

Synonymous with the panoramic Cederberg Mountains, the breath-taking City Hall Caves which takes one on an imagery excursion leading you to other dimensions, unspoilt West Coast beauty, a kaleidoscope of Namaqualand flower splendour, hospitality, sumptuous meals, and the most luxurious bus transport.

Let's go to: **BOTSWANA**

Start: Pretoria
 Style: Luxury bus travel & Lodging
 Reference: BOT 5/
 Physical: A basic level of fitness is required to be able to enjoy this trip to the fullest.
 ●●● Suitable for people under the age of 85 years – please feel free to contact the office for more info.



Is this the right trip for you?

- This itinerary features some long travel days which can be even longer due to the bumpy African roads.
- Botswana temperatures rise in the summer months, (September – November) before the rain comes, to 34 - 38° C.
- Not all facilities have air-conditioning which is quite common in this part of Africa, due to inaccessible roads and lack of expertise what maintenance is concerned. As well as the fact that a lot of facilities run on generators.
- What you see on your trip may not be the same as seen by other or in pictures, due to it being a seasonal destination and migratory patterns of animals are not interrupted by fencing.
- As the early bird catches the worm, there might be a few early mornings starts to make sure of best safari times or to miss morning traffic on long travel days.
- This trip is mainly lodging in 2-4-star facilities that complement the setting and location we are in. All of the chosen facilities were visited and inspected beforehand to make sure it is up to our standard.
- This trip is operated in a 22-seater luxury 4x4 bus. We endeavour not to take more than 20 people at a time. Single accommodation is therefore limited.
- In the case where we have less than 11 bookings the tour will be done with a 14-seater Toyota Quantum.

Tour Price: 2024	
Sharing p.p.:	R40 000
Single:	R49 000

Pay R6 000 p/p deposit (within 14 days) after confirmation, and the balance 60 days before the tour departs.

Tour Dates: 2024	
BOT 5/2	Sat. 13 April – Sun. 21 April 2024
BOT 5/3	Wed. 16 Oct – Thur. 24 Oct 2024
BOT 5/4	Wed. 30 Oct – Thur. 07 Nov 2024

Itinerary:

Botswana is becoming increasingly popular. But they do have a low impact tourism policy, meaning that they are focused on high quality service, at a high price to keep the influx of tourists and therefore the impact on the environment as low as possible. This also aids in keeping the destination exclusive. It is becoming increasingly difficult for us to allocate and confirm a big group at our usual suppliers. We may make use of alternative facilities in this case. But rest assure that they too were picked out by hand and inspected to make sure it is up to our standards and no included activity will be affected. This may however affect distance and driving time listed below the day to day itinerary.

PRETORIA - BOTSWANA

Day 1: Pretoria – Orapa

Our adventure begins around 05:00 from Town Lodge - Menlyn in Pretoria. We would like to make an early departure to miss any traffic out of the city. We will be crossing the border to Botswana at Martins Drift/Groblersburg before heading to our first destination of Orapa where we will be staying at Makumutu Lodge for our first night.

Meals included: Dinner

Travel distance and time: 750km: 8-10 hours (Depending on time spent at border crossing)

Day 2: Orapa – Maun

After breakfast we will be driving via Rokop's to Maun. On arrival you have the afternoon to yourself to maybe take part in some optional activities as listed below. We will be staying at Crocodile Camp for 2 nights.

Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner

Travel distance and time: 330km: 4 - 5 hours

Day 3: Maun

Around 09:00 we will get into an air-caravan to enjoy a scenic flight over the Okavango Delta, one of the 7 wonders of the world where the water flow but never reaches the ocean, creating a massive marchland.

Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner

Included activity and/or entrance fee: Scenic flight over the Okavango Delta & park fees

Day 4: Maun – Nata

After breakfast we will be heading towards Nata. Here we will stretch our legs before the short distance to Elephant Sands Lodge where we can see the elephants drink all night.

Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner

Travel distance and time: 360km: 4 - 5 hours

Day 5: Nata – Kasane

Today we are heading to the absolute highlight destination of our tour, Kasane. Here we will be staying for 3 nights and heading into various directions. We will be staying in Chobe Safari Lodge on the banks of the Chobe River.

Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner

Travel distance and time: 260km: 3 - 4 hours

Day 6: Kasane – Vic Falls – Kasane

Early morning after breakfast we hop on the bus and head to Victoria Waterfalls, crossing the border at Kazungula when going and coming back. Various activities will be available for you to take part in. You can go on a hiking trip with the group (included) or you can choose to see the falls from a different angle.

Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner

Travel distance and time: 170km: 2-3 hours (Depending on time spent at border crossing.)

Included activity and/or entrance fee: Victoria Falls trip & park fees

Optional Activities:

Helicopter Flight over Victoria Falls – \$185

Day 7: Kasane

After the Vic Falls day, a personal day will be given to explore Kasane and the surroundings or just to relax and enjoy the setting. We will however go on a game drive in the Chobe National park early morning and on a group sunset cruise on the Chobe River in the evening where after we will enjoy dinner together.

Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner

Included activity and/or entrance fee: Game drive & Sunset Cruise & park fees

Day 8: Kasane – Palapye

After a delicious breakfast we will be heading to Nata where we will be able to get out and stretch for a while. From here we drive further south to Palapye where we will stay the night at Kasane.

Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner

Travel distance and time: 670km: 7 – 8 hours

Day 9: Palapye– PTA

On our last day we will enjoy breakfast before heading back to South-Africa. Crossing over at Martins Drift / Groblersburg, depending on the time spent at the border crossing, we plan on being back early afternoon after what will surely be an adventure.

Meals included: Breakfast

Travel distance and time: 500km: 6 – 7 hours

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

The list of optional activities is to use as reference. When you are on the tour please inform your tour guide in order for him/her to make the booking as soon as possible. This is for your own account and not included in your tour package. It is given in the program to help you better budget for your tour and your own personal experience. Where activities are considered medium or high risk, we work with operators whose safety and experience we have assessed. You might find a specific activity cheaper elsewhere, but we can't vouch for their safety or quality. The same applies for activities not listed. These prices are subject to change without prior notice. Payments can mostly be made with credit card, but some activities are on a cash only basis. Please feel free to ask ahead of the tour if you have any uncertainties.

Important to note:

- Single supplement is available in a very limited number due to the amount of rooms available. Please contact the office via email marne@namakwatoere.com or phone +27 (0) 27 219 1633 to confirm if we have space available before a single booking is made.
- Single bookings can always be changed to a double / twin booking if you decide to bring a friend / partner along. A full refund will be made for the difference between sharing and single in case full payment has been received. No administrative fees will be charged.
- When booking a flight from our end destination, please consult the office via email or phone to make sure that you don't book a flight (or other transport arrangements) too early.
- The office will be able to assist in making bookings for flights and shuttles. Please note that we don't receive any flights at discounted rates. This is just an extra service we offer to make booking your holiday easier. No administrative fee will be charged to this service.

Road conditions and infrastructure in Botswana:

Roads in Botswana and throughout Africa are often in poor condition, which makes it hard on our vehicles. We take great pride in our bus and ensure it is serviced regularly and is in a good condition, but breakdowns do happen. Some of the roads we travel on are long, full of dust and not exactly smooth sailing. This means that the travel time indicated is just a rough guide and dependant on various factors that are not always in our control. We know that it can be tough, but the destinations at the end of the day are extraordinary!

Medical & health information:

Travellers, old and young are required to be in good health in order to participate fully on this trip. We expect all of travellers to read carefully through the program and assess yourself on the stress of activities mentioned in the day to day program. If in the opinion of our tour guide or leader, any traveller is unable to participate in activities or on the rest of the tour; they reserve the right to exclude them from the activity or tour at any stage, without refund. The appropriate documentation will be provided for travel insurance.

We insist that when over the age of 75 you consult a doctor for an opinion on your travel to a particular country and /or location. All clients should consult their doctor or medical professional on information regarding vaccinations and anti-malaria medication requirements before departure. We recommend that you carry your own small first aid kit containing personal required medication and an extra pair of reading glasses. Rehydration salt, motion sickness tablets and diarrhoea blockers are also advisable to have on hand.

DRINKING WATER

As a rule, we consider all tap water to be not suitable for human consumption, as it may contain different levels of minerals or bacteria than the water your stomach is used to at home. Your body may not be used to this and it can cause illness. It will upset your stomach and it will spoil the rest of your trip. Many of the accommodation facilities we use provide guests with safe drinking water and bottled water is readily available throughout the trip.

Why travel with Namaqua tours?

Who are Namaqua Tours and what do we do differently?

- We are a family business and have been in the tour industry since 1985.
- Our tour guides are the most competent, helpful and the friendliest guides that you'll ever find.
- Each tour member's personal needs will be met by our trained personnel.
- There is no rushed tour program. Our bus driver is also on holiday and not under any pressure, therefore we can always feel safe and relaxed.

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After each tour, the photos of that tour will be uploaded to Facebook. This is just another free service that Namaqua Tours offers.

What happens when Namaqua Tours cancel a tour?

- The tour will only take place for a minimum of 10 people.

How do I book a tour at Namaqua Tours?

- When you have decided to book one of our tours, complete the application form on the last page of this document. Then e-mail or fax it to our office at info@namakwatoere.com You can also do a booking over the phone for fast and certain bookings. Feel free to contact us on +27 (0) 27 219 1633 for a telephonic booking. We shall then do the rest (hotel and flight bookings if indicated as such by you). You will receive a tour reference number and the bank particulars of Namaqua Tours. **This reference number must appear on your deposit slip.** This tour reference number must also be indicated on all correspondence with regard to the tour that you booked.
- We DO NOT supply bank particulars without a booking form. The only reason for this is that tour members deposited money in the past without a tour reference number and that they did not do a booking per fax or e-mail. It has happened that prospective tour members deposited money, but that that specific tour was already fully booked.

Kind regards



Namaqua Tours Team

Hotel accommodation for those who would like to stay prior to or after the tour:

Namaqua Tours negotiated for better tariffs on your behalf at the various hotels or lodges. To qualify for this rate the booking must be done through our office. Please note that this is not part of your tour package. It is optional extra. This rate is not limited to a certain number of nights.

	Town Lodge Menlo Park - Pretoria (2 **) <i><u>Tour departs: 05:00</u></i>
Single	R1 025
Double/Twin	R1 228
Breakfast	Full breakfast included in rate 07:00 - 10:00 (breakfast pax available on request)
Meals	Available on prior request
Shuttle	From R120 per Shuttle (dependent on location)
Parking	Free
WiFi	Free
Website	https://clhg.com/hotels/245/Town-Lodge-Menlo-Park
Address	50 Atterbury Road CNR of Klarinet Road Menlo Park - PTA
Tel	+27 (0) 12 348 2711

- Flights – Please contact the office for more information.
- Travel Insurance – Please contact us for a quote.

BOOKING FORM

TOURMEMBER 1:

Surname: Mr/Mrs/Miss – Initials:
Full name(s) – As states on ID and Passport Nickname:
..... Maiden Name:
ID no: Tel no:
Passport Number: Email:
Passport expiry date: Cell no:
Home Address:.....

TOURMEMBER 2:

Surname: Mr/Mrs/Miss – Initials:
Full name(s) – As states on ID and Passport Nickname:
..... Maiden Name:
ID no: Tel no:
Passport Number: Email:.....
Passport expiry date: Cell no:
Home Address:.....

Tour Date: Bot 5/.....
Accommodation during the tour: Single..... Double..... Twin/Sharing (2 Beds).....

Do you need help with flight bookings: Yes..... No.....

Depart from airport:	Airport name	Date to Destination:	
Flight back to airport:	Airport name	Date from Destination:	

Do you need help with hotel bookings: Yes..... No.....

Date: (**Prior to** tour) Date: (**After the** tour ended)

Town Lodge - Menlo Park	
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Type of accommodation at hotel booking in Pretoria:
Single..... Double..... Twin.....

In case you made your own flight bookings - please advise us of your flight details.

The point of embarkation:

Town Lodge – Menlo Park	05:00	
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Signature: Date:

Next of Kin: Tel no:

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