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From Delta to Desert to Ocean...

Day 1 & 2: Lake Ngami (Botswana) (FB/TC)

Our first day takes us to the spectacular Lake Ngami where birds flock in their thousands. We will overnight at a Letaka Tented Camp after an afternoon of birding on the lake and the surrounding *Acacia* woodlands. (Garganey, Lesser & Greater Flamingo, Pallid Harrier, Pink-backed Pelican, Goliath Heron)

Day 3 & 4: Panhandle (Botswana) (FB/TC)

Our next destination takes us to the panhandle of the Okavango Delta where the Okavango River enters Botswana after it's long journey from Angola. We explore this area by foot and by boat in search of some of the Okavango specials. (Brown-throated Weaver, Greater Swamp Warbler, White-backed Night-heron, Pel's Fishing Owl, Wood Owl, African Skimmer)

Day 5 & 6: Rundu (Namibia) (FB/TC)

We leave Botswana through the Molembo border post and head into the western Caprivi. This is home to a few Caprivi specials, chief of which, is the Souza's Shrike which will be one of our target birds as we head into the teak and *Brachystegia* woodlands. (Souza's Shrike, Rufous-bellied Tit, Racket-tailed Roller, Sharp-tailed Starling, Arnots Chat, African Hobby, Grey-headed Parrot)

Days 7: Roy's Camp (FB/HL)

From Rundu we head further westwards to Roy's Camp which is one of the best places for Black-faced Babbler. Birding around the lodge grounds is excellent and we can expect to add a number of birds to the list without breaking a sweat. (Black-faced Babbler, Rosy-faced Lovebird, Chestnut Weaver)

Highlights

The extreme avian biomass of Lake Ngami, boating on the Okavango Panhandle, Caprivi Strip *miombo* woodlands, the diversity of Etosha National Park, the stark wonderland of the Erongo mountains, Walvis Bay and the endless marine and estuarine birding opportunities.



Saddle-billed Stork - Okavango

Day 8, 9 & 10: Etosha N.P. (Halali) (FB/HL)

The vast Etosha National Park is our home for the next three nights as we explore the arid wilderness and fringes of the enormous salt pan which gives the reserve it's name. Etosha is home to some excellent birdlife as well as an abundance of wildlife. (Violet Wood-hoopoe, Bare-cheeked Babber, Scops Owl, White-faced Owl, Burchell's Courser, Blue Crane, Carps Tit, Ashy Tit)

Day 11 & 12: Erongo Mountains (FB/HL)

We move further inland to the impressive granite inselbergs of the Erongo region. We will search out the remaining endemics & specials for the area. The scenery around Erongo is breathtaking & makes a sensational backdrop for our birding (Hartlaub's Francolin, Monteiro's Hornbill, Rockrunner, White-tailed Shrike)

Day 13, 14, 15: Walvis Bay & Swakopmund **(FB/HL)**
 We head to the Atlantic coast for the next few days and take in some of the amazing avian sights in and around the Walvis Bay area. Our birding explorations also take us to the bizarre *Welwitschia* plants in the nearby gravel plains as well as the astounding moon landscape in the Namib Naukluft park. (Dune Lark, Grey's Lark, Damara Tern, Herero Chat (Spitzkoppe), Chestnut-banded Plover)

Day 16: Windhoek **(Breakfast only)**
 We have an early start to get from the coast to central highlands and the capital city of Windhoek from where our onward flights depart. For those who wish there is an option to overnight in Windhoek and dine at the famous Joe's Beerhouse. Safari ends mid-day at airport or guesthouse.

What's included in this price?

All park fees, accommodation, any excursions listed in itinerary, boat hire, vehicle & fuel.

FB/TC - Includes all meals and drinks (wine, beer, spirits, soft-drinks, mineral water)

FB/HL - Includes all dinners & breakfasts, lunch on travel and excursion days for your own account (budget on 5 to 10 USD for lunches). Includes mineral water but excludes all other drinks.

What's excluded?

Visa fees (if applicable), international flights, gratuities for guide, lunches on FB/HL days.

A 3 night Okavango Prequel is available prior to this safari, contact us for more information

Safari price per person: USD4950.00
 Single supplement: USD450.00
 A 30% deposit is required to confirm your place
 Travel and medical insurance mandatory



Wattled Crane – Okavango Delta



Double-banded Sandgrouse - Namibia



Golden-breasted Bunting - Botswana

Total possible species for safari: 540+
 Likely to record (January): 365 - 400