

## Safari: Action up North

Windhoek – Ghaub – Rundu – Katima Mulilo – Nkasa Rupara – Mahangu - Otavi - Windhoek

### Short version of itinerary

### Day by day

<b>Duration of safari:</b>	<b>11 days / 10 nights</b>
<b>Departure:</b>	<b>Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>
<b>No of participants:</b>	<b>4 - 7</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 Ghaub Guestfarm	Dinner	08:30: Drive: Windhoek – Otjiwarongo - Ghaub PM: Visit to the Old Missionary & Hoba Meteorite
2	Ghaub Guestfarm	Breakfast  Dinner	Early AM: Rhino Tracking on foot PM: Trails & Birding
3	Ghaub Guestfarm  Rundu, Hakusembe River Lodge	Breakfast  Dinner	AM: Ghaub Cave excursion Drive: Ghaub – Grootfontein - Rundu Visit to the Ju/'Hoansi Living Museum on route PM: Sunset Cruise on the Kavango
4	Taranga Safari Lodge  Zambezi Mubala Lodge	Breakfast  Dinner	AM: Drive – Rundu – Bwabwata National Park Katima Mulilo. PM: at leisure (optional excursions available)
5	Zambezi Mubala Lodge  Zambezi Mubala Lodge	Breakfast  Dinner	AM: Fishing trip on the Zambezi by boat PM: Birding in the vicinity.
6	Zambezi Mubala Lodge  Namushasha Lodge	Breakfast  Dinner	AM: Visit the colourful market in Katima Mulilo Drive: Katima Mulilo – Nkasa Rupara National P. PM: time at leisure
7	Namushasah Lodge  Namushasha Lodge	Breakfast  Dinner	AM: 2 hour guided walk in the wilderness Time at leisure between activities PM: 5 hour game drive and boat ride
8	Namushasha Lodge  Mahangu Safari Lodge	Breakfast  Dinner	AM: Drive: Kwando – Popa Falls - Mahangu PM: Optional use of Spa facilities
9	Mahangu Safari Lodge  Mahangu Safari Lodge	Breakfast  Dinner	AM: 4 hour Fishing trip on the Okavango River PM: Visit to the traditional village
10	Mahangu Safari Lodge Grootfontein, Restcamp	Breakfast Dinner	AM: Drive: Mahangu – Grootfontein PM: Birding in the vicinity
11	Grootfontein	Breakfast	AM: Drive: Grootfontein – Windhoek
<b>End of Safari: Action up North</b>			



# African Extravaganza

## Action up North

*Windhoek – Ghaub – Rundu – Katima Mulilo – Linyanti – Mahangu – Grootfontein – Windhoek*

**This safari includes a lot of action and excursions. It is meant for the young at heart. Enjoy fishing, hiking / rhino tracking, birding, game-drives, horse-back riding and also some cultural aspects. A certain degree of physical fitness is required.**

### Day 1: Windhoek – Ghaub Guestfarm.

**(app. km on tarred road – app. 5 hours driving time)**

Depart at around 08:30 from Windhoek via Otjiwarongo and Otavi to Ghaub Guestfarm. On route, we will visit the Hoba Meteorite. During the afternoon, we have some time to relax and enjoy a visit to the Old Missionary at Ghaub.

***Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Ghaub Guestfarm.***

### Day 2: Ghaub Guestfarm.

During the course of the morning we will accompany the trackers of the 'Rhino Patrol' on foot. Learn about these endangered species. Most of the time you will also be able to view them on close range. The excursion will take approximately 2-3 hours.

During the afternoon, we have time to relax and enjoy some trails and birding. Ghaub is home of over 250 bird species. You may also discover some ancient rock-engravings during your walking trail.

***Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Ghaub Guestfarm.***

### Day 3: Ghaub Guestfarm - Rundu.

**(app. 300 km on tarred road – app. 4 hours driving time)**

During the early morning, we have the opportunity to visit the Ghaub Cave, which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest cave in Namibia. The trail runs through well and lesser accessible areas. Nothing for the claustrophobic. The excursion takes approximately 2-3 hours.

We drive from Ghaub via Grootfontein to Rundu. On route we will stop at the Ju/'Hoansi Living San Museum. Arrival in Rundu during late afternoon. Rest of the afternoon at leisure.

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

### Day 4: Rundu – Katima Mulilo.

**(app. 540 km on tarred road – app. 6.5 hours driving time)**

We depart early from Rundu. We have a whole day of driving along the Kavango River and through the Bwabwata National Park. We will pass local villages and traditional living. Cattle, donkeys and goats share the road with us and the speed is limited. 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 5: Katima Mulilo.

During the course of the morning, we will have a fulfilled active fishing day on the Zambezi River. Fish species are abundant in the river with tiger fish and bream the most popular to catch. It is a thrilling adventure for both the angling enthusiast and the novice.

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 Safari Lodge.***

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### Day 6: Katima Mulilo – Kwando.

(app. 300 km on gravel road – app. 5 hours driving time)

After breakfast we drive into the city of Katima Mulilo and visit the local and colourful market. We continue South to Linyanti and the Nkasa Rupara National Park. Relax during the rest of the afternoon and join a nightdrive (duration app. 1 hour) looking for some nocturnal animals, that can otherwise not be seen.

***Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Namushasha Lodge.***

### Day 7: Kwando.

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.

We have time to relax during the early afternoon hours and will go on a walk.

***Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Namushasha Lodge.***

### Day 8: Kwando - Mahango.

(app. 265 km on gravel road – app. 4 hours driving time)

Breakfast and continue through the Mudumu and Bwabwata National Park to Mahango. We'll visit the Popa Falls and take a short drive in the Mahango National Park, where we will be able to watch some of the resident wildlife as well as a huge baobab tree.

***Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Mahangu Safari Lodge.***

### Day 9: Mahango.

Another fishing trip awaits us. This is the time of the year for the big barble run. Well-known by many enthusiasts. We have 4 hours to try our luck on our angling excursion by boat.

Enjoy an optional village tour in the afternoon.

***Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Mahangu Safari Lodge.***

### Day 10: Mahango - Grootfontein.

(app. 400 km on tarred road – app. 5 hours)

We leave this lush vegetation region and return to Grootfontein. We do some birding on foot in the vicinity.

***Overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at Roys Restcamp.***

### Day 11: Grootfontein.

(app. 470 km on tarred and gravel road – app. 6 hours driving time)

Breakfast and return to Windhoek via Otjiwarongo and Okahandja, where we'll include a short stop at the local wood carvers market. Arrival during afternoon.

## End of Safari

***Departure Date: 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023***

### Included:

Safari in a small group – with a qualified English and/or German speaking safari-guide in a 4x4 safari vehicles.

Accommodation and meals: 10x overnight, 10x breakfast, 10x dinner.

Excursions: All excursions listed above

Extras: Parkfees, portorage, still and sparkling water on board the vehicle are free of charge.

### Excluded:

Any additional / optional excursions or activities, all lunches during your safari, beverages, tips, personal items and insurances.