunglasses

Sunscreen factor 8 plus

Toiletries

Face cloth

Binoculars

Camera with spare batteries & films

Torch and spare batteries

Note pad & pen

Please note winter nights can be deceptively cold so bring warm clothing and possibly a tracksuit in which to sleep,

Good insect repellent

Terms and Conditions

Please note:

All rates are based on 4 passengers.

Departures are guaranteed for a minimum of 4 passengers, provided that we have operational availability.

Our safaris are non-participation and fully catered, including all meals and beverages.

We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance to include both medical cover - including medical evacuation and travel insurance covering any cancellation penalties that may apply.

Please note that on most safaris you will be entering a malaria-infected area. Please consult your local physician for the correct medication.

Penduka Safaris reserves the right to amend itineraries last minute if it is to the benefit of the clients. Often amendments are also necessary subject to availability of campsites.

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Rate per person includes:

- The service of a Professional Guide.
- Complete bedding: camp stretcher, mattress, duvet, blankets, pillows and towels.
- All meals and snacks prepared by a competent bush chef.
- Alcoholic and other beverages from our limited local selection.
- Game drives and park entry fees into Game Reserves and National Parks.
- Boating excursion where part of the itinerary.

Not included:

- International Flights.
- Personal insurance.
- Optional activities.
- Laundry and items of a personal nature.
- Spirits (clients are welcome to bring their own).
- Staff gratuities.

Booking procedure and cancellation

- A 20% non-refundable deposit is required to confirm a booking.
- Final payment is due 6 weeks prior to departure.
- If a booking is cancelled less than 6 weeks prior to departure, the following cancellation fees will apply:
 - Less than 41 days notice - 40% of total tour cost.
 - Less than 28 days notice - 70% of total tour cost.
 - Less than 14 days notice - 100% of total tour cost.



Any person making a booking himself, or on behalf of other persons will by the making of such a booking, assume personal liability for all costs involved.

We regret that we can make no exception to the above charges, and therefore strongly recommend that insurance be taken out to cover cancellation and/or curtailment charges.

In the event of the company cancelling a safari, which it shall be entitled to do at any time before the scheduled departure date; the full amount paid by the customer will be refunded.

Please note:

Where activities, flights and accommodation are booked through a third party, the specific cancellation policies of that operator will apply. A copy of their cancellation policy can be sent on request.

Responsibility Clause

Penduka Safaris (PTY) LTD assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reasons of defect in any vehicle or for losses or additional expense due to delay or change in services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, or other causes.

Our vehicles do transverse vast distances over some of the toughest and dustiest roads in the world. Inevitably, punctures occur, fuel pumps and filters are blocked and other problems arise. None of these incidents are unmanageable, but do require time to repair. We request your understanding should such incidents occur and to bear with us during possible delays.

To the best of our knowledge the information on this website is correct on this date. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur hereafter.

Prices / Quotations / Itineraries

All prices and quotes are subject to alteration. Our itineraries are based on current knowledge regarding feasibility. From time to time, however, they have to be changed due to weather conditions or by government decree - factors which are totally out of our control. In such cases we will endeavour to offer an alternative itinerary as close to the original as is possible.