

Personalised itinerary for Sikorski Family O9 November – O8 December 2012

09 Nov

Bagatelle Game Ranch, Campsite, Kalahari

Self catering From Windhoek approx: 290 km / 3 hours drive *excluding stops*

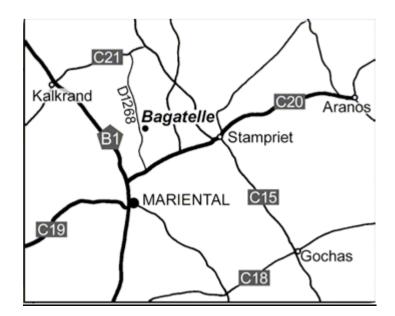


Travelling from the north you take the B1 via Rehoboth towards Mariental. About 11km before this small town turn left onto the C20 and then left onto the D1268 where you will find Bagatelle Lodge.

Located on the edge of the Kalahari Desert and surrounded by rolling red dunes, Bagatelle offers a very different desert experience to the more well known Namib Desert. The Kalahari is not officially categorised as a desert but is rather a savanna environment of wide open grasslands and stunted acacias. As such it is home to many interesting wildlife species including meerkat (suricate), porcupine, bat-eared fox, Oryx, ostrich, wildebeest and zebra. Optional nature drives are offered which allow guests to learn about the ecology of this unique area and to enjoy a beautiful sunset before returning to the lodge for an excellent dinner.

Each campsite has its own bathroom facilities with solar powered geyser, running water, fireplace and a bag of wood to get you started.

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Canon Roadhouse, Campsite, Fish River Canyon

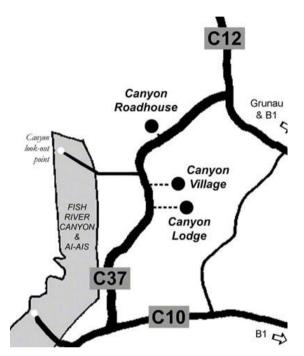
10 Nov Self Catering From Bagatelle approx: 430 km / 5 hours drive *excluding stops*

After breakfast return to the C20 and continue on the B1 south via Mariental and Keetmanshoop, from here travel via the B4 to Seeheim and then the C12. The Canon Roadhouse is situated on the C37 (previously the D601), 12km from the Hobas entrance to the Fish River Canyon National Park

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Visit the viewpoints at Hobas and take a short walk along the Canyon edge to watch the spectacular sunset. Canon Roadhouse is a friendly lodge with private

campsites, a bar, restaurant and swimming pool. Enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and excellent Italian flavour of the restaurant tonight.



The Canon Roadhouse is situated 25km from the Fish River Canyon, on the privately owned Gondwana Canyon Park, and 20 kms from the main viewpoint of the canyon itself. The lodge is interestingly decorated with old car parts, found in the region. Old antiques adorn the inside, such as an old gas burning stove with a beaten copper kettle on top. There is a large swimming pool and sun-deck, tucked in between indigenous succulents such as hoodias and aloes, and guests can relax pool-side on a comfortable lazy-lounger. **+264 (0)63 683111**

Guests can enjoy a drink in the noted 'Wheels' bar, a setting for many a tall travellers' tale. There is also a laundry service and Internet connection. Accommodation is provided in 24 rooms. They are all en-suite and are equipped with air conditioning. A sundown drive, walks on their unguided sunset trails, and horse-riding can be organized at Canyon Roadhouse, a perfect base to explore the wonders of Namibia's Fish River Canyon.

<u>11 & 12 Nov</u>

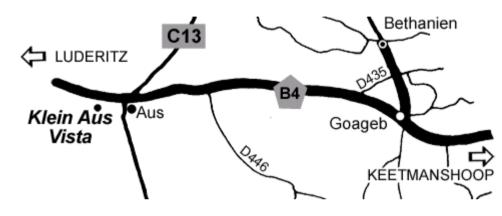
Self Catering

From Canon Roadhouse approx: 290 km / 3.5 hours drive *excluding stops*

Today you will be heading towards the southern coast of Namibia. Drive via the C12 to Seeheim and the B4 to Luderitz today, Klein Aus is located just past the turn off to the small town of Aus where petrol is available.



Klein Aus is a beautifully positioned private farm located on the edge of the Namib Desert with spectacular views from the boulder strewn hillsides across wide open plains. The camping site consists of 10 separate sites shaded by trees, equipped with barbecue facilities and protected against the wind. It is situated in a valley some 3 km from the Desert Horse Inn.



There are self-guided walks that can be taken on the farm as well as optional nature drives to view the Namib wild horses, or you may decide to just relax in the peaceful surroundings. The information centre at Aus is also worth a visit, here you can learn about the history of this area which has recently celebrated its 100th year anniversary

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Luderitz: You may like to drive to Luderitz for the day where you could enjoy an optional boat cruise (this can be booked through Luderitz tours & safaris who have an office on the high street), or a drive out to Diaz Point where you may see some of the many bird species that can be found here. Nearby is the ghost town of Kolmanskop, abandoned to the desert when the diamond mining became unfeasible in this area. Here you may like to take a local guide to show you the fascinating buildings, still standing in the windblown dunes. At present these guided trips operate at **09h30** and **11h00** Monday to Saturday or **10h00** on Sundays. Tickets can be purchased at Kolmanskop. Return to Klein Aus this afternoon.

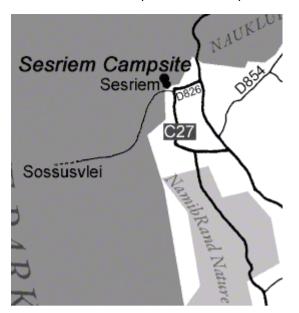
<u>13 & 14 Nov</u>

Sesriem Campsite, Sossusvlei

<u>Self Catering</u> From Aus approx: 355 km / 5 hours drive *excluding stops*

Today you will drive to Sossusvlei and Sesriem Campsite. Travel on the C13 to Helmeringhausen. Here you turn on the C27 via Betta to the Sesriem entrance gate.

Arrive at Sesriem, the National Parks campsite on the edge of the oldest desert in the world. Set up camp underneath one of the shady camelthorn acacia trees and relax by the pool during the heat of the day. You may like to visit Sesriem Canyon and then walk or drive to Elim dune to watch the sunset, you can climb part of the way up the dune for a really stunning view across the desert. The camp has a small shop for supplies, petrol pumps and a bar.



On the morning of 13 th you can wake early and drive into the National Park area of Sesriem and onwards towards Sossusvlei, around 70km from the Park entrance. The entrance opens at sunrise and this is the best time of day to see the dunes. You will need to pay National Park entry fees of N\$80 per person & N\$10 per vehicle per day. The last section of the road into Sossusvlei is 4x4 area only and you can either leave your vehicle at the car park and proceed either on foot (a beautiful walk), or take the shuttle which usually runs between here and Sossusvlei which is 5km away. The shuttle costs approximately N\$100 per person return. The



desert can be extremely hot in the middle of the day, so please remember plenty of water, a hat and good walking shoes! Enjoy the amazing scenery of the desert, and maybe take a short walk to Deadvlei, a bizarre collection of ancient camelthorn trees, or climb the nearby dunes. Return to Sesriem and perhaps take a look at Sesriem Canyon before returning to the camp.

<u> 15 – 18 Nov</u>

Sea Breeze Guesthouse, Swakopmund

Bed and Breakfast included From Sesriem approx: 345 km / 4.5 hours drive *excluding stops*

Drive to the coast this morning, travelling along the C19 & C14 roads, via Solitaire. These roads are all gravel until you reach Walvis Bay, and the mountain passes are quite steep so please drive very carefully! You may like to stop at Walvis Bay to see the famous lagoon, a wetland of international importance and home to many bird species including the greater flamingo.

Situated at 48 Turmalin Street, Sea Breeze is a quiet and very friendly guest house located on the beach front, just outside the town centre. The individually decorated rooms and self-catering apartments add a personal touch to your base for exploring Namibia's favourite coastal town. Enjoy excellent breakfasts with freshly baked cakes, and relax in the peaceful lounge overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. +264 (0)64 463348







Swakopmund itself is a fascinating and intriguing resort town, complete with German architecture, monuments, historic buildings, well maintained gardens, palm lined avenues, coffee bars and great seafood restaurants. Temperatures rarely drop below 15C and rainfall is practically zero, however, the town is subjected to 9 months of morning fogs each year. These damp and grey conditions often result in cool temperatures persisting the whole day, but this mist band, stretching up to 30km inland, gives water and life to the deserts

plants & animals giving rise to 80 types of lichen and the ancient Welwitschia plants. The many ingenious adaptations to water collection, like the Tok-Tokkie beetle which condenses vapour on its raised back, make for fascinating walks and drives in the 'Moon Landscape' or 'Welwitschia Drive', located close to the town.

In addition, there are many adventure activities such as sand boarding, tandem parachuting, fishing & quad biking which can be arranged prior to arrival. We can also recommend some excellent day trips including the marine sanctuary of Sandwich Harbour, a unique environment comprising towering dunes, a freshwater lagoon and the wild Atlantic Ocean. Alternatively, a half day boat cruise from Walvis Bay may offer the opportunity to see dolphins, fur seals and many species of marine birds. Please ask us for advice on restaurants, the more popular ones should be booked in advance and we are happy to do this for you.

18 & 19 Nov Self Catering

Aabadi Mountain Camp, Twyfelfontein Area

From Swakopmund approx: 315 km / 4.5 hour's drive excluding stops

Departing from Swakopmund you take the C34 towards Henties Bay. Just outside the town of Henties , take the C35 gravel road and drive towards Uis. Continue on the C35 until you reach the D2612 turn-off where you turn left and just a few kilometers down the road you will see the signs to the lodge on your left hand side. Aabadi Mountain Camp is situated 20km from the Twyfelfontein Conservancy in the Damaraland area. Damaraland is renowned for its geology, unusual rock formations, rock paintings, and rare desert-adapted flora and fauna.



Aabadi Mountain Camp is located in the unspoiled Damaraland area, just about 20 km away from Twyfelfontein. Aabadi Mountain Camp is the perfect stopover between the Skeleton Coast and Etosha, or on the road to Kaokoveld. The rest camp is regularly visited by the famous desert elephant, which passes by for a drink or bath in our permanent waterhole. From the sundowner terrace you have a great view over the dry riverbed and you'll notice the elephants from kilometres away. While enjoying a cool drink, just sit back and relax in this beautiful area!

The campsite is spacious and lies at the riverbed. There are enough trees, so there is always shadow and privacy. There is a bush shower with only 'cold' water (heated by the sun) and flush toilet. The restaurant is within walking distance; here you can enjoy breakfast, lunch, dinner or just a drink. Each campsite has its own fire place/bbq, so it is also possible to prepare your own meal. Be sure you take enough food with you, there is no supermarket in the area!

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Twyfelfontein: Perhaps make an excursion to the Twyfelfontein rock etchings and paintings, a local guide will escort you around the ancient hillsides which are open for guests between 08:00 and 17:00. This area is covered in numerous fascinating examples of San rock art and is well worth a visit where a local guide will explain the area to you. The 'Burnt Mountain', an interesting area of volcanic rock, is also close by as are the dolomite 'organ pipes'.

Burnt Mountain & Organ Pipes: The 'Burnt Mountain', an interesting area of volcanic rock, is also worth visiting. This area is an amazing sight as the sun shines over these rocks, giving the impression of flames moving over the mountain. Another intriguing site is the 'Valley of the organ pipes' situated across the road from the Burnt Mountain. This strange formation was formed when basalt slabs were gouged out by a river thousands of years ago.

Damara Living Museum

This new community venture is located just a few km down the D2612 before you reach the Twyfelfontein turnoff. It is well signposted. The experience is refreshing and honest, and it is a really interesting way to spend an hour or so if you have time on your journey. Here you can learn about the traditional way of life for the Damara people; get involved with the villagers by tasting local homebrew, wearing ochre on your faces, playing a local game, dancing, or making beads. There are a few different options including a village tour, donkey cart ride, or a visit to the modern village



nearby. They have a picnic spot near the car park so it is also a nice place to stop for lunch (you must bring your own food and drinks).

20 Nov Self Catering + 1 Activity From Aabadi approx: 370 km / 4 hours drive *excluding stops*

Today you will be driving on to Okonjima near Otjiwarongo. Travelling from the Damaraland area you drive to the C39 where you turn towards Khorixas. You keep to the C39 until you reach Outjo. From here you take the C38 towards Otjiwarongo. About 48km south of Otjiwarongo on the B1 you will see the turn off for Okonjima. Okonjima will be another 24km to the lodge. Arriving in time for the afternoon activities, which begin at 16h00 in summer





En route to Okonjima there is the opportunity to stop for a visit at REST (www.restafrica.org) which is housed on a piece of land adjacent to Okonjima, just before you enter the 22,000 hectare reserve. For a donation adults and children are shown around, facilities include and interpretation centre, with information on the various animals species they work with, these include; Cape Griffon Vultures, The Spotted rubber Frog, Pangolin, Damara Dik-dik, Dwarf Python and Wild Dog. REST is also home to some non-releasable Cape Griffon vultures as well as having a hide at the 'Vulture Restaurant'. Definitely a bonus for

anyone wanting to learn about Namibia's wildlife and contribute in a meaningful way.

West of the Waterberg Plateau, the vast plains are occasionally broken by the remnants of ancient Sandstone outcrops, which once covered large areas of northern Namibia. Nestled among the Omboroko Mountains lies Okonjima – a Herero name meaning Place of the Baboons. This is much more than just a lodge. Okonjima is also home to The Africat Foundation.

The Africat Foundation, works with farmers and the public to conserve the big cat species of Namibia. The project is there to educate the local communities on how to work with big cat species rather than capturing them and removing them from arable land and includes a local school. The hopes are to extend their environmental education efforts to high school and even university undergraduates in the future.

This campsite is a self-catering facility, campers must provide all their own food and drinks! There are 4 private camp sites, which all share 1 private swimming pool.

Each Private Campsite offers a private, open-air shower/s (incl. hot water), private open-air, flush toilet/s, a washing-up area under a roof with a power point to charge batteries and a light.

There is also a lovely viewpoint for sundowners. Okonjima will provide 2 bundles of fire wood free of charge – if groups require more wood, please inform your Okonjima guide, more than 2 bundles of wood will be an additional cost. 1 fixed light per campsite for cooking plus 1 plug point will be available for charging of fridges, cameras, cell phones etc. None of the Lodge facilities are open or available to campers, except the curio-



shop. Your stay includes one guided activity; a guided tour to The AfriCat Welfare Project where you will be able to learn more about AfriCat and its conservation programmes. Self-guided walking trails in the surrounding mountains or in the bush-veldt are free of charge.

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Okaukuejo Rest Camp, Etosha

21 & 22 Nov Self Catering From Okonjima approx: 250 km / 2.5 hours drive *excluding stops*

Make your way into the Etosha National Park today. Return to the B1 and Otjiwarongo, making your way further north via Outjo on the C38 and on to Etosha National Park, entering through the Anderson Gate.

You will need to pay park entry fees of approximately **N\$80** per person per day and **N\$10** per vehicle. These unfortunately cannot be paid in advance. Okaukuejo & Halali rest camps can be visited for lunch, a swim or simply a quick break, each camp having a restaurant, small shop & petrol station. Care should be taken to be back in the rest camp before sunset when the Park gates close.



Okaukuejo was the first tourist camp to open in Etosha and it currently functions as the administrative hub of the park, and home of the Etosha Ecological Institute. It is situated at the western end of the pan, and about 120km north of Outjo. The Okaukuejo waterhole is often voted as the best of all the rest camp waterholes and enjoys an amazing array of wildlife. Animals that come appear to be oblivious of the camp – unaware of the bright lights or the people sitting on benches just behind the low stone wall. The light doesn't penetrate into the surrounding bush. It creates something of a stage - with the water at its centre - focusing the attention on the

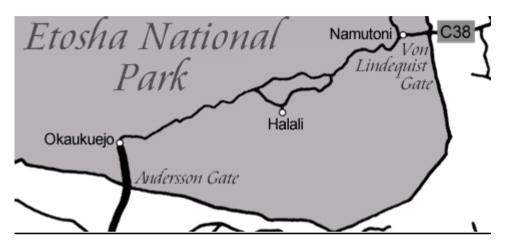
animals that come to drink. During the dry season, you're bound to see something of interest by just sitting here for a few hours in the evening - so bring a couple of drinks, binoculars, and some warm clothes to settle down and wait. Among the regulars are elephants and jackals, while lion and black rhino often visit in the dry season. **+264 (0)67 229800**

Etosha, meaning "Great White Place", is dominated by a massive mineral pan. The pan is part of the Kalahari Basin, the floor of which was formed around 1000 million years ago. The Etosha Pan covers around 25% of the National Park. The pan was originally a lake fed by the Kunene River. However the course of the river changed thousands of years ago and the lake dried up. The pan now is a large dusty depression of salt and dusty clay which fills only if the rains are heavy and even then only holds water for a short time. This temporary water in the Etosha Pan attracts thousands of wading birds including impressive flocks of flamingos. The perennial springs along the edges of the Etosha Pan draw large concentrations of wildlife and birds. A San legend about the formation of the Etosha Pan tells of how a village was raided and everyone but the women slaughtered. One woman was so upset about the death of her family she cried until her tears formed a massive lake. When the lake dried up nothing was left apart from a huge white pan.



23 Nov Self Catering From Okaukuejo approx: 165 km / Full Day Game Drive

Spend today making your way slowly across the Park to the eastern most rest camp of Namutoni. You may like to stop at the central, Halali camp for lunch and a rest during the heat of midday before continuing later this afternoon. Namutoni offers the same facilities as Okaukuejo and is based around the remains of an interesting German fort.



Namutoni Rest Camp is situated on the eastern edge of the pan and centres around a beautiful old fort in an area dotted with graceful Makalani palms. This is now the flagship of Etosha's rest camps and the old fort contains two restaurants, a relaxation lounge, bar, craft boutique, curio shop, jewellers and book shop. The Fort area is for pedestrians only and an elevated decked walkway along the waterhole facing wall will provide opportunities for enjoying the surrounding scenery, wildlife and spectacular sunsets. The Fort dates back to a German police post, built before the turn of the century, and was later used as an army base and for English prisoners in the First World War, before being restored to its present state in 1957. **+264 (0)67 229300**



24 Nov

Fiume Lodge, Grootfontein Area

Dinner and Breakfast + Half Day Bushman Excursion included From Namutoni approx: 180 km / 2 hours drive *excluding stops*

Departing Etosha National Park today on the C38 to the B1, turning south towards Tsumeb and the C42 to Grootfontein. Fiume is situated 35km north of Grootfontein on the B8 towards Rundu.

It is an owner-managed establishment, and the hosts make a genuine effort to make all guests feel welcome. The accommodations are rustic, but the food is excellent; good home cooked traditional meals. The big selling point is the fact that Jorn, the manager/ owner's son, speaks one of the San dialects and runs half or full day trips to visit the Bushman community nearby. He grew up in this area so has an immense knowledge of the history of Namibia and this region in particular. Nature drives on the property are also on offer.

The bar has a pool table and TV. There is also a small floodlit waterhole and tables and chairs from which to watch the animals at night. If people are especially interested in visiting the San, then this is a great stop. It is also a good overnight option en-route to Rundu. The lodge is well equipped for families as there is a large area of lawn with trees, and a swimming pool. There is also a very nice fire area for evenings, and the rooms are close to the lodge. +264 (0)67 240 486

BUSHMEN EXCURSIONS



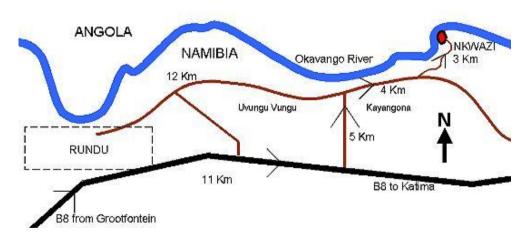
With our own Bushman translator Jörn Gressmann (who speaks the language fluently) the lodge offers half and full day Bushmen activities into Bushmen land and offers a glimpse into the lives of this ancient civilization. Both half and full day tours includes both breakfast and lunch packs. Half day tours will head back to the lodge right after lunch and full day tours will arrive back at the lodge just before sunset. Clients can expect the most informal, liberating learning experience about these people, their history, lifestyle and culture. What to look forward to: Bush walk, village life, making of tools, jewellery and weapons. They

will teach how to start a fire, how and what to use as medicines and the different roles of men and women in the community.

25 & 26 Nov Self Catering From Fiume approx: 285 km / 3 hours drive *excluding stops*

Nkwazi Camp, Rundu Area

Continuing this morning on to Nkwazi, return to the B8 and drive to Rundu. Follow the B8 out of Rundu for 11 km until you see the lodge signposted on your left. Turning left, head down towards the river for 5km until you arrive at a T junction. Here you will turn right for a further 4 km until you see the entrance road to the Nkwazi Lodge. Follow this for 3km into the camp.



Nkwazi Lodge is situated on the banks of the Kavango River, this lovely lodge has a swimming pool and beautiful views across the river into Angola. Accommodation is offered in rustic chalets or the campsite, and facilities include a swimming pool overlooking the river, bar & boma style restaurant. Optional activities include boat trips, fishing, game drives and walks.

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27 & 28 Nov

<u>Self Catering + Sun Downer boat cruise on 27th</u> From Nkwazi approx: 400 km / 4 hours drive *excluding stops*

Driving on the Trans Caprivi (B8) between Rundu and Victoria Falls, you will cross the village of Kongola where, if time allows, you might be interested in stopping off at the Mashi Tourism Hub, where 325 people (306 of these are women) sell their crafts. This Hub was constructed with support from the World Bank and serves as a source of income for the conservancies through the creation of casual and permanent employment; after your visit you will turn towards the South on the C49. 25 km further down, you will find a signpost marked "Camp Kwando" where you will turn right for another three kilometres.



Located at the junction of Botswana, Zambia, Angola and Zimbabwe, Camp Kwando offers you hosting and activities in a beautiful and often overlooked area of the country; the Caprivi.

The island accommodates eight thatched tents, each one with two beds. Every bed is equipped with a mosquito net. Built on poles with a terrace overlooking the river, these bungalows will allow you to do some fishing from the deck. Every tent has an en suite bathroom with shower, a toilet and a basin with hot and cold water. These are open sky bathrooms that will allow you to enjoy the surrounding nature...

Electricity is provided at key times by a generator. Bathrooms are lit by way of paraffin lights. Three larger 'Tree House' bungalows are also available on higher ground, built on high poles, made of wood and canvas, along with thatched roofs. Conveniently placed in the middle of the trees, they allow for an incredible view over the Botswana plains. Each bungalow has a large bedroom, stylishly furnished; a large en-suite bathroom as well as a terrace.

Situated between the main building and the island the surface of the campsite is covered by trees which provide shade during the hotter hours of the day. It allows for about ten camping spots on a carefully maintained lawn. The facilities provide guests with showers, toilets and basins, as well as places to do your laundry. Hot and cold water is provided.

Optional activities on offer include game drives, bush walks, traditional village visits, fishing or excursions into the nearby Mamili National Park

29 & 30 NovChobe Safari Lodge, KasaneSelf CateringFrom Camp Kwando approx: 230 km / 2.5 hours drive excluding stops

Today you will be leaving Namibia and entering Botswana. Return to the B8 and turn right to Katima Mulilo. Maybe you would like to get out and explore the town and get lunch and refuel before continuing on the B8 to Ngoma Bridge and Kasane. Chobe Safari Lodge is located just as you enter Kasane.

To cross the Botswana border:

Valid passport Vehicle registration papers

Border charge: Vehicle registered in the SACU - SA, Namibia, Botswana, Lesotho & Swaziland are charged the following fees:

P50 – RTP Road Permit (P90 charged if a return trip – P50 is for a single entry)

P20 – NRF Road Fund - Safety Token (valid for 1 year) - The P20 tax is paid yearly & expires on the 31st December each year (charges can only be paid in Pula – P20 will also be charged on a trailer)
3rd Party Insurance P50 – Motor Vehicle Insurance (valid for 90 days)

We are not able to pre pay the above. You have to pay this at the border post. You could make use of U\$ or ZAR.

Located on the edge of Kasane, close to the entrance to Chobe National Park, the Safari Lodge offers comfortable rooms at affordable prices in one of Botswana's prime wildlife areas. Accommodation ranges from the grassy campsite to simpler rondavels with fans and luxurious river or safari rooms with air conditioning which overlook the river. The pool and bar area overlook the rolling Chobe River from where you can enjoy afternoon, sunset boat cruises or a spot of fishing. 4x4 game drives inside the Park are also on offer. **+267 625 0336**

Situated in the northernmost corner of Botswana, the Chobe region fills the squat triangle made by the meeting of the Namibian, Zambian and Zimbabwean borders with those of Botswana. The Chobe National Park is at the heart of the complex. A vast reserve of about 12, 000 square kilometres, it is for the most part flat and sparsely wooded.

Chobe is said to contain the highest concentration of elephants in the world, with an estimated winter population of around 46,000. That's more than two per square kilometre! A tourist's delight, this has placed pressure on the natural resources of the area, elephant damage is particularly noticeable in the narrow band of riverine forest along the grass-covered flood plains of the Chobe River.

The wildlife viewing is renowned, and makes this area a prime tourist destination. The annual zebra migration in May is a special feature of the area, but the visitor may see a wide range of antelope including sable, roan, oribi, reedbuck, and the strikingly colourful Chobe bushbuck, which has much stronger white markings than those found further south. Small herds of lechwe can be found on the grassy floodplains, and this is the only area south of the Zambezi River where puku can be seen. Giraffe and warthog are common, and lion occur throughout the area but are most frequently seen around Savute.

Bird watching is very rewarding, there being over 350 species recorded in the area, and in the vicinity of the Chobe and Linyanti Rivers visitors can watch saddle-billed storks, long-toed plovers, pink-backed pelicans, African skimmers, Bradfield's hornbills and the jewel-like carmine bee-eaters. Heuglin's robin is a delight to hear in the early morning.

<u>01 Dec</u>

Nata Lodge,

Bed & Breakfast included

From Kasane approx: 315 km / 4 hours drive *excluding stops*

Head south and deeper into Botswana, drive on the A33 via Pandamatenga on to Nata. Nata Lodge is located just outside of town.



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Nata Lodge is an oasis set next to the Mokolwane Palms on the edge of the Makgadikgadi and Nata saltpans. Ideally situated close to the Nata Sanctuary, just off the main road to Francistown, Nata Lodge offers thatched chalets decorated in African style, custom built en-suite safari tents on platforms, a campsite with modern ablution facilities, swimming pool, restaurant, gift shop and bar area. +267 620 0070

The campsite surroundings offer peace and tranquillity with backdrop being that of the Botswana night sky. The lodge's campsite is able to accommodate 150 pax and the ablution area's are stylish with semi open showers offering hot and cold water for that true African feeling. The campsite has central electrical

power banks for those requiring electricity. Socket is standard RSA 3 pin round plug 240v.

Nata Sanctuary

The Nata river delta feeds the Sua Pan in the Nata Sanctuary and forms the breeding ground for a host of water birds, including pelicans and flamingos in their thousands. When they appear, the shoreline is transformed into a pink haze blending into the western horizon. Guided tours into the Sanctuary are offered from Nata Lodge.



Planet Baobab, Gweta

02 – 05 Dec Self Catering

From Nata approx: 100 km / 1.5 hours drive excluding stops



Situated close to the village of Gweta, on the Francistown to Maun road and sheltered by a grove of eight gigantic baobabs, Planet Baobab combines style with comfort. Here you can sleep in traditionally styled Bakalanga huts with en-suite showers, curl up in a Bushmen hut complete in every detail, or pitch your tent at the campsite.

You can light your own campfire, or gather round the communal blaze in the 'lelwapa' and enjoy a cool drink before perhaps enjoying Planet Baobabs unique Pan-African cuisine. Basic provisions including fresh

meat and vegetables are available for purchase and there is a fully stocked bar and swimming pool. The bar features a thatched roof, traditional wooden 'kgotla' chairs and recliners.

Base yourself here and you can take guided walks and quad bike trips into the bush and the Pans with the expert guides to discover the geological origins of what was once the world's largest ever super lake. Overnight camping trips can be arranged in advance to allow you to truly appreciate and savour sleeping under the stars and exploring this vast wilderness.

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05 & 06 Dec

Audi Camp, Maun

<u>Self Catering</u> From Gweta approx: 220 km / 2.5 hours drive *excluding stops*

Leaving Planet Baobab and Gweta this morning, drive on to Maun. Audi Camp is located just outside of town. On arrival at a 'T' junction in the town centre turn right towards the airport and follow for 12km out of town. There is just one junction on this road, a roundabout, where you will bear left, staying on the tar. Follow the signs into camp.

Audi overlooks the seasonal river and shaded by many trees and thatched lapas. Accommodation is offered in permanent tents raised on decks overlooking the river with spacious en-suite bathrooms attached, alternatively there are smaller permanent tents with shared ablution facilities, pre-erected dome tents with mattresses or a well maintained campsite. The swimming pool is a perfect place to relax while the friendly bar and excellent restaurant is more than welcome at the end of a day's travelling. In addition there are many day or overnight trips which can be



arranged from Audi including drive-in mokoro trails, excursions into the Moremi Game Reserve and fly-in safaris to the northern Delta.

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<u>07 Dec</u>

Zelda Guest Farm, Gobabis area

Rivendell Guesthouse, Windhoek

Dinner and Breakfast included From Maun approx: 530 km / 5.5 hours drive *excluding stops*



Today will be a long day of driving. Head in a south-westerly direction towards Namibia. Travel through the small towns of Sehithwa and Ghanzi to the Mamuno Boarder post. After crossing the border, Zelda Guestfarm will be sign posted on your way to Gobabis.

Zelda Game & Guestfarm offers 16 comfortable rooms (12 twin rooms and 4 family units, suitable for 2 adults + 2 children). 3 rooms are disabled-friendly. All rooms have en-suite bathrooms, coffee and tea making facilities, a private terrace and a safe. To ensure a restful nights

you will find mosquito nets, air-conditioning and ceiling fans in every room. Some of the rooms also have wireless internet connection.

<u>08 Dec</u>

Bed and Breakfast Included

From Zelda approx: 290 km / 3 hours drive *excluding stops*

After what I hope will have been a fantastic holiday you will make your way back to Windhoek & Rivendell for one last night. This will give you the chance for a little last minute gift shopping and sight seeing around the capital. Driving on the B6 all the way to Windhoek via Gobabis. The B6 becomes Sam Nujoma Drive which will intersect with Beethoven Street, where you will find Rivendell Guesthouse

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