



THE
FOUR RIVERS
ROUTE



Water gives life.





WITH AN UNUSUAL WATER ECOSYSTEM THAT GIVES LIFE TO RICH AND RARE WILDLIFE, BIRDS AND CULTURE, THE FOUR RIVERS ROUTE IS NAMED AFTER THE RIVER SYSTEMS THAT FLOW THROUGH THE ZAMBEZI AND KAVANGO REGIONS, NAMELY THE ZAMBEZI, OKAVANGO, KWANDO AND CHOBE RIVERS.

THE UNUSUAL WATER ECOSYSTEM CREATED BY THE RIVERS IS ONE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA'S BEST-KEPT SECRETS AND IS HOME TO OVER 430 BIRD SPECIES, FREE-ROAMING WILDLIFE AND NUMEROUS CULTURALLY RICH VILLAGES AND ATTRACTIONS.

THIS ROUTE STRETCHES FROM NKURENKURU IN THE NORTH EAST THROUGH THE ZAMBEZI REGION (FORMER CAPRIVI STRIP) TO ONE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA'S MOST SPECTACULAR ATTRACTIONS, THE VICTORIA WATERFALLS.

DID YOU KNOW?

An Omuramba is an ancient, dried-up river bed found in the Kalahari sands of Namibia. The Omuramba Omatako is found in the Kavango region south of the Okavango River towards the Kalahari Desert. The river beds provide occasional standing pools during the rainy seasons and are often home to a unique type of vegetation, different to that of the surrounding plains.

Around 10,000 years ago the Kwando River merged with the Okavango Delta when the land surface between the two courses was raised through tectonic activity. Today the Kwando flows into a swamp known as the Linyanti Swamp.

The Chobe River is the only river course that flows in two opposing directions. It flows west when the Zambezi flood-waters push into it over the floodplains, but resumes its normal flow east when floodwaters subside.

The vaKavango people consists of five kingdoms; Kwangali, Mbunza, Shambyu, Gciriku and Mbukushu. The line of descent is only traced through the females. This means that should a man hold a hereditary position, it is passed on to his sister's eldest son and not his own children.

Nyemba is the word used by the vaKavango people for immigrants and is largely referred to Angolan immigrants who moved down to the Kavango and Zambezi regions during the war to trade.

Until the end of the 19th century the Caprivi region was known as Intenga and was under the rule of the Lozi kings from Barotseland in Zambia. Later it formed part of the British Bechuanaland Protectorate (known as Botswana today).

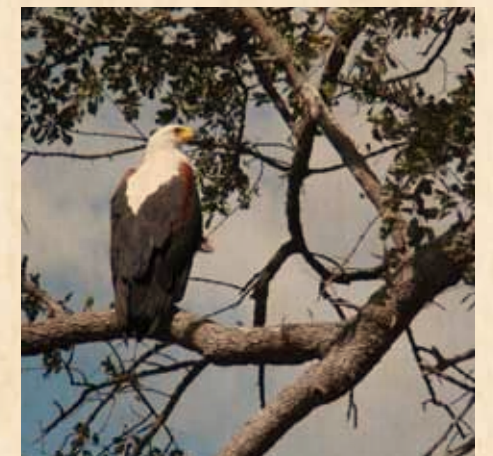
The Caprivi Strip, now known as the Zambezi Region, was named after the German Chancellor General Count Georg Leo von Caprivi di Caprara di Montecuccoli. The Caprivi was traded for the Island of Zanzibar from the British government.

In 1958 the Zambezi rose to the highest levels ever recorded. It flooded the entire eastern portion of the Zambezi Region pouring into a broad depression located south of Katima Mulilo and thereby creating a lake known as Lake Liambezi.

TOP 5 REASONS TO VISIT...



Experience the rich culture of the region at the Mbunza and Mafwe Living Museums. These living museums help to sustain the livelihoods of local people while acting as a traditional school that preserves local culture and traditions.



With over 430 bird species, the area is one of the most popular birding destinations in southern Africa.

Take part in a range of river activities in one of the largest water ecosystems in southern Africa. Activities include fishing, birding, hiking, game viewing and canoeing.



Buy authentic, hand-made craft from local crafters. The region is renowned for its unique style of basket weaving found nowhere else in southern Africa.



See how communities protect their resources through communal conservancies and community forests. In one of Africa's greatest success stories, communities are managing and benefiting from their natural resources through 17 registered conservancies covering close to 5,000 km².



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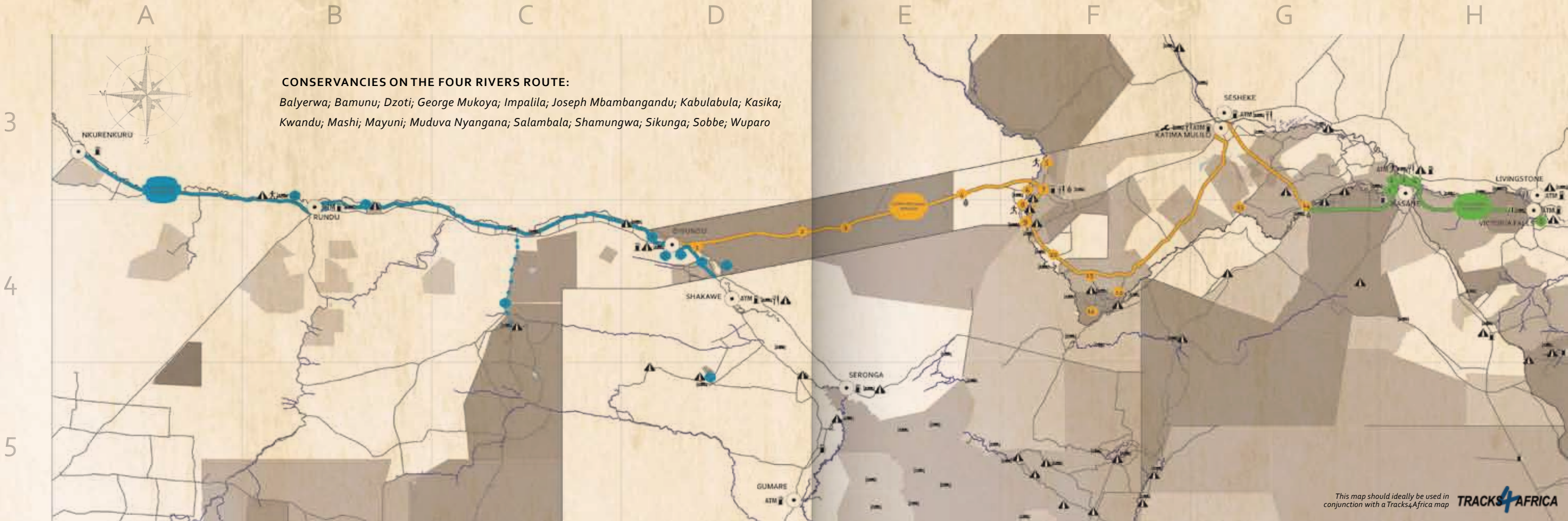
CAPRIVI WETLANDS PARADISE EXPERIENCE



TOTAL DISTANCE: 430 km SUGGESTED TIME PERIOD: 2 - 3 days



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The Kavango Open Africa Route, is based on the riverine landscapes of the Kavango, its people, birds and wildlife. The route roughly stretches 383km from Nkurunkuru in

the west to Mohembo in the east and also provides access to the Mahango and Khaudum National Parks on the border of Botswana. The beauty of this area was only discovered by explorers in the late nineteenth century and is still being discovered by tourists today. The route offers an array of attractions and a diversity of culture and is a renowned birding hotspot. Other attractions that form part of the experience include the Mbunza Living Museum, Khaudum National Park, Nyangana Mission, Andara Mission, the Okavango River System and Popa Falls as well as Mahango National Park.

1 MBUNZA LIVING MUSEUM

The Living Museum is a community concept to preserve local traditions and customs for generations to come. Supported by the Living Culture Foundation Namibia, the Kavango people have created a traditional school for culture and at the same time, established a social business for the community. The main focus of the Mbunza Living Museum is to provide visitors to the museum with a detailed and authentic insight into the traditional, pre-colonial culture. The Living Museum, situated at the Samsitu Lake, is a traditional village of the Kavango, who have lived in this area for centuries. The traditional presentation covers everything from everyday life (traditional cuisine, fire making, basket and mat weaving) to bushwalks and fishing and finally to highly specialised techniques like blacksmithing, pottery and drum-making.

2 SHAMBYU CATHOLIC MISSION

The Shambyu Catholic Mission was founded in 1930 and is located 30km east of Rundu on the banks of Okavango River. This mission is completely self-sufficient and has a school and hostel, numerous workshops, a hospital, extended vegetable gardens, stables for the cattle and a church at its centre. One of the very few museums can be found at the mission. Historically, the missions were enclaves of prosperity that offered work, education and medical care to local people and for a long time they were the only development organisations in the region. In 2012 the German sitcom television series, Um Himmels Willen (For Heaven's Sake) was filmed at Shambyu Mission and a nearby Lodge. These sites formed the main backstage set for the mission school.

3 KHAUDUM NATIONAL PARK

The arduous 4x4 access road makes reaching the Park an experience not for the faint-hearted. This unfenced park is a corridor for wildlife movement between Botswana and Namibia and provides an exhilarating experience for the adventurous traveller. The Park has two basic overnight camps, and a trip to this remote, yet worthwhile park, requires some prior planning and preparation before an extended excursion should be attempted. Being a large, extensive park with many unmarked routes between water points it is advisable to consider a guide. The authorities also insist that each party is required to have no less than two vehicles for safety reasons.

4 ANDARA MISSION STATION

Andara is a village in Mukwe Constituency, Kavango Region. Located 200km east of Rundu, it is inhabited primarily by the Hambukushu people. It is the home of the Holy Family Parish, a Roman Catholic mission. The first missionaries arrived in 1909 during the German colonial era, but a mission station was only established in 1913 under the leadership of missionaries and later Archbishop Joseph Gotthardt. In the 1960s the Andara Catholic Hospital and a youth hostel were built. The Andara Catholic Hospital continues to run to this day with the hostel housing up to 130 students.

5 NYANGANA MISSION

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6 OKAVANGO RIVER SYSTEM AND POPA FALLS

The Okavango River is the fourth-longest river system in southern Africa, running southeastward for 1,600 km (990 mi). It begins in Angola, where it is known as the Cubango River. Further south it forms part of the border between Angola and Namibia, and then flows into Botswana, draining into the Moremi Game Reserve. The name is derived from Kavango people living along the river. The river is the only perennial river in Africa that flows eastward without reaching the sea. The Okavango river system is arguably one of the last near-pristine ecosystems in Africa. Before the river enters Botswana the river drops four metres across the full 1.2 km-width of the river in a series of rapids known as Popa Falls, visible when the river is low, such as during the dry season. The Popa Falls are an important habitat for two rare fish species; broadhead catfish and ocellated spinyeel.

7 MAHANGO NATIONAL PARK

Mahango National Park, renowned for its baobab trees, is situated south of Divundu on the Botswana border. Mahango covers an area of about 250 km² and is separated from Bwabwata National Park by the Okavango River. Two game viewing roads provide the opportunity to view the diverse wildlife along the waterways. Guided tours can be arranged through the local establishments in the area. The dry season from June to October is best for game viewing as an abundance of wildlife come to drink from the river, while bird watching is better between November and March. Mahango National Park is open throughout the year and is open to day visitors only. Being a small reserve with good species diversity the visitor can usually have a satisfying day's excursion. Mahango National Park and the Buffalo Core Area of Bwabwata National Park cover 46,964 ha of wetland area that forms part of Namibia's fifth Ramsar Site. The site covers the lower Okavango River, which forms part of the Okavango Delta Panhandle. Over 400 species of birds have been recorded; one of the largest concentrations of bird species in Namibia, and it supports vulnerable species of elephant, hippo and lion.

8 32 BATALLION MILITARY BASE

The 32 Battalion Military Base is located within the Buffalo Core Area of Bwabwata National Park; hence the nickname Buffalos. Although the base is largely in ruin, a drive down the large sand dunes towards the Kwando River takes one back to the independence struggle. Although the battalion was disbanded in 1993 as part of the negotiations with the African National Congress (ANC); following 20 years of military operations in the area, the wildlife in the area was largely depleted. Since the park was proclaimed in 2007, wildlife numbers have steadily increased as result of effective co-management between MET and communities living in the park (see Caprivi Wetlands Paradise Experience).

9 TSODILO HILLS

Located in north-west Botswana near the Namibian border, the Tsodilo Hills are a small area of massive quartzite rock formations that rise from ancient sand dunes to the east and a dry fossil lake bed to the west in the Kalahari Desert. With one of the highest concentrations of rock art in the world, Tsodilo has been called the "Louvre of the Desert". More than 4,500 paintings are preserved in an area of only 10 km². The local communities revere Tsodilo as a place of worship and as a home for ancestral spirits. Its water holes and hills are revered as a sacred cultural landscape by the Hambukushu and San communities. Three basic long-term facts have contributed to Tsodilo's outstanding state of preservation: its remoteness, its low population density and the high degree of resistance to erosion of its quartzitic rock. The rock-art paintings are executed in red ochre derived from hematite occurring in the local rock (*this same ochre is used by the Himba women in the Kunene Region – see the Arid Eden Route*).

DIVAVA LODGE AND SPA

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Located on the banks of the Okavango River directly below the Popa Falls, the lodge offers 20 well-appointed chalets and houses, a restaurant, bar and wine cellar. En-suit bathrooms, with additional outdoor showers offer tranquil views whilst the pool and 'spa with a view' is true to the Okavango atmosphere. Activities include boat cruises, mokoro trips, birding and fishing excursions, sunset cruises and game drives to the nearby Mahangu Game Reserve.

KAISOSI RIVER LODGE

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Nestled on the banks of the Okavango River, Kaisosi River Lodge offers 16 spacious rooms overlooking the river as well as 16 grassy and shaded campsites.

MAHANGU SAFARI LODGE

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Mahangu Safari Lodge offers 10 double bed bungalows with air conditioning, 6 air conditioned safari tents and camping facilities with electrical points along the banks of the river. The lodge offers a main lapa, dining and lounge area, bar and a swimming pool with a picturesque view of the Okavango River as well as two large sunset decks on the front of the river. Activities include spectacular bird and game viewing by boat, fly-fishing (Tigerfish and Bream) and game drives into the two surrounding game reserves near the lodge.

MOBOLA LODGE

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A small, beautiful lodge overlooking the Okavango River with three thatched bungalows, six electrified campsites with shared ablutions. Activities include cruises, fishing trips, mokoro excursions, and cultural visits. Both the Mahangu and Bwabwata National Parks are a short drive away.

KAYOVA RIVER LODGE

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Kayova River Lodge was established as a social enterprise to provide support and revenue for the Kayova Community Development Foundation. The lodge provides accommodation for 16 people (8 rooms) and features WIFI, restaurant and conference facilities for 30 delegates, a bar and swimming pool. In addition, 12 campsites are also available.

NDHOVU LODGE

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Ndhovu Lodge is privately managed lodge and campsite situated along the banks of the Okavango River. Ndhovu offers 10 en-suite luxury tents (of which one floats on the river), an exclusive, private campsite, one self-catering unit and a large lapa overlooking the river. Activities include cruises and game drives to the adjacent national parks. The highlight is a 2 -3 day safari on the houseboat 'Hippo' (sleeping 4).

NGANDU SAFARI LODGE

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Ngandu Safari Lodge is situated on the outskirts of Rundu, overlooking the wetlands into Angola. The lodge offers 50 bungalows with a total capacity of 130 people and campsites with caravan facilities are available for up to 150 groups. Traditional open-market tours, boating, fishing and bird watching can be arranged.

NGEPI CAMP

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The wooden deck overlooking the river is the ideal place to watch the sunset, whilst being serenaded by hippos and fish eagles. Travellers can enjoy the unique floating swimming pool in the river, a different slant on cage diving! The camp features en-suite tree houses on the river as well as well-shaded campsites. This camp is known for its legendary showers and loos. Activities mokoro trips, game drives to Mahangu National Park, catch and release tiger fishing, nature and village walks, and sunset cruises along the river.

N\GOABACA COMMUNITY CAMPSITE

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N\Goabaca camp is managed by the Kyaramacan Association as a social enterprise for the communities living within Bwabwata National Park. The camp offers four private campsites with ablution facilities. This camp, bordering on the Buffalo Core Area (within the park) provides the best location for views of the Popa Falls on the Okavango River.

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Nkwazi Lodge is tucked away along the Okavango River with additional guided community tours, river cruises, horse rides and tribal dance shows. The lodge offers 18 en-suite chalets and camping facilities.

NUNDA SAFARIS AND LODGE

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A gem situated on the Okavango River with 11 en-suite thatched bungalows overlooking the river, seven Meru tents and nine grassed campsites. Activities include boat cruises, mokoro trips, fishing trips, game drives, guided cultural and birding walks. The main complex has a pool, curio shop, bar, restaurant and wooden deck overlooking the river.

SAMSITU CAMPSITE

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Samsitu campsite is located just outside Rundu and is within walking distance of the Mbunza Living Museum. It can accommodate 10 - 30 campers within the campsites overlooking the Okavango River. All activities are focussed on the fauna and flora located within the river waterways, floodplains and riverine forests. Sunset boat cruises, barbecue (braai) and a bar is available.

OMASHARE HOTEL

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Omashare Hotel features a spacious, comfortable lounge area as well as a veranda overlooking the Kavango River and neighbouring village of Calais. Enjoy a sunset cruise or guided fishing trip on the river. The restaurant serves meals throughout the day.

RIVERDANCE LODGE

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Situated on the banks of the Okavango River and unaffected by seasonal flooding, the lodge offers an exceptional tourism experience. With luxurious waterfront units, tastefully decorated and offering extra length beds and a choice of pillows. The private campsites all offer exceptional views of the river and individual ablution facilities.

SARASUNGU LODGE

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Sarasungu Lodge offers 28 fully-equipped rooms (air conditioned, fridge and TV) and conference facilities. Camping is available with ablution facilities, water points and power points (suitable for caravans). The lodge offers a wide range of activities, including fishing trips, walks through the bird sanctuary, canoeing, table tennis, volley ball, mini golf and pool.

SHAMETU RIVER LODGE CAMPING

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Shametu River Lodge Camping offers excellent views of the Popa Falls and is located within easy driving distance of Bwabwata National Park and Mohangu National Park. Eight private campsites are available, each offering their own ablution facilities and kitchenette and three overland campsites with separate ablution and kitchen facilities for larger groups are available.

SHAMVURA CAMP

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A unique owner-managed tented camp with mains electricity, situated high on a prominent sand dune, fronted by the meandering Okavango River. The camp overlooks the largest floodplains on the river system; due to the confluence of the Cuito and Okavango Rivers. Accommodation consists of cabin tents and thatched tree-top cottages. Private campsites and six individualized campsites with shared ablutions are available. All self-catering but larger groups can request pre-arranged meals. A lounge with library, DSTV, WIFI, swimming pool and viewing deck, expansive garden and bar is available. Activities include guided fishing, scenic boat cruises, specialised birding trips, guided and un-guided birding walks, guided game drives, mokoro trips, bird ringing and craft excursions.

TAMBUTI LODGE

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Tambuti Lodge is situated 50m from the Okavango River floodplains on the outskirts of Rundu. Eight bungalows are perched in a lush garden above the river. A small restaurant, specialising in sourcing local ingredients is available for guests and visitors. A variety of activities are offered including canoeing, sunset cruises and tours to the Mbunza Living Museum.

KAVANGO RIVER LODGE

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The Kavango River Lodge offers spectacular views over the Okavango River and flood plains of southern Angola. The lodge offers 8 deluxe rooms and 11 self-catering rooms while the chalets have en-suite facilities, air-conditioning, television, refrigerators, hotplates, kettles, cutlery, crockery and telephones. Breakfast is served in the restaurant where travellers can enjoy buffet or a-la-carte for dinner. A mini-bar is also available.

TARANGA SAFARI LODGE

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Taranga Safari Lodge offers a few intimate open-fronted luxury riverbank cottages situated amongst tall riverine trees overlooking nearby flood plains. Guests are offered luxury accommodation and afforded the opportunity to view a rich variety of birdlife, enjoy fly fishing or soak up the sights on a sundowner river cruise.

CROCKANGO ANGLING CLUB

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The club aims to provide the best facilities and information to its members as well as to promote the interests of the sport and conservation of fish species and their environment. The Kavango River hosts 81 species of fresh water fish, notably Nembwe, Barbell, and Tiger fish. Each year the Crockango Angling Club hosts one of Southern Africa's most prestigious angling tournaments, the "Crockango Angling Bonanza".

FORGET- ME- NOT COFFEE SHOP

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A quaint coffee shop located in the main street of Rundu, offering a variety of freshly baked goods and coffees.

KAMUTJONGA INLAND FISHERIES INSTITUTE (KIFI)

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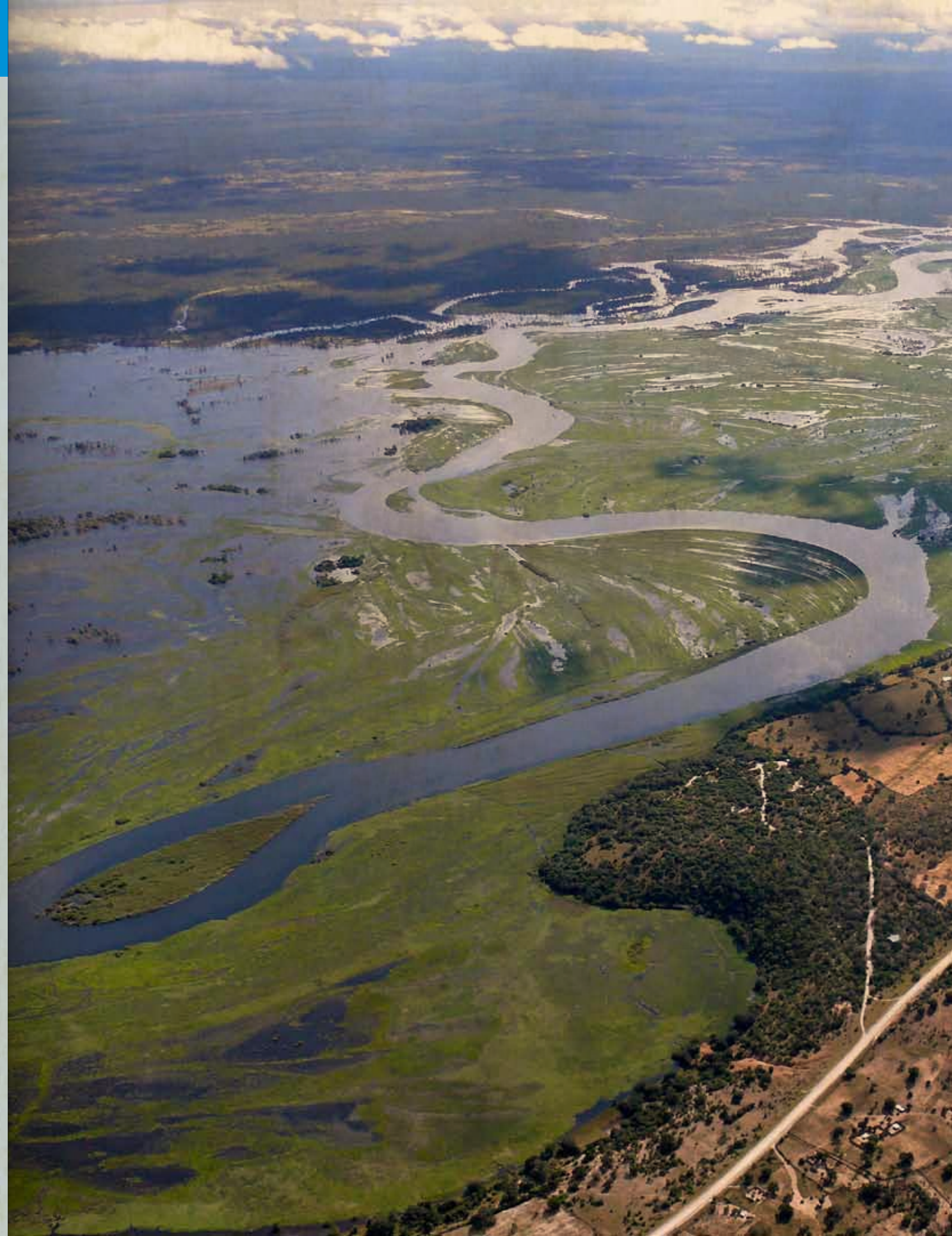
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KIFI provides various services to the local farmers and fishermen within the Kavango Region. This includes, inter alia, training and awareness of freshwater fish farming, support in producing and harvesting fresh water fish for food security, aquatic disease surveillance and, research and monitoring of shared river systems. KIFI promotes good management of the biodiversity and ecosystems of our rivers and inland water bodies.





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The Four Corners Experience stretches from the Ngoma border post, through Chobe National Park in Botswana to the mighty Victoria Falls that are shared by two countries,

Zambia and Zimbabwe. Along the way travellers will have glimpses of the Zambezi River before reaching the Chobe River as it merges with the Zambezi at the confluence. Seeing the abundant wildlife of the area come to drink at sunset on the banks of the Chobe River is one of the best experiences southern Africa has to offer. The final destination on this experience is the famous Victoria Falls, or Mosi-oa-Tunya (the smoke that thunders), Africa's biggest spectacle of water and a sight not to be missed. Anyone with a passion for wildlife, birds and fishing will return home with a thousand pictures and wealth of memories to share. The main attractions that form part of this experience include Chobe National Park, Victoria Falls and the Four Corners Baobab on Impalila Island.

1 CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

Chobe National Park is the third largest park in Botswana and forms part of the KAZA TFCA (Kavango-Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area). This park has one of the largest concentration of wildlife within Africa. The Chobe River, which flows along the north-east border of the park provides water for wildlife, particularly during the winter months.

2 FOUR CORNERS BAOBAB

The baobab tree in many respects is a tree giant in Africa, with a trunk diameter reaching up to 9m wide and the tree reaching 18m tall. Upon Impalila Island travellers have an opportunity to climb such a tree and view four countries at once (Zambia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Namibia).

3 IMPALILA ISLAND

Impalila (sometimes spelt Mpalila) is an island at the far eastern tip of Namibia. The island is 12km in length and 6km in width, bounded on the north by the waters of the Zambezi River and on the south by the Chobe River. Impalila is possibly one of the only places in the world where you can access four different countries from one place. It is home to some 300 people in 25 small villages, including Tswanas (from Botswana) and Subia people (from Namibia). In addition, it provides a wide variety of wildlife, birdlife and guided fishing trips along the Zambezi River. With over 450 bird species and some of Africa's rarest species, this small island is certainly the meeting point between four countries.

4 ZAMBEZI RIVER MEETS CHOBE (CONFLUENCE)

The Zambezi River is the longest river in Africa flowing into the Indian Ocean (2,574 km - 1,599 miles). The Zambezi's most famous feature is the Victoria Falls while other notable falls include the Chavuma Falls and Ngonye Falls in Western Zambia. The river supports many species of animals, including hippopotamus, crocodile and even monitor lizards. Bird-lovers will enjoy spotting heron, pelican, egret and African fish eagle while buffalo, zebras, giraffes, elephants can be found along the river banks. A spectacular viewpoint of the river system, in addition to the Victoria Falls is confluence where the Zambezi River meets the Chobe backwater system.

5 VICTORIA FALLS

Victoria Falls is a waterfall on the Zambezi River at the border of Zambia and Zimbabwe. The first European to discover the majestic falls was Sir David Livingstone, the Scottish missionary and explorer who is believed have first laid eyes on them on 16 November 1855 from what is now known as Livingstone Island, one of two land masses in the middle of the river, immediately upstream from the falls on the Zambian side. Livingstone named his discovery in honour of Queen Victoria, but the indigenous name, *Mosi-oa-Tunya*, "the smoke that thunders" is still commonly used.

**ICHINGO CHOBE RIVER LODGE**

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Ichingo Chobe River Lodge features eight large double / twin safari tents amidst the riverine forest and is the ideal platform from which to explore and discover the Chobe River and Victoria Falls. Activities include game viewing, bird-watching, photo safaris, and tigerfishing. The lodge is owner-managed ensuring warm hospitality and great service. To access the lodge, travellers will need to go through Kasane Immigration on the Botswana border and then will be taken with a guided tender boat via the Namibian Immigration post on Impalila Island to either the Ichingo River Lodge or the Ichobezi Safari boat.

CHOBE RIVER LODGE

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Chobe Water Villas, an exclusive and intimate "boutique" lodge situated directly on the banks of the Chobe River and opposite the renowned Sedudu Island, in Chobe National Park. The lodge provides 16 private water villas that can accommodate up to 32 guests. The arrival experience itself is unique as the only access is by a 15-minute leisurely Safari-Boat transfer from Kasane in Botswana cruising across the Chobe River amongst hippo and crocodile.

ZOVU ELEPHANT LODGE

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Zovu Elephant Lodge features 10 double rooms, all en-suite, either twin or double bed, self-catering or full board. A fully licensed bar and restaurant and a swimming pool completes the facilities that the discerning traveller in wild Africa would expect. All meals and most activities are included in the rate. Enjoy spectacular views of the Chobe River, sharing elephant encounters with fellow guests and friends.

ZAMBEZI VOYAGER HOUSEBOAT

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(Kasane riverfront immigration office)

The Zambezi Voyager, a comfortably appointed floating lodge, operates on the Chobe and Upper Zambezi Rivers. Create your own itinerary, from game viewing, birding, photography, fishing, cultural visits or walking through one of Africa's prime wildlife environments. Travel through an iconic piece of Africa in distinctive comfort and style. The Kasane waterfront immigration is the rendezvous for passengers transferring to the Zambezi Voyager.



CAPRIVI WETLANDS PARADISE EXPERIENCE



TOTAL DISTANCE: 430 km
SUGGESTED TIME PERIOD: 2 - 3 days



The Caprivi Wetlands Paradise epitomises the appeal of Africa with wildlife and communities living side-by-side. The area is renowned for its successful Community Based Natural

Resource Management programme that allows communities specific ownership rights and allows them to protect and sustainably utilise their wildlife and other natural resources. This can be seen first-hand when crossing the Okavango River into the Bwabwata National Park. Travellers will immediately realise this is not a typical park as approximately 5,000 people live in the park and derive benefits from its natural resources. It is not until you reach the Kwando River with its more densely vegetated riverine woodlands that you are likely to spot herds of elephant.

The area is also known as Namibia's birding paradise. It has varied habitats including broad-leafed and acacia woodlands, mopane forests, riverine forests, grasslands and floodplains, and therefore boasts more than 400 species of birds.

- 1** BWABWATA NATIONAL PARK
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- 6** Bwabwata is named after a village in the reserve and means 'the sound of bubbling water.' The Bwabwata National Park (formerly the Caprivi Game Park) is known as a 'people's park' as it supports both large wildlife and human populations. The park is 6,100 km² and extends for about 180 km from the Kavango River in the west to the Kwando River in the east. Access is easy as the park is located 200 km east of Rundu or approximately 100 km west of Katima Mulilo. The park is sanctuary to 35 large and numerous small game species. Visitors wishing to experience the abundant wildlife should travel into either the Buffalo Core Area (eastern section of the park) or the Kwando Core Area (western section of the park and where Horseshoe is located – see below). One of the best times in the year for excellent and reliable game watching is in October; however, it can be incredibly hot at this time of the year. Mahango National Park and the Buffalo Core Area of Bwabwata National Park cover 46,964 ha of wetland area that forms part of Namibia's fifth Ramsar Site. The site covers the lower Okavango River, which forms part of the Okavango Delta Panhandle. Over 400 species of birds have been recorded; one of the largest concentrations of bird species in Namibia, and it supports vulnerable species of elephant, hippo and lion.

- 1** **HISTORIC SADF BASES:** 32 BATTALION (#1); OMEGA 1 (#2); FORT DOPPIES (#6)
The remains of the SADF base at Fort Doppies are still visible. Fort Doppies was established in 1970 and derived its name from a vervet monkey who lived in the area and had a habit of rushing into the base area to steal spent cartridge cases (known as doppies in Afrikaans), and then rushing away with his booty. Terry the Lion was a camp mascot, who as a cub wandered in to the camp and was adopted by the Special Force operators. During the independence struggle Omega base had the largest concentration of San people in one place. Their incredible tracking skills were utilised in warfare. Previously several thousand San people from the !Xun and Khwe groups lived at Omega which has now become a small almost forgotten settlement in the Bwabwata National Park. Most of the community were translocated to the vicinity of Kimberley in South Africa, during Namibia's independence. Those that remain behind use their ancient tracking skills for wildlife management.
- 4** **AUTHENTIC LOCAL CRAFTS:** MASHAMBO CRAFTS (#4); MASHI CRAFTS (#7); NGOMA CRAFTS (#14); SHESHE CRAFTS (#15)
The Zambezi Region (former Caprivi region) is a unique location between Angola, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Botswana that has fostered a very inspired and creative craft industry. Ample availability of wood, clay and makalani palm leaves affords the local potters, woodcarvers and weavers excellent opportunities to hone their skills. Some of the markets to visit in the area are the Mashambo Craft Centre (within the Bwabwata National Park) and the Mashi Craft Centre (in Kongola) wick and choose from a wide variety of locally hand-crafted goods. Ngoma Craft Centre is situated near Ngoma which is the border between Namibia and Botswana. There is a long history of craftwork in the area and the centre provides the community with an outlet for their products. All the ladies that work at the centre are self-taught and produce a variety of crafts including weaved baskets and mats, pottery and woodcarvings. Shehse Crafts is located on the road that turns off to the right from the Kongola Filling Station. Follow the dirt road until you see the sign for the health clinic. Priscilla started the initiative in 1997 while working as a community resource manager for the Wuparo Conservancy. She collected crafts from crafters in the community.
- 5** **MAFWE LIVING MUSEUM**
The Living Museum consists of a traditional village and its surrounding fields where the Mafwe demonstrate their original way of life. They present their old, almost forgotten culture in traditional dresses on a beautiful hill with a view on the Kwando River. Step back in time and the massive Baobab trees on the banks of the Kwando River and experience the culture of the Mafwe river people. Elizabeth and her extended family will take travellers through demonstrations of basket weaving, fishing and insights into the way homestead were run. Locally made crafts are also available for purchase.
- 8** **HORSESHOE**
Horseshoe, as the name suggests, is a large perennial oxbow lake on the Kwando River system which is one of the prime wildlife sites in the west of Bwabwata National Park. The lake is accessible by 4x4 only and offers spectacular herds of elephant which come down to the water to drink. It's a favourite spot for safari operators who can almost guarantee elephant sightings to their clients. Ancient leadwood trees, white sand beaches

with breeding herds of elephant as well as other big game entrance visitors. Water lilies cover the marsh and attract a wide range of riverine birds. Nambwa Campsite is the only accommodation available within the vicinity of horseshoe. However, a number of operators have established themselves in Mayuni Conservancy, directly opposite horseshoe and offer boat cruises in the area.

- 9** **KWANDO RIVERINE:** KWANDO RIVER (#9), CHOBE RIVER (#11), LYNANTI SWAMPS (#13)
Rising in the central Angolan highlands, the Kwando River forms the boundary between Namibia, Angola and Zambia. After making its way through the Caprivi Strip, it flows along the border of Mudumu National Park before disappearing into the Okavango River (through the Selinda spillway) and breaking up into a labyrinth of channels, islands and oxbow lakes to form the vast Linyanti Swamps in another. Due to the late flooding within this area (April to June) this unique water system becomes the lifeblood for communities and wildlife. Local fisherman skillfully pole their mokoros (dug-out canoes) as they cast their nets for tilapia, bream, nembwe, squeaker or barbel on the Kwando River. The Kwando riverine is noted for its wildlife, birdlife and diverse fishing. Most lodges and campsites within this area offer an array of activities for travellers to choose from.
- 10** **MUDUMU NATIONAL PARK**
Mudumu is a pocket sized National Park on the Kwando River and is one of the gems of the National Parks system in Namibia. It was established in 1990 and covers an area of approximately 1,000 km². Mudumu National Park has a combination of dense vegetation and abundant water that is home to a prolific birdlife. An annual count is conducted nesting African Skimmers, a favourite of the bird twitches; more than 400 bird species have been recorded in Mudumu. The flood plain drive of some 30km's is easily accessible by sedan vehicles and is a favourite outing for travellers over-nighting at the lodges just outside the park. The western section of the park is accessible by four wheel drive only. Camping is available within the park; however, tourists need to book through the MET office at the park.
- 12** **NKASA RUPARA NATIONAL PARK (MAMILI NATIONAL PARK)**
Nkasa Rupara National Park (formerly known as Mamili National Park), is centred around the Nkasa and Rupara islands on the Kwando/Linyanti River in the south-western corner of the Zambezi region. Botswana lies to the west, south and east, and Sangwali village to the north. Nkasa Rupara holds the distinction of being the largest wetland area within a conservation area of Namibia. This protects all the flora and fauna living within its complex channel of reed beds, lakes and islands that form the Linyanti swamps. During the dry season the islands can be reached by road but after the rains 80% of the area becomes flooded, cutting them off from the mainland. The benefit is that the area remains a sanctuary for birds, with more species of birds recorded here than anywhere else in Namibia. In those dry winter months, huge herds of elephant congregate on these islands. The unfenced park forms a trans-boundary link for wildlife migration between Angola, Botswana, Namibia and Zambia. Nkasa Rupara is part of the Kavango Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area.



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Camp Chobe combines the peace and serenity of gliding through waterways lined with lush aquatic plants and the excitement of searching for big game through endless miles of green grassland. Camp Chobe is situated in the Eastern Caprivi, merely 4 km from the Ngoma border post between Botswana and Namibia, across the river from the world renowned Chobe nature reserve, home to one of the largest concentrations of elephant on the African continent.

KALIMBEZA REST CAMP

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Kalimbeza Rest Camp is strategically situated on the Upper Zambezi, giving easy access to the best fishing spots. The camp is located near Katima Mulilo and offers a combination of chalets with shared facilities, en-suite chalets and camping facilities with ablution blocks and wash-up areas.

FISH EAGLE'S NEST B&B

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Fish Eagle's Nest is the perfect stop-over for any traveller. Rooms are all en-suite and include breakfast, air-conditioning TV, kettle, fridge, swimming pool and the friendly atmosphere at the lapa. Accommodation is offered in 12 rooms (double/single) breakfast included with an extra two self-catering units and camping.

CAMP KWANDO

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Nestled on the banks of the Kwando River, Camp Kwando offers fishing opportunities and 14 thatched tents (sleeps 48) with a deck overlooking the river. Each tent has en-suite ablution facilities. The campsite is situated between the main building and the island and allows for approximately ten camping spots. Six larger chalets on stilts are also available on higher ground, situated amongst trees, they allow for an incredible view of the Botswana plains. Each of these chalets has a large, stylishly furnished bedroom, a large en-suite bathroom and an expanding deck.

MAVUNJE CAMP AND MASHI RIVER SAFARIS

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Mavunje Camp offers 2 campsites, each fully equipped with a flushing toilet and hot shower, dining area with table and chairs and a kitchen area with cooking equipment. A tented camp (3 tents, each with 2 beds) and equipped with flushing toilet and hot shower, dining area and kitchen area with cooking equipment. Hammocks in shady spots offer a great opportunity to relax in the afternoon and a secluded bench overlooking the river offers great views. Excursions include boat trips to several basic camps in the delta area, sunrise / sunset / day trips, game drives and game walks in wildlife-rich areas.

CAPRIVI HOUSEBOAT SAFARI

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Caprivi Houseboat Safari Lodge is situated on the banks of the Zambezi River, a few kilometres from Katima Mulilo. This owner-operated establishment offers personalised service with rustic en-suite chalets overlooking the Zambezi River catering for up to twelve guests. Overnight houseboat tours down the Zambezi or Chobe Rivers are also available. Travellers can relax around a campfire on a secluded white sandbank before heading to the comfort of their tent.

NAMUSHASHA RIVER LODGE

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Namushasha River Lodge is situated on the banks of the Kwando River and offers 27 river-facing chalets. A restaurant, bar and swimming pool are also available. Activities include, fishing, guided walks from the lodge, boat excursions and game drives to Bwabwata National Park, including sundowners. The rustic camp site has 16 sites, all with flush toilets and hot and cold water.

MUKUSI CABINS

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Mukusi Cabins offer a good range of accommodation and a lovely bar and restaurant area within Katimu Mulilo. Mukusi is centrally located within walking distance of all the shops.

ISLAND VIEW LODGE CAMPSITE

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Island View Lodge is situated in a sheltered backwater overlooking Kalimbeza Island and the campsite overlooks a wide expanse of river and consists of 24 campsites which can accommodate a minimum of two and a maximum of eight people per campsite. Braais (barbecues) are provided at each campsite and electric plug points are available at a nominal fee. There are 14 chalets with different booking options: self catering or full board. Boat hire is also available either full day or half day (moring of afternoon session) A swimming pool, bar and pool table is also available.

LIANSHULU LODGE

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Lianshulu Lodge in the East Caprivi overlooks the Kwando River and is situated on a private concession inside the Mudumu National Park. Accommodation is offered in individually styled and furnished, reed, brick and thatch chalets, each with a private bathroom and secluded outside deck. Generous spacing between units ensures complete privacy. The lodge accommodates a maximum of twenty guests in ten alone-standing chalets. Thatched dining, lounge and bar areas open onto wooden decks, affording views over the Kwando River and its flood plains.

SALAMBALA COMMUNITY CAMPSITE

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KALIZO FISHING LODGE

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Kalizo, meaning 'place of safety' or 'safe harbour' is well suited to this lodge, situated on the sandy bank of the Zambezi River. Kalizo Lodge offers the option of self-catering units, dinner bed and breakfast, or camping. The site is renowned for both fishing and birding with over 430 bird species recorded in the area. The lodge offers seven two bed, en-suite thatched chalets near the water's edge, on a bed and breakfast basis, four self-catering units with either two or three bedrooms and a kitchenette, and 25 campsites with power outlets and water. A swimming pool, bar with a pool table and a restaurant are available.

NAMWI ISLAND LODGE

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Namwi Island Lodge is situated approximately 10km from Katima Mulilo and lies on the banks of the Zambezi River and offers comfortable accommodation in chalets and various camping spots. All self-catering chalets are cooled with a fan or with air-conditioning and have private en-suite bathrooms, except the Budget Chalets that share ablution and scullery facilities with the campsites. The shady campsites are situated on a lawn and each site has an electricity point and a braai area. A modern ablution block, equipped with hot water, a scullery and a laundry room is shared. A kiosk is situated on the grounds.
** Please note that there are no credit card facilities, bar or restaurant on the grounds.*

NKASA LUPALA TENTED LODGE

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Nkasa Lupala Tented Lodge is built on the banks of one of the many channels of the Kwando-Linyanti river system. The lodge promotes eco-tourism through their joint venture agreement with the conservancy (Wuparo Conservancy), 95% of the staff come from the conservancy and have been trained through the lodge. The lodge offers 10 luxury tents, a spacious and comfortable lounge and dining area, a raised teak deck, giving breathtaking views across the channel and floodplains. Activities include game drives and boat cruises.

PROTEA HOTEL – ZAMBEZI RIVER

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Protea Hotel Zambezi River is the gateway to Victoria Falls and the Chobe National Park. It offers 38 standard twin and four luxury double en-suite rooms overlooking the Zambezi River, garden or pool areas. The hotel features a restaurant and bar as well as conferencing facilities that can accommodate up to 90 guests and offers standard equipment. The hotel can also arrange day trips to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Chobe National Park.

RUPARA COMMUNITY CAMPSITE

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The community campsite is located within the Nkasa Lupala (formally Mamili) National Park. It is only accessible by 4X4 and during the dry season. The camp offers 4 campsites, each with a hot shower, flush toilet with basin, thatched boma area with wash-up sink and cleared level ground for tents. The site is situated on the river with good birdlife.

CAPRIVI RIVER LODGE

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Caprivi River Lodge offers eight main chalets with en-suite facilities and one chalet with en-suite facilities and a kitchenette. Alternatively, three small backpacker cabins with air-conditioning and ablution facilities are also available. A restaurant is on offer with set menus each evening. Additional activities include boat trips, fishing trips, kayaking, guided tours, safaris in the Mamili Game Reserve and trips to Victoria Falls.

NAMBWA COMMUNITY CAMPSITE

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The Nambwa Campsite offers four private campsites located on the banks of the Kwando River. Each campsite features a built-in braai area running water and ablution facilities provide hot showers and flushing toilets. Laundry facilities are also available. Bookings are essential during high season.

**MAZAMBALALA ISLAND LODGE AND CAMPSITE**

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Mazambala is known amongst the local tribes as 'Island of Abundance', and is noted for its teeming wildlife and birdlife. Mazambala has 16 bungalows including two family units. All bungalows have private bathrooms with hot and cold running water, mosquito nets and ceiling fans. Mazambala also has its own attractive camp site on the banks of the Kwando River which features seven sites and two ablution blocks with toilets and hot and cold running water for showers. *Please note that the lodge is only reachable by boat from the campsite.

MAFWE LIVING MUSEUM

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A living museum where the Mafwe demonstrate their original way of life through basket weaving, fishing and a range of other activities.

**SHAMWARI HOUSEBOAT SAFARIS**

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The Shamwari Houseboat is based on the Zambezi River from Katima Mulilo in Namibia's North-Eastern Caprivi Wetlands Region. This floating lodge offers guests a unique opportunity to explore the mighty Zambezi River from Katima Mulilo to the confluence of the Zambezi and Chobe Rivers 120 km downstream. Fishing is available or the numerous bream species which inhabit this water wonderland at localities such as False Mwandji, Mwandji, Greybanks, Golden Pond and Jo Jo's, names which are synonymous with trophy fish. Relax with a refreshing sun-downer and enjoy the peace and tranquility away from the hustle and bustle of life in the fast lane whilst watching a spectacular Zambezi sunset.

SUSUWE ISLAND LODGE

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Susuwe Island Lodge is located along the Kwando River within the Mayuni conservancy and offers a six luxurious double or twin rooms each with a lounge, wooden deck and en-suite bathroom. Activities include game drives, fishing and bird-watching.

KATIMA CRAFT CENTRE

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Located near the open market in the centre of Katima Mulilo, the craft market has a range of local and regional crafts on offer. Including woodwork, basketry and other local curios.

BAOBAB BISTRO, TRANSFERS & SAFARIS

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Conveniently located in the centre of Katima Mulilo, Babobab Bistro offers a variety of lunch-time meals. They also specialise in transfer services and safaris to surrounding destinations.

CHOBE COMMUNITY CAMPSITE

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Chobe Community Campsite is owned and managed by the local conservancy; however, management support is provided by the nearby lodge 'Chobe Camp'. The camp offers three beautifully presented campsites with private ablution facilities and cooking facilities.

KINGFISHER BAKERY

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 Kingfisher Bakery offers a range of freshly baked breads and other baked goods.

MASHAMBO CRAFTS CENTRE

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Mashambo Crafts offers locally woven baskets from the !kum !kwe san community. Even though the craft shop may be closed visitors are encouraged to wait as someone always arrives to open the door.

NAMBWA LODGE

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Nambwa Lodge features 10 luxury tents built up into the trees on high platforms, each with its own private raised viewing deck from which to enjoy birdlife and game. Each room has spacious en-suite bathroom facilities with a shower and a bathtub.

PASSIONE RESTAURANT

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A local restaurant in Katima Mulilo offerign a variety of meals from seafood to burgers and pizza. They open for breakfast through to dinner and are fully licensed.

NGOMA CRAFT CENTRE

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Located on the side of the road as you travel towards the Ngoma Border post. The craft centre showcases the long history of craft work in the area and provides an outlet for products such as weaved baskets and mats, pottery and woodcarvings.

SHESHE CRAFT SHOP

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Located in the Wuparo Conservancy and run by Priscilla Lilata, Sheshe Crafts offers baskets, floor mats and various other curios.

TUTWA TOURISM AND TRAVEL

Map reference: **G3**

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Tutwa Travel and Tours offer a diverse range of services throughout the Caprivi region. They encourage visitors with specific queries on the area to contact them and they will offer their expertise wherever possible. In addition, the information centre has a delightful coffee shop offering breakfast and lunch.

BEZI RIVER VILLAGE

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Situated on the banks of the mighty Zambezi River and nestled between lush towering indigenous trees, this rest camp is ideal for an overnight stay or as base-camp while exploring the area. Locally owned, and traditionally inspired, Bezi River Village offers 5 chalets, double or twin beds and two campsites with communal cooking and ablution area. A restaurant with wood fired pizza oven, bar, swimming pool and kids playground are also available. Activities include, tiger and bream fishing, guided walks to Wenela Bridge, boat and island excursions and horse riding.

MASHI CRAFT CENTRE

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Located at Kongola, the craft centre offers a wide variety of locally hand crafted goods from the surrounding communities. Products include baskets, mats, pottery and wood carvings.





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