

## **DETAILED ITINERARY for SOUTHERN AFRICA OUR WAY**

13 nights/14 days

**Summary:** Join South African native and Africa Specialist, Nadia Eckhardt, on this specially designed Safari taking in the best of Botswana, Victoria Falls and Cape Town with an option to add on a 6 night Post Fly-In Safari around Namibia! Travel with a small group to experience game-rich Botswana, staying at some of the finest lodges and touring with top-notch wildlife guides. Amazing Wildlife and Big Cat viewing and Birding too, all in open 4 x 4 game drives within the Savute region of Chobe, before continuing on to the exclusive and private Selinda Reserve in northern Botswana. Fly over the impressive Okavango Delta in a light aircraft and enjoy guided boat trips and game drives at Stanley's (Nadia's favorite Botswana Camp) located in a private concession overlooking the Okavango floodplains. Experience the beloved Mother City through the eyes of a "local", and continue the journey onwards to truly captivating Namibia.

### **Day 1 – Johannesburg, South Africa**

All travelers will be met on arrival at Oliver Tambo International Airport (JNB) in Johannesburg, regardless of flight arrival time, and assisted with a transfer to the overnight hotel. Welcome dinner and trip orientation with Nadia this evening.

*Overnight at D'Oreale Grande Hotel*

### **Day 2 – Victoria Falls**

After breakfast, transfer to JNB Airport for a mid-morning regional flight from JNB to Livingstone Airport (LVI) Victoria Falls, Zambia and spend 2 nights on the Zambezi River Front at Sussi & Chuma Lodge.

The town of Victoria Falls is set on the southern bank of the Zambezi River, at the western end of the Victoria Falls themselves. The settlement began in 1901 when the possibility of using the waterfall for hydro-electric power was explored. The town then expanded as the railway line reached the Falls, shortly before the Victoria Falls Bridge was opened in April 1905, connecting Zimbabwe to what is now Zambia. Victoria Falls is the principal tourism center for the magnificent Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the world. □□The spray from the falls can be seen from 30 miles away, hence the local name "Mosi-oa-Tunya," which means, "the smoke that thunders." Lower water levels are experienced from August to mid-January and higher water levels are seen from mid-January to the end of July. Arrive in the afternoon and round off the day with an unforgettable

sunset on a Zambezi River sundowner cruise.

*Overnight at Sussi & Chuma Lodge - fully inclusive*

### **Day 3 – Victoria Falls, Zambia**

The opportunities for today include a walking tour at the mighty Victoria Falls on the Zambia side, a game drive in the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, a tour of the Nakatindi village and shopping at the extensive craft markets.

*Overnight at Sussi & Chuma Lodge*

### **Day 4 – Chobe National Park, Botswana**

After breakfast, we transfer by boat across the Zambezi and then by road to Kasane, Botswana. After clearance formalities, depart on a light aircraft for a short lodge hopper flight to our first safari camp in Botswana, located on the Savute channel in the Chobe National Park. There will be time to freshen up before departing on an afternoon game viewing activity.

*Overnight at Savute Safari Lodge – fully inclusive*

### **Day 5 - Chobe National Park, Botswana**

Chobe National Park, which is the second largest national park in Botswana, has one of the greatest concentrations of game found on the African continent. Its uniqueness and the abundance of wildlife and the true African nature of the region, offer a safari experience of a lifetime. Enjoy a full day of morning and afternoon game viewing activities from our safari lodge.

*Overnight at Savute Safari Lodge*

### **Day 6 – Selinda Reserve, Botswana**

A short lodge hopper flight after breakfast and morning activities, takes us to our next Safari lodge: resting on the banks of the Selinda Spillway, which connects the water systems of the Okavango Delta in the south and the Linyanti region in the east. Only borassus palm islands interrupt the wide-open savannahs and flood plains, and game viewing in this uniquely spectacular landscape is prolific.

*Overnight at Selinda Camp – fully inclusive*

### **Day 7 - Selinda Reserve, Botswana**

This is another full day for morning and afternoon game activities in the Selinda Reserve. Enjoy the extraordinary views from the shaded camp area, where hardly a moment goes by without some sighting of animals or birds.

*Overnight at Selinda Camp*

### **Day 8 – Okavango Delta, Botswana**

A last morning activity and breakfast at Selinda, before boarding a lodge hopper flight to the Okavango Delta. Even the flight there leaves one mesmerized at this natural phenomenon. The Okavango Delta is a unique oasis at the northern edge of the sands of the Kalahari Desert. Flood rainwaters from the Angolan highlands are carried by the Okavango River into the delta where it spreads out creating countless waterways and lagoons over an area of approximately 10,000 square kilometers. The delta is rich water environment home to countless bird species, as well as larger mammals such as elephant, red lechwe, and buffalo. Arrive in time to freshen up and explore the region on an afternoon game drive.

*Overnight at Stanley's Camp – fully inclusive*

### **Day 9 – Okavango Delta, Botswana**

Today offers game activities on the renowned Chief's Island, bordering the southern part of the Moremi Game and located in a seasonal delta, where floodwaters are expected to arrive in June. Buffalo are often seen in large herds of up to 2,000 in this area. As an optional activity at own cost, you are invited to experience Africa through the eyes of an elephant, by spending time in the company of semi-habituated elephants in their natural environment.

*Overnight at Stanley's Camp*

### **Day 10 – Okavango Delta, Botswana**

Another day to experience the magic and allure of the Okavango Delta – experience the crispness of a morning game drive, relax in the shade of the camp during the warm midday, and become one with the sights and sounds of Africa as the day draws to a close during a late afternoon game excursion....

*Overnight at Stanley's Camp*

### **Day 11 – Cape Town, South Africa**

Savor the African bush on one last morning game drive, and depart for Maun Airport, to connect with the afternoon flight to JNB, on onwards for an evening arrival at Cape Town International Airport (CPT).

We are transferred to our hotel in Bantry Bay, Cape Town to settle in before enjoying dinner in the hotel restaurant.

*Overnight at The President Hotel*

### **Day 12 – Cape Town, South Africa**

Cape Town is one of the world's most stunning cities. We set out to explore the Mother City today, starting with a drive through the historic and colorful Bo-Kaap area. We proceed to the lower cable station, where (weather permitting) we take the cable car to the top of Table Mountain and spend about an hour taking in spectacular views around the Cape Peninsula. Lunch is enjoyed in the world-renowned Kirstenbosch Gardens at the foot of Table Mountain, followed by a tour of the Gardens. Dinner will be at one of the excellent local restaurants in the Kloofnek area.

*Overnight at The President Hotel*

### **Day 13 – Cape Town, South Africa**

Depart the hotel after breakfast on a full-day private tour around the Cape Peninsula traveling via the scenic Atlantic coastline, Hout Bay and over Chapman's Peak Drive to the Cape Point Nature Reserve. Enjoy lunch at Two Oceans Restaurant in the Cape Point Nature Reserve, taking in fabulous views. Visit the African Penguin Colony at Boulders Beach. Dinner will be at another one of the local restaurants.

*Overnight at The President Hotel*

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### **Day 14 – Cape Town, and departure for Namibia or USA**

After breakfast, you have the option to explore the beautiful Cape Winelands and enjoy a lunch amongst the vineyards, or embark on a historic tour to Robben Island: take the ferry over to the island and spend the morning on a bus tour of this fascinating island, visiting the prison where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated during the apartheid era, with lunch in the V&A Waterfront.

Those guests continuing on to Namibia will transfer to CPT Airport in the early afternoon, and fly to Windhoek to explore the uniqueness of Namibia. Guests returning home to the USA will connect with their flights departing CPT in the late afternoon/early evening.

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DETAILED ITINERARY FOR NAMIBIA FLY-IN SAFARI EXTENSION  
6 nights / 7 days

**Summary:** Fly from Cape Town, South Africa to Windhoek, Namibia, for an overnight in the city before flying south in a bush plane next morning. Witness the Namib Desert and Sossusvlei as well as the amazing red sand dunes, which rank amongst the tallest on earth. Explore with qualified naturalists into Sossusvlei and Dead Vlei before flying on a scenic flight path partially along the Skeleton Coast to the German colonial town of Swakopmund. The finale is Eastern Etosha and the stunning Onguma Plains Lodge. Etosha is a unique game viewing experience packed with a variety of African wildlife including elephants, lions and much more!

**Day 1 – Windhoek, Namibia**

Fly on scheduled flight from Cape Town to Windhoek, early evening arrival and transfer to the guesthouse centrally located in the Namibian Capital, Windhoek. Dinner is at the guesthouse tonight, followed by an overnight.  
*Overnight at Olive Exclusive Guest House*

**Day 2 – Sossusvlei National Park**

After breakfast, we transfer to the local Eros Airport in Windhoek for a mid-morning hour-long bush flight to Sossusvlei – spectacular scenery! Sossusvlei is a clay pan set amidst towering star-shaped dunes that stand up to 300 meters above the Tsauchab River Valley and rank among the tallest dunes on earth. Sossusvlei is the biggest of four pans in the vicinity. Another, famous for its gnarled and ghostly camelthorn trees, is Deadvlei, which can be reached on foot over 1 km of sand. Deadvlei's striking camelthorn trees, dead for want of water, still stand erect as they once grew. They survived until about 900 years ago when the sand sea finally blocked the river from occasionally flooding the pan. Upon arrival, drive through the unique landscape en route to our first lodge located within the arid Namib Desert on the 37 000-hectare private Kulala Wilderness Reserve. The lodge is the closest Lodge to the park entrance and the amazing dunes of Sossusvlei. Enjoy an afternoon activity in the Reserve with a Kulala naturalist guide.  
*Overnight at Kulala Desert Lodge*

**Day 3 – Sossusvlei National Park**

Depart in a 4x4 vehicle long before sunrise and make use of the private

Kulala entrance into Sossusvlei National Park. Spend time walking, photographing and exploring the stunning huge red dunes with breathtaking and constantly changing colors. Enjoy a picnic lunch returning to the lodge mid afternoon. Later on embark on a sunset nature drive, quad bike excursion or guided nature walk with a naturalist guide. Cocktail hour and dinner will be back at the lodge.

\*\* At an additional cost, you may opt for an early morning balloon safari, beginning at first light and offering a truly unique experience: soar silently above the magnificent sand dunes and desert, with a champagne breakfast being served at your landing site.

*Overnight at Kulala Desert Lodge*

#### **Day 4 – Swakopmund**

After breakfast, depart Sossusvlei and board a scenic light aircraft flight over the southern part of the mysterious Skeleton Coast to the German colonial town of Swakopmund. Participate in an afternoon guided walking tour around this coastal city or browse on your own before joining Nadia and the group for a seafood dinner at the local seaside Tug restaurant.

*Overnight at Hansa Hotel*

#### **Day 5 – Onguma Game Reserve, bordering Etosha**

Morning transfer to the Swakopmund Airport and fly north to the Onguma Game Reserve, on the eastern edge of Etosha National Park. In the local Herero language, Onguma means, "the place you don't want to leave." Check into 'The Fort' (Onguma Plains Lodge), with massive raw walls, stone clad features and a huge tower with views toward Etosha and Fischer's Pan. The lodge is said to offer the best sunset views in the whole of Namibia! There is ample time this afternoon for a game drive to explore the private reserve, or venture into Etosha National Park. The game viewing is superior, with plenty of plains game and desert specialties like the springbok and striking gemsbok, as well as lions lazing under the hot sun!

*Overnight at Onguma Plains Lodge*

#### **Day 6 – Onguma Game Reserve, bordering Etosha**

Another full day on Safari from Onguma and in the Etosha region. Head out in 4x4's on early morning and late afternoon game drives in search of wildlife on the vast open plains, keeping a look out for wildlife including cheetah (Nadia's favorite Cat!) and a whole lot more!

Onguma Reserve covers 20,000 ha, and offers an opportunity for some

excellent game viewing - about 30 species of plains game are in this area, including elephant, rhino, lion, leopard, and cheetah – and more than 300 recorded bird species.

Return to ‘The Fort’ for dinner and last overnight in Africa before departing the next day.

*Overnight at Onguma Plains Lodge*

**Day 7 – Depart for Windhoek, and homeward**

Fly from the Mokuti Airport, Eastern Etosha back to Windhoek International Airport. Check in for afternoon flight to Johannesburg and connecting flights via Europe home to the US.