




Namibia & Botswana

 **Tour Length:** 17 Days

 **Tour Departs:** 13 June 2027

Get ready for an unforgettable journey through some of Africa's most captivating landscapes. From the sweeping deserts and iconic red dunes of Namibia to the wildlife-rich plains of Etosha and the shimmering waterways of Botswana's Okavango Delta, this itinerary has been designed for travellers seeking comfort, sophistication, and once-in-a-lifetime safari experiences. Your journey begins in Namibia, home to spectacular sand dunes, ancient canyons, and the legendary wildlife of Etosha National Park. Then venture deep into Botswana's Okavango Delta, staying at intimate luxury camps where tranquil mokoro excursions, and unforgettable big-game encounters await.

Highlights

- Windhoek & Naankuse – Explore Namibia's capital and Naankuse Sanctuary.
- Sossusvlei Dunes and visit Sesriem Canyon
- Etosha National Park - Enjoy two full days of game viewing
- Okavango Delta camps – Enjoy a secluded, all-inclusive stay surrounded by the Delta's wilderness, with stylish safari suites, personalised service, gourmet dining, and expertly guided activities creating an unforgettable safari experience

Tour Costs Per Person

Per Person Share Twin/Double Room

\$33,500

Per Person Single Room

43,300

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Tour Costs

Inclusions

- Economy Class air travel from Auckland. Upgrades to Business Class are available on request.
- All Airport, Government & Security Taxes
- Superior Class hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All drinks (alcoholic & non alcoholic) and laundry at the Okavango Delta Camps
- Air-conditioned coach transportation for all touring
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary
- Services of local guides for touring and sightseeing
- Tips to local guides and coach drivers
- Fully escorted by a Maher Tours leader

Exclusions

- Any meals and sightseeing tours not specifically mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance (advice and assistance supplied, visa fees, if required)
- Items of a personal nature such as room service, laundry, drinks, telephone charges etc.

Booking Conditions

- Initial Deposit due at time of booking: NZD \$3,000 per person
- Second Deposit due Friday 16 October 2026: NZD \$3000 per person
- Final Payment Balance due Wednesday 31 March: Balance

To register for this tour please contact us at 0800 500 518 or tours@mahertours.co.nz

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Tour Itinerary

18 Days

Day 1 | New Zealand – Perth – Johannesburg

SUNDAY 13 JUNE

An early morning departure for Perth from Auckland. On arrival in Perth, we transfer to our flight to Johannesburg, arriving this evening. After clearing Customs and Immigration formalities, we are met and transferred to our hotel near the airport.

Day 2 | Johannesburg - Windhoek

MONDAY 14 JUNE (B,D)

After breakfast, we are transferred back to the airport in time to join the flight to Windhoek, Namibia. Upon arrival at the Hosea Kutako International Airport, you will be met by your tour guide who will transfer you to Windhoek, Namibia's capital where we will undertake a short orientation tour of the city. Windhoek, with its colonial legacy is reflected in its many German eateries and shops, and the widespread use of the German language. Windhoek has an interesting mix of historical architecture and modern buildings, many of which are worth a look, including the Alte Feste (Old Fort), the 1896 Christuskirche (Christ Church), and the more contemporary Supreme Court. Tonight we have our group welcome dinner.

Day 3 | Windhoek

TUESDAY 15 JUNE (B,D)

Begin your day with an early morning departure from the hotel to Naankuse Wildlife Sanctuary. Experience an up-close look at the inner workings of a wildlife sanctuary and this incredible Conservation Foundation. During this immersive visit, you'll gain a deeper understanding of the N/a'an ku sê world, the day-to-day operations of the sanctuary, and the diverse animal species under care. Meet the adorable sanctuary orphans, including the charming baby baboons—an experience that is truly unforgettable. Return to the hotel early afternoon, with the afternoon at leisure before dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 4 | Windhoek - Sossusvlei

WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE (B,D)

Today we journey south from Windhoek, traveling along roads that wind through the mountains encircling the basin where the city lies. Our route takes us through Rehoboth, home to Namibia's Baster community, before heading toward the iconic Namib Desert and one of the country's most celebrated attractions: Sossusvlei, with its striking red dunes. We will reach Sossusvlei Lodge in the early afternoon, where we will spend the next two nights. After settling in, there's time to refresh before an optional nature drive around the lodge's property. As the day winds down, enjoy dinner beneath the vast, starlit Namibian sky.

Day 5 | Sossusvlei

THURSDAY 17 JUNE (B,D)

An early start this morning promises a spectacular reward: a breathtaking display of 50 or more shades of red. After an early coffee, we board our coach for an exhilarating day exploring Sossusvlei. Home to some of the tallest dunes in the world, these monumental star-shaped dunes are a paradise for photographers and artists alike. As the sun rises, the colours shift dramatically, from deep apricot to fiery red and every shade in between. We leave the coach a few kilometres from the vlei and transfer to a 4x4 shuttle, giving you the chance to climb the awe-inspiring dunes and explore iconic sites such as Deadvlei and Dune 45. Our journey continues to the dramatic Sesriem Canyon before returning to the lodge for a relaxing afternoon.

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Day 6 | Sossusvlei - Swakopmund

FRIDAY 18 JUNE (B)

After breakfast head toward the coast and the cooler, refreshing climate of Swakopmund. Our journey takes us along the northern edges of Namib-Naukluft Park, where we will encounter the remarkable *Welwitschia mirabilis*, a plant that can live for over 2,000 years and produces only two leaves in its entire lifetime.

We also stop at the Moon Landscape, where ancient Damara granites were pushed through the Earth's crust some 500 to 460 million years ago. Once a towering mountain range, it has been gradually eroded over time, with the Swakop River further sculpting the area over the past two million years into a dramatic 'Badlands' terrain. We continue to arrive in Swakopmund, a charming desert town perched between sand and sea and established by the German colonists in 1892.

Day 7 | Swakopmund – Etosha National Park

SATURDAY 19 JUNE (B,D)

This morning, we set off on our journey to the renowned Etosha National Park. The drive takes us through Namibia's striking landscapes, offering glimpses of open plains, distant mountains, and the occasional wildlife along the way. It is a long but scenic journey, giving you the chance to relax, enjoy the passing scenery, and soak in the unique atmosphere of the Namibian countryside. We arrive at our lodge in the afternoon with the remainder of the day is at leisure before dinner at the lodge tonight.

Day 8 | Etosha National Park

SUNDAY 20 JUNE (B,L,D)

An exciting day ahead! We enjoy a full day of game viewing in our touring vehicle today, calling at the various waterholes in search of wildlife. The park is a haven for wildlife enthusiasts, boasting hundreds of species of mammals, birds, and reptiles, including several threatened and endangered species such as the black rhinoceros. Return to the Lodge for lunch before another full afternoon in the park.

Day 9 | Etosha National Park

MONDAY 21 JUNE (B,L,D)

Today offers another exciting opportunity to explore the wonders of Etosha National Park, as we make our way toward the eastern side of the park, where we will exit later this evening. Established as a game reserve on March 22, 1907, Etosha spans an impressive 22,270 square kilometres (8,600 sq. mi.) and is named after the vast Etosha Pan, which lies almost entirely within its boundaries. This is a day to immerse yourself in the unique beauty of Etosha and experience the thrill of encountering its diverse inhabitants up close.

Day 10 | Windhoek

TUESDAY 22 JUNE (B,D)

It is a long day's driving today as we make our way eastwards of the Etosha National Park, then via Otjiwarongo and Okahandja south towards Windhoek. In Okahandja, the traditional home of the Herero people of Namibia, we will call at the local wood carvers' market where we have the opportunity to buy some of these crafts before continuing to Windhoek. Upon arrival, we will have time to freshen up before meeting up for a final dinner as a group.

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Day 11 | Windhoek – Maun – Okavango Delta

WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE (B,D)

Transfer to Hosea Kutako International Airport for your flight Windhoek to Maun. From Maun, you will have a light aircraft transfer from Maun to Mma Dinare Lodge, where we will stay for 2 nights.

Day 12 | Mma Dinare Lodge

THURSDAY 24 JUNE (B,L,D)

Today is a full day of game activities. You can choose from a guided mokoro (dugout canoe) excursion, a traditional game drive or a walking safari led by experienced guides who will share their knowledge of the region's unique flora and fauna with you. You can expect close encounters with elephants, lions, hippos, and a dazzling array of birdlife, all set against the serene backdrop of winding channels, papyrus reeds, and seasonal floodplains.

Day 13 | Splash Camp

FRIDAY 25 JUNE (B,L,D)

This morning we will transfer by light aircraft to Splash Camp where we will spend the next 3 nights.

Day 14 & 15 | Splash Camp

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 26 & 27 JUNE (B,L,D)

Enjoy two full days of game activities in this incredible part of the Okavango Delta. Splash Camp specializes in mokoro (dugout canoe) excursions, where you will quietly glide through narrow channels, observing hippos, elephants, and a spectacular array of birdlife up close. Traditional game drives in open 4x4 vehicles allow for sightings of lions, leopards, and other big game across the surrounding plains, while guided walking safaris offer a closer look at the delta's flora, smaller wildlife, and tracks, accompanied by expert guides sharing local knowledge.

Day 16 | Splash Camp – Kasane - Johannesburg

MONDAY 28 JUNE (B)

This morning we have a light aircraft transfer to Kasane Airport where we will connect our flight to Johannesburg. On arrival, we will check in for our international flight back to Auckland, via Sydney, departing later tonight.

Day 17 | Sydney – New Zealand

TUESDAY 29 JUNE

Arrive Sydney late this afternoon to connect with our flight to Auckland arriving late this evening.



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