

TransKalahari Adventure - Northbound

22 days Cape Town to Victoria Falls (3-4 star accommodated)

THE HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Cape Town, Table Mountain & the Cape of Good Hope.**
- **Scenic beauty of the Namaqualand region.**
- **Historic Hantam area of Calvinia.**
- **Augrabies Falls National Park.**
- **Experience the Kalahari Desert in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park.**
- **Fish River Canyon.**
- Walking in the giant dunes of **Sossusvlei** and the **Namib Desert.**
- Optional activities in **Swakopmund.**
- Game drives in **Etosha National Park.**
- Game walks, mokoros ride & boat trips in the **Okavango Delta**
- The **Okavango & Kwando Rivers.**
- Sunset game viewing cruise on the **Chobe River.**
- **Victoria Falls.**

ITINERARY: TKN TOUR CODE

DAY 1/ 2: CAPE TOWN

The tour starts on day 1 with a pre departure meeting at 18h00 in the lobby of the hotel. Set against the majestic Table Mountain, Cape Town offers scenic, historic and cultural attractions. Day 2 depart from our hotel at 08h00, for a full day peninsula tour. Driving along the Atlantic seaboard via Hout Bay and Chapman's Peak, we visit the Table Mountain National Park – Cape Point, returning along the Indian Ocean coastline back to our well-situated Waterfront hotel. A morning or afternoon cable car ascent up Table Mountain is included (weather dependent). Dinner can be enjoyed at the bustling Waterfront at clients' own expense. Overnight **Breakwater Lodge** (or similar accommodation). **(Accommodated – B. Dinners own account)**

DAY 3: CALVINIA (Hantam region)

Departing Cape Town we pass through the picturesque Namaqualand region with spectacular views from the Van Ryns Pass. We arrive in the historic town of Calvinia, nestled on the foot of the Hantam Mountain range. During the months of August – October the landscape is transformed into an explosion of colour due to the numerous wild flowers of the region. Overnight **Hantam Huis** (or similar accommodation). **(Accommodated – B. Dinner own account)**

DAY 4: AUGRABIES FALLS NATIONAL PARK

Leaving the Little Karoo we head north to the Augrabies Falls National Park. We pass through a lush oasis area with an abundance of wine farms. Here the mighty Orange River plummets 56m into the gorge below. The local name for these majestic falls is 'Aukoerebis' or 'place of great noise'. We spend the afternoon enjoying the falls from its many viewpoints. Overnight **Vergelegen Guest House** (or similar accommodation). **(Accommodated – B. Dinner own account)**

DAY 5/ 6: K GALAGADI TRANSFRONTIER PARK

We head north into the Kalahari and the magnificent Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. Covering over 3.6 million hectares this is one of the largest reserves in Africa. Due to sparse vegetation in the area excellent predator sightings are common including that of the famous black mane Lion. We enjoy morning and afternoon game drives inside the park. **Overnight Kgalagadi Lodge** (or similar accommodation). **(Accommodated – B & D)**

DAY 7: FISH RIVER CANYON

Leaving the Kalahari region we head west and enter Namibia arriving at our lodge situated in a scenically beautiful area. Afternoon or early next morning we visit the Fish River Canyon, which is one of the largest and most awe inspiring canyons in the world. Overnight **Canyon Village** (or similar accommodation). **(Accommodated – B & D)**

DAY 8/ 9: SESRIEM

Our journey takes us north through ever changing scenery to our accommodation located on the edge of the Namib Desert. The following morning is an early departure for Sossusvlei, stopping in the dune belt to witness the changing colours of the world's highest sand dunes. We undertake a 5km walk to Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. In the afternoon we enjoy a short hike through the Sesriem Canyon. Overnight **Desert Quiver Camp** (or similar accommodation). **(Accommodated – B & D)**

DAY 10/ 11: SWAKOPMUND

We reach the coast at Walvis Bay and enjoy lunch while viewing the many flamingos feeding. We arrive in Swakopmund and spend the afternoon and following day exploring this German colonial town or booking one of the numerous optional excursions (own expense). Activities available include dolphin cruises or scenic flights over the vast Namib Desert. Overnight **The Delight** (or similar accommodation). **(Accommodated – B. Dinners own account)**

DAY 12: DAMARALAND

We drive inland through the Damaraland region with its vast and rugged terrain. Its mountain ranges are intercepted by wide gravel plains, which run into sandy, vegetated riverbeds and hot, dry valleys. Our lodge is located on top of a mountain with spectacular views of the surrounding area. Spend the afternoon taking in the incredible setting or simply relaxing by the pool. Overnight **Ugab Terrace Lodge** (or similar accommodation). **(Accommodated – B & D)**

DAY 13: ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Today we proceed to Etosha National Park where we enjoy our first game drive in **open 4x4 vehicles** from our lodge located just outside the park entrance. The park's main characteristic is a salt pan so large it can be seen from space. Yet there is abundant wildlife that congregates around the waterholes. Overnight **Etosha Village** (or similar accommodation). **(Accommodated – B & D)**

DAY 14: ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

This Park is one of the most important reserves and game sanctuaries in Africa with thousands of wild animals such as blue wildebeest, springbok, zebra, kudu, giraffe, cheetah, leopard, lion and elephant making this area their home. The day is spent on game drive in our Overland vehicle through the Park from the Western to the Eastern side of the Park. Overnight **Mokuti Lodge** (or similar accommodation). **(Accommodated – B & D)**

DAY 15: OKAVANGO RIVER

We depart Etosha and enter the Caprivi Strip where we spend the night set amongst the lush vegetation overlooking the Okavango River and Angola. An optional afternoon boat cruise on the river is available (own account). Overnight **Hakusembe River Lodge** (or similar accommodation). **(Accommodated – B & D)**

DAY 16/ 17: OKAVANGO DELTA

Continuing into the Caprivi we cross into Botswana and travel by road to our lodge on the edge of the Okavango Delta. The following day we travel by boat 30 minutes into the delta. We do mokoro & boat excursions in the back channels of the Nxamasire area of the delta. Game walks are also done on the smaller islands in the area subject to the water levels of the delta.

Overnight **Swampstop chalets**. **(Accommodated – B, L, D)**

DAY 18: KWANDO RIVER

Departing the Delta we cross back into Namibia. We continue to the Eastern side of the Caprivi Strip and arrive at our lodge overlooking the flood plains of the Kwando River. There is an opportunity for a late afternoon game drive in the Kwando Flood Plains (own account). Overnight **Namushasha River Lodge** (or similar accommodation). **(Accommodated – B & D)**

DAY 19/ 20: CHOBE RIVER

Crossing into Botswana via the Chobe National Park we overnight on the banks of the Chobe River. Chobe is famous for its beautiful scenery, magnificent sunsets and abundance of wildlife and birdlife. We relax on a sunset game-viewing cruise on the Chobe River. Optional morning Game Drive (own account). Overnight **Chobe Safari Lodge** (or similar accommodation). **(Accommodated – B & D)**

DAY 21: VICTORIA FALLS

We travel across the Zimbabwean border to Victoria Falls - without doubt one of the greatest and most spectacular sights in Africa. The afternoon and following morning is spent at leisure to browse the local markets, to experience the many optional activities on offer in the adrenalin capital of Africa including helicopter flights over the Falls and to visit the Falls (own expense). Overnight **Cresta Sprayview hotel** (or similar accommodation). **(Accommodated – B. Dinner own account)**

DAY 22: VICTORIA FALLS

Tour ends after breakfast. **(B)**

This itinerary will depend on local conditions.

KIBOKO ADVENTURES ACCOMMODATED SAFARI (3-4 STAR)

Accommodation: 21 nights lodge, chalet and small hotel all with en-suite facilities.

Meals: Breakfast included throughout. 14 dinners & 2 lunches included.

Group Size: 4-16 participants.

Pre / Post Accommodation & Transfers: May be pre-booked for Cape Town & Victoria Falls.

Important: This tour is recommended for healthy, active participants looking for an adventurous holiday.