

## **Safari: Etosha & Caprivi**

Windhoek – Okonjima – Etosha National Park – Rundu – Mahangu – Nkasa Rupara National Park Katima Mulilo

### **Short version of itinerary**

### **Day by day**

<b>Duration of safari:</b>	<b>12 days / 11 nights</b>		
<b>Departure:</b>	<b>Fridays from Windhoek / Ending in Katima Mulilo</b>		
<b>No of participants:</b>	<b>3 - 6</b>		
<b>Vehicle:</b>	<b>4x4 Landcruiser or Safari Vehicle</b>		
<b>Language:</b>	<b>English or German (on request)</b>		
<b>Day:</b>	<b>Destination/Establishment:</b>	<b>Meals incl.:</b>	<b>Excursions &amp; activities included:</b>
1	Windhoek Okonjima Ranch	Dinner	08:30: Drive: Windhoek – Okonjima Ranch PM: Game drive: Endangered Species
2	Okonjima Ranch  Etosha National Park	Brunch Dinner	Early AM: Game drive at Okonjima Afterwards: Drive: Okonjima – Etosha Park
3	Etosha National Park  Van Lindequist Gate, Mokuti Lodge	Breakfast  Dinner	AM: Drive: Okaukuejo - Namutoni Game-viewing on route & saltpan
4	Etosha National Park  Mokuti Lodge	Breakfast  Dinner	AM & PM: Game drives inside the Etosha Park Eastern side: Fischer's Pan & Andoni Plains
5	Etosha National Park  Rundu, Hakusembe River Lodge	Breakfast  Dinner	AM: Drive: Mokuti – Rundu On route: visit to the Ju/'Hoansi Living Museum Sunset: Boat cruise on the Okavango River
6	Hakusembe River Lodge  Mahangu, Divava Lodge	Breakfast  Dinner	AM: Drive – Rundu – Mahangu Core Area PM: Visit the Popa Falls and the National Park
7	Divava Lodge  Divava Lodge	Breakfast  Dinner	AM: Boat cruise on the Okavango River PM: Walking trail & birding in the vicinity
8	Divava Lodge  Nkasa Lupala Lodge	Breakfast  Dinner	AM: Drive Mahangu – Kwando – Nkasa Rupara National Park PM: at leisure
9	Nkasa Lupala Lodge  Nkasa Lupala Lodge	Breakfast  Dinner	AM: 4-5 hour game drive and boat ride in The Linyanti area PM: at leisure & on walking trails in the vicinity.
10	Nkasa Lupala Lodge  Katima Mulilo, Zambezi Mubala Lodge	Breakfast  Dinner	AM: Drive: Nkaasa Rupara – Katima Mulilo PM: at leisure
11	Zambezi Mubala Lodge  Zambezi Mubala Lodge	Breakfast  Dinner	AM: 3 hour boat ride on the Zambezi River PM: Birding in the vicinity.
12	Zambezi Mubala Lodge	Breakfast	Transfer to Meeting point in Katima Mulilo For your onward journey
<b><i>End of Safari</i></b>			



## Classic Safari: Etosha & Caprivi

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Nkasa Rupara National Park - Katima Mulilo

### Day 1: Windhoek – Okonjima Ranch.

(app. 200 km on tarred road – app. 3 hours driving time)

Depart at around 08:30 from Windhoek via Okahandja to Okonjima Ranch – Home of the Africat Foundation. During the afternoon, we will join a safari in an open vehicle on the premises of Okonjima. We are participating in the endangered wildlife tour. You will see some of the wildlife, which will be difficult to see otherwise.

**Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Okonjima Ranch.**

### Day 2: Okonjima Ranch – Etosha National Park.

(app. 275 km on gravel & tarred road – app. 3.5 hours driving time)

After a coffee/tea in the early morning hours we will participate in one more game drive. The excursion will take approximately 2-3 hours. Afterwards we enjoy brunch and continue to the Etosha National Park.

We do our first game drive inside this special game reserve. The highlight is a floodlit waterhole, which enables to view game also during the night.

**Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Okaukuejo (depending on availability)**

### Day 3: Etosha National Park.

(app. 150 km on park road – depending on routes taken)

Early morning breakfast and off we go for our route through the Etosha National Park. We drive along the vast saltpan with stops at various waterholes for game-viewing.

A lunch stop at Halali (lunch not included) and continue to the Eastern side of the Park. Etosha is well-known for its huge herds of plain game like zebra, springbok and many other antelopes. With a bit of luck, we will also encounter big game such as elephant and rhino. We hope to see some of the predators like lion, cheetah and leopard. We leave the Park for our accommodation, which is located just outside the gate.

**Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Mokuti Lodge or similar.**

### Day 4: Etosha National Park.

(distance is depending on routes taken)

We have a morning and afternoon game drive inside the Etosha National Park and will discover the Eastern side. Fischer's Pan is a heaven for bird watchers and the vast plains of Andoni are on our agenda.

**Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Mokuti Lodge or similar.**

### Day 5: Etosha National Park – Grootfontein - Rundu.

(app. 410 km on tarred road – app. 6 hours driving time)

Breakfast and departure towards the North East. We will stop at Lake Otjikoto on route. This is a crater, where there are supposed to be hidden treasures lying deep on the ground. We continue and visit the Ju/'Hoansi Living Museum. We will watch the traditions of the Bushman, that have been passed on for generations. Arrival at Rundu during the course of the afternoon.

For sunset we'll join a boat cruise on the Okavango River.

**Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Hakusembe River Lodge.**

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### Day 6: Rundu – Mahangu,

(app. 240 km on tarred road – app. 4 hours driving time)

We leave Rundu and the route leads along the Okavango River. We will pass many local settlements. The vegetation changes to a more tropic habitat. The roads are used not only by cars, but also by the locals and their live-stock. We visit the Popa Falls before arriving at our establishment of choice, which is situated right at the banks of the Okavango River. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure.

***Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Divava Okavango Resort & Spa.***

### Day 7: Mahangu,

Breakfast and in the morning we join a 3 hour boat cruise on the Okavango River. We are looking for this unique river vegetation, crocodiles and many different species of water birds.

During the afternoon, we will visit a local village and do a drive into the Mahangu Park, located right at the border to Botswana. We will also stop at the huge Baobab tree.

***Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Divava Okavango Resort & Spa.***

### Day 8: Mahangu – Nkasa Rupara National Park,

This morning we drive through the Bwabwata National Park and turn southwards when reaching the Kwando River. We pass the Mamili National Park into the Nkasa Rupara National Park. Our establishment of choice is located inside the Park. The afternoon is at leisure.

***Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Nkasa Lupala Lodge.***

### Day 9: Nkasa Rupara National Park,

During early morning, we will join a 5 hour combination of driving and boat cruise on the Linyanti river. This is one of the most unexplored areas in Namibia and wildlife is abundant. Elephants are often seen in big herds.

During the afternoon we have time explore the vicinity on foot.

***Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Nkasa Lupala Tented Camp.***

### Day 10: Nkasa Rupara National Park – Katima Mulilo.

(app. 150 km on gravel road – app. 3 hours driving time)

We drive through the Linyanti to Katima Mulilo. Our establishment of choice is located just outside of Katima Mulilo on the banks of the Zambezi River. We settle in and enjoy the sunset in this unique location.

***Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Zambezi Mubala Lodge.***

### Day 11: Katima Mulilo.

During the course of the morning, we will enjoy a 3-hour boat trip on the Zambezi River. Fish species are abundant in the river with tiger fish and bream the most well-known.

The birdlife in this area is exceptional. Great flocks of carmine bee eaters frequent the area during their breeding season in September and October. Other species that can possibly be seen are the pel's fishing owl, the white-backed night heron, the African skimmer and many more.

***Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Zambezi Mubala Lodge.***

### Day 12: Katima Mulilo.

Our adventurous tour ends today with a transfer to your meeting point in Katima Mulilo.

***End of Safari***