

23 Day Deserts, Deltas & Victoria Falls

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Fully Escorted Touring	Small Group Tour Max 12 Travellers	Premium Lodges in Wildlife Reserves
7-Day Change of Mind	International Flights Included	

Day by Day Itinerary

Windhoek, Sossusvlei, Swakopmund, Etosha NP, Caprivi, Mahangu NP, Okavango Delta, Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, Chobe NP, Hwange NP, Victoria Falls

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the largest sand dunes in the world in **Sossusvlei**
- Walk amongst the 900-year-old trees in that famous salt pan of **Deadvlei**
- Full day game drives through **Etosha National Park** in search of 4 of the Big 5
- Explore the **Okavango Delta** in a traditional mokoro (canoe)
- Embark on day and night game drives in the **Moremi Game Reserve** in Botswana
- Visit Nata Bird Sanctuary and salt pans in **Makgadikgadi Desert**
- Participate in a morning game drive and afternoon boat cruise in **Chobe National Park** Botswana
- Spend a full day on game viewing in **Hwange National Park**
- Tour **Victoria Falls** and experience a sunset cruise on the mighty Zambezi River
- Visit a local Kavango fishing community in **Rundu**
- Cruise the **Zambezi River** on a sunset cruise
- Take a sunset cruise to Popa Falls and enjoy a game drive in **Mahango Game Reserve** in Caprivi

ITINERARY

Day 1: Home -

Board your flight today bound for Africa.

Meals: In-flight

Please note: depending on the airline booked, you may depart Australia one day prior.

Day 2: - Arrive Windhoek, Namibia

Welcome to Windhoek!

On arrival into Hosea Kutako International Airport (WDH), upon entering into the arrivals hall, you will be met by a local representative and transferred to your accommodation.

Spend the remainder of the day at your leisure.

At approximately 6:00pm, you will have your Welcome Meeting where you will meet your English-speaking guide, fellow travellers and have an introduction to your tour.

Meals: n/a

Accommodation: AVANI Windhoek Hotel 4* (or similar)

Day 3: Windhoek - Sossusvlei

This morning after breakfast, we begin our journey towards Namib Naukluft National Park. Known as the oldest desert on Earth, this area features the world's largest sand dunes, found in Sossusvlei, and Sesriem, a narrow gorge created by the Tsauchab River.

Upon reaching Agama River Camp, our accommodation for the next two nights, we settle in for a comfortable stay. The rest of the afternoon is free to relax before dinner at the lodge. Tonight, you have the option to sleep under a canopy of stars from your "star bed" located on the roof of your chalet.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Agama River Camp 3* (or similar)

Day 4: Sossusvlei

This morning, we rise early to begin our excursion to Sossusvlei, renowned for hosting the world's tallest sand dunes. These majestic dunes, towering over 300 meters high, provide a spectacular sight and serve as a stunning backdrop for capturing breathtaking photographs. Following this, we continue our exploration to Deadvlei, a nearby white clay pan. Deadvlei, translating to "dead marsh," offers a unique opportunity to wander among its iconic, lifeless trees, creating unforgettable photographic moments. Our itinerary also includes a visit to Sesriem Canyon, an ancient gorge carved millions of years ago by the Tsauchab River.

After our adventures, we return to the lodge in the afternoon, where the remainder of the day is free for leisure activities before gathering with your group for dinner later in the evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Agama River Camp 3* (or similar)

Day 5: Sossusvlei - Swakopmund

Today, we journey through the stunning Namib Naukluft National Park on our route to Swakopmund. This expansive desert, known as the Namib-Naukluft Desert, holds an ancient charm that spans ages. It is home to some of the rarest plant and animal species globally, making it an essential stop on any Namibian adventure. Keep your eyes peeled for sightings of unique wildlife such as oryx, springbok, and Hartmann's Mountain Zebra.

En route, we pause in the delightful town of Walvis Bay, where you may catch glimpses of various bird species, including the graceful flamingos inhabiting the lagoon. By afternoon, we arrive at the coastal town of Swakopmund. Here, you'll have the rest of the day to relax and explore at your own pace.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel A La Mer Swakopmund 3* (or similar)

Day 6: Swakopmund

Following breakfast, we are fortunate to visit a local urban sustainability center, where we can explore their impressive initiatives in energy conservation, water management, waste reduction, and biodiversity protection. It's a fascinating opportunity to see firsthand the innovative methods they use.

Later in the day, you have the freedom to enjoy the delightful atmosphere of this quaint German-influenced town. Take leisurely walks along its charming streets, explore local shops and cafes, or stroll along the beach promenades. If weather permits, you might even take a refreshing swim in the South Atlantic Ocean.

If you feel inclined, you may wish to explore the Skeleton Coast by plane – we recommend discussing this with your Tour Leader whilst in Swakopmund.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel A La Mer Swakopmund 3* (or similar)

Day 7: Swakopmund - Etosha National Park

We say goodbye to the Atlantic coastline as we continue our journey towards the renowned gem of northern Namibia, Etosha National Park. Our accommodation for the first night is conveniently situated near the park, nestled on a picturesque spot of dolomite rocks that offer stunning vistas of a lush forest filled with Mopane and white *Seringa* trees.

You can spend the afternoon relaxing by the pool, enjoying moments of tranquility, or take a leisurely stroll through the natural bush and charming gardens. For those interested in an immersive wildlife experience, optional game drives can be arranged directly with the lodge, providing opportunities to encounter the park's diverse fauna (additional charges apply, can be booked during the tour).

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: Gondwana Etosha Safari Lodge 4* (or similar)

Day 8: Etosha National Park

Today, we journey across Etosha National Park from the western plains, enjoying a full-day game drive en route to our lodge situated on the park's eastern side.

Over the next two days, our main focus will be immersive game drives, as we eagerly search for sightings of majestic creatures such as lions, leopards, elephants, and rhinos. Additionally, we remain vigilant for cheetahs, giraffes, zebras, and the park's numerous antelope species.

As night descends, our lodging for the next two nights offers a unique experience. We gather around floodlit waterholes or viewpoints, where we have the privilege of observing the park's nocturnal inhabitants as they gather to drink.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: Namutoni Camp 3* (or similar)

Day 9: Etosha National Park

Another entire day dedicated to game drives, aiming to spot the abundant wildlife that thrives in this remarkable park, including the famous "Big 5". Etosha National Park was established as a protected area in 1907 and continues to be a sanctuary for approximately 114 mammal species, 340 bird species, 110 reptile species, 16 amphibian species, and even includes one surprising fish species.

After a fulfilling day on safari, relax and unwind at your lodge this afternoon before coming together for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: Namutoni Camp 3* (or similar)

Day 10: Etosha National Park - Okavango River, Botswana

Continuing our northward journey from Etosha, we head towards the town of Rundu. Our first visit in this delightful locale is the Mbusza Living Museum, a distinctive establishment that serves as both a traditional cultural school and a community enterprise for the local Kavango people. Here, we engage in a cultural exchange, learning about the traditional practices and way of life of the Kavango community, who sustain themselves through fishing, cattle herding, and farming.

After this enlightening cultural experience, we proceed to our next destination, Kaisosi River Lodge, located alongside the tranquil banks of the Okavango River. We expect to arrive in the late afternoon, providing time to relax by the pool and enjoy a refreshing sundowner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Kaisosi River Lodge 3* (or similar)

Day 11: Okavango River

Today, we begin our journey eastward towards the picturesque western Caprivi region, heading towards Nunda River Lodge.

Continuing our adventure, we reach the charming lodge nestled on the peaceful banks of the Okavango River. Later in the afternoon, we enjoy a memorable sunset cruise to Popa Falls. This serene and scenic excursion offers stunning views and a peaceful atmosphere, allowing you to fully experience the beauty of nature during the golden hour.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Nunda River Lodge 3* (or similar)

Day 12: Okavango River

In the morning, we embark on an exhilarating game drive through the expansive Greater Bwabwata National Park, which spans from the Kavango River in the west to the Kwando River in the east, including the Mahangu Game Reserve. This diverse landscape provides an ideal habitat for a remarkable variety of wildlife. Keep watch for sightings of magnificent elephants, elegant roan antelopes, graceful kudus, and impressive buffalo herds. The park is also renowned for its rich birdlife, offering a captivating experience for bird enthusiasts.

In the afternoon, we return to the lodge, where the remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at your leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Nunda River Lodge 3* (or similar)

Day 13: Okavango River - Maun

Leaving behind the enchanting Caprivi region, our journey heads south towards Maun, a lively town known as the gateway to the extraordinary Okavango Delta and the renowned Moremi Game Reserve.

Upon reaching Maun, the afternoon is yours to relax and enjoy at your leisure. You can unwind and recharge by the lodge pool, or for those seeking adventure, optional scenic flights over the Okavango Delta can be arranged directly through the lodge during the tour.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation: Thamalakane River Lodge 4* (or similar)

Day 14: Maun - Okavango Delta

After breakfast, gather with your local Botswana guide and fellow travelers joining you for the Botswana and Zimbabwe leg of your tour.

We embark on a brief drive to the mokoro station, where our journey begins. Nestled in traditional dug-out canoes called mokoros, we gently glide through the dense vegetation of the Okavango Delta, discovering a multitude of bird species and captivating wildlife. Unlike other deltas, the Okavango Delta doesn't flow to the coast but instead disperses into the vast Kalahari Desert.

Following the mokoro excursion, we proceed to our next destination, Mankwe Tented Retreat, perfectly situated within the captivating Greater Moremi region. Once settled in, enjoy a delicious dinner before embarking on an exhilarating night game drive within the private concession. This provides an excellent opportunity to spot elusive nocturnal creatures that are harder to see during the day.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Mankwe Tented Retreat 4* (or similar)

Day 15: Okavango Delta

Today offers us an incredible opportunity to delve into exhilarating game drives. We set out to explore the renowned Moremi Game Reserve, navigating the expansive terrain in our open 4x4 vehicle. Morning and afternoon game drives take us deep into the reserve, where we anticipate encountering a diverse range of wildlife that calls this remarkable region home.

Moremi Game Reserve is celebrated for its abundant mammal population, providing excellent chances to observe a variety of species during each drive. Prepare for a day of adventure and the potential to witness extraordinary wildlife and stunning birdlife amidst the awe-inspiring landscapes of Moremi Game Reserve.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Mankwe Tented Retreat 4* (or similar)

Day 16: Okavango Delta - Nata

We set out on a new path as we say goodbye to the bush and head eastward towards the captivating Makgadikgadi Pans. These vast pans were once a thriving river-fed lake but now stretch as expansive saline plains.

In the afternoon, we are privileged to visit the Nata Bird Sanctuary, a natural marvel offering stunning views over the Sowa Pan. This pan is part of the Greater Makgadikgadi Pans, showcasing the breathtaking beauty of the region. Please note that access to the pans depends on road conditions, water levels, and time availability. If

conditions allow, this visit promises a mesmerizing experience, immersing us in the extraordinary landscapes and showcasing the unique ecological characteristics of the area.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: Nata Lodge 4* (or similar)

Day 17: Nata - Chobe National Park

This morning, we head northward to Kasane, the gateway to the extraordinary Chobe National Park. Covering an expansive area of 10,566 square kilometers, Chobe is Botswana's second largest national park. One of its most remarkable features is its exceptional concentration of elephants, making it one of the premier locations in Africa to observe these majestic creatures in their natural environment.

In the afternoon, you have free time to enjoy various optional activities or simply relax and unwind by the pool, tailoring your experience according to your preferences. Whether you opt for additional adventures or choose to take a moment to rejuvenate, the decision is entirely yours.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: Chobe Safari Lodge 3* (or similar)

Day 18: Chobe National Park

Today offers a chance to witness the remarkable wildlife of Chobe National Park during an engaging morning game drive. As we explore the park's varied landscapes, we anticipate close encounters with impressive big game and the possibility of encountering formidable predators that roam the area.

In the afternoon, we embark on a scenic cruise along the Chobe River, providing a truly immersive encounter with nature. This experience is one of the best ways to observe animals gathering at the riverbanks for water, all against the backdrop of a stunning African sunset.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: Chobe Safari Lodge 3* (or similar)

Day 19: Chobe National Park - Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe

Today, we cross into Zimbabwe, beginning our thrilling journey to Hwange National Park where we will spend the next two nights. Hwange National Park is renowned as one of Africa's most extraordinary wildlife sanctuaries, providing refuge for a diverse array of magnificent creatures. Across its expansive landscapes, large herds of elephants, buffalo, and zebras roam freely, creating a spectacular display of wildlife.

Our lodging for the next two nights is the prestigious Elephants Eye Safari Lodge. Nestled amidst the wilderness, this remarkable lodge offers luxurious comfort, ensuring a truly memorable stay in the heart of Africa. Positioned close to nature, Elephants Eye Safari Lodge provides an immersive experience where you can appreciate the park's wonders from the comfort of your accommodation.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Robins Camp 4* (or similar)

Day 20: Hwange National Park

On the second day of our visit to Hwange National Park, we embark on a full-day game drive that allows us to thoroughly explore the park's varied landscapes. This provides a unique chance to observe wildlife in their natural surroundings, fostering memorable experiences and enhancing our connection with the remarkable ecosystem of Hwange National Park.

Prepare for an unforgettable adventure as we delve into the heart of Hwange National Park, immersing ourselves in its abundant wildlife, scenic vistas, and the undeniable allure of the African wilderness.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Robins Camp 4* (or similar)

Day 21: Hwange National Park - Victoria Falls

Continuing our extraordinary journey, we head northward to the majestic Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. Upon arrival, our experienced guide will lead us on a tour of this natural wonder, known locally as Mosi oa Tunya by the Kololo tribe, meaning "the Smoke that thunders."

In the afternoon, enjoy a sunset cruise along the mighty Zambezi River. Drifting along its tranquil waters, we soak in the warm glow of the setting sun, admiring the stunning beauty of the river and its picturesque surroundings. The rest of the day is yours to relax and enjoy at your own pace.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Ilala Lodge Hotel Victoria Falls Zimbabwe 4* (or similar)

Day 22: Victoria Falls - Home

Today marks the end of your tour.

At a suitable time, you will be transferred to Victoria Falls Airport (VFA) in time for your onward journey.

Meals: Breakfast & in-flight

Day 23: Arrive Home

Welcome home, we hope you have had a great trip to South Africa with AGV Travels.


INCLUSIONS



- **International flights ex. Melbourne, Perth or Sydney**
- Small group touring with a max 12 guests
- 20 nights in hand-picked 3 and 4-star hotel accommodation
- Daily breakfast, 11 lunches & 15 dinners
- Return airport transfers in country on the first and last day of tour
- Fully escorted by English-speaking local guides
- Dedicated private air-conditioned vehicles
- All sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary
- 24/7 Support

EXCLUSIONS

- Visas
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses

DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN \$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
Friday 11 Apr 2025	Saturday 03 May 2025	\$12,999		Book
Friday 23 May 2025	Saturday 14 Jun 2025	\$12,999		Book
Friday 27 Jun 2025	Saturday 19 Jul 2025	\$12,999		Book
Monday 14 Jul 2025	Tuesday 05 Aug 2025	\$12,999	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE 	Book

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
Saturday 09 Aug 2025	Sunday 31 Aug 2025	\$12,999	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE 	Book
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Wednesday 01 Oct 2025	Thursday 23 Oct 2025	\$12,999		Book
Saturday 01 Nov 2025	Sunday 23 Nov 2025	\$12,999		Book
Monday 17 Nov 2025	Tuesday 09 Dec 2025	\$12,999		Book
Monday 08 Dec 2025	Tuesday 30 Dec 2025	\$12,999		Book

OPTIONAL TOURS

FINE PRINT

FLIGHT INFORMATION

This package includes return flights from Melbourne, Sydney & Perth.

Flights from Brisbane and Adelaide \$400 surcharge.

Airline Selection: We book the best available airlines for your journey, which may include a mix of full-service and low-cost carriers. Specific airline requests can be made at the time of purchase. This includes upgrades to your preferred carrier, premium economy or business class cabins or specific seats. Whilst we will try our best, not all requests can be confirmed.

Flight Conditions: Flights may not be direct and could involve a maximum of two transits.

Ticketing Information: Once issued, tickets are non-refundable. Changes are subject to airline rules, airline change fees, and an Asia Vacations Group change fee of \$250 per person.

Passenger Details: Please ensure all traveller names are as per passports. This includes all middle names. Errors may incur a name change fee of \$150 plus airline charges, or may require a forfeit of the existing ticket and purchase of a new ticket at an additional cost.

Flight Schedule Changes: Any changes or cancellations to airline schedules are outside our control. We recommend staying updated with airline schedules before departure. Additional expenses for extended transits or alternative arrangements are the traveller's responsibility.

Internal Airfares: Local flights included in your itinerary may utilise low-cost carriers without meals or entertainment. Checked baggage is included; any additional baggage fees are payable at check-in.

Booking Considerations: If travelling with others on separate bookings, we may not be able to guarantee all flights are the same flight due to availability.

Luggage and Fees: You are responsible for your luggage at all times. Excess baggage fees, if incurred, are payable directly to the airline. All tickets will include 20 kg checked baggage per person, plus 7 kg of hand luggage. We recommend travelling with a max 20kg per person due to restrictions on internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Please note, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters are not included.

No-Show Policy: Missing your flight may result in fees including a no-show fee, airline reissue fee, and possible new

ticket purchase. AVG Travels charges a \$250 admin fee for re-booking assistance.

Price Adjustments: Prices are final at the time of ticketing. Any subsequent changes may result in additional costs due to factors beyond our control, such as currency fluctuations or airline surcharges.

Flight requests, amendments or preferences

We understand customers may wish to request changes to their included airfares. If you wish to fly with a certain airline, land at a certain time or change your flight in other ways we will gladly provide you with a personalized quote tailored to your specific requirements.

We would be more than happy to provide you with a quote for the following requests:

- Airline Preferences – You may wish to fly with a particular airline
- Cabin Preferences – These include upgrading to premium economy or business class
- Extensions (start and end cities must remain the same) – You may request to extend your stay pre or post tour.
- Meal Requests – You may request a specific meal for dietary requirements.
- Seat Requests – If you would like to request particular seating. However please note, not all airlines allow the selection of pre-purchased seat arrangements.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Physical Requirements

A reasonable level of fitness is required. Participants should be comfortable navigating stairs, boarding and disembarking from the coach/4x4 vehicle, and walking reasonable distances, typically around 2 kilometres per day or more. Please disclose any physical conditions at the time of booking to assess suitability for the tour.

Tipping

USD\$10-15 per person per day

MIN PAX: 4

MAX PAX: 12

Visa & passport information

It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

AU passport holders:

Namibia: no visa is required if you are staying in Namibia for less than 90 days. You may be required to present your documentation proving your exit from Namibia and your proof of accommodation documentation.

Botswana: no visa is required if you are staying in Botswana for less than 6 months. You may be required to present proof of accommodation whilst in the country.

Zimbabwe: a visa on arrival is obtainable when entering into Zimbabwe. Travelers can get a visa on arrival in Zimbabwe at the port of entry, such as an international airport or border crossing.

NZ passport holders:

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US passport holders:

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Zimbabwe: a visa on arrival is obtainable when entering into Zimbabwe. Travelers can get a visa on arrival in Zimbabwe at the port of entry, such as an international airport or border crossing.

IMPORTANT: Visa requirements may change at any time without notice. You should contact the nearest high commission/embassy or consulate for the latest details.

Children

Children under the age of 12 years will not be permitted to travel on this tour.

HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY

PRE AND POST TOUR ACCOMMODATION

Pre Tour Accommodation – \$375 per room, per night for double/twin/single

Post Tour Accommodation – \$649 per room, per night for double/twin/single

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