

Namibia Desert & Chobe (Botswana) 12 Days

Namib Desert 1nts, Namib Desert 2nts, Windhoek 1nts, Etosha National Park 2nts, Mahango 2nts, Chobe 2nts, Chobe 1nts

Daywise Itinerary:

Day 01 DEPART FOR - WINDHOEK

Board your overnight flight to Windhoek, Namibia.
[X]Breakfast [X] Lunch [Y] In flight Dinner

Day 02 WINDHOEK - NAMIB DESERT

On arrival transfer to a lodge on the borders on the famous Namib desert. Dinner and overnight.
[X]Breakfast [X] Lunch [Y] Dinner

Day 03 NAMIB DESERT

Have a pre-breakfast excursion to showcasing the pastel coloured star shaped dunes in the dawn sunlight. After a stop at the dune continue onto Sossusvlei to climb one of the highest sand dunes. Visit the famous Sesriem Canyon and return to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon have a nature drive. Overnight at the Namib desert.
[Y]Breakfast [Y] Lunch [Y] Dinner

Day 04 NAMIB DESERT - WINDHOEK

After breakfast head back to Windhoek arriving around lunch time. On arrival, have on a Windhoek City and Township tour. Visit Windhoek's historical buildings & monuments as well as the suburbs of Khomasdal, Katutura & Ludwigsdorf. Overnight in Windhoek.
[Y]Breakfast [X] Lunch [Y] Dinner

Day 05 WINDHOEK - ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast depart for Etosha National Park. On arrival we enter the park through the Anderson's Gate where we start a game drive around the Okaukeujo areas before exiting the park before sunset. Head to the accommodation have dinner and overnight.
[Y]Breakfast [X] Lunch [Y] Dinner

Day 06 ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Have a full day filled with game drives seeking out the Big five, giraffe, blue wildebeest, Zebra and many more. The region also has the endangered Black Rhino. Visit the Etosha Pan. Etosha Pan was the bed of a vast lake enons ago but today what remains is a glittering, silvery-green salt pan that stretches across roughly 5000 square kilometres. When dry, the pan sustains little life except for the algae that gives it its distinctive colour, and migratory birds that use it as a pit stop, but with heavy rain it becomes a shallow lake where flamingos breed, pelicans wade and feed, and a variety of mammal species come to quench their thirst, including leopards, lions, white rhinos, hunting dogs and antelopes. Exit the park before sunset. Dinner and overnight in Etosha.
[Y]Breakfast [X] Lunch [Y] Dinner

Day 07 ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK - MAHANGU NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast we drive to Mahangu National Park in the Kavango Region. We visit the magnificent Popa Falls (a series of small rapids) time permitting have a cruise on the river (Optional).
[Y]Breakfast [X] Lunch [Y] Dinner

Day 08 MAHANGU NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast have game drive at the Mahangu National Park. The national park provides a great stopover between Rundu and Katima Mulilo. The small Mahango Game Park forms part of the beautiful Bwabwata National Park. The park's landscape is characterised by woodlands, vast floodplains of the Okavango River basin known as omurambas and the Kavango River. It is home to a



reported 99 species of including many elephants, lion, leopard and a variety of antelopes including the red lechwe, sable and roan. This park boasts over 400 species of birds and provides the perfect spot for visitors to catch a glimpse of crocodile and hippo in the Kavango River. On arrival have a game. Overnight at the Lodge.

[Y]Breakfast [X] Lunch [Y] Dinner



Day 09 MAHANGU NATIONAL PARK - CHOBE FLOOD PLAINS

Today we travel towards the Botswana border vis Katima Mulilo. En route we will visit a traditional village to learn about the Caprivi culture. Arrive at the lodge situated on the banks of the Chobe river. You do have an opportunity to enjoy an optional sundowner drink on the river beach before we return to the lodge for overnight at the lodge.

[Y]Breakfast [X] Lunch [Y] Dinner

Day 10 CHOBE FLOOD PLAINS

After breakfast have a guided canoeing excursion (weather and water dependent); this will give the opportunity to enjoy the rich diverse bird and wildlife of the river. Have picnic lunch. Return to the lodge for overnight.

[Y]Breakfast [X] Lunch [Y] Dinner

Day 11 CHOBE - KASANE - UK

After breakfast, travel to Kasane for your flight home or extend your stay for a visit to Victoria Falls.

[Y]Breakfast [X] Lunch [Y] Dinner

Day 12 ARRIVE

Arrive UK



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Departures:

2020 Tour Departures:	
November	21
2021 Tour Departures:	
January	19
February	16
April	12
September	20
October	16
November	22
2022 Tour Departures:	
January	17

Tour Cost:

Departures: 21/11/2020, 19/01/2021, 12/04/2021

Title: Ex. London

Passengers	Rates		Sharing
	With Flight From UK	Without Flight	
	GBP	GBP	
Per Adult	3,650.00	2,950.00	Twin Room
Per Adult	3,650.00	2,950.00	Double Room
Per Adult	3,650.00	2,950.00	Triple Room
Child 2-11 yrs	2,920.00	2,360.00	1st Child(with Bed) when 2 adults paying
Child 2-11 yrs	2,280.00	2,260.00	2nd Child(without Bed) when 2 adults paying
Infant 0-23 Months	900.00	700.00	Infant
Per Adult	3,850.00	3,150.00	Single Room

Departures: 16/02/2021, 20/09/2021, 16/10/2021, 22/11/2021

Title: Ex. London

Passengers	Rates		Sharing
	With Flight From UK	Without Flight	
	GBP	GBP	
Per Adult	3,900.00	2,950.00	Twin Room
Per Adult	3,900.00	2,950.00	Double Room
Per Adult	3,900.00	2,950.00	Triple Room
Child 2-11 yrs	3,120.00	2,360.00	1st Child(with Bed) when 2 adults paying

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Child 2-11 yrs	3,020.00	2,260.00	2nd Child(without Bed) when 2 adults paying
Infant 0-23 Months	900.00	700.00	Infant
Per Adult	4,100.00	3,150.00	Single Room

Departures: 17/01/2022

Title: Ex. London

Passengers	Rates		Sharing
	With Flight From UK	Without Flight	
	GBP	GBP	
Per Adult	4,000.00	2,950.00	Twin Room
Per Adult	4,000.00	2,950.00	Double Room
Per Adult	4,000.00	2,950.00	Triple Room
Child 2-11 yrs	3,200.00	2,360.00	1st Child(with Bed) when 2 adults paying
Child 2-11 yrs	3,100.00	2,260.00	2nd Child(without Bed) when 2 adults paying
Infant 0-23 Months	900.00	700.00	Infant
Per Adult	4,200.00	3,150.00	Single Room

Travel Mode:

From	Via	To	By
UK		Windhoek	Flight
Windhoek	Namib Desert	Windhoek	Car
Windhoek	Etosha National Park	Rundu	Car
Rundu	Mahango	Chobe	Car
Chobe		Kasane	Car
Kasane		UK	Flight

Inclusions:

- * All nights in 3* / 4* star hotels with breakfast
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- * Premium services of Bi-lingual Tour Director / Escort / Leader / Manager (when minimum numbers of passengers reached)
- * Services of local tour guides
- * Return flights from one of these airports depending on availability of flights: London Heathrow / Gatwick / Stanstead / Luton / London City Airport

Exclusions:

- * Travel insurance
- * Visa charges
- * Items of personal nature viz. telephone calls, drinks (beverages), laundry, other meals, potter service, other personal expenses, etc..
- * Any cost of beverages, alcohols with the set meals.
- * Other services not listed in inclusive item & the itinerary

Cancellation Policy:

- * More than 56 days prior to departure date 50% of Total Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours
- * 55 - 42 days prior to departure date 75% of Total Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours
- * 41 - 0 days prior to departure date 100% of Total Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours



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FAQ :

Yes, you can fly over to our first point of destination of the tour preferably a day earlier. Please do enquire the office to arrange your logistics for both your arrival and departure.

Kindly note that there will be no reduction to the cost of your holiday in this case.

You can check the local weather to your destinations here: <http://www.accuweather.com>

Every effort has been made to select date where the weather is moderate to ensure your best experience of Namibia Desert. (Kindly note due to changing weather conditions globally, Sonatours are not liable for weather variations).

A: During the lovely summer months, it is advisable to wear light garments during the day but keep a light jacket or sweater in your hand luggage as evenings can get chilly.

A: It is recommended a family sized umbrella, rain wear, pair of sunglasses.

A: During the holiday most of the dressing is casual attire. Should you independently wish to visit Casino or Nightclub, evening wear is required.

A: Certain places require you to be 'covered' up when visiting religious places.

We suggest trainers, walking shoes, sandals, chappals or similar.

Yes, all passengers must travel with their passport if traveling outside the country you live in.

We request you to see the following websites for the latest updates on travel to your destinations.

For UK Residents: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

For USA Resident: <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country.html>

Please ensure you have a passport that is valid for 6 months from the date of completing your tour.

You are responsible to make sure that you have correct visaprior to travel. Sona Tours is not responsible or liable in any way should yoube denied travel due to incorrect documentation. British passport holders donot require a visa prior to arrival in Namibia. However, if you are travellingwith a child under the age of 12 years you do require extra documentation.Kindly contact the office for assistance and guidance.

Should you have any other nationality passport please checkwith the Namibian Embassy or High Commission in your country of residence.

Sona Tours cannot be held responsible if passengers are stopped or held by any government departments, e.g. Police, Customs, Immigration or any other authorities. We are sorry to say that the tour will continue and no financial or any other kind of responsibility will be accepted by Sona Tours.

All flight tours originating in the UK require that you be at the airport for your flight at least 3 hours prior to your flight time. Your final itinerary confirmation will confirm the time you need to be at the airport. Should you miss your flight Sona Tours will not be liable for any costs incurred for you to join the tour. The office will make every effort to assist you in such circumstances.

Please be on time as we cannot be held responsible or liable for any loss or expense suffered if you miss the coach or flight.

If you have booked the tour without flights, please join the group at the hotel in Windhoek. Details will be sent to you at a later date. Please do check with the office as you might need to book a hotel before the tour starts and after it finishes.

On long haul flight tours upgrade to your flights is possible. Please advise the office at the time of booking to get the best possible price.

There are no on-board restrooms (W.C.) while travelling internally by coach. However, we will be making frequent comfort stops.

The high vantage point from your coach's window means you can take in all the glorious scenery, whether it's a vast-rural landscape or an urban city centre. On a touring holiday there are some long journeys which are unavoidable especially when travelling from city to city.

International and internal flight bookings are booked as a group and the airlines will allocate the seats. Should you have a specific request it will be forwarded to the airline but cannot be guaranteed.

We have a strict seat rotation policy when travelling by coaches on all our international tours.

There is a strict policy of "no smoking, no alcohol and no smelly food" on all our coaches. We do, however, make plenty of comfort stops.





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A: Different airlines will have different requirements on the weight allowance. It can range from 20 - 30 kg for your main luggage and 5kg for hand luggage. We do advise you to travel light. This information will be on your e-ticket once the tickets been issued.

A: It is advisable to put your name and address on each piece of luggage as many passengers have similar bags to avoid delays and confusion. Should there be any reasons your baggage is lost or is late please contact the tour manger or the airline staff at the airport.

We recommend that you not travel with expensive personal items while on the holiday. However, any personal valuables lost or stolen, you must report it to the tour guide, or in the absence of a tour guide to the local police or hotel. Sona Tours cannot accept any responsibility for your personal belongings.

If your child requires a booster / child seat, please carry your own.

The currency in Namibia is Namibian Dollar.

If you need more local currency when abroad, we recommend that you exchange money at a bank rather than at hotels as they will charge high commission rates. You may also need your passport for identification as you would for traveller's cheques. Even though in Europe credit and debit cards are widely accepted, keep in mind the exchange rate may be poor and commission will be charged.

We recommend that you take a credit or debit card on holiday with you, as it provides extra financial flexibility. Major international credit cards, such as Visa or MasterCard are accepted by many restaurants, shops and hotels.

Most countries are using chip and pin. In cases where chip and pin not used please be cautious when handing your debit / credit card.

Major cities will have cash ATM machines where cash can be withdrawn with your credit or debit card, though this might incur a fee charged by your card provider. Advise your bank which countries you are visiting prior to travel so that you don't run the risk of your card being refused and subsequent expensive phone calls to unlock it.

Money can be exchanged at Airports, Banks, Exchange Bureaus and at the hotels. You may also need your passport for identification as you would for traveller's cheques. Keep in mind the exchange rate may be poor and commission will be charged.

Most hotels will have WIFI available in the public areas. It is usually chargeable in the rooms; this can vary from Hotel to Hotel.

Usually it is not necessary, should you require one kindly speak to your Tour manager / Local guide for assistance.

Please travel with all your necessary medication for the duration of your trip including your prescription / doctors report confirming the medication.

Electrical currents vary Globally. We recommend that you carry a universal adapter and your electronic charges for your convenience and comfort.

For further information on vaccinations please check the above websites or <https://www.iamat.org> or contact your medical doctor for recent updates.

Should you feel unwell during the trip, kindly contact the Hotel Reception, Tour Manager or your Local Guide. We regret that no refunds can be made for absences from a trip, including experiences such as missed meals or sightseeing. Strongly recommend to have personal travel insurance to cover these mishaps.

Should you be involved in an accident (minor or major), please contact your Tour Manager / Local Guide. Unfortunately, no refunds can be made for absences from a trip, including experiences such as missed meals or sightseeing.

We strongly recommend you travel with Travel Insurance from your country of residence. Kindly ensure you get the correct insurance for the tour.

There are various travel insurance providers in the market, however Sonatours does not provide Travel Insurance.

Sonatours can cater for a range of Asian Vegetarian (e.g. Jain, Swaminarayan) as well as Asian Non-Vegetarian (Halal). Kindly advise your meal preference at the time of your booking.

In areas where Indian is not available local cuisine will be provided.

On all tours Breakfast is at the Hotel and Dinners is at various Restaurants or hotels.

Dry snacks can be carried, provided they are pre-packed, and all the ingredients are clearly listed on the packaging. Please declare all food on the disembarkation card.

Sonatours do not provide specific child meals during the Tour.

As dietary requirements vary for every individual infant / child, please carry your baby's food.





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On an average local meal costs about GBP £15-£20 per person per meal.
This estimated price varies from city to city and country to country.

Sona Tours does not provide special tours for the disabled.
Our coaches do not have wheelchair excess.

It is possible to bring along a folding type wheelchair which may be kept in the baggage hold of the coach. The driver will load and unload the wheelchair from the coach for the passenger however they will need to be physically fit enough to be able to embark and disembark the coach on their own. On the tour it is also essential that a capable person is accompanying such a passenger on the tour to push their wheelchair.

Should you have pre - existing medical conditions or requirements (e.g. oxygen during flight or sleeping, colostomy bags, etc). Kindly advise the office at the time of booking.

Each hotel checks their bookings and room inventory in the morning and pre-assigned the rooms.
Sonatours have no control over room allocations.

Room allocation is done by the hotels. Rooms together only be requested but not guaranteed.
We also recommend that children or family members not sharing a room have separate luggage, as rooms cannot be guaranteed adjoining or nearby.

Facilities vary from Hotel to Hotel and include en-suite bathrooms, generally TV, safe box, telephone, mini bar, room service (use of some of the services are chargeable and to be settled by yourself at the time of checkout).
Hotels may require your credit card to cover your extras or cash deposits.

Not all hotel rooms have walking showers.

Please note that not all hotels provide tea / coffee in the room.
If hot water is required, kindly request the hotel reception for assistance.

Most hotels do not allow smoking in the rooms. However, designated smoking areas are provided. Please check with the hotel reception.

Most rooms offer air-condition.

Most of the hotels worldwide will have lifts. However, at some places Heritage Hotels or resorts are used. In such cases lifts cannot be guaranteed.

Sona Tours welcomes children and infants. The rates for children and infants for all the tours are available in the brochure and on the website. If your child requires a booster / child seat, please carry one.

Escorted tours are accompanied by professional tour director or / and local guides throughout your itinerary. A number of itineraries include flights, rail journeys or cruises; Tour Director may not accompany during these journeys.

In such situations, your Tour Director will meet you on arrival at your first destination. It may be necessary that your Tour Director may change whilst on tour; this is usually due to operational reasons or utilising local guides for their wealth of experience.

Please ensure you provide your mobile number that you will be carrying with you while on tour when making the booking; as the tour director will be contacting all passengers while on the tour.

If minimum number of passengers has not been achieved, we will have a local guide. Sona Tours provides services of local tour guides to make sure you will get an unforgettable experience.

Average group size are between 15 to 50 passengers but it may vary from departures to departures.

Sonatours have offices in Kenya, India, USA and UK. The beauty of taking a guided holiday with us is you'll have the opportunity to meet and travel with people from all over the globe.

The day usually starts between 8 & 9am. Further instructions you will be given the night before. However, this may differ depending on the activity of the day or when having an early flight.

As it a tour a certain amount of walking will be involved per day. In your tour approximate walking is 5 hours per day however, the walking is not all at one time.





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Each itinerary offers the perfect balance of downtime and discoveries. We also give you the opportunity to tailor your trip with optional experiences. If you decide to venture on your own during your free time, preferably you go in a group, keep the guide contact and the hotel address handy. Please do inform the tour director. We recommend you download an offline map too.

On all our group tours, tips for the guide & tour manager are included. However, should you wish to tip separately, you are welcome to do so at your discretion.

Sonatours make every effort to keep your health and safety in mind. However, should an unforeseen incident occur please contact your tour manager / local guide / hotel reception for immediate assistance.

A: Every effort is made for your safety. Please note that you are responsible for looking after your valuables and property when on vacation. If an item has been left in a hotel you will need to call the hotel and arrange with them directly for the return of your item, there might be charges involved.

A. You are always advised not to carry unnecessary valuables and to be vigilant as tourist spots are well known targets for pickpockets. In case of theft you will need to advise your Tour Director immediately and report the theft to the nearest police personnel who will provide you with a police report or crime reference number. You are always advised not to carry unnecessary valuables and to be vigilant as tourist spots are well known targets for pickpockets.

AddOns Optional 1

Livingstone - Victoria Falls Extension 3 Days

Livingstone 2nts

Daywise Itinerary:

Day 01

JOHANNESBURG - LIVINGSTONE

After breakfast fly from O.R Tambo International airport to Harry Mwanga Nkumbula International Airport, formerly Livingstone Airport (Zambia). On arrival, transfer to your hotel. Rest at leisure or take an optional helicopter flight over the famous falls (Dry season from Jun - Nov. Low water levels). Later in the evening you take a sun set cruise on River Zambezi. (This cruise can be done on Day 1 or Day 2). Overnight at hotel.

[Y]Breakfast [X] Lunch [X] Dinner

Day 02

VICTORIA FALLS - AFRICAN ART AND CRAFT VILLAGE - SUN SET CRUISE

After breakfast you take a short walk to the famous Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park to view the falls (Dry season from Jun - Nov. Low water levels). You will see the smoke and hear the thunder of the falls before you see them giving them the local name of Mosi-Oa-Tunya (smoke that thunders). The falls are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. During the rains the water flow capacity reaches half a million litres of water per minute. Victoria Falls- 1708 meters wide makes it the largest curtain of water in the world. Later visit the African Art and village craft to buy some curios. In the evening you take a sun set cruise on River Zambezi. (This cruise can be done on Day 1 or Day 2) else rest of the evening at leisure. Overnight at hotel.

[Y]Breakfast [X] Lunch [X] Dinner

Day 03

LIVINGSTONE - JOHANNESBURG

After breakfast, depending on the time of your return flight, you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight.

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