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BUSHMANLAND

Look forward to an African travel experience of a different kind. A camping safari almost always guarantees the close contact with all aspects of nature. Let us gently introduce you to safari life so that you can enjoy starry nights, the warmth of the campfire and a feeling of freedom and adventure.

The journey to the Bushmanland leads through the historic Hereroland. Wide grass and thornbush savannahs provide food for the animals of these herders, who are proud of their wealth which is measured in the size of their herds. An encounter with the original inhabitants of the Kalahari, the Bushmen, provides room for thought.

For ages these masters of survival have been living in absolute harmony with nature's fauna and flora. Until as recent as a few decades ago they have been roving the Kalahari in search of food and water, digging for edible roots and hunting with bow and arrow. Today, their lifestyle has changed dramatically, as is visible in so many tribes that have been exposed to the ways and means of modern civilization. This expedition is to give an impression of the original way of life of the Bushmen.

The Khaudom National Park is situated in an area previously known as the Kalahari basin and is known to be one of the 'wild-est' parks in southern Africa. No fencing encloses this park, and so elephants, antelopes, zebras and, consequently along with these, predators move along the migration routes in search of food.

The Popa Falls, the Mahango National Park, the Central Kalahari Game Reserve and Moremi are famous for their wildlife. Four of the 'Big Five' of Africa's wild animals are at home here. Vital principles of the animal way of life here are based on the fight for survival, preservation of species and dominance of the strongest.

The Okavango is a boundary river between Namibia and Angola and can be regarded as an angler's paradise, while the bird-life is incomparably abundant in the ideal habitat of papyrus forests and reeds. One should however not swim in the river as crocodiles and hippos frequent the waters.

The Horse Shoe at the Mashi River is an insider tip even to the most experienced Africa travelers. This area inhabits everything that can be associated with an African adventure, and great herds of elephants move towards waterholes where they peacefully bathe and drink alongside hippos and buffalo. White bones, bleached by the intense African sun, bear proof of the lions' nocturnal activities. Marabous proudly stride through the African bush, fulfilling the important duty they were awarded by nature. And at night at the campfire, when all else is quiet, the African Symphony manifests the surrounding wilderness and complete lack of civilization. Myths and legends come alive, but the shudders caused only kindle a craving for more adventure.

The Zambezi is one of the rivers that provide the Victoria Falls with water. Even David Livingstone was spellbound by the bombastic volumes of water which drop to a depth of 110m into the gorge below. The indigenous name "MOSI-OA-TUNIA", which means "THE THUNDEROUS SMOKE", springs from the sound of rolling thunder and the spray rising from the floods due to the constant anabatic winds.

Livingstone, the capital of old Rhodesia until 1935 and at that time subject to British rule, then used to be a trans-shipment centre for mineral resources. This little town has now been revitalized and political changes in Zimbabwe have transformed Livingstone into a buzzing tourist centre.

Lofted above the Zambezi ravine and traditionally with a Gin/Tonic we sadly say goodbye!

Daily itinerary for the 15 day safari

- Camping safari in Bushmanland and the Caprivi Strip
- Good game viewing possibilities
- Untouched Caprivi
- Experience the Victoria Falls from the Zambian side for once

Day 01:

Windhoek or Swakopmund - Waterberg. (350km)
Travel to the Bernabe de la Bat rest camp at the Waterberg.
Overnight in the Benabe de la Bat rest camp in a Bungalow.

Day 02:

Waterberg. - Grootboom (520km)
Travel on gravel and dirt roads through Hereroland and Bushmanland to Grootboom at Tsumkwe.
Overnight in tents at Grootboom.

Day 03:

Grootboom - Sikereti (100km)
Dirt tracks lead to Sikereti in the Khaudom National Park

Overnight accomodation in the tent with Sikereti.

Day 04:

Game spotting in the Khaudom National Park
Game drives through the southern part of the Khaudom National Park.
Overnight in tents in the Khaudom rest camp.

Day 05:

Game spotting in the Khaudom National Park
Game drives through the northern part of the Khaudom National Park.
Overnight in tents in the Khaudom rest camp.

Day 06:

Khaudom - Shamvura (65km)
Travel through thick sand to Shamvura at the Okavango.
Overnight in tents at Shamvura.

Day 07:

Shamvura - Popa (75km)
Travel to the Popa Falls.
Overnight in tents at the Popa Falls.

Day 08:

Game spotting in the Mahango park
Game drives in the Mahango park.
Overnight in tents at the Popa Falls.

Day 09:

Popa - Nambwa (200km)
Travel through the Caprivi Strip, to Nambwa on the Mashi.
Overnight in tents at Nambwa on the Mashi.

Day 10:

Game spotting in the Horse Shoe area
Game drives in the Horse Shoe area on the Mashi.
Overnight accomodation in the tent with Nambwa at the Mashi.

Day 11:

Nambwa - Mamili park (180km)
Travel on gravel and dirt roads in the Mamili park.
Overnight in tents on the banks of the Linyanthi.

Day 12:

Game spotting in the Mamili park
Game drives in the Mamili park.
Overnight in tents on the banks of the Linyanthi.

Day 13:

Mamili park - Livingstone (Zambia) (250km)
Travel via Katima Mulilo and Shesheke to Livingstone.
Overnight accomodation in the Taita Falcon Lodge.

Day 14:

Zambezi - Livingstone (150km)
Travel on tar roads to Livingstone. Visiting the Victoria Falls.
Overnight in the Taita Falcon Lodge.

Day 15:

Transfer to Livingstone Airport/Victoria Falls

End of the safari