

NAPLES ZOO

# SAFARI

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## Journey Among Giants

Privileged Access to  
Africa's Wildlife Guardians



## Namibia to Botswana

Venturing from dunes to the delta, embark on a bespoke hands-on adventure guided by leading conservationists from Naples Zoo and Giraffe Conservation Foundation.

An Exclusive  
Single-Departure  
**Chartered  
Flying Safari**

for Just Ten Travelers  
Departing October 7, 2025



# My First Wild Giraffe Sighting Was in Namibia...

Little did I know that Namibia would become the future headquarters of the only organization dedicated to giraffe survival across Africa - or that I would serve as the only zoo representative on its board. I am honored to support Giraffe Conservation Foundation, to count their leaders among my friends, to have hosted them in Naples over the years, and to have been in the field with their staff.

Today, this unique journey we offer is a direct result of our close collaboration, combining unforgettable wildlife encounters with hands-on opportunities to contribute to impactful conservation efforts, playing a crucial role in safeguarding their future.



*Tim C. Tetzlaff*

**Director of Conservation  
Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens**

Son of Naples Zoo Co-Founders

**Board Member  
Giraffe Conservation  
Foundation**



**This is that first giraffe!**



# A Journey Beyond Compare

## Immerse in a Luxurious Purpose-Driven Safari

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Opulent accommodations across breathtaking landscapes are only the beginning of this Naples Zoo safari. We crafted this time for you to engage deeply with global conservation leaders. Personally participate in groundbreaking giraffe efforts, enjoy intimate sundowners under the revelation of a clear starfield, and share meals with experts who are shaping the future of wildlife conservation.

**Conservation Contribution:** Incorporated into the cost of this once-in-a-lifetime safari is a tax-deductible \$5,000 contribution to GCF's work across 21 countries, which includes critical genetic research, medical rescues, and translocations that have reclaimed 12 million acres for giraffe!  
*(Consult your tax advisor, as tax laws vary by jurisdiction.)*

**Secure your place on this unforgettable expedition and become part of a legacy that combines luxury, adventure, and impact. GCF is the voice of giraffe. Hear the call...**

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# Meet Your Distinguished GCF Guides

Join a select group of renowned conservationists, each bringing years of hard-won field experiences to your safari adventure. These are not tourist guides, they are pioneers in giraffe conservation from the grasslands to the government halls, offering you insider access to the cutting-edge of saving species. Their deep ties to the regions you'll visit and personal stories of triumph and challenge enrich your journey, making it a profoundly educational and moving experience.



**Stephanie Fennessy**  
Co-Founder & Executive Director



**Dr. Julian Fennessy**  
Co-Founder & Director of Conservation



**Audi Ekandjo**  
NW Namibia  
Project Coordinator



**Martina Küsters**  
Etosha Heights Conservation Centre Coordinator



**Dr. Michael Butler Brown**  
Conservation Science Coordinator



SEE THEIR  
EFFORTS IN  
THIS VIDEO  
OVERVIEW



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# Your Naples Zoo Host

As the son of Naples Zoo's founders, Tim L. Tetzlaff has been immersed in the natural world since childhood. His career has taken him from caring for individual animals to making international impact as Director of Conservation. He spends over a month in Africa each year and plans and leads the zoo's safaris.

Beyond his role on the Board of Giraffe Conservation Foundation, Tim chairs the Madagascar Fauna and Flora Group and serves as President of the Florida Association of Zoos and Aquariums.



**"No road is long with good company."** Turkish Proverb

# October 7 to 19, 2025

How we crafted these truly extraordinary days  
to make memories for a lifetime.

## Let's start at the very beginning, A very good place to start...

From *The Sound of Music*'s "Do-Re-Mi" by Oscar Hammerstein II

### The Right Partners

When conversations began about this special safari, one thing was clear. As a conservation-first safari company, Natural Selection was the clear choice. GCF has a strong relationship with them. Their luxurious camps and lodges offer both proximity for premium wildlife viewing and the extraordinary opportunity to join in GCF's work. Their ethic also allowed us favorable pricing to ensure the philanthropic nature of this intimate safari.



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SAFARIS OF CHARACTER

### Extraordinary Expertise

While other high-quality travel companies can offer one excellent tour director or scientist, your safari is being personally guided by a suite of seasoned tour hosts who are also working conservationists who can offer you insights and experiences simply not available to other multiple-departure safaris.



### Hands-On Conservation

The distinct touches are what make any experience, but being able to personally participate in crucial efforts to save giraffe simply sets this safari apart from all others.



### Naples Gatherings

To ensure you're prepared, we'll gather a few months ahead to review everything you want to know about travel in Namibia and Botswana and give you hard-won tips for a great safari. Afterwards, we'll have a reunion party to relive our grand adventure together!

### Room for a Select Few

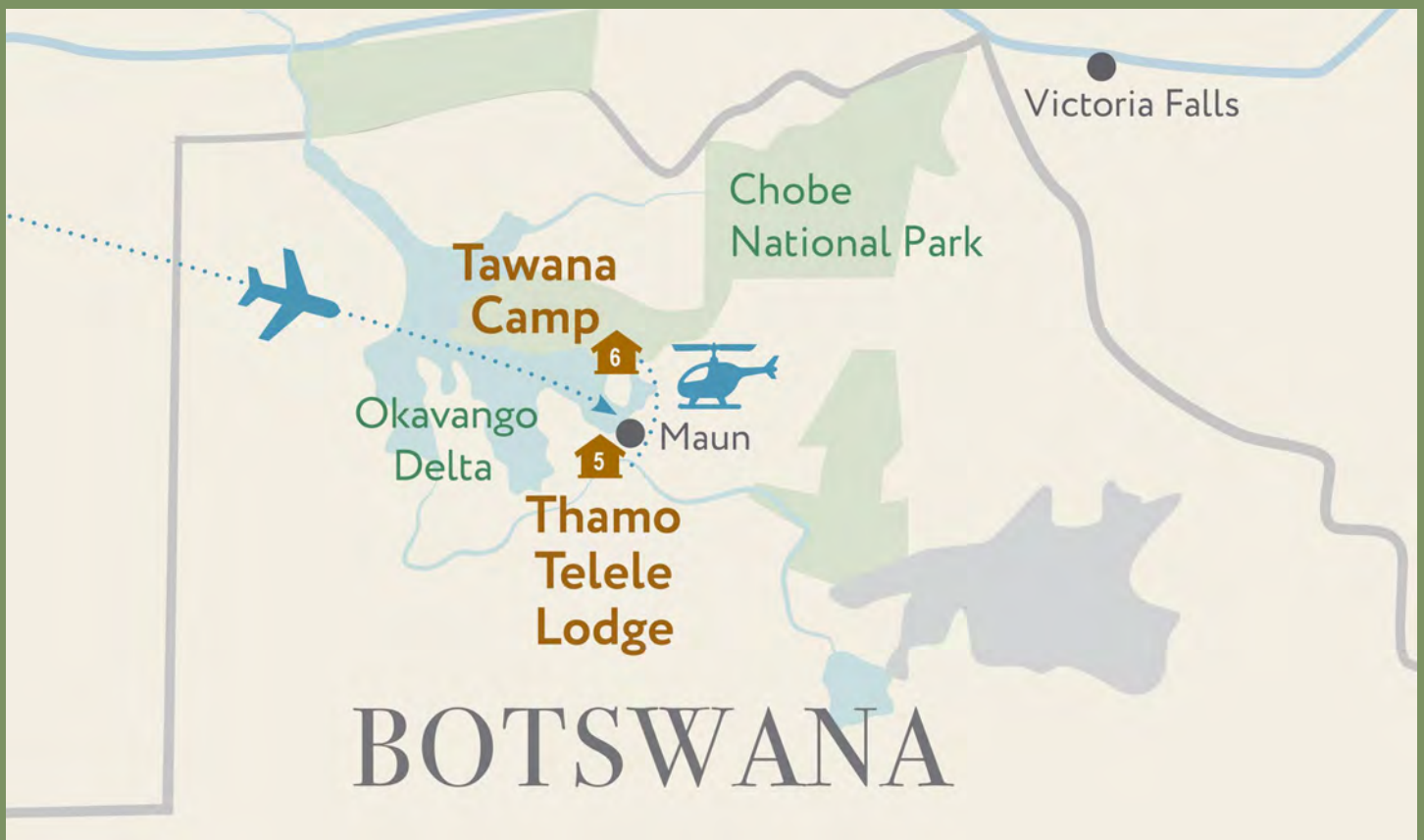
We have refined this safari for just five couples ensuring you get premium time with your expert hosts while still enjoying the camaraderie of safari.



### Internal Flights & Scenic Drives

To ensure prime viewing time across this vast landscape, we have chartered flights to these exotic locales and will transfer by helicopter to our camp in the Okavango Delta. That said, some vistas must be seen from the ground so we will drive along the Skeleton Coast to observe seal colonies and shipwrecks as well as into the Hoanib Valley.







### Optional Early Arrival Days

Before setting off on our adventure, consider a day or two of relaxation after your transatlantic travel. And luxury begins upon arrival. While the other passengers line up for passport control, we have arranged the VIP service to welcome you and coordinate your expedited entry into the country. If you land a couple days early or have a late night arrival, we can arrange a hotel in Windhoek and a morning tour of the city including the Giraffe Conservation Foundation (GCF) offices and lunch before transferring over to Zannier Omaanda - our five-star lodge set within a 22,000 acre private reserve where you can relax with a trip to the spa or pool or even join a tracking experience looking for carnivores or rhinos! *(Speak with Luxe Travel about arranging this additional time and costs.)*

Accommodations: Zanniere Hotels Omaanda  
or Windhoek Options

### Oct 7: Day 1 Welcome to Namibia

After your VIP welcome at the airport, it's a short forty-minute ride to Omaanda. This afternoon you'll meet Giraffe Conservation Foundation Executive Director and Co-Founder Steph Fennesy who will join us on a game drive and then dinner. Steph will also provide an overview of GCF and all we're about to experience! Before turning in, make sure to take in the dramatic starfield which will blanket us each night.

Accommodations: Zanniere Hotels Omaanda

**"Reminds me of my safari in Africa. Somebody forgot the corkscrew and for several days we had to live on nothing but food and water."** American Comedian W.C. Fields



# The Dawn of Africa



**"I never knew of a morning in Africa when I woke up  
that I was not happy." Ernest Hemingway**



**"What day is it?" asked Pooh. "It's today," squeaked Piglet.  
"My favorite day," said Pooh. A.A. Milne**



### **Oct 8: Day 2 Up to Etosha Heights**

This morning, we have chartered a 1.5 hour flight to a private reserve bordering Namibia's renowned Etosha National Park. This provides you a crowd-free experience while enjoying the same wildlife! Upon landing at their airstrip, we'll check into our lodge perched atop a hill where you can step onto your chalet's personal deck with a vista onto the plains populated by giraffe, elephant, gemsbok, and rhino. Visit the double-tiered viewing hide overlooking a waterhole and then cool off in the pool. During our time here, we'll be joined by Martina Küsters, GCF's Program Coordinator for the Etosha Heights Conservation Centre.

Accommodations: Safarihoek



### **Oct 9: Day 3 Giraffe Monitoring with GCF**

As a GCF-hosted safari, you have the rare opportunity to join in giraffe conservation efforts. Martina will provide a morning orientation into conservation at the Etosha Heights Conservation Centre. Once we've got our bearings, it's time to join the world of giraffe surveys and camera trap monitoring while taking in this rugged savannah landscape and animals. We'll have lunch back at the lodge and relax before an afternoon game drive perfectly capped off with a spectacular location for sundowner drinks.

Accommodations: Safarihoek





### **Oct 10 - 11: Days 4 & 5 Exploring the Skeleton Coast**

There is remote - and then there is the Skeleton Coast, a raw and rugged sweep of coastline along the Namibian Atlantic Ocean. Our charter flight takes us over Etosha National Park on our way to Mōwe Bay and Namibia's famous towering dunes along the Atlantic seas populated by seal colonies and shipwrecks.

From our nautically-themed cabins, we'll explore this seemingly barren exterior to discover a vibrant tapestry of flora and fauna that has adapted to thrive here - including rhinos, lions, and elephants! We'll have remarkable dune-driving experiences in our land cruisers to enjoy some stunning location-based meals and sundowners. The more adventurous can go quad biking or sandboarding on the dunes.

**Accommodations:** Shipwreck Lodge



### **Oct 12: Day 6 Magnificence from Coast to Valley**

After breakfasting one last time over this breathtaking view, we set off on a truly spectacular driving adventure. Along the way, we'll have lunch as we spot elephants and other wildlife in this dramatic landscape. Keep your eyes peeled for the mysterious Stone Men of Namibia sculptures and geologically-interesting Clay Castles.

**Meet the GCF Team:** Upon arrival at our stunning tent camp, we'll have a rest. Afterwards, we'll have the true pleasure of a sundowner with GCF's Director of Conservation and Co-founder Dr. Julian Fennessy along with getting to know additional members of the GCF field-tested team. Julian will join us for dinner and prepare us for tomorrow when we will participate!

**Accommodations:** Hoanib Valley Camp



## The Clarity of Day



**"Africa's beauty is not just seen, but felt;  
it's in the air, the land, and the spirit of its wild inhabitants."**

Ernest Hemingway





## GIRAFFE CONSERVATION HIGHLIGHT!

### Oct 13-14: Day 7 & 8 Hands-on! Satellite Tagging!

The Giraffe Conservation Foundation team has aligned an expedition with our already extraordinary safari to provide you a once-in-a-lifetime chance to join the giraffe team in the field during a groundbreaking satellite tagging operation - part of the largest giraffe monitoring initiative in history. Guided by Dr. Fennessy, the architect of this effort, you'll both observe and assist in the tagging process from touching a wild giraffe, feeling its breath on your hand, or even helping record the data being collected.

During our powerful time together, you'll learn firsthand about both the conservation challenges and successes shaping giraffe numbers including how this tracking effort has revolutionized giraffe conservation by providing unprecedented insights that have directly informed habitat protection, conservation translocations, and policies to mitigate threats and expand giraffe-safe areas by millions of acres. These immersive days will be treasured memories knowing you're actively supporting GCF whose work has an impact on over 100 million acres of giraffe habitat in 21 countries.

After your fieldwork, unwind with a refreshing swim or chat with the GCF team on the veranda as you marvel at the magnitude of your surroundings. This tented camp's simple aesthetic matches the rugged landscape while pairing it with absolute comfort.

Accommodations: Hoanib Valley Camp



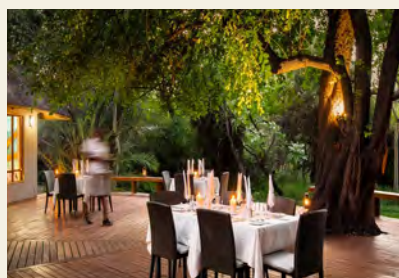


### **Oct 15: Day 9 Namibian Cultural Visit and Our Flight to Botswana's Giraffe Retreat!**

Today we visit the nomadic Himba people renowned for their striking red ochre adornment, intricate hairstyles, and connection to their ancestral lands. This rare cultural experience offers a deeper understanding of one of Africa's most fascinating communities on our way to our charter flight to the safari capital of Botswana.

Once we land in Maun, it's a quick trip to our lodge where we'll reconnect with GCF Executive Director Steph Fennessy. We will also meet zoologists Kate Ahl & Emma Wells who work with GCF and who will guide us on an afternoon walk to have 'high tea' or a festive sundowner and snacks whilst awaiting the resident herd of 20 giraffe to greet us. This is an ideal opportunity to closely observe giraffe displaying their natural behaviours as they come to eat their dinner. And while they are feeding, a whole host of other plains game and birdlife will join in on the action too. Afterwards, a candle lit dinner will be served underneath a canopy of stars.

Accommodations: Thamo Telele



# The Sun's Descent Unveils the Milky Way



**"I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream."** Vincent van Gogh





### **Oct 16-18: Day 10 thru 12 Delta Days**

While this is a safari of superlatives, we saved the perfect blend of exploration and relaxation for last. This morning, we board helicopters for a thirty-minute flight into the famed Okavango Delta, renowned for the best of game viewing in the whole of Botswana. Our specific destination is the Moremi Game Reserve, the oldest and first protected reserve in the Delta, making it one of the most important, pristine wilderness expanse in Africa. Each day offers choices of morning and afternoon game drives through this UNESCO World Heritage Site and its abundant offerings of cheetah, white and black rhinoceros, painted dog, and lion as well as over 500 bird species.



These are truly days to treasure as we settle in for three nights at Tawana, an elegant wilderness lodge opened in 2024 —the first to be built in the most untouched corner of the Okavango Delta through a partnership between Natural Selection and Chief Tawana Moremi, the paramount chief of the Batawana tribe whose forefathers have called this land their home for centuries. Thus, we celebrate the cultural heritage and rich wilderness of the region while being among a handful of fortunate guests offered the freedom to experience one of the last truly wild corners of Africa.







Under the shade of enormous ebony trees, your multi-room suites offer over a thousand square feet of comfort with environmentally friendly air-conditioning system over your bed, minibar, private plunge pool, and outdoor day bed. Between game drives, it's a wonderful time for a spa treatment or a bit of exercise in the 16-meter lap pool. And even if you choose to pass on one of these excursions, simply relaxing in your suite often allows you to watch a parade of elephants, buffalo, red lechwe, hippos, and impala near camp as each suite is oriented for both privacy and uninterrupted views of the Gomoti River and its game-rich floodplains. Even lions, leopards, and painted dogs are regular visitors.

In the evening while you're soaking in an unforgettable sea of stars around the fire pit, it's the perfect time to reflect on all you've experienced and chat with Steph or Tim. And as you nestle in your bed, you hope to sleep lightly to hear the wonder of roaring of lions.

Accommodations: Tawana

### Oct 19: Day 13 Flight to Maun and Home

This morning, it's time to enjoy the final sunrise of this safari and take in the moment here in the wilds of Okavango. When you're ready, your helicopter transfer to the Maun airport will be timed according to your homebound flight. And even as you look forward to home and reflect on all the stories you'll share with friends, you may already be pondering when you can return to discover more of wild Africa's wonders knowing you contributed to its future.



# YOUR LODGES

Each accommodation has been carefully selected for its location, amenities, and hospitality.



The Five Star Zannier Hotels Omaanda





Safarihoek Lodge: Namibia's Leading Luxury Safari Lodge 2024



Shipwreck Lodge: Best New Safari Property





Hoanib Valley Camp: Namibia's Leading Tented Safari Camp 2024



Thamo Telele: Botswana's Giraffe Retreat





## Tawana: The New Height of Elegance Opened in 2024



# Meet Tim L. Tetzlaff

## Naples Zoo's Director of Conservation

With Tim Tetzlaff's long-term relationship with Giraffe Conservation Foundation, your safari is a perfect match for his efforts coordinating field conservation efforts and welcoming travelers to Africa. Tim's various leadership roles include serving as Chair of the Madagascar Fauna and Flora Group since 2018 - and Naples Zoo serves as the international headquarters of this global consortium. He is also on the Board of Directors for Giraffe Conservation Foundation and is President of the Florida Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Tetzlaff previously served on various conservation-oriented committees for the international Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) including being a member of the AZA delegation to the Conference of the Parties for the Convention for International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) in Geneva. Naples Zoo itself fully funds the annual salaries of twenty-seven field staff in seven countries.

As the son of Naples Zoo founders Jungle Larry and Safari Jane, Tetzlaff has cared for creatures from anteaters to zebras and educated guests at the Naples site along with over one million visitors a summer at their former attraction at the Cedar Point theme park in Ohio. He took breaks from Zoo life to earn his degrees from The Ohio State University - and to meet his wife who holds a degree in fine arts. Their daughter has a degree in Mandarin from his alma mater. While his resume ranges from public relations to general curator, his passion is rooted in saving nature and he is honored to collaborate with some of the world's leading scientists including your Giraffe Conservation Foundation co-hosts!



CITES Conference of the Parties in Geneva; Lion Defenders with Lion Landscapes and Dr. Laura Perry, Oxford WildCRU; Dr. Charles and Lara Foley, co-founders Tanzania Conservation Research Program benefiting Elephants; Dr. Alex Sliwa, Black-Footed Cat Working Group.



Dr. Luke Hunter, Exec Dir Wildlife Conservation Society's Big Cats Program; Ngorongoro Conservation Area Leadership, rhino conservation efforts. Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom's Jim Fowler; National Geographic Explorer and Madagascar Expert Dr. Luke Dollar.



Dr. Laly Lichtenfeld, CEO of African People & Wildlife; Dr. Arnaud Desbiez and Giant Armadillo Conservation Program Team; Madagascar Fauna and Flora Group supporter and comic legend John Cleese; Dr. Julian Fennessy, Co-Founder of Giraffe Conservation Foundation.

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**Each member of our team brings decades of knowledge to make your safari extraordinary.**

**Local Care with Luxe Travel Consultants**

You'll be meeting locally in Naples with our friends at Luxe Travel Consultants. We greatly enjoy working with them and have partnered with some of their team for all our safaris over the years. They will guide you through including arranging optional early arrival days.

**Natural Selection: Safaris of Character**

With their purpose "to be a force for good in the protection of natural habitats," Natural Selection is the perfect partner for Naples Zoo and GCF. Since 2016 they have funded the development, implementation or continuation of 98 conservation and community initiatives across southern Africa and their award-winning portfolio of 24 camps and lodges across southern Africa.

**Before, During, and After**

Once you sign on to the safari, we will gather a few months prior to departure to talk through everything you'll want to know about traveling on safari. Your expert Natural Selection guides and Naples Zoo and Giraffe Conservation Foundation hosts are there along the way and afterwards we'll relive memories at a reunion party!





**Presenting two vehicles from Naples Zoo to rhino rangers in Ngorongoro Crater.**

# SAFARIS WITH IMPACT

If you prefer traveling with a purpose, Naples Zoo's custom-crafted excursions are for you. Along with gaining deep insights from your Naples Zoo host, you will travel with extraordinary conservation leaders working in the areas you're visiting. And you can feel good knowing that 100% of Naples Zoo's safari proceeds benefit species in the wild.

Of course, you'll also enjoy the luxurious side of Africa and take in the true spirit of safari. Building on the superlatives from a decade and a half of sold-out Naples Zoo safaris, our itineraries feature carefully curated selections of truly luxurious tent camps and lodges.

**Naples Zoo Fully Funds the Salaries of 27 field staff in 7 countries.**







# At-A-Glance Itinerary

## OCT 2025 NAPLES ZOO SAFARI

| DATE     | DAY DESCRIPTION   | ACCOMMODATION      | MEALS     |
|----------|---|--------------------|-----------|
| Pre-Days | Windhoek/GCF Office Visit<br><i>Optional: Not included.</i>                   | Varies             | Varies    |
| 7 Oct    | Welcome to Namibia<br>Itinerary Officially Begins This Afternoon              | Zanniere Omaanda   | B - L - D |
| 8 Oct    | Up to Etosha Heights  | Safarihoek Lodge   | B - L - D |
| 9 Oct    | Hands-On Helping Giraffe  | Safarihoek Lodge   | B - L - D |
| 10 Oct   | Exploring the Skeleton Coast  | Shipwreck Lodge    | B - L - D |
| 11 Oct   | Exploring the Skeleton Coast  | Shipwreck Lodge    | B - L - D |
| 12 Oct   | Magnificence from Coast to Valley   | Hoanib Valley Camp | B - L - D |
| 13 Oct   | Satellite Tagging   | Hoanib Valley Camp | B - L - D |
| 14 Oct   | Satellite Tagging   | Hoanib Valley Camp | B - L - D |
| 15 Oct   | Cultural Visit & Flight to Botswana   | Thamo Telele       | B - L - D |
| 16 Oct   | Delta Days  | Tawana Lodge       | B - L - D |
| 17 Oct   | Delta Days  | Tawana Lodge       | B - L - D |
| 18 Oct   | Delta Days  | Tawana Lodge       | B - L - D |
| 19 Oct   | Helicopter Flight to Maun & Home<br>Departure from Maun International Airport |                    | B         |

**Secure your space on this single departure safari.**

Contact Theresa Perez at Luxe Travel Consultants at 239.777.0253 or [theresa.perez@cruiseplanners.com](mailto:theresa.perez@cruiseplanners.com)

## Experience it Yourself in October 2025

This unforgettable 13 days is available for just ten travelers at \$29,995 per person double-occupancy.

If you're interested in joining this premier safari, call Theresa at 239-777-0253 or email her at [theresa.perez@cruiseplanners.com](mailto:theresa.perez@cruiseplanners.com).



### Inclusions

- ✂ A \$5,000 Tax-Deductible Donation to Naples Zoo's Conservation Efforts. 100% is dedicated to GCF.
- ✂ Three time-saving internal flights and two helicopter transfers.
- ✂ VIP Welcome Service at Hosea Kutako International Airport.
- ✂ Full-board table d'hôte meals with some memorably located bush lunches.
- ✂ Laundry service strategically included at Safarihoek, Shipwreck Lodge, Hoanib Valley Camp, and Tawana as flying safari luggage is limited to 10 kg (22 lbs) in a soft duffel bag.
- ✂ All drinks, including alcohol, are included, apart from certain premium spirits and wines.
- ✂ Unlimited water in the vehicles throughout your safari.
- ✂ Complimentary airport transfers and portage included at hotels, camps and airports.
- ✂ Pre-Trip Meet & Greet including review of extensive travel tips documentation.
- ✂ Post-Safari Reunion dinner gathering at Naples Zoo.
- ✂ Park entrance and conservation fees and related government taxes and levies.

**For best service from your airline, we encourage you to book directly with the airline.**

**Please note that international airfare and trip insurance are not included.**

An early arrival day or two is highly recommended and we can suggest options.

**Single supplement is available for an additional \$7,985.**

Fares are per person age 18 and up only, double occupancy, including taxes and are in U.S. dollars.

Reservations require a \$6,400 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit per person. Comprehensive travel and health insurance is required. Please note that credit card payments require a surcharge. Fares and availability are subject to change. International airfare, taxes & fees are not included. Tour, itinerary and exclusive amenities are capacity-controlled, based on a minimum of 9 passengers traveling together and may be modified, withdrawn or canceled without prior notice. Other restrictions apply. Not responsible for errors or omissions in printing of this document. Thanks for reading. Now let's go on safari!



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