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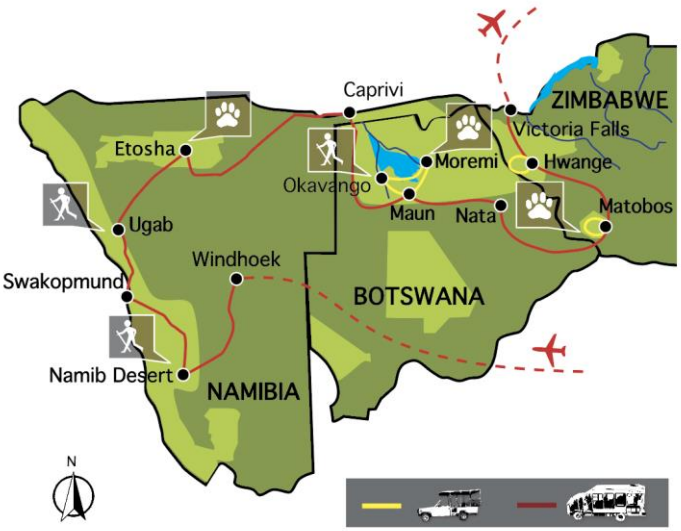
Tour code: **NZa21**
2026
Guaranteed departures
Small group safari maximum: **12 travellers**
Travel through: **Namibia & Botswana**
Safari length: **21 days**

NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA & ZIMBABWE "DUNES TO FALLS"

In this 21-day trip, we've brought together the highlights of Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe in one incredible journey. Begin in Windhoek and travel deep into Namibia's heart—climbing the red dunes of Sossusvlei, exploring the Skeleton Coast in Swakopmund, and game driving through Etosha National Park. Follow the lush waterways of the Okavango Delta in a mokoro, then cross into Zimbabwe to track rhino in Matobo and spot elephant in Hwange. Stand in awe at Victoria Falls. From towering dunes to thundering waterfalls, this is Southern Africa at its wildest.



DEPARTS: WINDHOEK on Wednesday at 14:00
ENDS: VICTORIA FALLS on Tuesday at 08:00

Highlights
* Namib Desert – walk Sossusvlei dunes
* Etosha NP – game viewing
* Caprivi - game drive
* Okavango Delta – mokoro excursion and bush walks
* Moremi Game Reserve – game drives
* Matobos – rhino walk and rock paintings
* Hwange – game drives
* Victoria Falls – A natural wonder of the world

SAFARI STYLE: ACCOMMODATED

Overnight 18 nights on safari at small lodges (including tented lodges), with en suite facilities. 2 nights tented camp in the Okavango. Each tent has twin camp beds with linen and en suite chemical toilet. Shared bucket shower tent with hot water off the fire.

Meals 20 breakfasts, 18 lunches & 13 dinners included. Of which 10 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 3 dinners are provided by the lodges. The remaining included meals are provided by Sunway crew and meals will be enjoyed around the campfire at the truck.

Transport for the majority of this safari you travel in custom-built Sunway Safari trucks with 12 forward facing seats. On 5% of tours we may use Mercedes Sprinter minibuses with 12 forward facing seats and air conditioning. There are some long distances to cover and a few early morning starts. For the game drives in Moremi/Mababe, Hwange and Matobos and the transfer into the Okavango we use local open sided 4WD vehicles with local guides.

Limited participation an essential part of your safari is some participation. From carrying your own bag to packing the truck in the morning – it's all part of your adventure. Where the tour leaders provide meals, we ask that clients help (on rotation) with the washing up.

Day 1 **WINDHOEK** [guest house ---]
(B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

Arrive in Windhoek, Namibia's charming capital nestled between rolling hills and dry savanna. After settling in at the guesthouse, and a briefing with your Sunway Safaris guides, we explore the city's German colonial architecture and visit a local market. In the evening, we enjoy an own-expense dinner as at a local restaurant sampling Namibian cuisine and soaking up the friendly atmosphere.

Day 1: Breakfast is not included
Day 1: Lunch is not included
Day 1: Dinner will be an own expense meal at a local restaurant

Overnight: Terra Africa Guesthouse – twin rooms with en-suite facilities, swimming pool, restaurant & bar. Wifi available.

Terra Africa Guesthouse is a Namibian family-owned and managed establishment that has been in operation for over two decades. Its employees are all local Namibians recruited from the surrounding communities. Terra Africa is dedicated to environmentally friendly practices. For instance, glass and plastic are separated on-site for recycling, exclusively biodegradable cleaning products are utilized, energy-efficient appliances have been installed, and refillable bottles are employed in bathrooms to minimize plastic waste.

Day 2 – 3 **NAMIB DESERT** [chalet BLD]

We journey south from Windhoek, passing through scenic mountain landscapes before descending onto the desert plains. En route, we stop at the remote outpost of Solitaire - famous for its apple tart (own expense) before continuing to our lodge in the Namib Desert. The afternoon is free to relax and take in the vast, arid surroundings.

The next morning, we explore the Namib Naukluft National Park. Towering red dunes surround the white clay pans of Sossusvlei and Deadvlei, where twisted Camel Thorn trees create surreal silhouettes. These ancient landscapes, shaped by rare floods of the Tsauchab River, offer some of the most iconic desert scenery in Africa.

Day 2: Breakfast provided by the lodge
Day 2: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 2: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 3: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 3: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 3: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance fees to Sesriem Canyon and Naukluft National Park.
Distance/time: ±320km, 4h30 actual driving time, but the gravel road deteriorates and can be slow so with lunch and stops, we expect a travel day of ±7h30.
Overnight: Namib Desert, Desert Camp – chalet with en suite facilities. Restaurant, swimming pool & bar. Wifi available in main area only. Alternative is Namib Nauklauft Soft Adventure Camp – chalet with en suite facilities, with swimming pool. Subject to availability we may use either lodge, or combination of one night at each lodge.

Day 4 **SWAKOPMUND** [hotel pension BL-]

Swakopmund lies on the Atlantic coast, where cool sea breezes offer respite from the desert heat. En-route we'll stop at Walvis Bay's lagoon to observe flocks of flamingos, thousands of these elegant pink birds wading in the shallow waters. The town of Swakopmund sits at the mouth of the mostly dry Swakop River, which marks the northern boundary of the ever-shifting Namib Desert dunes. We have time in the afternoon for a walk along the beachfront before having a restaurant dinner (own expense).

Day 4: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 4: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 4: Dinner will be an own expense meal at a local restaurant

Includes: N/A
Distance/time: ±350km, 5h00 actual driving time, this gravel road is very rough, a stop for photo's at the tropic of Capricorn, sightseeing and lunch in Walvis Bay we expect a travel day of ±8h00.
Overnight: Hotel A La Mer - twin share rooms with en suite facilities. Telephone & restaurant. Wifi available.

Hotel A La Mer is 100% Namibian owned and all 20 staff are employed from the local community. Plastic is recycled through the Swakopmund depot. Solar generated electricity is used for hot water and underfloor heating.

Day 5 **BRANDBERG MASSIF** [chalet BLD]

Namibia is a country of striking extremes, and Damaraland embodies this with its stark plains, dry riverbeds, and ancient valleys carved between rocky outcrops. Towering above it all are the Brandberg Massif Mountains, their peaks a dramatic backdrop to this rugged wilderness. We embark on a walk with a local guide exploring the ancient Brandberg Massif to view the Brandberg White Lady rock painting. In the evening, we settle in for a sundowner at our lodge in the Ugab River valley and watch as the sun sinks behind the mountains.

Day 5: Breakfast provided by the guest house
Day 5: Lunch provided by tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 5: Dinner provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance fees to San Rock Art.
Distance/time: ±330km, 5h00 actual driving time, starting on a "salt" road. The road is generally quite good, for a total travel day of ±6h00.
Overnight: Brandberg White Lady Lodge – twin share chalets with en-suite facilities, bar, restaurant & swimming pool. Wifi available with data limit.

Brandberg White Lady Lodge is Namibian owned, employing 60 Namibians. They use 100% solar-generated electricity and borehole water to grow of their own fruit and vegetables. The lodge contributes to wildlife introductions to the area and assist with anti-poaching programmes. Their Wildlife Credit Scheme assists in managing human-wildlife conflict situations.

Day 6 – 7 **ETOSHA NP** [guest lodge BLD]

Etosha National Park, one of Africa's premier wildlife sanctuaries, has been safeguarding Namibia's iconic species since it was established as a reserve in 1907. The park's best wildlife sightings are typically found around its productive waterholes scattered along the edge of the expansive salt pan.

These life-sustaining waters draw in elephants and herds of antelope, which in turn attract predators like lions and cheetahs.

On day 6, we'll enjoy a late-afternoon game drive before leaving the national park to relax at a comfortable nearby lodge. The following day will be dedicated to exploring Etosha further, on game drives, and we will spend time waiting at the waterholes to observe the diverse wildlife come and go.

Day 6, 7: Breakfast provided by tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 6, 7: Lunch provided by tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 6, 7: Dinner provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance fees to Etosha National Park afternoon and full day.
Distance/time: ±370km, 6h00 actual driving time + game drive, the road can be rough and with an afternoon game drive in Etosha we expect a total of ±9h30 in the vehicle.
Overnight: Tarentaal Guest Farm – private working farm outside Etosha National Park. Twin rooms with en-suite facilities. Swimming pool, bar & telephone. (35km/25min from Anderson Gate to Etosha). Wifi available in main area only.

Tarentaal Guest Farm is Namibian owned and managed; all staff employed from the local community. The camp runs on 100% solar power and they produce beef on the farm. The farm plants a lot of "Spekboom" which aids in oxygen production. They support the Ditza project to uplift women and children and are members of the Excelsior Farmers Association doing community initiatives.

Day 8 **RUNDU** [chalet BL-]

The landscape shifts as we head toward Rundu - acacia woodlands replacing the arid savanna and villages dotting the roadside. This journey reveals a softer, greener Namibia, where life clings to riverbanks and traditions thrive, offering a striking contrast to the stark beauty of Etosha's salt pans. We stop for the night at our riverside lodge in Rundu and enjoy a spectacular sunset.

Day 8: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 8: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 8: Dinner will be an own expense meal provided by the lodge

Includes: N/A
Distance/time: ±610km, 8h00 actual driving time, with stops along the way this is a long travel day with an total travel time of 10h00.
Overnight: N'kwazi Lodge – twin permanent chalets with en-suite facilities, Swimming pool, bar & restaurant. No wifi.

Nkwazi Lodge is Namibian owned and operated, with all 15 staff employed from the local community. The owners started a pre-school 12 years ago, providing 40-50 children with 3 meals a day and an education in preparation for Grade 1. They also support 40 - 55 scholars from grade 1 to 12 and are currently supporting 5 university students. Guided village visits have a financial benefit for the local community. In addition, the lodge runs on 25% solar power, grows 50% of the vegetables needed and they have a small indigenous nursery on site.

Day 9 **CAPRIVI** [chalet BLD]

We follow the Okavango River eastward into the lush Caprivi Strip. We will game drive in Mahangu National Park seeking elephants, roan antelope and predators thriving along the Kavango River's life-

giving waterways. At our camp, set on the river's edge, there's time to relax and enjoy the rich birdlife; kingfishers, hornbills, and weavers are commonly seen in the trees around camp.

Day 9: Breakfast provided by the lodge
Day 9: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 9: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance fees & a game drive.
Distance/time: ±240km, 3h30 actual driving time, with a couple of stops and a game drive it's a travel day of ±6h30.
Overnight: Ngepi Camp – twin share tree houses with en-suite facilities. Swimming cage in the river, bar & restaurant. Wifi available at restaurant.

Day 10 MAUN [lodge BL-]

We cross into Botswana and travel south through the flat, rural landscape of the western Delta. Small villages and cattle posts are dotted along the way as we journey to Maun, the gateway to the Okavango. The changing scenery hints at the wetlands to come, and we arrive with time to prepare for the Delta experience ahead.

Day 10: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 10: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 10: Dinner will be an own expense meal at the lodge

Includes: N/A
Distance/time: ±460km, 7h30 actual driving time. With a border crossing and lunch stop we expect a total transit day of ±9h30.
Overnight: Mochaba Crossing chalet – twin rooms with en-suite facilities, swimming pool. No wifi but there is mobile network.

Day 11 - 12 OKAVANGO DELTA [tented camp BLD]

Setting off early in the morning we venture into the remarkable Okavango Delta, one of Africa's most unique and breath taking ecosystems. As we drive toward this vast wetland, there's opportunity to take an optional scenic helicopter flight (own expense). This aerial perspective offers an unforgettable view of the Delta's intricate network of channels, floodplains, and islands.

Upon reaching the mokoro launch station, we board traditional dugout mekoro, guided by skilled local polers who navigate us to our remote wilderness camp. The Okavango Delta, the largest inland delta in the world, is rich in wildlife, home to red lechwe, buffalo, elephants, and a dazzling array of bird species. As we glide silently through narrow, reed-fringed channels, we immerse ourselves in the peaceful rhythm of the Delta, venturing deeper into its pristine wilderness.

Day 11: Breakfast provided by the lodge
Day 11: Lunch provided by tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 11: Dinner provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 12: Breakfast provided by tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 12: Lunch provided by tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 12: Dinner provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance fees to the Okavango Delta, morning & afternoon game walks with local guides.

Distance/time: ±50km, 2h00 actual driving time to mekoro station. Mokoro ride to camp is dependent on campsite location so overall travel time for the day ±5h00.

Optional Activities Scenic helicopter flight over the Okavango Delta.

Overnight: **Wilderness tented camping** - 2 nights tented camp in the Okavango. Each tent has twin camp beds with linen and an en suite chemical toilet. Shared bucket shower tent with hot water off the fire. Tents have built-in insect nets. We need to take our own water and all equipment. Wild tented camping can be very enjoyable but please remember that we leave no trace of our stay and take all rubbish away with us. The wilderness tented camp supplies all linen blankets and pillows. The camp chairs have a backrest. You will need to bring your own towel. WiFi not available.

The Okavango Kopano Mokoro Community Trust is run by the communities on the south eastern sector of the Okavango Delta with entrance and camping fees paid to the trust, and wages paid directly to the individual guides/polers. Work is split between community members on a rotation basis administered by each village. By working with these communities, we help provide sustainable economic benefit for the conservation of the area. Please also see the Sunway SOS Save Our Sausage Trees project.

Day 13 - 14 **MABABE PRIVATE RESERVE & MOREMI** [1xtented bush camp 1xchalet Bx2 Lx2 Dx1]

We depart early from our Okavango Delta camp, retracing our route by mokoro to the poling station, where our open game-viewing vehicle awaits. From here, we begin our journey north to Moremi Game Reserve.

We explore Moremi, one of Africa's premier wildlife areas. The reserve's rich mosaic of landscapes supports thriving populations of elephant, hippo, buffalo, painted dog, leopard and lion. Our game drives take us through both the Moremi and surrounding private concessions, giving us the best chance to encounter a wide variety of wildlife, including the region's impressive predator population. We depart Moremi in the late afternoon exploring the adjacent wildlife concession. By evening, we arrive at our tented camp, set on the banks of the Khwai River.

On day 14 we game drive on the Mababe Private Reserve, a lesser-travelled area known for its abundant wildlife and raw beauty, before making our way towards Maun for an evening restaurant meal at the lodge (own expense).

Day 13: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 13: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 13: Dinner will be provided by the tented camp

Day 14: Breakfast provided by the tented camp
Day 14: Lunch provided by the tented camp
Day 14: Dinner will be an own expense meal at the lodge

Includes: Entrance fees to Moremi Game Reserve, game drives in an open 4WD vehicle.

Distance/time: ±120km, 4h00 actual driving time but it's a rough 4x4 route, and with a mokoro ride start, lunch stop and game viewing en-route we expect a full travel day of ±9h00 subject to sunset time.

Overnight: Day 13: private tented bush camp – exclusive tented bush camp in a private concession area, bordering Moremi Game Reserve. Twin-share permanent tented camp with en-suite facilities. WiFi not available.
Day 14: Mochaba Crossing chalet – twin rooms with en-suite facilities, swimming pool. No wifi but there is mobile network.

Day 15 MAKGADIKGADI PANS [tented lodge BL -]

Formed as the last remnants of an ancient mega-lake, these vast salt flats transform dramatically with seasonal rains. During dry months, the pans appear as endless white expanses, while summer rains create shallow waters that attract flamingos, pelicans, and migratory herds. In the afternoon, we visit Nata Bird Sanctuary and look out across the expanse of this unique ecosystem.

Day 15: Breakfast provided by the lodge
Day 15: Lunch provided by tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 15: Dinner will be an own expense meal at the lodge

Includes: Entrance fees into Makgadikgadi Pans.
Distance/time: ±360km, 5h00 actual driving time. It's a relatively flat, straight road so with stops and lunch the total travel for the day is ±6h00.
Overnight: Nata Lodge – twin share luxury tents with en suite facilities. Swimming pool, bar, restaurant, telephone. WiFi available at restaurant.

Day 16 - 17 MATOBO NATIONAL PARK [chalet BLD]

Leaving our Botswanan adventure behind, we move into Zimbabwe and our lodge on the outskirts of the Matobo National Park, where we enjoy a sundowner and the magnificent views.

We spend the following day exploring the Matobos on a game drive and guided bush walk in search of rhino. We visit World's View and Cecil John Rhodes' grave, set among towering granite hills or "dwalas" and balancing boulders. We visit a cave sheltering historically significant San rock art, offering a glimpse into the rich cultural and spiritual heritage.

Day 16: Breakfast provided by the lodge
Day 16: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 16: Dinner will be a set meal provided by the lodge

Day 17: Breakfast will be provided by the lodge
Day 17: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 17: Dinner will be a set meal provided by the lodge

Includes: Entrance to Matobo National Park and game walk.

Distance/time: ±320km, 5h00 actual driving time. Rolling hills, a few roadblocks, a border crossing and a lunch stop should mean a travel day of ±7h30.

Overnight: Hermits Peak – chalets - twin rooms with en-suite facilities (hot showers), swimming pool. Satellite Wifi available.

Hermits Peak is 100% Zimbabwean owned and employs 6 Zimbabweans. John, the owner is chairman of The Matobo Rhino Trust and works with National Parks Board in Zimbabwe on rhino protection and conservation. They train and mentor local community members to become guides or otherwise involved in the tourism industry.

Day 18 - 19 HWANGE NATIONAL PARK [chalet BLD]

Named after a local Nhanzwa chief, Hwange National Park is the largest Park in Zimbabwe occupying roughly 14 650 square kilometers. Hwange is famed for its large elephant population. Our chalets are in the game management area that borders the park, and we explore the park with our local guide, on a full day game drive in an open 4WD game viewing vehicle.

Day 18: Breakfast will be provided by the lodge
Day 18: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 18: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 19: Breakfast will be provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 19: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 19: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance fees, full day game drive in open 4WD game viewing vehicle.

Distance/time: ±340km, 5h00 actual driving time, with an early start and tarmac roads we aim to arrive for lunch with a total travel day of ±5h30. (Note: road works to repair heavily potholed sections and very rough detour gravel roads are adding +/-2hrs to the total travel time.)

Overnight: Miombo Safari Lodge – twin chalets with en-suite facilities, swimming pool and central boma area. Wifi available at fee.

Day 20 - 21 VICTORIA FALLS [guest house B--]

We end our journey with an unforgettable guided walk through the misty rainforest to witness Victoria Falls in all its raw power – one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. The final day provides opportunities for an evening cruise on the mighty Zambezi River, bungee jumping or a "flight of angels" (own expense). We celebrate our adventure with a final dinner together at one of Victoria Falls' local restaurants (own expense.)

The tour ends on day 21 at the guesthouse at 8:00am after breakfast.

Day 20: Breakfast will be provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 20: Lunch will be an own expense meal at a local restaurant
Day 20: Dinner will be an own expense meal at a local restaurant

Day 21: Breakfast will be provided by the guest house

Includes: Entrance Fees to see the Victoria Falls.
Distance/time: ±190km, 3h00 actual driving time, with a visit to the Painted Dog Sanctuary, we expect to be in Vic Falls for lunch, a total travel day of ±4h00.
Optional Activities: Sunset cruises, scenic flights & many more.
Overnight: PheZulu Guest Lodge, twin rooms with en-suite facilities. Swimming pool, restaurant, bar and telephone. Wifi available.

Bayete & Phezulu Guest Lodges are 100% Zimbabwean owned. The lodges catch rainwater in tanks for use and grey water is used in the gardens. Food is sourced locally as far possible & all waste is recycled. The lodges support Children in the Wilderness, Greenline Africa and are part of Green Tourism.

Please note: The distance and travel times quoted above are an estimate only, and subject to local road conditions and photo stops!

Please note: That the accommodation specified above and in the itinerary, is a guide only and is subject to availability. Alternatives will be of a similar standard, and accommodation changes will be made without notice.

Sustainable Tourism: The sausage tree is the traditional tree cut down to make mokoro (dugouts) used in the Okavango Delta, but sadly these trees are disappearing from the region. Sunway has set up a project to encourage the local community polers to buy fiberglass replica mekoros. Sponsorship for each mokoro is needed. If you would like to contribute, please talk to your guide.

2026 PRICES AND DEPARTURE DATES:

RACK Price: (valid Jan 2026 – Dec 2026)
21d € 4 390 + local payment of US$ 300 pps
Single supplement: € 800 pp (If you are travelling on your own, Sunway will "room" you with another same gender client. You do not pay extra when booking as a single person. If however, you request a single room, then you'll pay the single supplement.)

2026 DEPARTURE DATES

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Departs WINDHOEK Wednesday at 14:00	Ends VICTORIA FALLS Tuesday at 08:00	
04-Mar-26	24-Mar-26	German
01-Apr-26	21-Apr-26	
06-May-26	26-May-26	
03-Jun-26	23-Jun-26	
08-Jul-26	**28-Jul-26**	German
12-Aug-26	**01-Sep-26**	
16-Sep-26	**06-Oct-26**	
30-Sep-26	**20-Oct-26**	German
14-Oct-26	03-Nov-26	
11-Nov-26	01-Dec-26	

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES – SEE BOLD DATES

* **Bold dates** are guaranteed departures; all other dates are guaranteed from 4 clients.
* **German:** These tours are led by a German speaking translator/tour leader.

DETAILED TOUR INFORMATION:

In a nutshell

- A true exploration of Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe - see it all!
- All-inclusive trip with cultural experience, adventure and wildlife.
- Victoria Falls, Caprivi, Etosha, Damaraland, Namib Desert, Okavango Delta, Moremi, Matopos and Hwange.

Why travel with Sunway Safaris

We understand that there are several options available to you when choosing your African safari. We also know that you want to make the most informed decision about your safari, what you get, what's included and what you see and experience. So these are just a few of the Sunway qualities and facts:

- **Small groups –** by travelling with a maximum of 12 people, you can witness Africa and have first-hand contact with this amazing continent and its people without being a negative influence. This has been a key factor in our continued success. Our trips appeal to a wide demographic of traveller. Our clients range in age from 25 to 65+ with the average being 45. The range of travellers gives a variety of perspectives which adds to the experience of each safari.
- **2 Sunway tour guides –** group leaders are the key to any safari. On a Sunway safari you will travel with 2 qualified field guides (Field Guides Association of SA). Two guides as crew, not a guide and a driver, means interesting trips with maximum knowledge and information. On German departures one of the tour leaders may be a German-speaking translator alongside one qualified guide, so you still benefit from expert guidance while enjoying the tour in your preferred language. Our guides have a passion for Africa, her people and wildlife, and they love nothing more than sharing their knowledge with you.
- **Guaranteed departures** – departure dates on each itinerary shown as bold are guaranteed departure dates. All other departures operate with a minimum of 4 clients.
- **All inclusive price –** when we travel ourselves, we always feel that if we're in a country we should find and see the best it has to offer. So when planning the Sunway routes we ensure that each trip provides the best inclusions and experiences. For example, if you go to Botswana – you have to visit the national parks in an open 4WD – it is the essence of the Botswana wilderness. If you tour Zambia, then you must visit South Luangwa NP and do a game walk with a local scout. When booking on a Sunway Safari there are no hidden costs. All of the entrance fees are included, and a wide range of activities, and most meals. We have included many highlights in our tours, so that you will see and experience the highlights without having to pay extra when you get there. So when you decide on which safari company to book with, look carefully at what you're actually getting. You may only visit a place once, make sure you get the most out of it.
- **Safety –** our fleet of vehicles are custom built to ensure comfortable and safe touring. Each is constructed, by an authorised passenger vehicle builder, to the latest safety requirements, with a safety shell, and every seat has a lap belt. This gives you peace of mind when travelling with Sunway Safaris on the often demanding African roads.
- **Good2Go** - Our commitment to sustainable & responsible tourism is reflected in our low impact travel style where all we take is photographs and all we leave is our footprints. Being an African company we have the grassroots contacts to make a real difference in the lives of the people whose lands we visit. On each itinerary in the brochure you'll find this symbol which highlights just one of the sustainable travel initiatives that we support.
- **Solo Travellers –** going it alone won't make your holiday more expensive; our reservations staff will match you up with another same-gender traveller to keep your holiday affordable. If however you request a single room or tent these are available, with a price supplement
- **Experience -** we have more than 31 years' experience planning tours throughout Southern Africa. As such, our itineraries and routes have been perfected over many years ensuring that your tour will run smoothly. We visit the highlights of Southern Africa but ensure that you do not follow the well-trodden tourist track. All of us at Sunway Safaris have extensive travel experience in Africa, and throughout the world. Being adventure travellers ourselves, we know how to plan trips that give you a broad experience of the countries that you will visit.
- **Based in Africa -** probably the most important part of a Sunway safari is that we are an African company with offices in South Africa and Botswana. We live in Africa, we travel in Africa and it is our passion for this amazing continent that makes Sunway your best travel option.
- **Age Policy** - On all scheduled tours, we accept children 12-17 with accompanying adult. We have no upper age limit. Clients older than 65 years of age at time of travel require a medical certificate stating the client is fit and healthy to join an adventure travel group tour. We have many clients over 65 years of age, who are perfectly capable of enjoying every aspect of a Sunway tour, both accommodated and camping. For more details contact marketing@sunway-safaris.com.

SOS trees project – Okavango Botswana

- For hundreds of years, the local communities in and around Botswana's Okavango Delta have used the wood of the sausage tree to craft their traditional mokoro (dugout canoes). The knowledge and skill have been passed down from generation to generation and, up until recently, has been a sustainable practice. With increasing numbers of people visiting the Delta each year, more mokoro are needed and as a direct result,

more and more sausage trees are being felled and the sausage tree is sadly disappearing from the region. A traditional wooden mokoro will have to be replaced every five years, thereby placing increased pressure on the dwindling sausage tree supply.

Sunway Safaris has established a project to encourage polers in the local communities to buy replica fibreglass mokoro's, which have a lifespan of approximately ten years, are more stable and are produced without any negative affect to the environment. As such, sponsorship for each fibreglass mokoro is needed, and a portion of the tour cost will be donated to the project, but we also will offer our clients the opportunity to contribute to this worthwhile cause. Please feel free to contact the Sunway Safaris office for more information on the SOS Trees project or if you would like to make any contributions towards this project. It is something that is close to all of our hearts and we hope that it will be successful.

Local Payment

- A local payment is required on this safari and this will be collected by your tour leader on departure. The local payment forms part of your overall tour cost and must be taken into consideration when booking your safari. It will be used by your tour leaders to pay for some of the operational costs incurred on safari.

  Sunway prepays by bank transfer, as many of the tour costs as possible. However, in many cases, a cash payment is the only option: certain of the destinations that we visit, only accept cash. For example entry fees to most national parks, some of the campsites and also local food markets (and even some shops) are only payable in cash. In addition, each Sunway vehicle has a garage card but these are only accepted in South Africa and parts of Namibia, therefore in all other countries, fuel must be paid for in cash. Due to the remoteness of some departure points, having a local payment system enables us to manage tour funds effectively. The efficiency of this system helps keep the overall tour prices down.

  For these reasons, it is necessary for Sunway to charge a local payment. It also ensures that a portion of the tour costs goes directly into the country you are visiting, thereby benefiting local communities and contributing to the conservation of the areas we visit. This is all part of Sunway Safaris' ongoing effort to operate sustainable safaris that make a real difference.

  It is important that you ensure that your USD notes are clean and undamaged, as many banks and exchange bureaus will not accept dirty, damaged or torn notes. Pre-2013 issue US$ notes are not accepted in some places, so Sunway will not accept these notes as local payment.

Recommended reading

Before you travel you might want to read any of the following books. While not specific to the Sunway tour you will join, they do provide some background understanding of the countries you will be visiting.

- Sands of Silence by Peter H Capstick
- Skeleton Coast by John H Marsh (Wreck of the Dunedin Star and its survivors)
- The Skeleton Coast by Benedict Allen (A journey through the Namib Desert)
- The Smell of Apples by Mark Behr (Story of boy in Cape Town by then army on Caprivi)
- Etosha by Daryl and Sharna Balfour (A coffee table book of photography)
- Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela (Autobiography - Nelson Mandela is one of the great moral and political leaders of our time.)
- #1 Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith (Fictional story of life in Botswana)
- Trees of the Okavango by Veronica Roodt (A reference book with traditional uses and myths)
- Okavango: Jewel of the Kalahari by Karen Ross (A comprehensive description of the Delta ecology)
- Don't run whatever You Do by Peter Allison (A guide's perspective of Botswana lodge life)
- Okavango: Africa's Last Eden by Frans Lanting (A coffee table book of photography)
- Newman's Birds of Southern Africa by Kenneth Newman
- Sasol Birds of Southern Africa by Ian Sinclair, Phil Hockey, and W.R. Tarboton
- The Safari Companion: A Guide to Watching African Mammals Including Hoofed Mammals, Carnivores, and Primates by Richard D. Estes and Daniel Otte
- Field Guide to Trees of Southern Africa (Field Guides) by Braam Van Wyk, Keith Coates Palgrav, and Piet Van Wyk
- A Falcon Flies by Wilbur Smith (Fictional story of life in pre-colonial Rhodesia / Zimbabwe)
- Wankie by Davidson Ted (a story about Hwange National Park)
- Selous Scouts Top Secret War by Ron Reid-Daly (an account of the Zimbabwe War of Independence)

Shopping

- Craft shopping for carvings, batiks, paintings and clothing is best in Victoria Falls which has a wide variety of curios. Botswana has beautiful grass weavings. Namibia also has unusual and interesting curios and crafts. If you see something you like, it is best to buy it because it is unlikely that you will see something similar further along. Crafts change from region to region.

Food

- We pride ourselves on giving very good healthy meals to our clients and will provide three meals per day, except where shown in the itinerary, when we try out local restaurants.
- The tour leaders do the shopping and meal planning for each group. He/she will always try to obtain fresh produce wherever possible. A rough idea of what these will consist of is: Breakfast - cereals or coffee and toast or the occasional fried breakfast, Lunch - cheese, cold meats, salads on bread or rolls, Dinner - braais (local barbecue), potjies (stews), stir-fries etc. We use regular plates, cups and cutlery. All cooking and eating utensils will also be provided.

- Please be aware that, due to the diverse tastes of our clients, we are unable to accommodate individual food preferences on our group tours. The group shared meals we provide are subject to available produce, and in our sometimes-remote destinations, the variety of ingredients is sometimes limited. However, we do take allergies, vegetarian and vegan dietary requirements into consideration to ensure everyone has suitable meal options.
- We will supply fruit squash served with breakfast and tea or coffee served with breakfast and dinner. All other beverages will be for your own expense. We will not supply bottled drinking water although it is available at many shops on tour.

Difficulty

- Anyone who is generally active and in good health should enjoy this trip. The outdoor enthusiast enjoys simple campsites and basic wild camps, you will get dusty on occasion; but this is Africa!
- Full itinerary with a couple of long driving days, but also plenty of outdoor activity with some relaxing time. This is a long-distance trans-Africa safari - there is a lot of distance to be covered and so there will be some long travelling days. Due to local conditions, border crossings, road detours and weather, the trip may alter route / schedule - please remember that this continent has its own time scale and things work differently here. Keep an open mind and a sense of humour - it's all part of the adventure!
- Everyone is asked to help out with the running of camp on tour. In other words if everyone spends a little time setting up camp, preparing meals and cleaning up then the tour will run smoothly and everyone will have a good time. Participation is the name of the game.

Things you should know

- Includes park entrances, game drives and the Okavango Delta excursion.
- Your client will need a valid passport and visas for entry into Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe.
- Luggage, please pack to a limit of 12kgs in a soft sports tog bag. Also bring a daypack for walks and keeping in the vehicle. On the Accommodated Adventures & Classic Journeys, all bedding is provided, and you will not be required to bring a sleeping bag or pillow. At most accommodation establishments towels will be provided, but it is always a good idea to bring a small travel towel for the beach or swimming pool.
- For the Okavango Delta wilderness camp, you need to re-pack clothes and personal items for the two nights into your daypack, as space on the mokoros is limited. Your main bag will remain in Maun. Please make sure to bring a small towel with you as there are no towels supplied for these two nights.
- We recommend that you bring a small amount of Euro, US$ or South African Rand for personal expenses on this trip but please note that in Namibia Euro and US$ will need to be changed into Namibian $ or South African Rand as shops, restaurants and market vendors only accept N$ and ZAR. In Botswana please note that foreign currency will need to be changed into Botswana Pula as shops, restaurants and market vendors only accept BWP. Mastercard and Visa credit cards can also be used for restaurants, shops and optional activities throughout the tour. In Zimbabwe you will need USD cash (or EUR or ZAR although they are less readily accepted). Mastercard and Visa credit cards can also be used for restaurants, shops and optional activities throughout the tour. See the Sunway tour dossier for approximate costs of drinks and meals etc.

Common questions about this trip

1. **Is it safe?** South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe are relatively safe and your guide knows the countries intimately and will endeavour to show you the best parts while looking after you. In the wild areas, your guide will brief you on the necessary precautions, follow this advice and you will be fine. Be aware of your personal belongings and you will have a great trip! Every precaution is taking to ensure a happy holiday.
2. **Do I need malaria tablets?** Yes, the trip passes through malaria areas and prophylactics are recommended.
3. **What do I need to bring?** All details are covered in our general tour briefing (available from www.sunway-safaris.com home page) but the basics are: - comfortable clothes for warm days and cool evenings, walking shoes, a raincoat, hat and sunglasses, swimsuit, a small pair of binoculars also comes in very handy and most importantly - a sense of adventure!