



Version: 2012
Tour Code: BWB

15 Day Botswana Wildlife Breakaway
Camping or fully accommodated

A small group Safari from / to Victoria Falls through Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia
Group size Minimum*: 4
Group Size Maximum: 12

* Guaranteed departures with no minimum pax available, please see below

Tour price 2012

Tour Type	Price pp sharing	Single Supplement	Local Payment
Camping Safari (12 nights camping, 2 nights in fixed accommodation)	€ 1610	€ 70	US\$ 350
Fully Accommodated Safari (14 nights in fixed accommodation)	€ 2150	€ 399	US\$ 350



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<u>Highlights</u>	<u>Itinerary</u>
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Highlights

Hwange National Park, Nata Bird Sanctuary, Game Drive in the Moremi National Park, Khwai River Game Drive and Night Drive, Maun, 2-day Okavango Delta experience including Mokoro excursion, Tsodilo Hills, Bwabata National Park, Eastern Caprivi, Game drive in Chobe National Park, Sunset cruise on the Chobe River, Victoria Falls.

Departure Dates 2012

<u>Month</u>	<u>Tour Start</u>	<u>Tour End</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Tour Start</u>	<u>Tour End</u>		
January	09/01/2012	23/01/2012	August	06/08/2012	20/08/2012		
February	13/02/2012	27/02/2012		13/08/2012	27/08/2012		
March	08/03/2012	22/03/2012		18/08/2012	01/09/2012	*/**	
	23/03/2012	06/04/2012		21/08/2012	04/09/2012	**	
April	07/04/2012	21/04/2012		29/08/2012	12/09/2012		
	15/04/2012	29/04/2012	*	September	05/09/2012	19/09/2012	**
May	23/04/2012	07/05/2012			12/09/2012	26/09/2012	
	30/04/2012	14/05/2012			15/09/2012	29/09/2012	*
	08/05/2012	22/05/2012			20/09/2012	04/10/2012	**
	15/05/2012	29/05/2012			27/09/2012	11/10/2012	
June	23/05/2012	06/06/2012	**	October	05/10/2012	19/10/2012	**
	30/05/2012	13/06/2012			12/10/2012	26/10/2012	
	07/06/2012	21/06/2012	*		20/10/2012	03/11/2012	*/**
	14/06/2012	28/06/2012	**		23/10/2012	06/11/2012	**
	17/06/2012	01/07/2012			28/10/2012	11/11/2012	
July	22/06/2012	06/07/2012	**	November	04/11/2012	18/11/2012	**
	28/06/2012	12/07/2012			19/11/2012	03/12/2012	
	07/07/2012	21/07/2012	**	December	04/12/2012	18/12/2012	**
	11/07/2012	25/07/2012			19/12/2012	02/01/2013	
	14/07/2012	28/07/2012	*/**				
	22/07/2012	05/08/2012					
	29/07/2012	12/08/2012	**				

* German guided departures

** Guaranteed departures

Highlighted dates operate with a maximum of 12 passengers and require no participation for fully accommodated clients and limited participation for camping clients.

Included in the price

Camping Safari - 12 nights camping and 2 night in fixed accommodation
Fully Accommodated Safari – 14 nights in fixed accommodation

All transport in fully kitted 4x4 safari vehicle, use of full camping equipment, game drives as mentioned, meals (prepared by the guide) and activities as mentioned in itinerary, park entrance fees, experienced local guide.

Not Included in the price

Travel insurance, flights, pre and post tour accommodation, optional activities, all drinks, telephone calls, gratuities, curios and all personal expenses.



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Accommodation:

Camping safari: Camping at Nata Lodge or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool & bar)

Fully accommodated safari: Nata Lodge or similar (permanent safari tents with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool & bar)

Day 5: Nata Bird Sanctuary and Maun, Botswana

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This morning we head off to the Nata Bird Sanctuary, where we enjoy breakfast and the opportunity to enjoy the magnificent view over the Sowa pan, which is part of the Greater Magkadikgadi Pans. We then continue on to Maun, the gateway to the Okavango Delta.

Distance: 375 km **Departure:** 09h00

Lunch Stop: Thamalakane River Lodge

Accommodation:

Camping safari: Camping at Thamalakane River Lodge or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool & bar)

Fully accommodated safari: Thamalakane River Lodge or similar (chalets with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool & bar)

Day 6: Khwai River, Botswana

BLD

We make our way to our camp which is situated in a private concession in the Khwai area. Khwai is renowned for its large concentrations of mammals and it is not unusual to see many different types of wildlife during just one game drive. As a year round destination for wildlife, predators can regularly be seen in the area, rated as one of the most prolific in Botswana for viewing wildlife. The exceptional location of Khwai makes it a regular host to Elephant, Buffalo, Lion, Leopard, Cheetah and Wild Dogs. Birdlife can also be viewed in abundance with exceptional sightings of wildfowl and raptors. We will embark on an afternoon game drive in search of these animals.

Distance: 110 km **Departure:** 09h00

Lunch Stop: Picnic spot en-route

Accommodation:

Camping safari: Camping at Khwai Bedouin Camp or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water)

Fully accommodated safari: Khwai Bedouin Camp or similar (semi-permanent tented camp with en-suite bathrooms)

Day 7: Moremi Game Reserve, Botswana

BLD

Today we head into the famous Moremi Game Reserve known as one of the most beautiful and varied reserves in Africa with an unprecedented concentration of wildlife. The full day is spent in the unspoiled nature of the Moremi Game Reserve.

Distance: 150 km **Departure:** 07h00

Lunch Stop: Inside Moremi Game Reserve



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Accommodation:

Camping safari: Camping at Khwai Bedouin Camp or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water)

Fully accommodated safari: Khwai Bedouin Camp or similar (semi-permanent tented camp with en-suite bathrooms)

Day 8: Khwai River, Botswana	BLD
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We once again have the opportunity to spend the day on game drives in the Khwai area. In our open 4x4 vehicle we will explore the Khwai River region on a morning and afternoon game drive hopefully spotting a variety of game that frequent this region. After dinner your guide will take you on a night drive, and you will hopefully be able to spot some rare nocturnal animals.

Distance: 150 km **Departure:** 07h00
Lunch Stop: Khwai River area or Khwai Bedouin Camp

Accommodation:

Camping safari: Camping at Khwai Bedouin Camp or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water)

Fully accommodated safari: Khwai Bedouin Camp or similar (semi-permanent tented camp with en-suite bathrooms)

Days 9 & 10: Okavango Delta, Botswana	BLD, BLD
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Early in the morning we leave Khwai and drive to the Western Delta and onto Etsha 13. From here we head into the largest inland delta in the world, another highlight of Botswana, the Okavango Delta. We will spend the next two nights listening to the sounds of the wilderness. Unlike other deltas, it flows into the Kalahari Desert without reaching the coast, which makes it unique. We will float in Mokoros through the thick vegetation of the Delta discovering a variety of birds and wildlife and will stop at a secluded island to take a 1½ hour guided walk hoping to spot elephants, waterbuck or other animals living in this water filled paradise.

Distance: 400 km **Departure:** 06h00
Lunch Stop: Picnic spot en-route

Accommodation:

Camping safari: Camping at Guma Lagoon Camp or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water, bar area)

Fully accommodated safari: Guma Lagoon Camp or similar (permanent tents with en-suite bathroom, bar area)

Day 11: Tsodilo Hills & Mahangu, Namibia	BLD
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Today we leave the lush verdant wetlands of the Delta, Botswana and enter Namibia. En route we visit the Tsodilo Hills and take a short walk to view the rock paintings. We then make our way to Rainbow River Lodge. Enjoy an afternoon game drive in the Greater Bwabwata National Park, which extends from the Kavango River in the west to the Kwando River in the east and incorporates the Mahangu Game Reserve. Elephant, roan, kudu and buffalo are amongst the animals likely to be seen as well as prolific birdlife.

Distance: 210 km **Departure:** 08h00
Lunch Stop: Picnic spot en-route

Accommodation:

Standard accommodation: Camping at Rainbow River Lodge or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool & bar)

Fully accommodated: Rainbow River Lodge or similar (chalets with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool & bar)

Days 12 & 13: Mahangu National Park to Chobe National Park, Botswana	BL, BD
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After a night spent at Rainbow River Lodge we continue our journey through the Caprivi Strip, crossing the border to Botswana until we reach our destination, Kasane, the gateway to the Chobe National Park. Start your morning of Day 13 with a hopefully spectacular game drive in Chobe National Park. You will return to the lodge for lunch, where you can relax until our boat cruise on the Chobe River starts around 3pm. Here we can watch elephants, hippos, crocodiles and a variety of birds and more without having to reach for our binoculars – you'll be near enough for close-up photographs.

Distance: 460 km **Departure:** 08h00
Lunch Stop: Picnic spot en-route

Accommodation:

Camping safari: Camping at Kwalape or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool & bar)

Fully accommodated safari: Kwalape or similar (chalets with en-suite bathroom, swimming pool & bar)

Day 14: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	BL
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Today we leave Botswana behind us and come to the place where we started this trip full of real African experiences – Victoria Falls. We visit the Victoria Falls on a guided tour and then have the rest of the day at leisure or to partake in one of the many optional activities. (For own expense).

Distance: 90 km **Departure:** 08h00
Lunch Stop: Picnic spot en-route



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Accommodation:

Camping safari: Lokuthula Lodges or similar (chalets with shared bathrooms, swimming pool & bar)

Fully accommodated safari: Lokuthula Lodges or similar (chalets with shared bathrooms, swimming pool & bar)

Day 15: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

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Our safari ends after breakfast. You will be transferred to Victoria Falls Airport in time for your departure flight. We hope to welcome you again one day on another of our African adventures.

Optional activities in Victoria Falls

Below is a list of some of the most popular optional activities on offer in Victoria Falls. Pre-booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. The rates are per person and are quoted in US Dollars. All activities are subject to availability and may require a minimum amount of passengers to operate. Certain activities only operate at specific times of the year. Please contact our reservation office for further information. Should you wish to partake in an activity that is not listed below, we will gladly assist you with rates and reservations.

13 Minute Helicopter Flight	\$130.00
25 Minute Helicopter Flight	\$250.00
Boma Dinner	\$45.00
Sunset Cruise	\$45.00
Bungi Jump	\$132.00
Half Day Elephant Back Safari	\$120.00
Elephant Interaction with breakfast or lunch	\$121.00
Half Day Canoeing	\$110.00
Full Day Canoeing	\$125.00
Half Day Rafting	\$120.00
Full Day Rafting	\$130.00
Flying Fox	\$38.50
Gorge Swing	\$88.00
Zip Line	\$66.00
Half Day Lion Walk	\$130.00
Lion Cub Interaction	\$65.00
Wildlife Conservation and Awareness Safari	\$75.00

*Please note prices are subject to change

Pre-departure Information

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<u>Accommodation</u>	<u>Luggage</u>	<u>Sleeping bags</u>
<u>Spending Money</u>	<u>Insurance</u>	<u>Visas</u>
<u>Local Payment</u>		

Pre and Post Tour Arrangements

Pre and post tour accommodation and transfers can be arranged on request.

Amadeus Garden Guest House – standard room (Victoria Falls)

€ 56 per person sharing (BB)

€ 88 per person single (BB)

One way airport transfer from Victoria Falls Airport to Victoria Falls Town or vice versa –
€12 per person

Please note all rates are subject to change according to rate of exchange fluctuations

Should you require alternative accommodation or transfers to different points, please contact our reservation office, who will gladly assist you.

Departure:

The Botswana Wildlife Breakaway Safari departs from Amadeus Garden Guest House in Victoria Falls.

Please note that the daily departure times are a guideline only and are subject to change due to seasonal variations, as well as unforeseen circumstances. The final decision rests with your guide who will advise you at what time you will be departing each day.

On the evening of Day 1, there will be a meeting presented by your guide, at 7pm, at Amadeus Garden Guest House. It is imperative that all clients attend this meeting so as not to miss out on any critical information.

Transport:

Jenman Safaris uses fully equipped Toyota Landcruiser or 12-seater 4x4 Isuzu or other appropriate vehicles with comfortable seating, windows for game viewing and a music system. An off-road trailer is fitted with a field kitchen. All luggage is carried on the vehicle or trailer roof racks to ensure maximum comfort in the vehicle.

Accommodation:

Camping safari: we make use of designated campsites either within a National Park, on the banks of a river, or other places of interest. All campsites have shared ablution facilities with showers, flushing toilets and running water (unless otherwise specified in the detailed itinerary). Jenman African Safaris tries to avoid crowded campsites and brings you to secluded spots, often supported by the local community.



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We make use of spacious 3-person dome tents, allowing two per tent. In addition, we provide 5 cm thick sleeping mattresses.

Fully accommodated safari: we make use of mid-range typical African standard lodge accommodation. Accommodation is situated either in National Parks, on the banks of a river, or in other places of interest. The accommodation will be a mix of lodges, chalets and tented camps. Most of them have a private bathroom with a shower and toilet, whilst others have shared ablutions available. Some properties are equipped with swimming pools and/or bar areas.

Spending money:

Clients are advised to bring enough money to cover the purchase of curios, tips, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, water and additional entertainment. US Dollars, Pound Sterling and Botswana Pula are the most practical and convenient currencies.

Meals:

All meals are organized by the guide and are prepared by him/her with the help of the group. All clients booked on our camping safaris, half-accommodated or fully accommodated safaris will enjoy the same wholesome meals. These meals will be enjoyed together in the evening, often around a camp fire. Please advise us of any special dietary requirements in advance.

First Aid:

Our guides are trained in basic first aid and the vehicle is equipped with a comprehensive medical aid kit. Preventative Malaria medication should be taken before the trip and throughout its duration. It is advisable to consult a doctor prior to departure.

Luggage:

Maximum baggage allowance: 12 kg. Jenman Safaris stipulates this luggage allowance, as an overloaded vehicle is a danger to both the clients and the guide. This does not include photographic equipment and a small daypack. Please bring a backpack or soft barrel bag, not a suitcase. Don't bring too much clothing, as there are washing opportunities along the way. Please adhere to the allowance specified as space for luggage is limited.

Insurance:

It is compulsory for all travellers to have insurance covering their personal requirements, medical expenses and personal possessions. This is to be arranged before leaving your home country. Jenman Safaris has comprehensive public liability insurance.

Clothing and other items:

shorts	camera	walking shoes
light trousers/jeans	swimming costume	sandals
T-shirts	sun hat	windbreaker
warm clothes (May – August)	long-sleeved shirts	towel
sleeping bag	torch & spare batteries	water bottle
pillow	UV protection	mosquito protection



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Participation:

The Botswana Wildlife Breakaway Safari that operate with a maximum of 10 passengers, is a semi - participation camping safari. This means, that the clients will be responsible for performing and helping with certain tasks, such as setting up and breaking down of overnight camps (tents, chairs, tables), packing and un-packing the vehicle, assisting with preparation of meals and cleaning dishes. The Botswana Wildlife Breakaway Safari that operate with a maximum of 12 passengers, requires no-participation from the client that's are accommodated, and clients that are camping are only required to put up and take down their own tents.

Sleeping bags:

For clients on one of our camping safaris, Jenman African Safaris can provide sleeping bags. A fee of US\$ 30 / Euro 25 will be charged for the duration of the tour.

Visas:

The onus is on the client to organize all visas required to visit Zimbabwe, Namibia and Botswana prior to departure.

Local Payment:

On most of our safaris a local payment needs to be paid to the guide before the tours starts. Your local payment covers on-the-road expenses, such as national park entrance fees, excursions and activities, as well as the use of local guides. This provides your guide with sufficient funds on the road and ensures that your money goes directly to the African communities.

Information on areas visited

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BOTSWANA

The San were among the first human inhabitants of this region before the Setswana migrated southwards and slowly occupied the region from the 16th century onwards, until early in the 19th century. By mid-century missionaries arrived, including David Livingstone and Robert Moffat, and by 1885 the territory was a British protectorate. Botswana gained its independence in 1966 and has been the most stable democracy in Africa. The first president ruled from 1966 until his death in 1980, the second till 1994 (re-elected twice, then resigned) and the third from 1998.

The country has a strong currency with one of the highest per capita incomes in Africa, maintains a neutral international political stance. It is heavily reliant on mining (especially diamonds) & tourism and maintains close ties with its neighbor South Africa, an economic powerhouse for the region.

Wildlife is abundant in Botswana and includes lion, giraffe, leopard, antelope, elephant, crocodile and ostriches. Botswana is semiarid and has an average annual (summer) rainfall of 640 mm (about 25 in) in the north to less than 230 mm (less than 9 in) in the Kalahari. Drought is therefore not uncommon and the vegetation is mostly savannah.

Geographically Botswana is relatively flat (the average elevation of about 1000 m) and can be viewed (for all intents and purposes) as three major regions as follows: Chobe National Park in the north, another outstanding wilderness area of enormous diversity – lion and elephant can be viewed from river cruises or 4x4 game drives. The Okavango Delta is a vast marshland and one of the largest inland river deltas in the world – 15 000 km² of wilderness and prime safari area. The Kalahari Desert in the central and southwestern regions occupies over half the land area of Botswana. It is a mystical, harsh and unspoiled landmass. The salt pans of north-central Botswana and the Tuli block in the far eastern corner of Botswana are also areas of significance.

Chobe National Park

Chobe is approx. 11 000 km² of wilderness area watered by the Chobe & Savuti Rivers and thus attracting huge concentrations of game. This includes lion and some of the highest concentration of elephant in Africa – an estimated population of around 25 000 in winter. Game viewing is renowned and in the Northern areas near Kasane, both the riverboat game viewing experience and the 4x4 vehicle option are popular. In addition the spectacular annual summer migrations of plains game, especially Zebra, is a highlight, as well Giraffe, Warthog and numerous antelope including Sable, Roan, Oribi, Reedbuck, Lechwe and the colourful Chobe Bushbuck. Bird watching opportunities in Chobe are ample and include some 350 species including the awesome African Fish Eagle, the rare Pell's Fishing Owl, saddle-billed storks, long-toed Plovers, pink-backed Pelicans, African Skimmers, Bradfield's Hornbills and Carmine Bee-eaters. In addition, the sunsets are spectacular.

Makgadikgadi Pans

The lesser-known Makgadikgadi Pans National Park is situated between Maun and Nata in Botswana. The shimmering salt pans of Makgadikgadi are the size of Switzerland and most of the time appear as a glaring, white, endless plain. When the rain comes a dramatic change takes place as the pans come to life with frantically feeding water birds and great herds of game. The best time to visit this area to coincide with the migration is from December to March or in the dry season from April to October when the pans are dry.

The park contains four main vegetation types: riverine woodland, scrubland, pure grassland and salt pans. The pans support palm groves and peculiar looking Baobab trees whose branches look more like roots, giving rise to the name 'upside down tree'. These are interspersed with short spiky yellow grass found on rises between the pans, known as 'prickly salt grass'. This grass is extremely saline resistant to the extent that salt crystals can sometimes be seen on the leaves. The interior of the reserve comprises scrub and grassland with a few 'islands' of Real Fan Palms and Camel-thorn Acacia.

From April to November game such as Springbok, Gemsbok, Wildebeest and Zebra move slowly from the pans area in the south east of the park, to the Boteti River in the west. During this migration animals accumulate in their thousands. The heavily wooded areas beside the river also contain shy antelopes like Duiker and Bushbuck.

Maun

Maun is the gateway to the Okavango Delta and one of the best safari experiences you will have. Countless safari and air-charter operators have offices here, thus it is busy with people coming and going especially around the airport. The best time to go is during the winter months from May to October when there is little or no rainfall and the days are warm and cloudless. Nights can be cold though so take a jacket. November to April can be very hot, with most of the rainfall between December and February.

Maun has developed rapidly from a rural frontier town and has spread along the wide Thamalakane River. It now boasts good shopping centers, hotels and lodges as well as car and 4x4 vehicle hire. However, it still retains a rural atmosphere and local tribesmen still bring their cattle here to sell and you could see antelopes grazing the riverbanks.

Moremi

In the centre of the Okavango Delta is the Moremi Wildlife Reserve, a 3,000 km² paradise. Proclaimed a wildlife reserve by the Tswana people in 1963, Moremi is undoubtedly one of the world's most pristine wilderness areas. The foresight of the local community has ensured that nature has flourished undisturbed, offering a glimpse of the divine, a veritable Garden of Eden. Moremi is a place of lily-covered wetlands, grass plains and forests, where even at the busiest time of year you're likely to be the only spectators at a most dramatic animal sighting.

Moremi consists of a network of waterways surrounding two large islands, Chiefs Island in the west and Mopane Tongue in the east. The area's diverse ecosystems, riverine woodland, flood plains, wetlands and reed beds, mopane forest and dry savannah woodland are all flourishing, broken only by the occasional jeep track. This diversity of habitats provides rich pickings for an impressive variety of animals and around 550 bird species. As Moremi is a fenced reserve, game viewing is impressive throughout the year. However, the cool dry winter months from March to September are an ideal time to visit, as the chances of seeing lion, elephant, leopard, hyena, eland, kudu, roan antelope, giraffe, zebra, impala and buffalo are excellent. On the sandy riverbanks and wetlands, sightings of hippo and crocodile are commonplace.

Okavango Delta

The Okavango Delta in northern Botswana (near Maun) incorporates the Moremi Game Reserve and is a unique wildlife paradise - one of the finest in the world. It is also one of the largest inland river deltas in the world. This unsurpassed natural environment is a maze of waterways, islands and reed banks creating a perfect habitat for lion, elephant, leopard, buffalo, giraffe, hyena, wild dog, kudu, impala, roan, zebra, lechwe, hippo and crocodile, amongst others. There are approx 440 bird species in the delta and fish species are also abundant, including tiger fish, sharp-toothed catfish, barbell and bream. Travel through the swamps and surrounding areas is generally done by open 4x4 game viewing vehicle or a peaceful meander in a 'Mokoro', a flat-bottomed dugout canoe.

The Delta is hot throughout the year with temperatures ranging from approx 14°C in January to 24°C in July. Rainfall averages 525 mm annually, but varies greatly from year to year. Water levels and flooding reach a maximum between March and July, after rains at the source and the usual 15 000 km² can expand to approximately 22 000 km² in high-rainfall years.

NAMIBIA

'Namibia' means 'open plains' in the ancient Hottentot language. It is a popular tourist destination defined by endless sunshine, scenic beauty and unusual and contrasting topography. Namibia is sandwiched between two deserts - the Namib Desert, said to be the oldest in the world, on its western coastline and the Kalahari Desert in the eastern interior. Northern Namibia features the great Etosha National Park of approx 22,000km², with the country's largest concentration of game and in the south the majestic Fish River Canyon plunges 550 m and extends for 160 km. Between these four highlights lies over 820 000 km² (the size of France & Britain combined) of contrasting scenery.

The world's highest dunes are found in haunting scenery inspiring somber reflection. Pre-historic rock art, the ancient fossil plant, *Welwitschia mirabilis* and fossilized dinosaur footprints are preserved in the ancient rocky mountain ranges.

Many of the features of this country are of particular scientific interest and attract scientists from all over the world. Namibia is the first country in the world to include protection of the environment and sustainable utilization of wildlife in its constitution. Approx 15.5% of the country has been set-aside as national park. In these areas, rare and endangered species of animals, birds and plant life are preserved and protected. They serve as a living reminder to us all, and to the generations of the future, of how it once was in Africa.

Popa Falls

The Popa Falls are located 210 km east of Rundu on the Kavango River. The word "falls" can lead to wrong expectations. The Popa Falls are a set of rapids created by a rocky ledge and have a drop of approx 4m and a width of 1.2km. They are home for two rare fish species, Broadhead Catfish and Ocellated Spiny eel. After the Popa Falls, the Okavango begins to spread out step by step across the Kalahari until it forms its famous inland delta in Botswana. The best time for visiting the Popa Falls is during the dry season.

Kwando River

The Kwando River is the natural boundary of nearly 225 km between Angola and Zambia. Furthermore it forms the border between the east and west Caprivi. This landscape creates a high variety of habitats and enables visitors to spot over 400 species of birds and huge herds of elephant, especially during the dry season (June-November) when these grey giants are looking for water. If you are traveling south along the river, you will find a broad horseshoe bend, a famous and great place for game viewing.

Western Caprivi

A part of the Western Caprivi previously known as the Golden Triangle is a pristine wilderness area, practically untouched by man. The area was formerly under government jurisdiction - a 'no man's land' so wild that both private landowners and even nature conservation officials had no authority until the early nineties. The land was finally handed over to nature conservation officials who now have a prominent presence in the area.

ZIMBABWE

This is a country blessed with great natural beauty, game reserves and mineral wealth. The diverse landscape changes from mountainous to wilderness to typical Bushveld. The country is also home to large animals and a large bird population. Zimbabwe is a country located in the southern part of the continent of Africa, between the Victoria Falls, Zambezi River, Kariba Dam and the Limpopo River. Zimbabwe is bordered by South Africa to the south, Botswana to the west, Zambia to the north and Mozambique to the east.

Victoria Falls

'So lovely it must have been gazed upon by angels in their flight' said David Livingstone of the supreme Mosi-oa-Tunya ('The smoke that thunders'). This legendary traveler first saw the falls from the Zambian side and his memory is enshrined in the nearby town of Livingstone. The views from the Zimbabwean & Zambian side are quite different, varying dramatically depending on the season and water flow.

The Falls are over a mile in length and boast the largest curtain of water in the world - over 500 million litres of water per minute cascade over the falls and drop 100 m at Rainbow Falls on the Zambian side. Not surprisingly is it the seventh natural wonder of the world and fast becoming one of the top adventure destinations in the world.

The river is divided into a series of braided channels that descend in many separate falls. Below the falls the river enters a narrow series of gorges, which represent locations successively occupied by the falls earlier in their history. Since the uplifting of the Makgadikgadi Pan area some two million years ago, the Zambezi River has been cutting through the basalt base rock, exploiting weak fissures, and forming a series of retreating gorges. Seven previous waterfalls occupied the seven gorges below the present falls, and Devil's Cataract in Zimbabwe is where the next cut back will form a new waterfall that will eventually leave the present falls lip high above the river in the gorge below.

Hwange National Park

Hwange National Park is one of Africa's finest havens for wildlife and is home to vast herds of elephant, buffalo, and zebra and has a very large concentration of giraffe. It is also home to many predators and endangered species plus very large and varied birdlife.

The park is situated on the main road between Bulawayo and the world famous Victoria Falls. Hwange National Park covers just over 14 600 square kilometres. The Park carries 105 mammal species, including 19 large herbivores and eight large carnivores. Elephant make up the largest proportion of the biomass.

All Zimbabwe's specially protected animals are to be found in Hwange and it is the only protected area where gemsbok and brown hyena occur in reasonable numbers. The population of wild dog to be found in Hwange is thought to be of one of the largest surviving groups in Africa today.

The landscape includes desert sand to sparse woodland as well as grasslands and granite outcrops. Due to the lack of water, man-made waterholes were introduced to sustain the animals through the dry season. The park has an interesting variety of landscapes with one part running alongside the North-eastern end of the Kalahari Desert. The south is sandy with extensive forests and open grassland. A feature of the area is ancient fossil dunes - ancient sand dunes held together by vegetation.