



Private Namibia/Botswana Photo Tour

TRAVEL DATES May 5-22, 2018

18 Days

Itinerary

Private Namibia/Botswana Photo Tour with photographer Alison Wright

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Limited to six people

Join this unique and intimate guided photo tour that will give you the freedom to move at your own pace. Photograph the unique landscape, wildlife and tribal culture of Namibia and Botswana while traveling with local guides and a professional photographer. This is a trip for the truly adventurous.

Private Namibia Tour

11 Night / 12 Day Guided Lodge Safari

Travel dates: 05 – 16 May 2018

Namibia is certainly one of the most fascinating countries in Southern Africa. When on tour through its unique landscapes, you experience the vastness and solitude of Namibia. In addition to the picturesque Kalahari, Namib Desert and Swakopmund, Namibia offers great hospitality, very good value for money and excellent cuisine. It is an interesting and varied travel destination combining the country's German colonial history with wildlife, spectacular landscapes and friendly people. A guided safari is certainly the perfect alternative to a self-drive tour in Namibia.

Day 1 | Windhoek, Namibia – 05 May 2018

Distance approx. 50 km; driving time approx. 1 h

Upon your arrival at Windhoek International Airport, you will be picked up by a driver and taken to the Casa Piccolo. After check-in you will have some time to freshen up before meeting your guide and leaving on a short city tour through Windhoek. There is plenty to see and explore such as the Christ Church, Tintenpalast (House of Parliament) and Alte Feste (Old Fort). In the evening, you will go for dinner at Joe's Beerhouse (optional) before returning to the Casa Piccolo where you will spend the night.

<http://www.casa-piccolo.com/>

Day 2 | Windhoek, Namibia - Kalahari, Namibia – 06 May 2018

Distance approx. 300 km; driving time approx. 4-5 h



After a quick safari briefing and after your luggage has been stored safely in the vehicle, you will leave Windhoek and travel southwards via Rehoboth in the direction of Mariental. The destination for the day is Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch, a farm situated in the imposing red sand dunes of the southern Kalahari. Enjoy the peace of the desert, relax and take in the endless views of the dunes. **The next morning, we encourage you to join a 'Bush Walk' where you will learn more about the flora and fauna found in the area (optional and not included in the tour price).**

<http://www.bagatelle-kalahari-gameranch.com/>

Breakfast | Dinner

Day 3 | Kalahari, Namibia - Namib Desert, Namibia – 07 May 2018

Distance approx. 450 km; driving time approx. 5-6 h

After a leisurely breakfast you head in the direction of Sesriem via Mariental and Maltahöhe. Sesriem is the gateway to see the shifting sand dunes of the Namib Desert at Sossusvlei. You will continue onwards to Sossus Dune Lodge, within the park, where you will stay the night.

<https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/sossus-dune-lodge>

Breakfast

Day 4 | Namib Desert, Namibia – 08 May 2018

Distance approx. 250 km; driving time approx. 3-4 h

At sunrise you make your way into the Sossusvlei area. If you are early and fit enough you can even climb one of the dunes and enjoy the impressive view of the entire landscape. You will drive with the 4x4 vehicle to the Sossusvlei, which is a dry clay pan that only fills with water in years with a lot of rain. Thereafter you will continue to the Sesriem Canyon, formed by the Tsauchab River over millions of years. The destination of the day is Namib Desert Lodge.

<http://www.gondwana-collection.com/the-namib-experience/accommodation/namib-desert-lodge/>

Breakfast | Dinner

Day 5 | Rostock Ritz, Namibia - Swakopmund, Namibia – 09 May 2018

Distance approx. 250 km; driving time approx. 3 h

Today's journey takes you to Swakopmund. This town is still home to many descendants of the late colonists and state officials of the German colonial era. Beautiful old German colonial buildings, cafés where you can enjoy not only the German hospitality, but also famous German cakes are found in the town centre. In the evening you will try one of the many restaurants Swakopmund has to offer (own expense) – do not miss the seafood! You will stay for two nights at Swakopmund Guesthouse, just five minutes' walk from the Atlantic Ocean.

<http://www.swakopmundguesthouse.com/>

Breakfast

Day 6 | Swakopmund, Namibia - Cape Cross, Namibia – 10 May 2018

Distance approx. 250 km; driving time approx. 3 h

After breakfast you will take part in a catamaran trip. In the afternoon you meet up with your guide and drive to the seal colony at Cape Cross. After a visit to the Diaz Cross you will drive back to Swakopmund where you will enjoy dinner at one of the restaurants (own expense).

Breakfast

Day 7 | Swakopmund, Namibia - Erongo Mountains, Namibia – 11 May 2018



Distance approx. 250 km; driving time approx. 3 h

Today you leave the Atlantic seaboard and travel inland. You will visit the 700 million years old Spitzkoppe; its granite dome-like peaks (1,730 metres) can be seen from a distance. From here you continue to the Erongo Mountains. Your destination is Onduruquea Guestfarm. Join your hosts on a game drive and get an insight into the everyday Namibian farm life. You will also learn more about Namibia's fauna and ecosystem. Enjoy a delicious dinner and spend the night at the guestfarm.

<http://namib-guestfarm.com/>

Breakfast | Dinner

Day 8 | Erongo Mountains, Namibia – San Village – Erongo Mountains, Namibia – 12 May 2018

Distance approx. 70 km; driving time approx. 1 h

Today you will visit the Living Museum of the San and embark on a journey through the ages. You can look forward to an interesting excursion with your San guide. On a tour through the village, you get an extensive idea about the way of life of these hunter gatherers and first people of Namibia. You have the chance to learn the traditional craft of making bow and arrow. In the afternoon, you leave the village making your way back to Onduruquea Guestfarm.

Breakfast | Dinner

Day 9 | Erongo Mountains, Namibia – Damaraland, Namibia – 13 May 2018

Distance approx. 550 km; driving time approx. 7-8 h

A long day is ahead of you, so getting an early start is needed. You travel past the Petrified Forest to Damaraland. Here you will stop to explore the 260 million year old fossilized tree trunks. You continue your journey to the Haub Lodge, where you will stay the night.

<http://www.huab.com/>

Breakfast | Dinner

Day 10 | Damaraland, Namibia – Kamanjaro/Otjikandero Himba Orphan Village – Damaraland, Namibia – 14 May 2018

Distance approx. 110 km; driving time approx. 1-2 h

After breakfast you will continue your journey through the town of Kamanjab to the Otjikandero Himba Orphan Village. Situated about 20 km outside of Kamanjab on a local farm, the Himba Orphan Village Project was started by Jaco Burger and Mukajo, a Himba queen, who due to illness could not have children of her own. The aim of this project is to support Himba families and raise their children in the traditional fashion with the support of Himba volunteer women, who make their way from Kaokoland to come live here for 3 to 6 months at a time. On this guided tour around an authentic Himba Village you will get a glimpse into the daily lives of the last traditional tribe in Namibia. Experience the milking ceremony, the smoke bath and learn more about their ancestors and herbal medicine. After this wonderful experience, you will return to Haub Lodge, for another overnight.

Breakfast | Dinner

Day 11 | Damaraland, Namibia – Windhoek, Namibia – 15 May 2018

Distance approx. 500 km; driving time approx. 5-6 h (excl. game drives)

Today's journey takes you back to the starting point of your tour, Windhoek. On the way there you can stop in Okahandja to buy some hand-carved souvenirs, baskets and jewellery at the big handcraft market. You will be dropped off Casa Piccolo, where you will stay the night.

Breakfast



Day 12 Windhoek, Namibia – Windhoek Airport, Namibia – 16 May 2018

After breakfast you will be taken to Windhoek Airport, from where you can continue your journey.

Breakfast

Namibia \$5660 pp sharing

\$5800 single

Includes:

- Guided lodge safari as per the itinerary
- Transport in a 4x4 safari vehicle
- Professional English speaking guide
- 12 nights' accommodation in guesthouses, chalets, bungalows and lodges as indicated in the itinerary (depending on availability, accommodation of a similar standard will be booked)
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All national park fees

Excludes:

- Flights (international & domestic)
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Beverages (alcohol and soft drinks)
- Optional activities
- Visa, tips, personal expenses, travel insurance



BOTSWANA

River and Land

May 16-22, 2018

This safari visits two of the most iconic and abundant rivers in the region – The Chobe and The Khwai in The Okavango Delta. You will spend the first half of the safari onboard our houseboat, The Pangolin Voyager, followed by a stay in our private tented camp in the Khwai Private Reserve whose southern border is the Khwai River. This is a unique opportunity to stretch your photographic skills as our cameras, lenses and even mounts are available to our photo group to use on our private houseboat. This is the chance to actually return home with the photos that you've always dreamed of taking in Africa!

Day 13 – 17/ May 16-19, 2018

There is no better way to explore the Chobe River than onboard our houseboat, The Pangolin Voyager. You will spend the first three nights on one of our beautifully decorated, air conditioned, en-suite cabins and spend the days exploring the river in our custom built photo boats. All your meals our lovingly prepared by our chefs and served on the middle deck while we drift along the river flanked by herds of elephants, hippo pods, plenty of plains game and birdlife everywhere.

On the upper deck we have a large area with plenty of sun loungers to enjoy your day in between photographic excursions. Should you wish to stretch your legs we can take you to the baobab covered islands to explore or perhaps take a visit to a local fishing village. We have plenty of fishing gear onboard too should you want to try and catch a ferocious Tiger Fish – always a great challenge. This is an intimate charter trip limited to six people.

Day 18-21/: May 19-22, 2018

On the fourth day you will disembark the houseboat after breakfast and head to Kasane airport where you will board your charter flight to the Khwai Private Reserve. This flight takes approximately an hour and when you land you will be met by our team from the Pangolin Khwai Camp.

The Khwai Private Reserve is 200,000 ha in size is arguably in one of the most productive and photographically rewarding areas of Botswana. There is a healthy mixture of bushveld, river systems and wooded areas we are able to off-road a key sightings and night drives which are not allowed in most of the other reserves. This affords us plenty of opportunities to photograph predator action.

Khwai is excellent for sightings of Wild Dogs, Leopards, Lions and several other species not seen as often by The Chobe River where you have just come from.

The Pangolin Khwai Camp comprises a maximum of 7 large double tents all with ensuite bathrooms and showers. The beds are made up with top class linen and blankets on proper beds to assure you of a great nights sleep listening to the sounds of nature all around you. The central area of the camp consists of a dining area, lounge, editing table and a sunken lounge that leads out to the fire. There is very good solar powered electricity for the charging of laptops and camera batteries.

All the meals are taken around a large dining table adorned with quality cutlery and plates and after dinner you are encouraged to move to the roaring camp-fire to swap tales and talk about your sightings.

All the game drives in Khwai are in the customised game viewers with a maximum of 4 clients per vehicle. This allows everyone to photograph down the same side of the vehicle and have plenty of room to store camera bags with extra lenses and bodies within easy reach if needs be. The guides and drivers in the camp are well trained photographically and adept at getting you into great photo positions while out shooting on the twice daily game drives.

During your time in Khwai you will be able to experience a trip down the river on a Mokoro – a traditional dug-out canoe. Your “poler” will push you through the reeds and water lilies in near silence which is a great way to experience the ecosystem but also get very close to the plains game that inhabit the river's edge. This experience is the quintessential Okavango Delta activity.



For the entire 18 day trip:

Per person sharing USD \$8999.00
& single USD \$10,600.00

Itineraries can be split but the best value is doing both together.

Namibia \$5660 pp sharing
\$5800 single

Botswana \$5371 pp sharing
\$6312 single

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To view photos of the boat please visit: <http://www.pangolinphoto.com/safaris/voyager>

This trip is a small private trip and we will book the first clients to sign up. Pangolin is also available to help with all flight arrangements and answer questions.

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